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Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Department of Sociology, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin (TCD), 2015

Master of Science (MSc Lond.), Department of Politics and International Relations, Royal Holloway, the University of London (RHUL), 2008

Bachelor of Arts (BA), School of International Service, American University, Washington, DC, 2007

Positions

Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Rice University, 2015 to present

Editor, *Journal of Postgraduate Research – Ireland’s Research on the World Stage* (Volume 11), Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, 2011

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, 2011–2015

Director, *Journey into America* (documentary film), produced by Akbar Ahmed, American University, Washington, DC, 2008–2009

Books

Christian-Muslim Fraternity – The Synthesis of Civilizations, in preparation

People of the Book: Prophet Muhammad’s Encounters With Christians, Hurst (London), distributed in North America by Oxford University Press, 2021

The Humanity of Muhammad: A Christian View, Blue Dome Press (Clifton, NJ), 2020

Islam in America: Exploring the Issues, ABC–CLIO (Santa Barbara, CA), 2019

Muslims in America: Examining the Facts, ABC–CLIO (Santa Barbara, CA), 2018

Muhammad – Prophet of Love: A Christian’s Note (translated from Indonesian title of *Muhammad Nabi Cinta: Catatan Seorang Nasrani Tentang*), Noura (Jakarta), 2018

Islam, Race, and Pluralism in the Pakistani Diaspora, Routledge (New York & London), 2017

Awards

Sarah A. Burnett Teaching Prize, presented by Dean Susan McIntosh of the School of Social Sciences at Rice University for achieving the highest teaching evaluation ratings across the School of Social Sciences for the 2019 academic year, 2020

Career Champion, named by the Rice University Center for Career Development for service to the undergraduate student body at Rice University, 2019

Hudspeth Award, presented by Dean John Hutchinson for service to Student Life at Rice University, 2017

Outstanding and Distinguished Faculty Associate, named by Will Rice College at Rice University, 2017

Distinction, awarded by the School of Social Sciences at Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, for finishing in the top 10% of all doctoral dissertations submitted in 2014, 2015

Finalist, selected by Provost Patrick Prendergast of Trinity College

Dublin, the University of Dublin, as a finalist for the Provost Teaching Award, presented to Teaching Assistants who excel in undergraduate teaching, 2011

Superstar, named by CNN.com's iReport for documentary filmmaking work, 2008

Articles (selected)

Newsweek, "Can the Power of Prayer Alone Stop a Pandemic Like the Coronavirus", 17 March 2020

Newsweek, "The Sri Lanka Church Bombings Are the Opposite of What Prophet Muhammad Intended", 23 April 2019

Newsweek, "Notre Dame and Al-Aqsa Give Christians and Muslims a Chance to Work Together to Repair Their Sacred Spaces", appeared in print edition, 16 April 2019

Sociology, "Young Pakistani Men and Irish Identity – Religion, Race, and Ethnicity in Post-Celtic Tiger Ireland", issue 52(4), pages 655-670, 2018

Religions, "The Racialization of Islam in the United States: Islamophobia, Hate Crimes and 'Flying While Brown'", issue 8(9), pages 1-19, 2017

Foreign Policy, "The Rohingya Are the New Palestinians", 26 September 2017

Huffington Post, "The Other Al-Andalus – When Muslims and Christians Flourished Side By Side in Sicily", 22 April 2017

Huffington Post, "How Prophet Muhammad Embraced the Otherness of Christians", 17 February 2017

Religions, "Religious Pluralism and Civic Rights in a 'Muslim Nation': An Analysis of Prophet Muhammad's Covenants with Christians", issue 7(15), pages 1-21, 2016

Diaspora Studies, “What does it mean to be ‘Irish’? Perceptions of Irish identity among young Pakistani men”, issue 9(2), pages 141-152, 2016

Huffington Post, “Prophet Muhammad’s Example of Anti-Racism”, 25 April 2015

Huffington Post, “Overcoming Historical Amnesia: Muslim Contributions to Civilization”, 23 January 2014

Huffington Post, “Rumi and Emerson: A Bridge Between the West and the Muslim World”, 14 October 2013

