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EDUCATION

- 1943-1945: Mount Hermon School, Mount Hermon, Massachusetts.
- 1945-1949: Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. Major: History, the Arts and Letters: The Middle Ages. Degree: B.A., February, 1949; Phi Beta Kappa.
- 1949-1951: Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey. Department of Oriental Studies. Studies included the Arabic and Persian languages, Arab and Islamic history and civilization, etc.
- 1951-1953: American University at Cairo, Cairo, Egypt. School of Oriental Studies. Courses in the Arabic language.
- 1953-1954: Cambridge University, Cambridge, England. Pembroke College. Research in Islamic mysticism under the supervision of Professor A.J. Arberry.
- 1954-1955: Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey. Department of Oriental Studies. Degree: Ph.D., October 1955. Dissertation: A critical edition and translation of the *Bayān al-Farq bayn al-Ṣadr wa-al-Qalb wa-al-Fu'ād wa-al-Lubb* of al-Ḥakīm al-Tirmidhī.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- 1955-1957: Arabian American Oil Company, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Arabian Research Division, Translation Section. Translation Analyst, October 1955 to October 1957.
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- 1959-1962: Stanford University, Stanford, California. Department of Asian Languages. Assistant Professor of Arabic, September 1959 to June 1962.
- 1962: Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Harvard Summer School, Department of Near Eastern Languages, Summer 1962.
- 1962-1963: Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. Department of Near Eastern Languages and Literatures. Visiting Lecturer and Alexander Kohut Fellow, September 1962 to June 1963.
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5. *Three Early Sufi Texts*. Translated by Nicholas Heer and Kenneth L. Honerkamp. Louisville: Fons Vitae, 2003, 2010. Includes my translation of al-Ḥakīm al-Tirmidhī's *Bayān al-Farq*.

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3. "A Ṣūfī Psychological Treatise," in *The Muslim World*, Vol. LI (1961), No. 1, pp. 25-36, No. 2, pp. 83-91, No. 3, pp. 163-172, No. 4, pp. 244-258. (A translation of al-Tirmidhī's *Bayān al-Farq*).
4. "Islam," in *The New International Yearbook for 1961*, New York: Funk and Wagnalls, 1962, pp. 226-227.
5. "Some Common Abbreviations Used in Philosophical and Theological Texts," in *An-Nashra*, Vol. 3, No. 2 (December 1969), pp. 17-22.
6. "Al-Jāmī's Treatise on Existence," in *Islamic Philosophical Theology*, edited by Parviz Morewedge, Albany: State University of New York Press, 1979, pp. 223-256. (An edition and translation of al-Jāmī's *Risālah fī al-Wujūd*).
7. "Moral Deliberation in al-Ghazālī's *Iḥyā' 'Ulūm al-Dīn*," in *Islamic Philosophy and Mysticism*, edited by Parviz Morewedge, Delmar, New York: Caravan Books, 1981, pp. 163-196.

8. "Ibn Taymīyah's Empiricism," in *A Way Prepared: Essays on Islamic Culture in Honor of Richard Bayly Winder*, edited by Farhad Kazemi and R. D. McChesney, New York and London: New York University Press, 1988, pp. 109-115.
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11. "Abū Ḥāmid al-Ghazālī's Esoteric Exegesis of the Koran," in *Classical Persian Sufism: from its Origins to Rumi*, edited by Leonard Lewisohn, London, New York: Khaniqahi Nimatullahi Publications, 1993, pp. 235-257. Reprinted in *The Heritage of Sufism*, edited by Leonard Lewisohn, Oxford: Oneworld, 1999. Vol. I, pp 235-257.
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