

Contributors

James J. Buckley is Professor of Theology at Loyola University Maryland. He has contributed to and edited (with Frederick Bauerschmidt and Trent Pomplun) *The Blackwell Companion to Catholicism* (2007). He is an associate director of the Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology.

David B. Burrell, CSC, Theodore Hesburgh Professor Emeritus in Philosophy and Theology at the University of Notre Dame, currently serves the Congregation of Holy Cross as consultant to the new Notre Dame University of Bangladesh in Dhaka. Efforts since 1982 in comparative issues in philosophical theology in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are evidenced in *Knowing the Unknowable God: Ibn-Sina, Maimonides, Aquinas* (1986), *Freedom and Creation in Three Traditions* (1993), *Original Peace* (with Elena Malits, 1998), and *Friendship and Ways to Truth* (2000), as well as two translations: *Al-Ghazali on the Ninety-Nine Beautiful Names of God* (1993) and *Al-Ghazali on Faith in Divine Unity and Trust in Divine Providence* (2001); and more recently, essays exploring *Faith and Freedom* (2004) and *Learning to Trust in Freedom* (2009), as well as a theological commentary on Job, *Deconstructing Theodicy* (2008).

Nelly van Doorn-Harder is Professor of Islamic Studies at Wake Forest University. She was trained in the Netherlands and received her PhD from the Free University of Amsterdam. Her research straddles issues concerning women and religion and those concerning minorities, minority cultures, human rights in Muslim countries, and the interreligious encounter between Muslims and Christians. She has done her main fieldwork in the Middle East and Southeast Asia, specializing in indigenous Christianity of Egypt and Indonesian Islam. Among the books she has authored are *Contemporary Coptic Nuns* (1995), *Women Shaping Islam: Indonesian Muslim Women Reading the Qur'an* (2006), and (with Magdi Guirguis) *The*

Contributors

Emergence of the Modern Coptic Papacy (2011). Currently her primary area of research concerns Muslim spirituality in Southeast Asia.

Sidney H. Griffith is Ordinary Professor in the Department of Semitic and Egyptian Languages and Literatures at The Catholic University of America, with responsibilities in Syriac and Christian Arabic. His most recent book is *The Church in the Shadow of the Mosque: Christians and Muslims in the World of Islam* (2010).

Sandra Keating is Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College. She has published numerous articles and a book on relations between Muslims and Catholics, with a particular emphasis on theological exchange in the medieval period. Among others, she is a member of the USCCB Catholic-Muslim dialogue group, and she has served on the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Muslims. She lives in Rhode Island with her husband, Jim, and two children.

Rick Love holds a ThM in New Testament studies and a DMin in urban studies from Westminster Theological Seminary, and a PhD in intercultural studies from Fuller Theological Seminary. He is president of Peace Catalyst International and serves as a consultant for Christian-Muslim relations.

Michael Root is Professor of Systematic Theology at The Catholic University of America and Executive Director of the Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology. He was formerly the Director of the Institute for Ecumenical Research, Strasbourg, France.

Mark N. Swanson is the Harold S. Vogelaar Professor of Christian-Muslim Studies and Interfaith Relations at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago; previously he taught at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota (1998–2006), and at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo, Egypt (1984–1998). A Lutheran pastor who holds a doctorate from the Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, he is a student of Arabic Christian literature, early Christian-Muslim encounter, and medieval Coptic Orthodox church history.