Media

Houston Chronicle, book review of *The Humanity of Muhammad – A Christian View* in “Religion on the page: Books on faith by Houston authors”, 25 September 2020

New Indian Express, book review of *The Humanity of Muhammad – A Christian View* in “Craig Considine speaks about his interest in religious interactions”, 21 September 2020

Al Jazeera (Balkans), television interview for “Say Al Jazeera: Craig Considine”, 30 July 2020

BBC (Hindi), quoted in “Religious Faith Prevails Over Logic in Corona Transition”, 9 April 2020

BBC (Gujarati), quoted in “Coronavirus: Is superstition prevailing only in transient Societies?” (translated title), 9 April 2020

Al Jazeera, featured in “After Newsweek, Spanish Newspaper Praises the Prophet’s Guidance to Fight Epidemics”, 8 April 2020

Al Jazeera (Balkans), featured in “Craig Considine: What Did the Virus Teach Us? We Are All Interconnected”, 1 April 2020

Hurriyet (Turkey), featured in “Hz Muhammad’s Advice”, 26 March 2020

Qatar Tribune, featured in “Newsweek Quotes Commandments of Prophet Muhammad to Face Coronavirus”, 23 March 2020

Los Angeles Times, quoted in “Joined palms, hands on hearts, Vulcan salutes: Saying hello in a no-handshake era”, 13 March 2020

Houston Chronicle, featured in “Rice class explores what it means to be Muslim in America”, 5 December 2019

MSNBC, live television interview on “All In With Chris Hayes”, 15 April 2019

New Yorker Magazine, quoted in “What We Know About the Southern California Synagogue Shooting”, 28 April 2019

Al Jazeera, appeared on “Sympathy with the Christchurch Terrorist Attacks”, 15 March 2019

BBC (Arabic), quoted in “New Zealand attack: 6 manifestations of solidarity with Muslims after Christchurch attack”, 12 March 2019

Houston Chronicle, featured in “10 books from authors with Houston ties delve into all aspects of faith”, 11 January 2019

France 24, television interview for “The New Normal? The consequences of Trump’s anti-Muslim tweets”, 12 January 2017

New York Times, interviewed for “Trump Shares Inflammatory Anti-Muslim Videos, and Britain’s Leader Condemns Them”, 29 November 2017

Times of India, quoted by “‘Lapses’ in Aung San Suu Kyi’s speech draw ire of many”, 20 September 2017

Toronto Star, paper reviewed in “Islamophobia is not colour blind”, 19 September 2017

International Business Times, paper reviewed in “Islamophobia Is Not Simply About Intolerance Of Muslims, Says Expert”, 15 September 2017

Gulf News, profiled in “Towards the making of a more cohesive society”, 30 August 2017.

CBS News, quoted in “Social media users poke fun at Trump adviser Kellyanne Conway’s ‘alternative facts’ comment”, 23 January 2017

Catholic News Service, quoted in “Slain French priest was attack on ‘all of us,’ imam said”, 31 July 2016

CNN, research noted in “Trump’s failure on ‘heebie jeebies’”, 2 July 2016

BBC, quoted in “#PrayForTurkey: Show of solidarity after Istanbul attack”, 29 July 2016

The Independent (U.K.), paper reviewed in “Isis persecution of Christians not justified by Prophet Muhammad’s teachings, says study”, 15 March 2016

Daily Mail, paper reviewed in “How ISIS is going against Islam’s teachings: Texts suggest Muslim prophet wanted Christians to be ‘protected and defended,’ claims expert”, 15 March 2016

Houston Chronicle, paper reviewed in “Freedom of religion, civic rights were important components of a ‘Muslim nation’”, 14 March 2016

CNN, quoted in “Muslims in America: A ‘voyage of discovery’”, 9 February 2009

Speeches

University of Beder (Albania), organized by the Department of Islamic

Sciences, titled “Open Forum: ‘The Humanity of Muhammad – A Christian View’”, 9 April 2021

Sam Houston State University (Texas), organized by the CHSS Diversity and Inclusion Committee, titled “Muslim Christian Relations: The Myth of the ‘Clash of Civilizations’”, 8 March 2021

National University of Modern Languages (Islamabad), organized by the Department of International Relations Faculty of Social Sciences, titled “The Humanity of Muhammad”, 8 March 2021

