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**The Department of Religious Studies
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welcomes you to the inaugural

Siddiqi Lecture in Islamic Studies



Tuesday, October 28, 2014

7:00 p.m.

**James R. Cox Auditorium, Alumni Memorial
Building**

Speaker Biography

Sherman A. Jackson is the King Faisal Chair in Islamic Thought and Culture and Professor of Religion, Professor of American Studies and Ethnicity and Director of the Center for Islamic Thought, Culture and Practice at the University of Southern California. Prior to this appointment, he was an Arthur F. Thurnau professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Visiting Professor of Law and Professor of Afro-American Studies at the University of Michigan. He is author of *Islamic Law and the State: The Constitutional Jurisprudence of Shihâb al-Dîn al-Qarâfî* (Brill, 1996), *On the Boundaries of Theological Tolerance in Islam: Abû Hâmid al-Ghazâlî's Faysal al-Tafriqa* (Oxford, 2002), *Islam and the Blackamerican: Looking Towards the Third Resurrection* (Oxford, 2005), *Islam and the Problem of Black Suffering* (Oxford, 2009), *Sufism for Non-Sufis?: Ibn 'Atâ' Allâh al-Sakandari's Tâj al-'Arûs* (Oxford, 2012) and *Initiative to Stop the Violence: Sadat's Assassins and the Renunciation of Political Violence* (Yale University Press, forthcoming, 2014). He has authored numerous articles on various aspects of Islamic law, theology, history and Islam and Muslims in modern America. He is listed on the religion link of Religion News Writers Foundation as one of the top ten experts on Islam in America. And in both 2009 and 2012 he was named among the top 500 most influential Muslims in the world by the Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Center in Amman, Jordan and the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding.

Lecture Summary

The lecture will dispel, on the one hand, the stereotypical overstatement contained in the idea that shari'ah covers "everything" that an individual and collective human existence entails. It will reiterate, on the other hand, the limits the Constitution places on itself in terms of how groups and individuals may relate to their respective religious traditions. This treatment of the limits of shari'ah and the Constitution will open up the way to a discussion on the degree to which the two can mutually co-exist and talk to each other.

Program

Opening remarks

Rosalind I. J. Hackett

UT Professor of Religious Studies

Welcome

Rickey Hall

UT Vice Chancellor for Diversity

Speaker introduction

Manuela Ceballos

UT Lecturer in Religious Studies

Speaker

Sherman A. Jackson

"Converging Limits: Shari'ah and the
U.S. Constitution"

Question and answer session

A word of thanks

Eman Khalil Emara

President of UT Muslim Students
Association

Reception, book signing, and presentation of plaque by Siddiqi Holdings