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Books

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2. “Dreams and the Apocalypse” presented at the Mid-America History Conference, University of Little Rock, Sept. 23, 2010.
3. “Apocalypse and Identity: Ibn al-Munadi and 10th Century Baghdad,” presented at the Dept. of History, Notre Dame University, Oct. 10, 2010.
4. “Contemporary Apocalyptic Literature and Radicalism,” presented at the Apokalypse Heute colloquium, University of Frankfurt, June 28, 2011.
5. “Martyrdom in Contemporary Jihadi Literature,” presented at Jihadi Cultures (Thomas Hegghammer), Oslo, Norway, July 1, 2011.

6. "The Collapse of Religious Justifications for Globalist Radical Muslims," presented at Ten Years After, National Defense University, Sept. 12-13, 2011.
7. "The Image of the Turk in Classical Apocalyptic Literature," presented at the University of Frankfurt, Oct. 23-25, 2011.
8. "Contemporary Muslim Radicalism" presented at Indonesian Radicalism, at the Australian National University, Canberra, Dec. 5-6, 2011.
9. "Classical and Contemporary Martyrdom in Islam," presented at Sacrifice and Death in Modern Islam, at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 11-13, 2012.
10. "The Mahdi's Arrival and the Messianic Future State according to Sunni and Shi'ite Apocalyptic Scenarios," presented as the 7th Annual Levztzion Lecture, June 14, 2012.
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18. "Boko Haram and the Islamic Maghreb," presented at Nanyang University, Singapore, June 3, 2013.
19. "Failure in Jihad: Towards a Paradigm," at the 3rd Annual LIVIT conference, University of Exeter, UK, Sept. 2-3, 2013.
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24. "Isis and Islam," at the Religious Violence Conference, Union Theological Seminary, New York, Oct. 2-4, 2015.
25. "Boko Haram and the Apocalypse," ASMEA, Washington DC, Oct. 30-31, 2015.
26. "Monks to Muslims: an Early Trope," at the CSOC workshop, University of Beer-Sheva, Israel, Jan. 4-7, 2016.
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28. "Testing Paul Alexander: Apocalypse in History," at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, April 2, 2016.
29. "Nu'aym and the Qur'an: Early Apocalyptic use of Qur'anic Citation," at the International Qur'anic Studies Association, Nov. 19, 2016.
30. "Routinization of Suicide Attacks in Contemporary Salafi-jihadism," at the University of Lancaster, Nov. 25, 2016.

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