

DEA AJDINI

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Profile A highly motivated researcher of religious studies, specializing in Islamic Studies, possessing a Master of Arts in Religion and Public Life. Demonstrated expertise in independent research, theological analysis, and clear communication through both written and oral formats. Driven by a passion to contribute to a more nuanced understanding of Islam by engaging in rigorous research, fostering knowledge through teaching, and promoting dialogue within the interfaith sphere.

Education **Master of Arts: Religion and Public Life** 05/2022

- Emory University | Atlanta, GA Theology
- Courses: Interpret of The Old Test II, Interpret of The New Test, Faith & Health: Transforming Communities, Spirituality and Health, Asian/Asian American Theologies, Critical Issues Anglican Communion, Rastafari Religion, Biomedical Ethics,
- Thesis Title: "The God of Monotheism"

Diploma: Islamic Studies 08/2018 - 01/2022

- Madina Institute | Milwaukee, WI.
- Courses: Aqīdah, Usūl ul-Fiqh, Hanafi Fiqh, Shāfi' Fiqh, Ulūm ul-Qur'ān, Bidaa', Tazkiyyah, Ulūm ul-Hadīth, Sīrah and Arabic

Specialization: Human Resources Management 10/2022

- University of Minnesota | Minneapolis, MN Managing Employees

Bachelor of Science: Business 02/2019

- Capella University | Minneapolis, MN Business Administration

Associates in Applied Science: Management 03/2018

- College of DuPage | Glen Ellyn, IL
- Certifications: Organizational Leadership, Management, Supervision and Entrepreneurship

Research Experience **Independent Researcher** 2016 - Present

- Conducted research on Personal Development - Integrating Islam and Psychology, and Secular Spirituality vs. Islamic Spirituality.
- Presented findings at: Eman Schools, Fishers IN., and Madina Institute, Milwaukee, WI.
- Publication in the works: "The God of Monotheism" at The Journal of World Religions and Interfaith Harmony
- Conducted Field Research: Madina Institute ensuring adherence to Islamic principles and best practices. (Highlight research aspects of this role)

Teaching Experience **U.S. Tour, Women's Events: Islamic Lectures** 03/2024

- A Woman's Journey to God
- Whispers of the Heart: A Woman's Spiritual Awakening
- Cities:** Detroit, MI., Chicago, IL., Milwaukee, WI., Kenosha, WI., Little Rock, AR., Dallas, TX.

Middle and High School Teacher: Islam, Spirituality, and Faith 01//2023 - 05/2023
Eman Schools | Fishers, IN
Grades 4th-10th

- Developed and delivered engaging curriculum on Islamic topics for grades 4th-10th.
- Fostered a positive and inclusive learning environment that promoted critical thinking and spiritual exploration.
- Thirteen different classes, twice-a-week, in two different schools.

Sunday School Teacher 11/2017 - 04/2019
Albanian American Islamic Center | Berkeley, IL

- Developed and delivered engaging lessons on Islamic faith and values to a diverse group of students.

- Cultivated a fun and interactive learning environment that fostered a love for Islamic knowledge.

Activities and Affiliations **Interfaith Event Participations** 2010 - Current

- Detroit, Chicago, Atlanta, Milwaukee, Arkansas

Articles **Essays** 2020 - Current

- "God" of the three Abrahamic Religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam): How is God viewed within Monotheism?
- Women's Leadership - The Anglican Communion in Comparison with Sunni Islam
- Exegesis of Psalm 19
- Exegesis of Matthew 8.18-27
- Action Memorandum, Proposal of Higher-Ed Religious Institution to the Islamic Community of Kosovo
- A Defense of Therapists' Autonomy in Practice: Why A Therapist Should Not Be Held Accountable by Law in Case Their Patient Pursues Violent Actions.
- Biomedical Ethics: Forfeiting the patient's right to forms of medical care, due to voluntary and avoidable actions that are judged imprudent or irresponsible.
- An Islamic Spiritual Chaplaincy to A Holocaust Survivor Who Lost Faith in God
- Non-Violence and Peace within Islam

Certifications **HarvardX** 09/2022

- Religion, Conflict and Peace

KEW Training Academy 01/2020

- Psychotherapy
- Relationship Counseling & Workshops

Madina Institute 08/2019

- Islamic Studies

Books **Translations: English to Albanian** 2020 - 2021

- The Book of Love

Editing and Content Development Work 2020 – 2022

Skills

- "Muhammad Ali, The Untold Story: Skin Color Cannot Think or Reason" - Dr. Abuwi Mahdi
- Research Methodology
- Critical Analysis
- Writing and Editing
- Public Speaking
- Interfaith Dialogue

Languages

- **English:** Fluent
- **Albanian:** Native
- **Arabic:** Basic