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M.A. | Religious and Cross-cultural Studies | Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia | 2013

M.Si. | Social Science | Universitas Airlangga, Surabaya, Indonesia | 2007

S.Th.I. | Comparative Religion | State Institute for Islamic Studies, Surabaya, Indonesia | 2005

### Professional Experience

- 2009-current     Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies, Faculty of Ushuluddin and Philosophy, Universitas Islam Negeri Sunan Ampel Surabaya, Indonesia.
- Courses taught (undergraduate): Interreligious Dialogue, World Religion, Academic Study of Religion, Judaism, Introduction to the Quran, and Quran and the Other.
- Spring 2026     Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Philosophy, Universitas Katolik Widya Mandala Surabaya, Indonesia
- Course taught (undergraduate): Islamic Philosophy
- Fall 2021        Teaching Assistant, Hartford International University for Religion and Peace
- Course taught (graduate): Introduction to Interreligious Studies
- 2008-2009     Adjunct, Faculty of Science, Universitas Islam Negeri Maulana Malik Ibrahim Malang, Indonesia.
- Courses taught (undergraduate): Kalām (Islamic theology), History of Islam.
- 2005-2009     Researcher Assistant, LPAM (*Lembaga Penelitian Agama dan Masyarakat*/Research Institute on Religion and Society) Surabaya, Indonesia.

### Books

- 2025     *Indonesian Islam and the Other: Muhammadiyah and Nahdlatul Ulama Views of Christianity in the Twenty-First Century Indonesia*, Ph.D. Thesis, Hartford International University for Religion and Peace, Hartford, CT, USA
- 2024     *Kampanye Daring Bina Damai untuk Melestarikan Situs-Situs Agama. Teori dan Praktek*, Makassar: YPMIC, 2024. (Co-author)
- 2024     *Mengapa Harus berkunjung ke Rumah Ibadah Agama Lain? Teori dan Praktek Dalam Dialog Agama*, Makassar: YPMIC, 2024. (Co-author)
- 2023     *Penguatan Profil Pelajar Toleran Melalui Pendidikan Agama Yang Dialogis*, Makassar: YPMIC, 2023. (Co-author)
- 2021     *Modul Pelatihan Dialog Agama & Pengembangan Narasi Damai*, Makassar: YPMIC, 2021. (Co-author and editor)
- 2017     *Modul Pelatihan Sekolah Dialog Agama antara Islam dan Konghucu untuk Perdamaian*, Sidoarjo: SPOC Journal (Study Park of Confucius Journal), 2017. (Co-author and editor)
- 2016     *Dari Mimbar Masjid ke Panggung Politik: Melacak Akar-akar Kekerasan Agama antara Komunitas Sunni dan Syiah di Sampang Jawa Timur*, Yogyakarta: CRCS-UGM, 2016.
- 2015     *Politik Lokal dan Konflik Keagamaan: Pilkada dan Struktur Kesempatan Politik dalam Konflik Keagamaan di Sampang, Bekasi, dan Kupang*, Yogyakarta, Indonesia: CRCS-UGM, 2015. (Co-author)

- 2013 *Dari Masjid ke Panggung Politik; Studi Kasus Peran Pemuka Agama dan Politisi dalam Konflik Kekerasan Agama antara Komunitas Sunni dan Syiah di Sampang Jawa Timur*, M.A. Thesis, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

### Articles and Book Chapters

- Upcoming "Translating the Sacred as a Cultural Work: Tafsir al-Ibriz, Javanese Vernacularism, and Religious Tolerance in Indonesia" in *The Edinburgh Companion to Arabic-Derived Scripts: Global Evolution from the Qur'an to the Vernacular*, edited by Abbas Panakkal, Edinburgh University Press
- Upcoming "Interreligious Marriage in Indonesia: Institutional Competition, Religious Monopolies, and the Dynamics of a Regulated Religious Economy", *Muslim Politics Review*
- 2026 "Scriptural Nationalism in Print: Genre Partition and the Making of the Other in the Persatuan Islam's *Risalah* (2005-2025)", *The Journal of the Council for Research on Religion*, Vol. 7, No. 1 (2026)
- 2022 "Al-Mutawakkil's Edict on Christianity and Its Relation to Christian-Muslim Encounters: A Historical Analysis," *Islamica: Jurnal Studi Keislaman*, Vol. 16, No. 2, March 2022
- 2020 "The Politics of Interreligious Dialogue in Indonesia: An Analysis of Ulama's Anti-Kristenisasi Fatwas and Their Challenges to the Government's Interreligious Harmony Project." *The Muslim World*, Vol. 110, No. 4, Autumn 2020.
- 2016 "Teologi Ibrahim dalam Perspektif Agama Yahudi, Kristen, dan Islam", *Kalimah: Jurnal Pemikiran Islam dan Perbandingan Agama*, Vol. 14, No. 1, March 2016.
- 2016 "Peran Ulama di Nusantara dalam Mewujudkan Harmonisasi Umat Beragama", *Fikrah: Jurnal Ilmu Aqidah dan Studi Keagamaan*, Vol. 4, No. 1, 2016.
- 2012 "Contextualizing Kymlicka's Multicultural Citizenship in Surabaya," *Religió: Jurnal Studi Agama-agama*, Vol. 02, No. 01, March 2012
- 2010 "Agama Jawi: Sejarah, Ajaran, dan Perkembangan", *Al-Afkar: Jurnal Kajian Keislaman*, Vol. 3. No. 2, December 2010.

