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Degrees

- 2015 Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Sociology, Trinity College Dublin, University of Dublin
2008 Master of Science, Department of Politics & International Relations, Royal Holloway
University of London
2007 Bachelor of Arts, School of International Service, American University, Washington DC

Career

- 2015 - Present Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Rice University
2011-2015 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Trinity College Dublin, University of Dublin
2008-2009 Film Director, "Journey into America: The Challenge of Islam," American University, Washington DC

Books

- In Progress *The Dialogue of Civilizations: Muhammad's Interactions With Christians.*
2020 *The Prophet of Love: A Catholic's Note on Prophet Muhammad.* Tughra Books: Clifton, New Jersey.
2019 *Islam in America: Exploring the Issues.* ABC-CLIO: Santa Barbara, California.
2018 *Muslims in America: Examining the Facts.* ABC-CLIO: Santa Barbara, California.
2018 *Muhammad Nabi Cinta: Catatan Seorang Nasrani tentang Rasulullah Saw.* Noura: Jakarta, Indonesia.
2017 *Islam, Race, and Pluralism in the Pakistani Diaspora.* Routledge: New York, New York.

Selected Articles & Op-Eds

- 2019 "The Sri Lanka Church Bombings Are the Opposite of What Prophet Muhammad Intended," *Newsweek*, April 23.
2019 "Notre Dame and Al-Aqsa Fires Give Christians and Muslims a Chance to Work Together to Repair Their Sacred Spaces," *Newsweek*, April 16. *Appeared in Print Edition."
2018 "Young Pakistani Men and Irish Identity – Religion, Race, and Ethnicity in Post-Celtic Tiger Ireland," *Sociology* 52(4): 655-670.
2018 "Muslims in America: Separating fact from fiction," *Daily Sabah*, August 13.
2018 "The Views of US Muslims Towards Terrorism," *Political Violence at a Glance*, Hosted by the Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy at the University of Denver's Josef Korbel School of International Studies, May 29.
2017 "The Racialization of Islam in the United States: Islamophobia, Hate Crimes and 'Flying While Brown,'" *Religions* 8(9): 1-19.
2017 "The Rohingya Are the New Palestinians," *Foreign Policy*, September 26.
2017 "Das andere Andalusien," *IslamiQ*, September 7. *Translated into Germany.*
2017 "Islam, Race, and Pluralism in the Pakistani Diaspora," *The Islamic Monthly*, July 28.
2017 "The Other Al-Andalus – When Muslims and Christians Flourished Side By Side in Sicily," *Huff Post*, April 22.
2017 "Pakistani Muslims and Irish Identity: Belonging and Fluidity in a Post-Celtic Tiger Ireland," *The Maydan* of Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies at George Mason University, March 22.
2017 "How Prophet Muhammad Embraced the Otherness of Christians," *Huff Post*, February 17.
2017 "Why a Christian Can View Muhammad as a Prophet," *Huff Post*, January 26.
2016 "Religious Pluralism and Civic Rights in a 'Muslim Nation': An Analysis of Prophet Muhammad's Covenants with Christians," *Religions* 7(15): 1-21.
2016 "Prophet Muhammad's Covenants with Christians: Pluralism and Civic Rights in the First Islamic State,"

Interreligious Insight 14(1): 42-57.

