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EDUCATION

- 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* with highest honors

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Calder, Ryan. 2020. "Sharī'ah-compliant or sharī'ah-based? The changing ethical discourse of Islamic finance." *Arab Law Quarterly* (forthcoming).
- Calder, Ryan. 2019. "How religio-economic projects succeed and fail: the field dynamics of Islamic finance in the Arab Gulf states and Pakistan, 1975–2018." *Socio-Economic Review* 17(1): 167–193.
- Calder, Ryan. 2018. "Shariah with British characteristics" (review essay). *European Journal of Sociology* 59(3): 408–416.
- Calder, Ryan. 2016. "God's technicians: Religious jurists and the usury ban in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam." *European Journal of Sociology* 57(2): 207-257.

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.

Other Publications

Calder, Ryan. 2017. "Accounts Dialogue: Interview with Ryan Calder" (Kasey Zapatka, interviewer). *Accounts* 16(2):3–8.

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.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Calder, Ryan. *Rationalization without Secularization: The Rise of Islamic Finance*. Book manuscript.

Calder, Ryan. "The halal boom: Market-driven desecularization." Revise and resubmit at *Sociological Theory*.

Calder, Ryan. "The tawarruq debate: The politics of certifying Islamic financial virtue."

Calder, Ryan. "*Dīn*, dinars, and dollar hegemony: Islamic gold projects at the twilight of the long twentieth century."

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2016–17 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

2020 "*Dīn*, dinars, and dollar hegemony: Islamic gold projects at the twilight of the long twentieth century." Political Economy of the World System Annual Meeting. 11 April 2020 (postponed due to COVID-19).

“When states foster religiously regulated markets: The success of Islamic finance in Malaysia, 1983–2019.” SSRC New Paradigms Grant Workshop on Chinese Diasporas and Transnational Public Spheres in the Long Twentieth Century. 27 March 2020 (postponed due to COVID-19).

“The halal boom: Market-driven secularization.” Boston College, 19 March 2020 (invited but cancelled due to COVID-19).

2019 “Why did the present model of Islamic finance emerge in the Arab Gulf region in the 1970s?” University of California, Los Angeles, 5 December 2019 (invited).

“*Dīn*, dinars, and dollar hegemony: Islamic gold projects at the twilight of the long twentieth century.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, panel on Religious Differences among Followers of Islam. 26 October 2019.

“The halal boom: Market-driven desecularization.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, panel on Public Religions in Comparative-Historical Perspective. 11 August 2019.

2017 “The halal revolution: Islamic capitalism in secular markets.” Social Science and History Association Annual Meeting, panel on Religion, Ethics, and Sexuality. Montreal, QC.

“Wired cosmopolitans: The 2011 Arab Spring’s ambassador caste.” Social Science and History Association Annual Meeting, panel on Contentious Views: Representation, Framing, and the Media in State-Society Relations. Montreal, QC.

Chaired and moderated panel “Race, discrimination and contemporary criminal justice.” Social Science and History Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, QC.

“The halal revolution: Islamic capitalism in secular markets.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, panel on Religion and Capitalism. Washington, DC.

Organized and moderated panel “Religion and Capitalism.” Annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Washington, DC.

“Bureaucratic-rational capitalism and the bracketing of social welfare in Islamic finance.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting, panel on Explorations in Islamic Moral Economy. Lyon, France.

“State shariah or market shariah? Islamic *dirigisme* versus neoliberal piety in Pakistani and Iranian banking, 1979–2017”. Invited talk at conference “Pakistan at 70: The Long View.” Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Lahore, Pakistan.

