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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D., University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, IN), 2016
  - \*Dissertation: *Indian Muslims, Other Religions, and the Modern Resurgence of Da'wa: The Tablighī Jamā'at and Zakir Naik's Islamic Research Foundation* (Defense Passed June 27, 2016)
  - Committee: Gabriel Reynolds, Mun'im Sirry, Ebrahim Moosa, Mark Noll, Paul Kollman
- M.Div., Trinity International University (Deerfield, IL), cum laude, 2002
- B.A. Religion, Hope College (Holland, MI), magna cum laude, 1998

## CURRENT POSITION

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- Post Doctoral Fellow, Dept. of Theology, University of Notre Dame, 2016-2017

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Instructor, Semester length course, "Christian Encounter with Islam," Fall 2016, Trinity International University
- Instructor, Semester length course, "Christianity and Other Religions," Fall and Spring, 2015-2016, University of Notre Dame
- Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant, University of Notre Dame, 2012 – 2014
  - \*Graduate Teaching Assistant to Prof. Gabriel Reynolds, "Islam and Christian Theology", fall 2012.
  - \*Graduate Research Assistant to Prof. Gabriel Reynolds, spring 2013.
  - \*Graduate Assistant to Prof. Bradley Malkovsky, fall 2013 – spring 2014
- Lecturer in History and Religions, New Theological College, Dehradun, India, 2008 – 2011
  - \*Semester length courses taught:
    - Detailed Study of Islam (60 hour course), 3 years
    - Survey of Major Religions in India (60 hour course), 2 years
    - Modern Religious and Secular Movements of India (60 hour course), 1 year
    - Christian Responses to Other Faiths (60 hour course), 3 years
    - Spiritual Formation (30 hour course), 1 year
    - History of Christian Mission (60 hour course), 2 years

## LANGUAGES

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- Classical Arabic: advanced reading and intermediate writing ability
- Urdu: advanced speaking and reading ability
- Hindi: advanced speaking and reading ability
- French: achieved reading proficiency and passed Notre Dame reading exam, summer 2013
- German: achieved reading proficiency and passed Notre Dame reading exam, summer 2012

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Refereed Articles and Book Chapters*
  - \*Kuiper, Matthew J., "Latent Transnationalism: Piety and Pragmatism at the Origins of the Tablighi Jama'at." In *Festschrift for Prof. Desiderio Pinto* (Delhi: ISPCK), Forthcoming.
  - \*Kuiper, Matthew J., "The Roots and Achievements of the Early Proto-Sunni Movement: A Profile and Interpretation." *The Muslim World* 104:1 (Jan/Apr 2014), 71-88.

- \*Kuiper, Matthew J., "Pentecostalism in India: A Review of Recent Literature and Historiographical Suggestions for the Future." *Indian Church History Review* 47:2 (Dec. 2013), 91-117.
- \*Kuiper, Matthew J., "Joshua's Jihad? A Reexamination of Religious Violence in the Christian and Islamic Traditions." *Transformation* 29:2 (2012), 149-169.

*-Book Reviews*

- \*Kuiper, Matthew J., Review of *Muslim-Christian Relations Observed: Comparative Studies from Indonesia and the Netherlands*, eds. Volker Küster and Robert Setio (Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2014), *IBMR* 39:2 (2015), 107-108.
- \* Kuiper, Matthew J., Review of *Christianities in Asia*, ed. Peter C. Phan (Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011). *Mission Studies* 30:1 (2013), 119-120.
- \* Kuiper, Matthew J., Review of Sidney Griffith's *The Church in the Shadow of the Mosque: Muslims and Christians in the World of Islam* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2008). *Doon Theological Journal* 8.1 (2011), 88-90.
- \* Kuiper, Matthew J., Review of Philip Jenkins' *The Lost History of Christianity: The Thousand-Year Golden Age of the Church in the Middle East, Africa and Asia – And How it Died* (New York: Harper One, 2008). *Doon Theological Journal* 7.1 (2010), 119-123.
- \* Kuiper, Matthew J., Review of *India and the Indianness of Christianity: Essays on Understanding – Historical, Theological, and Bibliographical – in Honor of Robert Eric Frykenberg*, ed. Richard Fox Young (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009), *Doon Theological Journal* 7.2 (2010), 241-245.
- \* Kuiper, Matthew J., Review of Veli-Matti Karkkainen's *An Introduction to the Theology of Religions* (Downers Grove: Inter Varsity Academic, 2003). *Doon Theological Journal*, 6.1 (2009), 104-108.
- \* Kuiper, Matthew J., Review of Lamin Sanneh's *Disciples of All Nations: Pillars of World Christianity* (New York: Oxford, 2008). *Doon Theological Journal*, 5.2 (2008).

