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Recent publications include:

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In art and architecture, he is the author of “*Approaches to Mosque Design in North America*,” 1999; available on

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Other works include:

“*The Architecture and Campus Planning of Osmania University*,” 2003, and “*American Architecture of Islamic Inspiration*,” 2004. His most recent publication is *A Guide to Architecture in Hyderabad, Deccan, India*, web published on

<http://libraries.mit.edu/rotch/HyderabadJune262008.pdf>

Dr. Khalidi has been interviewed by several newspapers on Islam in United States, including *Time* and *Boston Globe*, & *Christian Science Monitor*, see

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1889047-2,00.html>

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