- 2016 “How do Islamic financial ethics evolve? The politics of *tawarruq* in Oman, Malaysia, and Saudi Arabia.” Invited talk at Faysal Bank, Karachi, Pakistan.
- “Why is there no religious finance except Islamic finance? Religious interest bans in comparative-historical perspective.” Invited talk at Meezan Bank, Karachi, Pakistan.
- “Why is there no religious finance except Islamic finance? Religious interest bans in comparative-historical perspective.” Invited talk at the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Lahore, Pakistan.
- “How do Islamic financial ethics evolve? The politics of *tawarruq* in Oman, Malaysia, and Saudi Arabia.” Invited talk at the Institute of Business Administration, Karachi, Pakistan.
- “The rock stars of Islamic finance: Shariah scholars as agents of formal rationalization.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting, 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.
- “Confronting Islamophobia: A Discussion of Islamophobia in America.” Invited panelist 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.
- “Islamic finance in Dubai and Kuala Lumpur: State, shariah, and capital in two cities.” Invited talk at colloquium series “Money, Migration, & The Metropolis.” Racism, Immigration, and Citizenship Program, Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore, MD.
- 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

Graduate courses taught

Dissertation Seminar (AS 230.609: Fall 2017)

PGSC Research Seminar (AS 230.635: Fall 2014)

Qualitative Research Methods: Domestic and International Fieldwork (AS 230.649: Spring 2018, Spring 2015; co-taught with Katrina Bell McDonald)

Sociology of Religion (AS 230.445: Fall 2017)

Undergraduate courses taught

Introduction to Sociology (AS 230.101: Spring 2020, Fall 2019; co-taught with Emily Agree in Fall 2018)

Introduction to Islam since 1800 (AS 230.147: Spring 2018, Spring 2016, Spring 2015)

Islamic Finance (AS 230.367: Spring 2020, Spring 2016, Fall 2014)

Sociology of the Middle East and North Africa (AS 230.381: Fall 2015)

Undergraduate Thesis Advising (Senior Honors Thesis AS 230.500 / Independent Research AS 230.506) (Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2015, Fall 2014)

Independent Study in Islamic Studies (AS 194.506) (Summer 2019)

Doctoral dissertations (committee member) (completed)

- 2019 Daniel Thompson, Sociology
Employment, Wage Growth, and Inequality in Rich Democracies in the Post-Golden-Age Era
- 2016 Joseph Haley, English
Indian Ocean Literature in the Shade of Bandung
- 2016 Brian Tilley, Anthropology
Ethics of Activity: South Asian Shia Working Life in Dubai

Doctoral dissertations (committee member) (in progress)

- Alvin Camba, Sociology
Shirley Lung, Sociology

GBO examinations and Trial Research Papers (committee member)

- 2018 Alvin Camba, Sociology
Valentina Dallona, Sociology
Zhicao Fang, Sociology
Shirley Lung, Sociology
- 2017 Mitra Ebrahimi, Geography

Undergraduate theses

- 2017 Roshni Ahmed
2017 Jane Morris
2015 Basmah Nada

Undergraduate Woodrow Wilson projects

- 2016 Putt Rodchareon

Awards

- Excellence in Graduate Teaching and Mentoring Award (Finalist), Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University (AY 2019–2020)
- Gold Cup Teaching Award, Johns Hopkins Student Government Association (AY 2015–2016)
- Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award (Finalist), Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, Johns Hopkins University (AY 2015–2016)

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2017–2020 Director of Undergraduate Studies, Program in Islamic Studies

- 2017 Mock interviewer, Undergraduate Fellowships (Gates Cambridge applicants)
- 2016–17 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2016 Organized conference *Morris W. Offit Symposium on Muslims, Jews, and Christians*, Johns Hopkins University
- 2015–16 Interim Director, Program in Islamic Studies (launched new minor in Islamic Studies); also Director of Undergraduate Studies
- 2015, 2016 Application reviewer, Islamic Studies Summer Research Grant
- 2015 Application reviewer, Dean’s Undergraduate Research Awards
- 2015-16 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2014-15 Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2020– Member, Editorial Board, *Sociology of Religion*
- 2015 Roundtable organizer, section on Economic Sociology, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 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 / Senior business analyst, McKinsey & Company (Boston / Dubai)

LANGUAGES

- Arabic (speaking and reading proficiency)
French (speaking and reading proficiency)
Japanese (native speaker, elementary reading)