

Annabel Keeler: Publications, Conferences and Research

Publications

Monographs

- Forthcoming: *The Esoteric Interpretation of the Qur'an*, ed. With Sajjad Rizvi, with Oxford University Press/Institute of Isma'ili Studies, late 2014/early 2015.
- 2011: *Tafsir al-Tustari*, translated by Annabel Keeler and Ali Keeler, annotated and with an introduction by Annabel Keeler, Louisville Fons Vitae, April 2011. (See below for my contribution to this translation).
- 2006; *Sufi Hermeneutics: Maybudi's Persian Commentary on the Qur'an, the Kashf al-asrar*, Oxford University Press, in association with the Institute of Ismaili Studies, December, 2006. (awarded 'Book of the year' prize in Iran, 2008).

Articles

- Forthcoming: 'The Concept of *adab* in Early Sufism with particular reference to the teachings of Sahl al-Tustari (d. 283/896)', in E Feuillbois-Pierunek et al, *Ethics and Spirituality in Islam: Sufi Adab*, Brill 2014.
- 'Towards a Prophetology of Love: The Figure of Jacob in Sufi Commentaries on Sūrat Yūsuf', in Keeler and Rizvi (eds) *The Esoteric Interpretation of the Qur'an*, IIS and OUP, 2014/15
- 'Sufi *tafsirs* in Persian', in Ehsan Yarshater (ed.) *Persian Literature*, vol. XI, *Persian Sufi Literature*.
- 2010: 'Rumi and Bayazid: Hagiographical Moments in the *Masnavi-ye Ma'navi*' in the *Proceedings of the Symposium of Mawlana Rumi, Istanbul, May 2007*, Istanbul, 2010.
- 2009: Extracts translated from Maybudi's commentary, and introduction to Maybudi, for *An Anthology of Qur'anic Commentaries*, Vol. I, Oxford University Press, in association with the Institute of Ismaili Studies, 2010.
- 2007: 'Mystical Theology and the Traditionalist hermeneutics of Maybudi's *Kashf al-asrar*', in Ayman Shihadeh, ed., *Sufism and Theology*, Edinburgh University Press, 2007, pp. 15-30.
- 2006: 'Bāyazīd Bisṭāmī', in Maḥmūd Riḍā Isfandiyār, chapter 2 in Maḥmūd Riḍā Isfandiyār, ed., *Āshnāyān-i rāh-i 'ishq*, Tehran, Iran University Press and Sāzmān-i farhang wa Irtibāṭāt-i Islāmī, 2006, pp. 35-74.

'Persian, Language of the Heart in Maybudī's *Kashf al-asrār*', in Fereyduṅ Vahman and Claus V. Pederson, eds., *Religious Texts in Iranian Languages*. Copenhagen, The Royal Danish Academy of Science, 2006, pp. 263-77.

'Sufi *tafsīr* as a Mirror: Qushayrī the *murshid* in his *Laṭā'if al-ishārāt*', *Journal of Qur'ānic Studies*, Vol. VIII, Issue 1, 2006, pp. 1-21.

Conferences

- 2012 Participated in conference 'Éthique et Spiritualité en Islam: l'Adab Soufie', at Sorbonne in Paris.
- 2010 'Bāyazīd and *Zuhd*' at the conference 'Wise Fools: Asceticism at the Crossroads of Christianity and Islam', University of Leiden, February, 2010.
- Acted as respondent for panel 'The Legacy of al-Qushayrī', at annual meeting of American Academy of Religion, November 2010.
- 2007 'Rumi and Bāyazīd: Hagiographical Moments in the *Mathnavi-ye ma'navi*'. Paper presented at the International Symposium of Mawlana Rumi, Istanbul, May, 2007.
- 'Rumi's View of Bāyazīd in his *Mathnavi-ye ma'navi*'. Paper presented at the Congress in Commemoration of Rumi, Tehran and Tabriz, October, 2007.
- 2006 Organized and convened:
ESF Exploratory Workshop: The Esoteric Interpretation of the Qur'ān, held at Wolfson College and Newnham College, Cambridge, 18th-20th July 2006, under the auspices of the Centre of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies. Funded by the European Science Foundation and the Institute of Ismaili Studies.

Research

- 2013- A diachronic study of sources on the celebrated but little studied 9th century mystic Abū Yazīd al-Biṣṭāmī (Bāyazīd) and his heritage in later Islamic mysticism. This comprises an intra- and inter-textual study of hagiographical and non-hagiographical sources, which has two aims: firstly, to gain a clearer picture of Bāyazīd's life and thought, and to assess his impact and influence on later Sufis.

Continuing comparative study of Sufi commentaries on *Sūrat Yūsuf*. Having so far looked at five Sufi commentaries dating from the 11th-

14th centuries CE, focusing firstly on the way that the emergence of love mysticism has affected interpretations of the figure of the prophet Jacob in the Qur'anic story of Joseph, and secondly, on hermeneutical developments that appear in Sufi exegesis over this period, this research is continuing with the examination of several later Sufi commentaries on Sūrat Yūsuf, in order to investigate further the way in which this Sura has provided Sufis with particular scope to expound their doctrines through scriptural exegesis.

2013-14 A study of *adab* as a concept in early Sufism, this involved an examination of the *Kitāb ādāb al-nufūs* of Ḥarīth al-Muḥāsibī, the *Kitāb al-Riyāḍa* and *Adab al-naḥs* of Ḥakīm al-Tirmidhī, and the numerous sayings of Sahl al-Tustarī preserved not only in his *tafsīr* but also in the collection of his sayings known as *Kalām Sahl b. ‘Abd Allāh*. It also took into consideration sayings of early mystics cited in the *Jawāmi‘ ādāb a-ṣūfiyya* Sulamī, and chapters on *adab* in the *Kitāb al-Luma‘* of Sarrāj, the *Tadhīb al-asrār* of Khargūshī and the anonymous 5th/11th century work known as *‘Ilm al-taṣawwuf*.

2007-10: Revision of draft translation of the Qur’ān commentary of Sahl b. ‘Abd Allāh al-Tustarī. Referred to three MSS in order to correct errors in published edition, wrote lengthy introduction on Tustarī’s life and thought, added full annotation and prepared analytical index.