

## CURRICULUM VITE

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### EDUCATION

Brandeis University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Waltham, MA, 2012 – 2018

Ph.D. in Arabic and Islamic Civilizations, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, 2018

Honors: *Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, Nabum and Anne Glatzer Dissertation Prize*

M.A. in Women's and Gender Studies & Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, 2014

Honors: *Humanities Commencement Speaker*

Harvard University, M.Div. from Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, 2008 – 2011

Honors: *President and Fellows of Harvard College Presidential Scholar*

Princeton University, B.A. in Near Eastern Studies, Princeton NJ, 2003 – 2008

Honors: *Summa cum laude* (highest academic honors)

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Monographs

*Islam and Monotheism. Elements in Religion and Monotheism.* Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2022.

*Women and Gender in the Qur'an.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2020.

Winner: Association of Middle East Women's Studies Book Award 2021

Featured Title: American Academy of Religion Women's History Month 2022

Reviewed in: *American Academy of Religion's Reading Religion, American Journal of Islam and Society, Choice Reviews, Die Welt Des Islams, Feminist Studies in Religion, Horizons, Islamicate Book Reviews, Gender Studies, Muslim World Book Reviews, Religion and Gender, ReOrient, Studie Materiali di Storia delle Religioni, Studies in Religion, and Women's History Review.*

Translations: Arabic translation contracted in 2022 with Maana Publishing; Albanian language translation contracted in 2023 with Logos-A.

#### Edited Collections

*One Nation, Indivisible: Seeking Liberty and Justice from the Pulpit to the Streets.* Editor. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2019.

Excerpts republished in *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* (Spring/Summer, 2019) and *Forecast Journal* (no. 10, 2023); Reviewed in *Inter-Religious Studies* and *Convergence Magazine*.

### Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- “A Response to the Review of *Women and Gender in the Qur’an*,” *American Journal of Islam and Society* [submitted].
- “Gender-Attuned Research in Qur’anic Studies: A Roundtable on Influential Methodologies and Promising New Directions,” convener, author of essay entitled “Of Poets and Jesters: Methodologies and Reception Politics in Qur’anic Studies,” *Feminist Studies in Religion* 39, no. 2 (2023): roundtable 57–102, essay 79–81.
- “Spiritual Care by and for Muslim Women in the United States.” *Pastoral Theology*, (January 18, 2022): 1–7.
- “The Tentative *Mufasssira*,” *Feminist Studies in Religion* 37, no. 2 (2021): 213–19.
- “‘The Garment of Piety Is Best’: Islamic Legal and Exegetical Works on Bodily Covering.” *Claremont Journal of Religion* 4, no. 1 (2015): 19–54.
- “Interreligious Encounter in Women’s Words: Two Late Nineteenth-Century American Accounts.” *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* 23, no. 2 (2013): 226–33.

### Chapters in Peer-Reviewed Edited Volumes

- “Children and Parents in the Qur’an and Premodern Islamic Jurisprudence.” In *Religious Perspectives on Reproductive Ethics*, co-authored with Janan Delgado, edited by Dena Davis. New York: Oxford University Press, 2024. [in press]
- “Allāh’s Most Beautiful Names (*Asmā’ Allāh al-Ḥusnā*) and Interreligious Dialogue.” In *Islamic Perspectives on God and Other Monotheisms*. Birmingham, UK: al-Mahdi Institute Press. [in press]
- “Simulation-based Pedagogy for Interreligious Literacy: Critical Thinking Exercises for Teens and Young Adults.” In *Georgetown Companion to Interreligious Studies*, edited by Lucinda Mosher, 396–407. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2022.
- “Teaching Pluralism and Raising Conscience: Lessons from a High School Classroom.” In *Deep Understanding for Divisive Times: Essays in Celebration of Ten Years of the Journal of Interreligious Studies*, edited by Mary Elizabeth Moore, Lucinda Mosher, Or Rose, and Axel Takacs, 120–25. Newton Center, MA: Interreligious Studies Press, 2020.
- “Verse 4:34: Abjure Symbolic Violence, Rebuff Feminist Partiality, or Seek Another Hermeneutic?” In *Muslim Women and Gender Justice: Concepts, Sources, and Histories*, edited by Dina El Omari, Juliane Hammer, and Mouhanad Khorchide, 170–82. New York: Routledge, 2020.
- “*Sūrat al-‘Alaq* and Dispositions for Interreligious Engagement.” In *Words to Live By: Sacred Sources for Interreligious Engagement*, edited by Or Rose, Homayra Zaid, and Soren Hessler, 82–92. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2018.
- “Sexual Violence and Qur’anic Resources for Healing Processes.” In *Sexual Violence and Sacred Texts*, edited by Amy Kalmanofsky, 75–93. Cambridge, MA: Feminist Studies in Religion, 2017.

