**Ahmed Ali Siddiqi**

**Curriculum Vitae**

**Employment**

Colgate University

Assistant Professor

Fall 2025–Present

St. John’s College, Santa Fe

Tutor (Assistant Professor)

Fall 2021–Spring 2025

Emory University

Marcus Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow

Fall 2018–Spring 2021

University of Texas at Austin

Assistant Instructor

Fall 2015–Spring 2018

**Education**

University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D., Political Theory

Dissertation: “Revival, Reform, and Reason in Islam: Alfarabi on the Proper Relationship Between Religion and Politics”

Defended August 2018

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M.A., Political Theory

Thesis: “Politics, Religion, and Philosophy in Al-Farabi's *Book of Religion*”

Received August 2014

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Comprehensive exam fields: Political Theory, Comparative Politics

University of North Texas

B.A., Political Science; B.S., Economics

Minors: Arabic, Mathematics

**Published Articles**

“Hardship, Recompense, and Divine Law: Al-Fārābī on the “Virtue of Struggle.” *Polity* 56, no. 4 (2024). Ahead of print.

“Moral Epistemology and the Revision of Divine Law in Islam.” *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion* 10, no. 1 (2021): 43–70.

“Political Rationalism and the Theological Alternative in Alfarabi's Book of Religion.” *The Review of Politics* 80, no. 4 (2018): 625–48.

**Working Papers**

“Religion Made Human: Al-Fārābi’s *Kitāb al-Hurūf* on Philosophy’s Twofold Interest in Religion.” Under review.

Metaphysics and Political Science in Al-Fārābi’s *Kitab Tahsil al-Sa’ada*.

Manuscript in progress.

**Book Reviews**

Review of *Alfarabi: The Political Writings, Volume II*, ed. and trans. Charles E. Butterworth. In *Interpretation: A Journal of Political Philosophy*, Volume 43/1 (Fall 2016).

**Book Manuscripts**

*Revival, Reform, and Reason in Islam: Al-Farabi on the Relationship Between Religion and Politics.*

**Invited Talks**

“Hardship, Salvation, and the Limits of Secularism: Al-Fārābī on the ‘Virtue of Struggle’”

Occidental College

June 18, 2020 (Given virtually)

“Struggle and Salvation in Islamic Theology”

University of West Georgia

November 12, 2019

“Al-Fārābī on the ‘Virtue of Struggle’ in Islamic Law”

University of Texas at Austin

February 21, 2019

**Conference Presentations**

“Religion Made Human: Al-Fārābi’s *Kitāb al-Hur**ūf* on the Antagonism Between Religion and Philosophy”

Southern Political Science Association: January 2022

“Hardship and Salvation in Islamic Thought: Al-Fārābī on the ‘Virtue of Struggle’”

American Political Science Association: September 2020

“Politics, Religion, and Philosophy in Al-Fārābī’s *Book of Religion*”

Midwest Political Science Association: April, 2015

“The Treatment of the Philosopher-King in Plato's *Republic*”

Midwest Political Science Association: April, 2013

**Sample Courses Taught**

Foundations of American Democracy

A study of the basic principles of American political life as revealed in Federalist and Anti-Federalist essays, Locke, Tocqueville, Lincoln, Douglass, Booker T. Washington, DuBois, and Baldwin.

Modern Political Thought

A survey of political philosophy from the 16th to the 19th centuries, with readings from Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Mill, and Nietzsche.

Classics of Social and Political Thought

A survey of political philosophy and economics, with readings from Aristotle, Thomas Aquinas, Locke, Adam Smith, Rousseau, Marx, Keynes, and Hayek.

Al-Farabi’s Political Philosophy

An introduction to al-Farabi through a close reading of several works, with special attention to the relationship between philosophy, politics, and religion.

St. John’s Freshman Seminar

A survey of Ancient Greek literature, drama, history, and philosophy.

St. John’s Sophomore Seminar

A survey of literature, philosophy and theology covering Ancient Israel, Rome, and the early Renaissance

St. John’s College Junior Seminar

A survey of literature, philosophy, and political thought from the early modern era, broadly construed.