**LECTURES and PRESENTATIONS**

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- “Two Indian Pioneers of Modern Islamic *Da'wa*: Maulana Muhammad Ilyas and Dr. Zakir Naik,” Conference Paper, American Academy of Religion Midwest Regional Meeting, Ball State University, April 2, 2016.
  - “Performing Modern *Da'wa*: The Islamic Televangelism of Dr. Zakir Naik,” Interdepartmental Colloquium on Ritual, Culture and Performance, University of Notre Dame, March 17, 2016.
  - “A Tale of Two Revivals: Islam and Christianity in 19<sup>th</sup> Century India,” Invited Lecture, University of Notre Dame, March 2, 2016.
  - “Scripture in the Modern Muslim World,” Invited Lecture, University of Notre Dame, Feb. 22, 2016.
  - “Islamic *Da'wa* and Other Religions: Two Case Studies from Modern India” – Conference paper, “Finding Beauty in the Other” Conference, University of Notre Dame, Sept. 12, 2015.
  - “The Languages of Mission in Modern Islamic *Da'wa*: Doing Comparative Religion with Zakir Naik”, Annual Meeting, American Society of Missiology, June 20, 2015.
  - “Indian Muslims and the Globalization of *Da'wa* in the Modern Period: The Tablighi Jama'at and Islamic Research Foundation” – Invited Lecture, University of Mumbai (India), July 28, 2014.
  - “The Tablighi Jama'at as a Modern Neo-Sufi Reform Movement” – Invited Lecture and Discussion, University of Notre Dame, March 5, 2014.
  - “The New Shape of World Christianity” (With Prof. Mark Noll) – Lecture and panel discussion, Hope College, Holland, MI, Oct. 23, 2013.
  - “Transnationalism, Uniformity and Pragmatism: The Origins and Formation of the Tablighi Jama'at, 1800-1944” – Paper presentation, New Theological College/Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Dehradun, India, Aug. 13, 2013.
  - “The Church and the Religions” – Lecture, University of Notre Dame, Mar. 19, 2013.
  - “Christians in the Muslim World” – Lecture, University of Notre Dame, Sept. 21, 2013.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- University of Notre Dame Presidential Fellowship in Humanities and Social Sciences, 2011 – 2016 (\$7,500/year over regular Notre Dame tuition scholarship and graduate stipend)
- Mellon Initiative on Religion across the Disciplines Summer Research Stipend (\$6000), Summer 2015
- Louisville Institute Doctoral Fellowship, 2013 – 2015 (\$2,000/year)
- Passed with High Honors, Ph.D. Candidacy Exams, University of Notre Dame, March 2014
- University of Notre Dame Graduate School Professional Development Award, summer 2013 (\$1,800 for summer research in India)

## **OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICE AND EXPERIENCE**

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- Co-Founder and Coordinator, Notre Dame Islamic Studies Colloquium (NDISC), 2015-2016
- Panel Chair, “Shaping Modern Islamic Thought in a Scientific Age,” American Academy of Religion Midwest Regional Meeting, April 2015
- Participant, Notre Dame Dept. of Theology Pedagogy Workshops, fall 2014-spring 2015
- Peer reviewer, *Journal of Religion and Literature* and *Journal of World Christianity*
- Director, Doon Center for Indian Studies, Dehradun, India, 2008 – 2011
- Co-Director, Banacis (Banaras Centre for Indian Studies), Varanasi, India, 2004 – 2007
- Participant, Great Lakes Jerusalem Program, fall 1995
  - \*Studied Palestinian-Israeli conflict from historical, sociological and peace studies perspectives

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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- American Academy of Religion
- International Qur’anic Studies Association

## **REFERENCES**

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- Gabriel Said Reynolds, Prof. of Islamic Studies and Theology, University of Notre Dame
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