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# Professional Summary

* Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religions/Theology from the Catholic University of Lyon, France
* Ph.D. in Philosophy/Cultural Anthropology from the University of Lyon III France
* Professor of Religion at Santa Clara University SCU 2019-2020
* Professor of Philosophy, Mythology, & Arabic Culture at CSUS 2013-2020.
* Professor of Humanities at CRC 2016.
* Assistant Professor of Religions at Notre Dame University (NDU) Lebanon 1999-2013.
* Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at the Antonine University Beirut 2000-20012.
* According to the Bulletin of the Catholic University of Lyon, Dr. C. Karam is one of the few scholars that have demonstrated extensive knowledge and scholarship in the Biblical Saga as echoed through the Ugaritic Tablets, the Phoenician Religion/Mythology, and their ramification in the Fertile Crescent, the Mediterranean, and beyond.
* Member of SAMR, Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions.
* Member of CISA, Center for Interfaith Studies in America.
* Senior Coordinator for North America World Lebanese Cultural Union (WLCU-TGC).
* Director of PARC.ORG the Phoenician Aramaic Research Center.
* Author of the Phoenician/Biblical Trilogy (in French) on Mythology, Religion, Philosophy and Cultural Anthropology of the Semitic World

# Education

1985 - Ph.D. in Scholastic Philosophy/Theology - Philosophy of Religion

Université Catholique de Lyon, France

1984 - Ph.D. in Philosophy/Cultural Anthropology – Multidisciplinary Studies: Modern Western Philosophy, The Religious Experience & Atheism, Existentialism, Psychology, Structuralism & Linguistics in Mythology and Religion

Université de Lyon II, France

1983 - Diploma in Applied Social Sciences, The Semitic World, Aborigine Societies, Folklore and Religions

Institut de Sciences Sociales Appliquées ISSA, France

1979 - Bachelor in PSPA, Political Science / Public Administration

American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon

1974 - Advanced Diploma in Semitic Languages and Religions, Aramaic-Syriac, Arabic & Colloquial Levantine/Ugaritic

 Antonine Seminary & University of Biblical Studies, Beirut, Lebanon

1970 - Lasallian Christian Brothers Colleges of Lebanon (Foundational Education Grades 1-10)

# Experience

2019-2020 Professor of Religion and Theology at Santa Clara University – Santa Clara, CA

* Theology Ethics & Spirituality, The Christian Tradition, RSOC 190
* Religion & Society, Ways of Understanding Religion, RSOC 9

2013-2020 Professor at California State University of Sacramento, Humanities Department – Sacramento, CA

* Existentialism & Phenomenology, PHIL 117
* History of Philosophy, PHIL 26
* Introduction to Ethics, PHIL 06
* World Mythology, HRS 151
* Arabic Heritage & Culture, ARBC 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 199
* Introduction to the Humanities, HUM 301 (The Cradle of Civilization, Religions, & Art)

2000-2013 Professor at Notre Dame University, Department of Religious, Cultural and Philosophical Studies – Zouk Mosbeh, Lebanon

* Religion & Social Issues, REG 212
* Catholicism, REG 213
* World Religions, REG 215
* Maronite Faith & Cultural Heritage, REG 313
* Ancient World Philosophy & Religions, PHL 232
* Ethics and the Modern World, PHL 311
* Human Thought to 1500, HUT 301
* Modern & Contemporary World Philosophy, Atheism, and Existentialism, PHL 334
* Introduction to Sociology, Ibn Khaldoun on Arab Societies, SOL 201
* Cultural Anthropology, Semitic and Levantine Traditions, ANT 322

 Professor at Antonin University, Institute of Biblical Studies – Beirut, Lebanon

* Phenomenology of the Semitic World and the Biblical Culture
* The Bible and The Fertile Crescent, Canaan, Aram, Syria, Arabia, the Levant
* The Phoenician Perspective for a new Hermeneutic of the Scriptures

1988-1999 Director at International Universities - Nice, France

* International Program for Languages: Arabic, French, Italian, English, Russian

1984-1988 International Programs Director at Institut Montaigne - Nice, France

* Philosophy & World Religions
* Arabic & Global Studies
* Applied Social Studies

Instructor at Institut Tunon (Hospitality Mgmt College) – Monaco, Monte Carlo

* Global Cultural Studies & Mediterranean Cultures and the Rising Arabia

1983-1984 Instructor at Académie de Lyon - Lyon, France

* Philosophy & Religion, Arabic/Levantine Language and Culture

1982-1983 Instructor at Lebanese University – Beirut, Lebanon

* French Civilization, Structuralism and Linguistics, Existentialism and Atheism

Editor in Chief at Outlook Magazine - Beirut, Lebanon

* Weekly Trilingual Forum on Social, Economic, and Political issues
* Today it is Lebanon Times, a bilingual magazine published in (Arabic-English) in Houston