- “Family Law Reform, Spousal Relations, and the ‘Intentions of Islamic Law.’” In *Women’s Rights and Religious Law: Domestic and International Perspectives*, edited by Fareda Banda and Lisa Fishbayn Joffe, 108–22. New York: Routledge, 2016.
- “Ummah at the Intersection of Identities.” In *Religious Identity and Renewal in the Twenty-First Century: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Explorations*, edited by Michael Trice and Simone Sinn, 171–86. Leipzig: The Lutheran World Federation, 2015.
- “Religion, Gender, and Family Law: Critical Perspectives on Integration for European Muslims.” In *Applying Sharia in the West: Facts, Fears and the Future of Islamic Rules on Family Relations in the West*, co-authored with Zainab Alwani, edited by Maurits S. Berger, 227–40. Debates on Islam and Society. Leiden: Leiden University Press, 2013.
- “Gendering Ritual: Laws of Menstrual Preclusion.” In *Muslima Theology: The Voices of Muslim Women Theologians*, edited by Elif Mendeni, Ednan Aslan, and Marcia Hermansen, 167–79. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2013.
- “Courage at the Crossroads.” In *A Jihad for Justice: Honoring the Work and Life of Amina Wadud*, edited by Juliane Hammer, Laury Silvers, and Kecia Ali, 85–89. Print and online open access, 2012.

### Encyclopedia Articles

- “Menstruation.” In *Encyclopaedia of Islam, THREE*, edited by Kate Fleet, Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas, and Everett Rowson, 132–34. Leiden: Brill, 2021 (online July 19, 2021).
- “Al-Asmā’ al-Ḥusnā (Allah’s Most Beautiful Names).” In *Islam: A Worldwide Encyclopedia*, co-authored with Teresa Soto González, edited by Cenap Cakmak, 98–101. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2017.
- “Education.” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Science and Technology in Islam*, co-authored with Shenila Khoja-Moolji, edited by Ibrahim Kalin, 190–98. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014. Substantial revision of earlier entry.
- “Modern and Contemporary Trends in Muslim Women’s Leadership.” *Religious Leadership: A Reference Handbook*, co-authored with Shenila Khoja-Moolji, edited by Sharon H. Callahan, 308–16. Vol. 1. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE, 2013.
- “Law: Islamic Traditions.” In *Cultural Sociology of Divorce: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Robert E. Emery, 670–73. Los Angeles: SAGE, 2013.
- “Intersectionality.” In *Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia*, edited by Carlos E. Cortes and J. Geoffrey Golson, 1228–229. Los Angeles: SAGE, 2013.
- “Fatwā.” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women*, edited by Natana J. DeLong-Bas, 303–08. Vol. 1. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013. [Substantial revision of earlier entry.]
- “United States of America.” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women*, edited by Natana J. DeLong-Bas, 386–90. Vol. 1. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.
- “Thoraya Obaid.” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women*, Vol. II, edited by Natana J. DeLong-Bas, 19–20. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

“Headscarves on Women in Secular Turkey.” In *Multimedia Encyclopedia of Women in Today’s World*, 2nd ed., edited by Mary Z. Stange, Carol K. Oyster, and Jane Sloan, 764–68. Los Angeles: SAGE, 2013.

“African American Muslims.” In *Multimedia Encyclopedia of Women in Today’s World*, 2nd ed., edited by Mary Z. Stange, Carol K. Oyster, and Jane Sloan, 44–46. Los Angeles: SAGE, 2011.