- 2016 "What does it mean to be 'Irish'? Perceptions of Irish identity among young Pakistani men," *Diaspora Studies* 9(2): 141-152.
- 2016 "Muslims Aren't A Race, So I Can't Be Racist, Right? Wrong," *Huff Post*, November 19.
- 2016 "Prophet Muhammad stood for humanity in Medina, while IS tries to destroy it," *Middle East Eye*, July 11.
- 2016 "What Prophet Muhammad's covenants with Christians say about IS," *Middle East Eye*, June 3.
- 2016 "Christians and Muslims Should Embrace 'The Jihad of Jesus,'" *Huff Post*, May 31.
- 2015 "Jesus Christ and Prophet Muhammad Followed 'The Golden Rule,'" *Huff Post*, June 21.
- 2015 "The Price This Christian Pays For Respecting Islam," *Huff Post*, May 11.
- 2015 "Prophet Muhammad's Example of Anti-Racism," *Huff Post*, April 25.
- 2014 "What Studying Muhammad Taught Me About Islam," *Huff Post*, March 23.
- 2014 "Overcoming Historical Amnesia: Muslim Contributions to Civilization," *Huff Post*, January 23.
- 2013 "Rumi and Emerson: A Bridge Between the West and the Muslim World," *Huff Post*, October 14.
- 2013 "Finding Tolerance in Akbar, the Philosopher-King," *Huff Post*, June 10.

Media (Selected)

- 2019 Interviewed in "White terrorism reflects larger political trends, not simply extreme individual acts," *Daily Sabah*, August 9.
- 2019 Television Interview on "All In With Chris Hayes," *MSNBC*, April 15.
- 2019 Television Interview on *TRT World* regarding Christchurch terrorist attacks, March 20.
- 2019 Tweet Quoted in "What We Know About the Southern California Synagogue Shooting," *New Yorker Magazine*, April 28.
- 2019 Appeared on television to share views on Christchurch terrorist attacks, *Al Jazeera*, March 15.
- 2019 Tweet Quoted in "New Zealand attack: 6 manifestations of solidarity with Muslims after Christchurch attack," *BBC – Arabic*, March 12.
- 2019 Interviewed in "While the West buries its head in the sand, dozens being killed in anti-Muslim terrorist attacks," *Daily Sabah*, March 23.
- 2019 Television Interview in "New Zealand: Christchurch Terrorist Attack," *TRT World*, March 17.
- 2019 Book Reviewed in "10 books from authors with Houston ties delve into all aspects of faith," *Houston Chronicle*, January 11.
- 2017 Television Interview on "The Debate," *France 24*, January 12.
- 2017 Interviewed in "Trump Shares Inflammatory Anti-Muslim Videos, and Britain's Leader Condemns Them," *New York Times*, November 29.
- 2017 Tweet Quoted in "'Lapses' in Aung San Suu Kyi's speech draw ire of many," *Times of India*, September 20.
- 2017 Paper Reviewed in "Islamophobia is not colour blind," *Toronto Star*, September 19.
- 2017 Paper Reviewed in "Islamophobia Is Not Simply About Intolerance Of Muslims, Says Expert," *International Business Times*, September 15.
- 2017 Profiled in "Towards the making of a more cohesive society," *Gulf News*, August 30.
- 2017 Tweet Quoted in "Social media users poke fun at Trump adviser Kellyanne Conway's 'alternative facts' comment," *CBS News*, January 23.
- 2016 Interview in "Dr. Craig Considine talks about his experience at Ahmadiyya Convention," *Rabwah Times*, July 31.
- 2016 Interviewed in "Slain French priest was attack on 'all of us,' imam said," *Catholic News Service*, July 31.
- 2016 Research Noted in "Trump's failure on 'heeby jobbies,'" *CNN*, July 2.
- 2016 Tweet Quoted in "#PrayForTurkey: Show of solidarity after Istanbul attack," *BBC*, June 29.
- 2016 Paper Reviewed in "Isis persecution of Christians not justified by Prophet Muhammad's teachings, says study," *Independent*, March 15.
- 2016 Paper Reviewed in "How ISIS is going against Islam's teachings: Texts suggest Muslim prophet wanted Christians to be 'protected and defended,' claims expert," *Daily Mail*, March 15.
- 2016 Tweet Quoted in "'Disgusting' Charlie Hebdo cartoon suggests drowned Syrian boy Alan Kurdi would have become a sexual abuser," *New York Daily News*, January 14.
- 2009 Interviewed in "The many faces of Islam in the United States," *Dawn*, October 21.
- 2009 Profiled in "Needham man helps on documentary about Muslims in America," *Boston Globe*, July 3.

