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### EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (2014)
- M.A. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley (2008)
- A.B. Inner Asian and Altaic Studies, Harvard University (2001), *magna cum laude*

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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- 2014– Assistant Professor of Sociology and Islamic Studies, Johns Hopkins University

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Articles

Calder, Ryan. Forthcoming (2016). “God’s technicians: Religious jurists and the usury ban in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.” *European Journal of Sociology*.

#### Book Chapters

Fligstein, Neil and Ryan Calder. 2015. “Architecture of markets.” In *Emerging trends in the social and behavioral sciences*, edited by Robert A. Scott and Stephen M. Kosslyn. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Calder, Ryan. 2010. “Efforts to replicate short-selling in Islamic finance: Malaysian innovation in comparative perspective.” In *Current issues in Islamic banking and finance: Resilience and stability in the present system*, edited by Angelo Venardos. London: Worldwide Scientific.

#### Book Reviews

Calder, Ryan and John Lie. 2006. Review of *The terror of neoliberalism: Cultural politics and the promise of democracy* by Henry Giroux (Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, 2004). *Contemporary Sociology* 35(4):400–402.

Calder, Ryan and John Lie. 2006. Review of *Globalization and the future of the welfare state* edited by Miguel Glatzer and Dietrich Rueschemeyer (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2005). *American Journal of Sociology* 112(1):324–326.

### **Encyclopedia Entries**

Calder, Ryan and John Lie. 2007. “Political sociology.” In *Blackwell encyclopedia of sociology*, edited by George Ritzer. Oxford: Blackwell.

### **Manuscripts in Progress**

Calder, Ryan. *Sacred profit: A sociology of Islamic finance*.

Calder, Ryan. “Aristotle in Abu Dhabi: Islamic finance in Weberian perspective.”

Calder, Ryan. “Rock-star shariah scholars: The ethical arbiters of Islamic finance.”

### **Other Publications**

Calder, Ryan. 2013. “Libya’s cautious optimism.” *Contexts* 12(2):18–20.

Calder, Ryan. 2011. “An Islamist, a liberal, and a former regime loyalist walk into a café...” *Foreign Policy* (online edition), October 21.

Calder, Ryan. 2011. “Remembering Anton Hammerl and his work in Libya.” *The Atlantic* (online edition), May 20.

Calder, Ryan. 2011. “The improvised state: Who’s actually running things in free Libya?” *Foreign Policy* (online edition). April 20.

Calder, Ryan. 2011. “Life lessons: How are children in Benghazi coping with war?” *Foreign Policy* (online edition). April 15.

Calder, Ryan. 2011. “The sounds of the revolution.” *Foreign Policy* (online edition). April 11.

Calder, Ryan. 2011. “Can Libya’s rebels go pro?” *Foreign Policy* (online edition). April 8.

Calder, Ryan. 2011. “Benghazi diary: Three weeks in the revolutionary heartland of eastern Libya.” *Foreign Policy* (online edition). April 7.

Calder, Ryan. 2011. “Why Libya’s rebels are stalled.” *The Atlantic* (online edition), April 7.

Calder, Ryan. 2011. “The accordion war: Libya’s ever-moving front.” *The Atlantic* (online edition), April 5.

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2016–17 Practical Ethics grant, Johns Hopkins University. “Can God stop the next financial crisis? Prospects for a consequentialist ethics of Islamic financial engineering.” (\$37,369)
- 2010–11 Al-Falah Research Fellowship, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley
- 2009–10 Center for British Studies Research Grant, University of California Berkeley
- 2009–10 Al-Falah Research Fellowship, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley
- 2008 Critical Language Studies Fellowship, United States Department of State, Arabic
- 2005–09 Jacob K. Javits Fellowship, United States Department of Education
- 2005 Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship, United States Department of Education, Arabic
- 2004–09 Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study

