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## 1. Education

### -Seminarian studies;

- *Hawzah* (Qom Seminary) 18 years
- Advanced *Kharij*<sup>1</sup> student in Qom Seminary (Hawze Elmiyyeh) is Jusriprudence (Fiqh), principle of jurisprudence (Osoul al-Fiqh), Theology (Kalam) and Philosophy

### -Academic studies:

- PhD in "Islamic Studies" in International Institute for Islamic Studies-Qom. I am finishing my dissertation thesis about "*Holy Spirit in Shi'ism and Catholicism*"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> PhD in , **Culture and communications**, Baqir al-Oloum University, Qom, Iran
- M.A of Islamic Studies and Communications (Media and Religion).from IRIB university Qom centre
- B.A. of Politics, - Baqi al-Oloum university-Qom
- B.A. of English Translation - Baqir al-Oloum university-Qom

## 2. Current Position & teaching records:

- Director of Muslim Christian Interfaith Dialogue association (<http://MCID.org.ir>), in International Institute for Islamic Studies (IIIS) under the authority of Qom Seminary (Hawzah)
- Head of International Affairs Department in Al-Mustafa Open University.
- Associate Professor of Islamic Studies and Comparative studies in al-Mustafa International University (MIU)
- Expert of *Islamic Beliefs* program in Call of Islam radio station (COI) for more than 100 episodes but already finished.
- Expert of Sahar Universal Network in IRIB center in Iran.
- Supervisor of Sahar Universal Network television live programs for more than 200 programs ( three programs" Islamic Studies" in Saturdays, *Quranic Exegesis* in Tuesdays and *Legal Rulings in Islam* in Thursdays.
- Producer of Islamic programs in Call of Islam radio station (COI).
- Teaching Toefl courses
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## 3. The Area of studies

- 1- My major study in Qom Seminary (Hawze Elmiyyeh) is Jusriprudence (Fiqh), principle of jurisprudence (Osoul al-Fiqh), Theology (Kalam) and Philosophy. I have also studied in the following fields as well:
- 2- I am also involved in **comparative studies between Islam and Christianity** and have managed several interfaith dialogue

<sup>1</sup> Kharij studies in Hawzah are the advanced level of Islamic studies in Hawzah which are allowed for those who have attained more than ten years in Hawzah. For the moment, it is my 18<sup>th</sup> year that I am in it, Alhamdulillah.

conferences inside and outside Iran (Italy, Austria) with the help of St. Thomas University in Minnesota, USA and Monastic Interreligious Dialogue center. For some records you can take a look at:

- [http://www.dimmid.org/index.asp?Type=B\\_BASIC&SEC={1F6F189E-4BE8-4D44-8986-1B6C13C1389C}](http://www.dimmid.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={1F6F189E-4BE8-4D44-8986-1B6C13C1389C})
- <http://www.stthomas.edu/mcdc/events/previous.html>
- <http://mcid.org.ir>

#### 4. **Language Proficiency**

- **English:** Perfect
- **Persian:** second language
- **Turkish:** mother tongue
- **Arabic:** my academic language in Qom Seminary
- **French:** Intermediate
- **Deutsche:** I am at the level of B1 according to Goette standards; I continue my course.

#### 5. **Teaching Experience:**

- Islamic Theology (principles of Islamic beliefs),
- Approximation of religions and denominations,
- Interfaith Dialogue between religions and etc. in Mustafa international university

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#### 6. **Attending International conferences:**

- -Tabligh in Munich 2009 in Islamische Zentrum München and Hamburg
- -San Anselmo Abbey in Rome and Vatican, 2011 (Conference-Interfaith-DIMMID)
- -University of Vienna, 2011, (Conference- Islam and Capitalism),
- -Kardinal Koenig Haus, Austria, Vienna, 2011 (Interfaith Collaboration),
- -San Anselomo Abbey, 2012, joint conference with the MCDC members of St. Thomas University, Minnesota
- -Paris Great Mosque, مسجد الكبير لفرانس، a joint meeting for Shi'a-Sunny dialogue and collaborations,
- Invited to attend in Paderborn University Interfaith Dialogue, Sep., 2012
- Monastic Interfaith Program, St. Ottilien Arch-abbey, Munich, Germany, 2013
- Summer Interfaith Seminar in WCC ( World Council of Churches), Geneva, Switzerland, 2013,
- Interfaith dialogue in Oslo, Norway and also in Finland and Sweden in 2015.

#### 7. **Articles and Books:**

Articles:

- \*Islamic perspective on Lectio Divina
- Historical Evidences and Qur'anic Proofs for Muslim Christian Interfaith Dialogue
- Shi'a Islamic Perspective on the Problem of Evil
- \*How to be a witness in a Secular world
- \*True Image of Qur'an and Revelation
- \*commonalities between Islam and Christianity
- \*What is Islamic Economics?
- \*Divine Justice and Natural Disasters
- \*Morality Crisis in the Modern World
- \*Religion and Modernity

- \*Fixed Religion and Variant World
- \*Islam and Capitalism
- \*Religious Government and Governance of Jurist and ....

**8. *Cooprating with:***

- Mustafa International University
- IRIB Qom Centre Quarterly
- Mahdiism center

**9. *Executive Records:***

- Founder of Muslim Christian Interfaith Dialogue (MCID) association
- Director of MCID
- Director of the English Department of Lady Fatima Ma'sumah Holy Shrine, Qom, Iran,
- Head pf International Affairs Department, al-Mustafa Open University for virtual studies,
- Director of German Desk in IIIS

**"Muslim-Christian Dialogue: Religion and Spirituality in Life and Society"**  
**A Conference between Al-Mustafa University, Qom, Iran, and the University of St. Thomas**

**June 6-9, 2012**

**Vatican**



**DIMMID in Dialogue with Iranian Shi'a Muslims**  
**William Skudlarek OSB, 2011, Rome, San Anselmo**