# Publications

* Adonai, Essai de Mythocritique de la Mythologie Phénicienne . PUE 2018. ISBN 978-3-639-54843-3
* La Symbolique des Archétypes de la Mythologie Phénicienne. PUE 2018. ISBN 978-613—8-42918-0
* Herméneutique du Genie Sémitique. PUE 2018. PUE 2018
* Lexicon on Biblical Manners and Levantine Arabian traditions (In process)
* Khaddada (articles in Arabic, on Lebanese Philosophy in NDU Spirit)
* Essay on Gibran’s Spirituality and Biblical Imagery: Father of the Arabian Renaissance (200 pages, Faculté Catholique de Lyon)
* Articles in Arabic: Unique research on the Arabian mind, religion and culture.
* Abraham and Ishmael on the Road to Peace?
* The Riddle of Prophet Elijah and John the Baptist: The mystery of his violent death (article)
* Mediterranean Mythologies, Religions, Civilizations, and Symbolism (various articles and conferences in France, Lebanon and USA)
* Min Kaab el Dissit (on Aramaic-Lebanese, Levantine living traditions)
* Ajajine al Nour (essay on the symbolic of Water to Wine miracle at Cana of Galilee)
* Gan Adon-Garden of Eden? Adam-Adon-Adonis, and the Lost Paradise (deciphering the book of Genesis based on Aramaic-Lebanese-Arabic syntax!)
* Islam- Al Haram wal Halal: Women, Wine & Money (essay on Arabian Taboo, cultural anthropology)
* Maran Atha (essay on Historical Jesus, and the Eschatological times)
* From Dabkeh to Nargilleh-Houka (essay on Lebanese Folklore)
* Customs and Traditions of Old Lebanon in Biblical Times, (parc)

# Seminars / Conferences / Research

Interfaith:

* Islamic-Christian Interfaith Encounters CISA, Greater Sacramento Area.
* Global Interfaith Conference & Forum 1. CSUS Global Interfaith Conference & Forum 2. CSUS
* Ecumenical Coordinator for Apostolic Eastern Churches of Greater Sacramento an ecumenical & interfaith peace initiative for Californians.
* The Religious Dimension, CSUS.
* Mythology in Today’s Life. HRS Department, CSUS
* The Impact of Vatican II on Middle Eastern Churches, NDNU, Belmont, California
* Hermeneutics of Primordial Times in Genesis, Sanchoniathon and Ugaritic Texts.
* Panel on Intercultural–Interreligious Marriages in Lebanon, series broadcasted on “Voice of Lebanon” “Voie Du Liban” radio (VDL), Beirut, Lebanon
* Psychology, Structuralism, and Religion Seminars (Faculté Lyon III)
* The Impact of Vatican II on Eastern Churches, NDNU- Millbrae 2013.
* A series of lectures on the future of Christianity in the Middle East, addressed to the Knight of Columbus in the Greater Sacramento Area.
* Maronite Oriental Christian Heritage, Ritual and traditions

Philosophy:

* Kierkegaard The Knight of Faith, Sacramento State University Philosophy Club.
* Existentialism and its Future in American Universities, CSUS
* Nietzsche on Zarathustra’s Path in Eze/Nice France, CSUS
* From the Promised Lands to the Land of the Promise: The Phoenician Journey from Lebanon to River Sidon-USA. FIRM Foundation, Salt Lake City, Utah
* Genesis, Garden of Eden-Gan Adon, & What if Plato Was Wrong. A new insight in deciphering Plato’s Phaedrus on the Celebration of the Gardens of Adonis in Athens.
* A series of lectures on Existentialism at CSUS Philosophy Club.
* Human Thought, Pre-Socratic Philosophy, Mythology, Cultural Anthropology of the Old & Modern Arab World and the Levant.

Sociology

* Global Cultural Sociology, Series of Video Conferences between El Camino College CA and NDU.
* The Hellenic Polis Versus the Phoenician Cultures. Conference, Friends Hall NDU
* Taboo or not Taboo in the Middle East, series on Voice of Lebanon Radio (VDL), Beirut, Lebanon
* Sex in Media, it’s Impact on Lebanon’s society. MTV, Beirut, Lebanon
* From Their Perspective: Lebanese and ME Societies in the eyes of Europeans, a panel of foreign nationals (in Arabic and English).
* Home Helpers in Lebanon: Slavery or Salvation?
* On Zajal, typical Lebanese colloquial poetry, (NDU inter department lectures series)
* On the Phoenician Path (Phoenicia.org)
* On the Mystery of the Phoenician Origins (Herodotus, the Histories, Book I Chapter I): A voyage to the Land of Myra and Incense, Oman
* Phoenician Studies Seminars (Sorbonne, Paris)
* Minorities in the Middle East, Table Ronde. (Faculté Catholique de Lyon)
* The Contribution of the Phoenician-Lebanese Diaspora to World Civilization (a recurring annual conference with WLCU, the World Lebanese Cultural Union and affiliates - LAU Lebanese American University Alumni
* Customs, Politics of Middle Eastern Cultures & Religions
* Phoenician Civilization & contribution to world civilization
* Semitic Genome Project
* New Insight in Middle Eastern Cultural Anthropology
* Ibn Khaldoun revisited
* Comparative Middle Eastern Studies: Taboo (Halal & Haram)
* Solving the Riddle behind the Swine Taboo (pig lovers and pig haters)
* Educational Travel
* Mythology in Our Today’s Life. HRS Department, CSUS

# Languages

Aramaic, Arabic, French and English – fluent written & spoken