

Amanda Tapp

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PhD student in Islamic Intellectual History – Ibn ‘Arabī, Sufism, and Islamic Philosophy

Education

McGill University, School of Religious Studies <i>Doctor of Philosophy</i> • Supervisor: Professor Armando Salvatore	2025 – 2030 (expected)
McGill University, Institute of Islamic Studies <i>Master of Arts</i> • Thesis: Sufi Ethics into Ontology in Ibn ‘Arabī’s <i>Mawāqī‘ al-nujūm</i> (The Twilight of the Stars) • Student Representative, Institute of Islamic Studies Student Council (2023-24)	2023 – 2025
King’s College London, War Studies – Terrorism, Security & Society <i>Master of Arts</i> • Dissertation: Manuel Castells’ “Network Society” and the War on Terror	2017 – 2018
Pitzer College (Claremont Colleges), Sociology (minor: English & World Literature) <i>Bachelor of Arts</i> • Thesis: The Media, the War on Terror, and the Public Sphere	2013 – 2017
TEFL Academy, Teaching English as a Foreign Language (Level 5)	2021

Research Experience

Research Assistant, School of Religious Studies, McGill • Researching Toshihiko Izutsu’s engagement with Ibn ‘Arabī’s metaphysics; assisting Professor Armando Salvatore	2026
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Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, School of Religious Studies, McGill University • Judaism, Christianity and Islam – TA course coordinator • World Religions and the Cultures They Create – three terms ◦ Gave lectures on Daoism and on Islam • Religion and Human Rights	2023 – 2026
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Publications

Peer-reviewed Articles

Tapp, Amanda. 2023. "Munājāt and Ibn al-‘Arabī’s Unity of Being" *Religions* 14, no. 6: 693.
<https://doi.org/10.3390/rel14060693>.

Books (Creative)

Tapp, Amanda. *Fay*. Cairo: Al Roba Publishing House, 2022.

Journalism (selected)

Tapp, Amanda. “COVID-19: America, China and the Conspiracy War.” *The Cairo Review of Global Affairs*, 5 July, 2020.

Tapp, Amanda. “Our Future as Climate Refugees.” *The Cairo Review of Global Affairs*, Winter 2020.

Tapp, Amanda. “Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament in the Middle East.” *The Cairo Review of Global Affairs*, Fall 2019.

Tapp, Amanda. “China-Africa Relations: Parasitism or Mutualism?” *Egyptian Streets*, 23 May 2019.
<https://egyptianstreets.com/2019/05/23/>.

Tapp, Amanda. "Social Movements and Asymmetrical Warfare in an Information Era." *Dialogue Magazine* (King's College London), November 2017.

Conferences

American Academy of Religion Conference, McGill University, Montréal	May 2026
• "Ibn 'Arabi's Epistemological Method: from Practical Ethics to Cosmological Ontology"	

Awards & Fellowships

Wilfred Cantwell Smith Fellow, McGill University — doctoral fellowship (full stipend)	2025 – 2030
Barbara and Patrick Keenan Experience Award for Interfaith Studies, McGill University	April 2026
Cedrik Goddard Memorial Award in Islamic Studies, McGill University	March 2024
Pitzer Summer Internship Fund, Pitzer College	2016

Service

Organizing Committee, <i>Grief and Liberation</i> Symposium, Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill	2023
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Languages

English (Native), Arabic (Classical Arabic; Egyptian – Conversational), Mandarin (Fluent), French (Pre-Intermediate)

Additional Arabic training:

University of Virginia – Intensive Arabic Summer Course (Intermediate)	Jun – Aug 2026
International House – Classical Arabic (Intermediate)	Oct – Dec 2022
Hedayet Institute for Arabic Studies (Cairo) – Intensive Immersive Arabic (3-month)	2018; 2021
SOAS, University of London – Intensive Arabic Summer Course	May 2017

Journalism & Media

AUC Today and News@AUC (American University in Cairo) – Contributing Writer	May – Dec 2022
BBC Arabic Radio – Guest Speaker	April, 2020
Kantar (Streetscapes) – Freelance Cultural Correspondent, Egypt Produced consumer and cultural market-research reports on the Egyptian market	2019 – 2023
The Cairo Review of Global Affairs (American University in Cairo) – Researcher-Reporter https://www.thecaireview.com/contributors/amanda-tapp/	2019 – 2021