- 2009 Television Interview on “The Riz Khan Show,” *Al Jazeera*, April 22.
 2009 Interviewed in “Muslims in America: A ‘voyage of discovery,’” *CNN*, February 9.

Speeches/Talks

- 2019 Moderator – “Multi-Faith Collaboration to Advance Social Good – Interfaith Banquet,” Hosted by Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, Texas, September 1.
 2019 Panelist – “IslamInSpanish: ‘A New Era of Diverse Inclusion,” Hosted by Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, Texas, August 31.
 2019 Public Lecture – “Prophet Muhammad and Christian-Muslim Relations,” “Muhammad: The First Anti-Racist,” and “The Dialogue of Civilizations: Muhammad’s Interactions with Christians,” Hosted by Muslims of the World Convention, Fishers, Indianapolis, October 12-13.
 2019 Public Lecture – “Welcoming Ramadan – Prophet Muhammad, Humanity, and Taking Action in the Islamic Holy Month,” Hosted by the Bosniak Islamic Cultural Center, Queens, New York City, May 5.
 2019 Public Lecture – “Why the Irish Support Palestine,” Hosted by the River Oaks Islamic Center, Houston, Texas, April 19.
 2019 Public Lecture – “Prophet Muhammad’s Promises to Christians,” Co-Sponsored by the King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies, the Department of Sociology, and the Al-Islam Students Association, University of Arkansas, April 5.
 2019 Public Lecture – “Religion, Race and Ethnicity in a Post-Celtic Tiger Ireland.” Sponsored by the Rice University Alumni Association, Houston, Texas, March 27.
 2019 Co-Lecture – “Demystifying Islamophobia in the Age of Trump: A Conversation Between Khaled Beydoun and Craig Considine,” Hosted by the Islamophobia Resistance Campaign, Rice University, March 7.
 2019 Panelist – “Divided We Fall? Islam in the Age of Identity Politics” with Imam Zaid Shakir and Dr. Hatem Bazian, Sponsored by Zaytuna College and the Risala Foundation, Hosted by the Maryam Islamic Center, Sugarland, Texas, February 2.
 2019 Public Lecture – “Prophet Muhammad’s Love of Humanity – ‘Lessons for Our Time,’” Hosted by the Dialogue Institute Dallas, January 25.
 2018 Lecture – “Muhammad as a Prophet: Christian Perspectives on the Boundaries of Prophethood,” Hosted by the Christian-Muslim Studies Network and the School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh, December 11.
 2018 Panelist, “Covenants, Treaties, the Nation State and Muslims in the Global Order,” *Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies*, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, December 6.
 2018 Panelist – “An Offering of the Covenants of the Prophet Muhammad to the Christians of the World in the 21st Century,” Parliament of the World’s Religions, Toronto, Canada, November 3.
 2018 Lecture – “Catholics in Dialogue with Islam,” Co-Sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies and the Institute on the Common Good, Regis University, September 14.
 2018 Public Lecture – “Muslims in America: Examining the Facts,” Co-Sponsored by the Center for Middle East Studies, the Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security & Diplomacy, and the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, September 14.
 2018 Public Lecture – “Christian and Muslim Perspectives on Loving Thy Neighbor,” Hosted by the Hub Foundation, Pleasanton, California, July 13.
 2017 Lecture – “Young Pakistani Men and Irish Identity: Religion, Race and Ethnicity in a Post-Celtic Tiger Ireland,” Hosted by the Department of Sociology, Trinity College Dublin, University of Dublin, December 8.
 2017 Lecture – “Religious Pluralism and Civic Rights in the Covenants of Prophet Muhammad,” Hosted by the Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin, University of Dublin, December 9.
 2017 Public Lecture – “Christian Muslim Relations in the Early Years of Islam,” Hosted by the Dialogue Institute Dallas, December 1.
 2017 Public Lecture – “Understanding ISIS and Combatting the Threat,” Sponsored by the Needham Human Rights Committee and the Needham Free Public Library, Needham, Massachusetts, May 9.
 2016 Addressed the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA’s annual *jalsa* convention, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, July 30.