### Professional Organization and Social Services

- 2022-2027 Chief, the Office of Interreligious Dialogue at the Muhammadiyah of East Java
- 2020-2022 Member, AAS (Association for Asian Studies)
- 2020-current Director, International Affairs, YPMIC (*Yayasan Pemberdayaan Masyarakat Indonesia Cerdas*, The Foundation of Smart Indonesian People Empowerment)
- 2020 Guest Editor, the Special Issue "Indonesian Muslims and the Other: Relations in Context." *The Muslim World*, Vol. 110, No. 4, Autumn 2020. ISSN 0027-4909 (Print) and 1478-1913 (online)
- 2019-2021 Chief, Department of Interreligious Relations, Muhammadiyah USA
- 2017-2021 Intern to the Editor, *The Muslim World*, ISSN 0027-4909 (Print) and 1478-1913 (online)
- 2017-2022 Member, AAR (American Academy of Religion)
- 2016-current Indonesian/Southeast Asian Fellow, KAICIID International Dialogue Centre, Portugal
- 2015-current Member, ASAI (*Asosiasi Studi Agama Indonesia*/Indonesia Association for Religious Studies)
- 2015-2022 Secretary, Department of International Relations, Muhammadiyah of East Java
- 2015-2017 Secretary, Department of Religious Studies, Faculty of Ushuluddin and Philosophy, State Islamic University of Sunan Ampel Surabaya, Indonesia
- 2015-2017 Publicity Ambassador, HWPL (Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light) - WARP (World Alliance of Religions' Peace Dialogue), Seoul, South Korea

2015-2017	Editor-in-Chief, <i>Religió: Jurnal Studi Agama-agama (RJSAA)</i> , ISSN 2088-6330 (print) and 2503-3778 (online)
2015-2016	Member, AMAN (Asian Muslim Action Network), Bangkok, Thailand
2014-current	Co-Editor, <i>Religió: Jurnal Studi Agama-agama (RJSAA)</i> , ISSN 2088-6330 (print) and 2503-3778 (online)
2012-2015	Volunteer, Alliance of Religious Freedom, Indonesia
2009-2010	Volunteer, JAMAK ( <i>Jaringan Masyarakat Anti-Kekerasan/Society's Network of Anti-Violence</i> ), East Java, Indonesia

### **Grants, Awards, and Fellowships**

2026	The ARI-LUCE Southeast Asian Studies Collaboratory: Next Generation Scholars, organized by the Asia Research Institute (ARI), National University of Singapore (NUS) and supported by the Henry Luce Foundation (Summer)
2025	The COMPOSE Writing Fellowship Batch #8 at the Faculty of Social Science (FOSS), Universitas Islam Internasional Indonesia (UIII)
2022	MoRA (Ministry of Religious Affairs) Grant for Authorship at the Muslim World
2021-2022	KAICIID Micro Grant for "Intervisitation Dialogue in Indonesia: Strengthening Spiritual-Practical Dialogue among Interreligious Youth through Holy Site Tourism"
2020-2021	KAICIID Micro Grant for "Countering Hate Speech: Virtual IRD Training and Workshop in Developing Alternative Narrative for Peace"
2017-2022	Hartford International University Research and Development Grant
2017-2020	Fulbright Foreign Student Program, Ph.D. at Hartford International University, Connecticut, USA
2015-2016	KAICIID Mini Grant for "Interreligious Dialogue School between Muslim and Confucianism for Peace"
2016	MoRA Research Grant at State Islamic University of Surabaya, Indonesia
2015	MoRA Research Grant at State Islamic University of Surabaya, Indonesia
2015	CRCS Thesis Award, the Center for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies at University of Gadjah Mada (CRCS-UGM), Yogyakarta, Indonesia
2014	Henry Luce Scholar Exchange at the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding (CJP), Eastern Mennonite University (EMU), Harrisonburg, Virginia, USA
2013	Best Graduate Student Award, Graduate School, University of Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
2011-2013	MoRA Scholarship for Graduate Studies at University of Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
2007	MoRA Scholarship for Thesis Research at University of Airlangga, Surabaya, Indonesia