Hamad Bin Khalifa University (Doha), organized by the Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue and the College of Islamic Studies, titled “Minorities and the Escalation of Hate Speech in the West”, 3 March 2021

Oxford University (U.K.), organized by the Oxford University Islamic Society, titled “Who Was Muhammad?”, 20 February 2021

Islamic Studies Association (Delhi), organized by Joseph Victor Edwin SJ and Professor A.R. Kidwai, titled “Humanity of Muhammad”, 4 February 2021

Hamad Bin Khalifa University (Doha), organized by the College of Islamic Studies “#IslamGenZ”, 26 and 27 January 2021

University of Edinburgh (U.K.), organized by the University of Edinburgh Islamic Society, titled “A Christian Perspective on Islam”, 11 November 2020

Charles Stuart University (Australia), organized by the Islamic Sciences and Research Academy of Australia (ISRA), titled “A Christian Scholar’s Perspective on the Humanity of Prophet Muhammad”, 25 September 2020

Risala Foundation (Houston), titled “The Humanity of Muhammad – Craig Considine and Jonathan Brown in Conversation”, 19 September

2020

World Muslim Communities Council, titled “For Humanity: Interfaith solidarity and Joint action to combat COVID-19”, 21 April 2020

Rutgers University (New Jersey), organized by Muslims 4 Peace, titled “A Global Crisis: Refugees, Migrants, and Asylum Seekers – Lessons from Prophet Muhammad”, 9 February 2020

University of Arkansas (Fayetteville), organized by the King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies, the Department of Sociology, and the Al-Islam Students Association, titled “Prophet Muhammad’s Promises to Christians”, 5 April 2020

Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies (Abu Dhabi), titled “Covenants, Treaties, the Nation State and Muslims in the Global Order”, 6 December 2018

Parliament of the World’s Religions (Toronto), titled “An Offering of the Covenants of the Prophet Muhammad to the Christians of the World in the 21st Century”, 3 November 2018

University of Denver (Colorado), organized by the Center for Middle East Studies, the Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security & Diplomacy, and the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, titled “Muslims in America: Examining the Facts”, 14 September 2018

Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin (Ireland), organized by the Department of Sociology, titled “Young Pakistani Men and Irish Identity: Religion, Race and Ethnicity in a Post-Celtic Tiger Ireland”, 8 December 2017

Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin (Ireland), organized by the Loyola Institute, titled “Religious Pluralism and Civic Rights in the Covenants of Prophet Muhammad”, 9 December 2017

University College Dublin (Ireland), organized by the Law Society, titled

“This House Believes that Islam is a Threat to the West”, 22 October 2013

School of Oriental and African Studies, the University of London,
organized by the Framing Muslims Research Network and the Centre for
the Study of Pakistan”, 12 November 2012

Service

Board of Editors, *Journal of History and Sociology of South Asia* (Sage), 2021
to present
Scholarship Advisory Board, the Hub Foundation (Pleasanton,
CA), 2018 to present

Rice University (Houston), Faculty Advisor to Rice University Young
Democrats 2018 to present

Endorsements

“... Considine surpasses some of the finest tributes to the Prophet [Muhammad] paid earlier by few Western writers down the ages, ranging from Henry Stubbe to Goethe, Thomas Carlyle and, in our times, Rainer M. Rilke, R.V.C. Bodley, Michael Hart and Annemarie Schimmel.” – Professor Abdur Raheem Kidwai of Aligarh Muslim University, India

“... 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.” – Professor Khaled A. Beydoun, 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 House of Lords (UK)

“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*

“... one of the most powerful global voices speaking in admiration of Islam and the Qur’an...” – Sally Mousa, presenter, broadcaster, and former host of Life Beats on Pulse 95 Radio (UAE)

“... 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

“Amidst the climate of complacency, there are still rare gems who refuse to accept the warped narrative at face value. Instead, they pursue scholarship and independent research to truly understand matters at a more sophisticated level. Dr. Craig Considine is one such gem and an incredibly valuable resource for us all.” Harris Zafar, author of *Demystifying Islam: Tackling the Tough Questions*

“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”