## PRESENTATIONS

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- 2016 “The rock stars of Islamic finance: Shariah scholars as agents of formal rationalization.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Conference, panel on Financial Elites in the Global South. Berkeley, CA.
- Moderated panel “Crossing borders: The mechanisms of capital expansion.” Southern Capitalisms conference at Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore, MD.
- 2015 “The tawarruq debate: The politics of certifying Islamic financial virtue.” Social Science and History Association Annual Meeting, panel on the Politics of Calculation. Baltimore, MD.
- “How do we study the halal revolution?” Global Halal: An International Conference on Muslims and the Cultural Politics of the Permissible, panel on Global Halal Markets. East Lansing, MI.
- 2014 “God’s technicians: Shariah scholars and the formal rationalization of Islamic financial ethics, 1975–2014.” Social Science and History Association Annual Meeting, panel on Worlds and World-Making. Toronto.

“What is shariah? The contingent interpretation of Islamic law through history.”  
Invited talk at Johns Hopkins University Islamic Awareness Week. Baltimore, MD.

“Murabaha: Form, substance, and the battle for the soul of Islamic finance.”  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, panel on Economic  
Sociology. San Francisco, CA.

“What does it mean to be shariah-based? Separation, authenticity, welfare.”  
Harvard University Forum on Islamic Finance. Cambridge, MA.

2013 “Why did the Islamic ban on interest survive... while other religious interest bans  
died? Religious jurists and the survival of the usury ban.” Society for the  
Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Conference, mini-conference on  
Islamic finance. Milan.

2012 “Defining an uprising under the international gaze: Opposition media centers and  
‘wired cosmopolitans’ in Bahrain and Libya during the 2011 Arab Spring.” Middle  
East Institute Annual Conference. Singapore.

2011 “Rationalization without secularization: The evolution of modern Islamic finance,  
1975-2011.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Section on  
Religion roundtable. Las Vegas, NV.

2010 “Does one size fit all? US attempts to transpose the Anbar awakening from Iraq to  
Afghanistan” (co-authored with Nicholas Wilson). University of California,  
Berkeley Colloquium “*af-pä-ki-stän*: The Violent Birth of an Acronym. Berkeley,  
CA.

## TEACHING AND ADVISING

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### **Undergraduate courses taught**

Islamic Finance (Fall 2014, Spring 2016)

Introduction to Islam and Islamicate Societies since 1800 (Spring 2015, Spring 2016)

Sociology of the Middle East and North Africa (Fall 2015)

### **Graduate courses taught**

Qualitative Research Methods: Domestic and International Fieldwork, co-taught with Katrina  
Bell McDonald (Spring 2015)

### **Doctoral dissertations**

2016 Joseph Haley, English (committee member)  
*Indian Ocean Literature in the Shade of Bandung*

Brian Tilley, Anthropology (committee member)  
*Ethics of Activity: South Asian Shia Working Life in Dubai*

**Undergraduate theses**

2017 Jane Morris (expected)  
 2015 Basmah Nada

**Awards**

Gold Cup Teaching Award, Johns Hopkins Student Government Association (Spring 2016)  
 Excellence in Teaching Award (Finalist), Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University (Spring 2016)

**DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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2016 Organized conference *Morris W. Offit Symposium on Muslims, Jews, and Christians*, Johns Hopkins University  
 2015–16 Interim Director and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Program in Islamic Studies, Johns Hopkins University (launched new minor in Islamic Studies)  
 2015, 2016 Application reviewer, Islamic Studies Summer Research Grant  
 2015 Application reviewer, Dean’s Undergraduate Research Awards  
 2015-16 Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology  
 2014-15 Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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2015 Roundtable organizer, section on Economic Sociology, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

**NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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2011–13 Lead social scientist and quantitative methodologist, SIC Corporation  
 Designed survey in Libya (N=1,500) using WHO-EPI method and ArcGIS  
 2009–11 Contract media translator (Arabic to English)  
 2001–04 Business analyst, McKinsey & Company (Boston and Dubai)

LANGUAGES

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Arabic (speaking, reading, and writing proficiency)

French (speaking and reading proficiency)

Japanese (native speaker)