“Wahhabism.” In *Multimedia Encyclopedia of Women in Today’s World*, 2nd ed., edited by Mary Z. Stange, Carol K. Oyster, and Jane Sloan, 1534–35. Los Angeles: SAGE, 2011.

### Book Reviews

*Women, Households, and the Hereafter in the Qur’an: A Patronage of Piety* by Karen Bauer and Feras Hamza (Oxford University Press, 2023) in *Journal of Religious History* [forthcoming]

*Rebellious Wives, Neglectful Husbands: Controversies in Modern Qur’anic Commentaries* by Hadia Mubarak (Oxford University Press, 2022) in *Journal of Qur’anic Studies* 26, no. 1 (2024). [in press]

*Rebuilding Community: Displaced Women and the Making of a Shia Ismaili Muslim Sociality* by Shenila Khoja-Moolji (Oxford University Press, 2023) in *Reading Religion*, April 6, 2023.

*Wives and Work: Islamic Law and Ethics Before Modernity* by Marion Katz (Columbia University Press, 2022) in *Journal of Islamic Ethics* 7 (2023), 1–5.

*The Qur’an and Modern Arabic Literary Criticism: From Ṭabā to Naṣr* by Mohammad Salama (Bloomsbury, 2018) in *Religious Studies Review* 46, no. 3 (2020): 427–28.

*Women and Leadership in Islamic Law: A Critical Analysis of Classical Legal Texts* by David Solomon Jalajel (Routledge, 2017) in *Religious Studies Review* 46, no. 3 (2020): 425.

*Critical Religious Pluralism in Higher Education: A Social Justice Framework to Support Religious Diversity* by Jenny L. Small (Routledge, 2020) in *Journal of Interreligious Studies*, no. 30 (2020): 79–81.

*The Study Quran: A New Translation and Commentary* edited by Seyyed Hossein Nasr, et al. (HarperCollins, 2015) in *Journal of Islamic and Muslim Studies* 1, no. 2 (2016): 89–92.

*Writing Muslim Identity* by Geoffrey Nash (Continuum, 2012) in *Journal of Postcolonial Writing* 94, no. 3 (2013): 372–73.

*Finding Mecca in America: How Islam Is Becoming an American Religion* by Muchit Bilici (University of Chicago, 2012) in *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 30, no. 2 (2013): 103–05.

*Sufism in the Contemporary Arabic Novel* by Ziad Elmarsafy (Edinburgh, 2012) in *Journal of Postcolonial Writing* 94, no. 4 (2013): 500–01.

### Solicited Articles

“Teaching Indigenous History,” *Christian Century* 141, no 2 (2024) [in press].

“Native Struggles for Rights, Justice, and Liberation,” co-authored with Jack Jenkins and Shannon Rivers, publication of the Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion at Notre Dame, forthcoming 2024. [submitted]