- 2013 Panelist - "This House Believes that Islam is a Threat to the West," Hosted by the Law Society, University College Dublin, October 22.
- 2012 Panelist – "Journey into America and Islam in America," Co-Sponsored by the Framing Muslims Research Network and the Centre for the Study of Pakistan, Hosted by the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, November 12.
- 2011 Lecture – "The Experiences of Young Pakistani Muslim Men in Dublin and Boston," Hosted by the European Sociological Association, University of Geneva, July 23.
- 2011 Participant – "Islam and Religious Freedom Seminar," Hosted by the Witherspoon Institute, Princeton University, July.

Documentaries

- 2010 Film Director – "Journey into America," produced by Ambassador Akbar Ahmed.

Honors

- 2017 Awarded the Hudspeth Award for service to Student Life and Clubs at Rice University
- 2017 Named Outstanding and Distinguished Faculty Associate of Will Rice College at Rice University
- 2017 Named one of "9 People Who Defended the Rights of Muslims in 2016" by Mvslim.com
- 2016 Honored Guest at the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community USA's annual *jalsa* convention in Williamsburg, Pennsylvania
- 2015 Finished in the Top 10% of all doctoral dissertations submitted to the School of Social Sciences at Trinity College Dublin, University of Dublin
- 2011 Finalist for the Provost Teaching Award at Trinity College Dublin, University of Dublin
- 2011 Documentary Screening of "Journey into America" at the U.S. Embassy in London, England
- 2009 Documentary Screening of "Journey into America" at the Islamic Society of North America annual convention, Washington, DC, July 4.
- 2008 Awarded \$25,000 from Dar Al Islam, New Mexico, to participate in "Journey into America" project
- 2008 Named "CNN iReport Superstar" by CNN.com

Service

- 2018 – Present Scholarship Advisory Board, The Hub Foundation, Pleasanton, California
- 2018 – Present Academic Advisory Board, The Peace Project
- 2018 – Present Faculty Sponsor, Rice University Young Democrats, Rice University
- 2017 – Present Faculty Sponsor, Muslims Students Association, Rice University
- 2011-2012 Postgraduate Representative, Department of Sociology, Trinity College Dublin, University of Dublin
- 2007-2009 Research Assistant, Professor Akbar Ahmed, Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies, American University, Washington, DC

Endorsements

"... one of the most poignant and potent voices examining Islam and Muslims in America today... his rise comes during a moment when his work and insight is most needed. A scholar whose word resonates far beyond academe." Khaled A. Beydoun, Professor of Law and Author of *American Islamophobia: Understanding the Roots and Rise of Fear*.

"... a committed bridge builder" who "[places] both belief and bigotry in context." – Baroness Sayeeda Warsi - British lawyer, politician and member of the U.K. House of Lords.

"Craig Considine has made a valuable contribution to the literature on Muslims in the West and the language of 'us' and 'them' which continues to inform the political and social narrative of citizenship." – Professor Mona Siddiqui, Professor in Islam Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations, University of Edinburgh

“[He is] quickly establishing himself as a leading sociological and Islamic scholar... His voice is one that pierces through the winds of intolerance and resonates with those dedicated to the true meaning of jihad.” Qasim Rashid, politician and author of *The Wrong Kind of Muslim: An Untold Story of Persecution and Perseverance*

“... an outsider to Islam, but notably one warmly welcomed into the Muslim communities of both Boston and Dublin... [He] has been able to clearly and objectively identify the negatives and positives of the young Muslims’ experiences...” Professor Anne J. Kershen, Queen Mary University of London

“As a devout Catholic, he delivers upon the teaching of Jesus Christ – ‘blessed are the peacemakers.’” – Tayyib Rashid, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, the “Muslim Marine”