- “Islamic Ethics and Reproductive Justice: A Contemporary *Muslimah* Perspective,” essay in exhibition catalog for *Deeply Rooted: Faith in Reproductive Justice*, Kniznick Gallery, Brandeis University, November–December 2023, 17–20.
- “Freedom through Surrender: Overcoming the Ego and Finding Peace in Islam,” with Najiba Akbar, Yaqeen Institute for Islamic Research, January 20, 2023.
- “From a Drop to the Ocean,” *Forecast Journal* 1, no. 10, (2023): 130–39.
- “Spiritual Leadership Development and Community-Based Learning in a Muslim Seminary,” *The Commons*, Platform of the Association for Public Religion and Intellectual Life, August 3, 2022.
- “Campus Chaplains Hold the Center When Things Fall Apart,” co-authored with Elizabeth Aeschlimann and Nancy Fuchs Kreimer. *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 49, no. 1/2 (2021): 52–62.
- “The Qur’an on Mary, Mother of Jesus, and the Nativity,” Oxford University Press Blog, December 23, 2020.
- “Women in the Qur’an: Appreciating Female Faith, Wisdom, and Knowledge.” Yaqeen Institute for Islamic Research, September 24, 2020.
- “Psalm 126: A Jewish–Muslim Dialogue.” Co-authored with Nancy Fuchs Kreimer. *PsalmSeason*, August 17, 2020.
- “Multifaith Work as Urgent, Deeply Meaningful and Complicated.” *Evolve*, June 2020.
- “Anti-Muslim Bias as a Social Justice Issue,” Social Justice and Civic Engagement Series. Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, May 13, 2020.
- “FourThought Interview,” *State of Formation*, April 22, 2020.
- “The Urgency of Now,” *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 47, no. 1/2 (2019), 43–47.
- “From the Madrasa to the Seminary: Training for Aspiring American Muslim Professionals,” co-authored with Nancy Khalil. *Maydan*, August 8, 2018.
- “Death, Mourning, and the Afterlife,” co-authored with Rabbi Sue Fendrick, *The Huffington Post*, May 5, 2017.
- “Explaining Islam: What I Wish You Knew,” *Princeton Alumni Weekly Magazine*. Print, November 2016, 30–33; online, November 7, 2016.
- “Dreams of Trespass: Celebrating a Seminal Memoir in Muslim Feminist Thought,” *Muslim World Affairs*, September 17, 2016.
- “Women and Leadership,” co-authored with Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld, *The Huffington Post*, May 20, 2016.
- “Hijab Solidarity Day in Support of Religious Pluralism,” *Huffington Post Religion*, February 1, 2016.
- “Qur’anic Exegesis and Two Postcolonial Reform Agendas: Sayyid Quṭb (1906–1966) and Fazlur Rahman (1916–1988),” *Muslim World Affairs*, August 2015.
- “A Muslim Offering,” in *Standing in Need of Prayer: Spiritual Voices Envisioning Just Peacemaking in Our Communities*. Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries of Greater Boston (2015): 6–8.

- “Interreligious Leadership Education for Muslims in the United States.” *Journal of Inter-Religious Studies*, no. 15 (2014): 21–23.
- “Unsettling Gender Hierarchies and Valuing Sexual Difference,” *Muslim World Affairs*, October 19, 2014.
- “Ayan Hirsi Ali and Brandeis University: A View from Campus,” *Public Discourse*, April 24, 2014.
- “Islamic Reform’s Zero-Sum Game,” *Muslim World Affairs*, January 20, 2014.
- “Continuing Momentum in Muslim Critical Gender Scholarship,” *Muslim World Affairs*, September 3, 2013.
- “Critical Gender Analysis.” *The Global Muslim Community at a Crossroads: Understanding Religious Beliefs, Practices, and Infighting to End the Conflict*, edited by Abdul Basit, 73–79. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2012.
- “Religious Dimensions of Democratization Processes in Muslim-Majority Nations,” *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 29, no. 5 (2012): 141–45.

## ACADEMIC TALKS

### **Book Talks for *Women and Gender in the Qur’an*:**

For Academic Institutions: William and Mary (November 15, 2023), Kansas University (March 24, 2023), Rice University (March 21, 2023), Seton Hall University (February 27, 2023), Emory University (January 26, 2023), Agnes Scott College (January 26, 2023), Le Moyne College (October 19, 2022 and November 13, 2023), Johns Hopkins University (April 17, 2021 and April 26, 2022), Brandeis University (March 22, 2022), University of Cincinnati (November 9, 2021), Washington University in St. Louis (October 4, 2021), Brown University (April 24, 2021), University of Texas at Austin (April 22, 2022), The Claremont Colleges (April 1, 2021), Zaytuna College (March 12, 2021), Princeton University (March 9, 2021), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (February 5, 2021); prepublication talks at Hartford Seminary (January 29, 2019), Wellesley College (October 20, 2019), and Smith College (September 21, 2019).

For Muslim Community Organizations: Al-Huda Society (May 21, 2023), Muslim Space (April 2023 series), Boston Islamic Seminary (August 10, 2022), World Muslim Communities Council, Abu Dhabi (April 22, 2022), Islamic Center of Boston (2022 series), Ismaili Tariqah and Religious Education Board of the United States (October 17, 2021), Iqra Fellowship of Boston Islamic Seminary (February 28, 2021), and the Shia Ithna’ashari Community of Middlesex, U.K. (December 18, 2020).

### **Talks for *One Nation, Indivisible: Seeking Liberty and Justice from the Pulpit to the Streets*:**

Brown University, (keynote lecture for the Annual Association of College & University Religious Affairs Conference, November 11, 2019); Yale Divinity School (Annual Shura Conference, March 23, 2019); Princeton University (Muslim Life Program, October 1, 2019).

### Recent Keynote Addresses

“Lessons in Spiritual Leadership from Bilqīs to the Pact of Al-Ḥudaybiyah,” hosted by Mosaic, a program of The Prince’s Trust, London, U.K., December 14, 2023.

Visiting Scholar in Religion, Lawrenceville, Kansas; series of invited lectures hosted by Kansas University, Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence Community Library, Islamic Center of Lawrence, Lawrence Jewish Community Congregation, Plymouth Congregational Church, and First Baptist Church, March 24 – 26, 2023.

“Unsettling Gender Bias in Early Islamic Sources,” keynote for Religion and Gender: Beliefs, Practices, and Beyond, hosted by the Department of Women’s Education, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad and the Centre for Study and Research, New Delhi, October 27, 2022.

“Women’s Midrash and Tafsir: Twenty-First Century Exegetical Continuities and Ruptures,” keynote for the inaugural Forum for Jewish–Muslim Theology and Thought, Berlin Institute for Islamic Theology, October 24, 2022.

“Interreligious Engagement for Times of Disintegration,” Inaugural Department of Religion Annual Interfaith Lecture, Seton Hall University, co-sponsored by the American Association of Colleges and Universities and the Interfaith Youth Core, March 24, 2022.

“Women and Gender in the Qur’an,” for the Annual Allama Muhammad Iqbal Symposium on Islamic Thought and Civilization, University of Michigan at Flint, March 10, 2022.

### Invited Lectures, Conference Papers, and Symposia Participation

“The Beautiful Names (*al-Asmā’ al-Husnā*) and Interfaith Encounter: Modalities for Dialogical Exchange across Moral and Metaphysical Paradigms.” Markfield Institute of Higher Education, [scheduled, February 14, 2024].

“Amplifying Stories of Indigenous Liberation,” panel for “Faith in the Story” symposium hosted by the Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion, University of Notre Dame, October 10, 2023.

“Defining Community,” panelist for conference entitled Reimagining Muslim Life, University of Chicago, October 7, 2023.

“Divine Unicity and Muslim Moral Subjectivities: Paradigms for Cultivating the Self through Engagement with the Religious Other,” paper for Al-Mahdi Institute’s Islamic Philosophy and Theology Workshop, Birmingham, U.K., February 21, 2023.

“Islamic Feminisms and Muslim Women’s Movements: Striving for Nuanced Journalistic Coverage between Decolonial, Neoconservative, and Islamist Politics,” presentation for Faith in the Story: Religious Futures, Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion, Notre Dame, December 14, 2022.

- “Teaching Epistemology,” roundtable participant, Islamic Philosophy and Theology in Contemporary Engagement, American Society for Islamic Philosophy and Theology Annual Conference, Harvard University, December 3, 2022.
- “Gender in Narrative Text Structures in the Qur’an,” invited academic lecture for series entitled Religion, Gender, Hermeneutics: Performativity of Religious Texts, sponsored by the Berlin Institute for Islamic Theology, the Institute for Catholic Theology, and the Theological Faculty of Humboldt University, Berlin, October 27, 2022.
- “Gender-based Research in Qur’anic Studies: An Exploration of Theoretical and Methodological Directions in Contemporary Scholarship,” panelist and roundtable co-organizer, Annual Conference International of the Qur’anic Studies Association, hosted by La Pira Library and Research Center, Palermo, September 6, 2022.
- “Women and Religious Leadership in Muslim Societies,” for Women in Higher Education: Gender Equality in and Through Education conference, hosted by the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) in collaboration with The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), July 6, 2022.
- “Qur’anic Narrative and Hermeneutics,” panel organizer and chair, International Qur’anic Studies Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, November 20, 2021.
- “Disruptive Hermeneutics: Questions of Authority,” panel chair and discussant, Approaches to Qur’anic Studies in the Western Academy, North American Association of Islamic and Muslim Studies (NAAIMS) Fiftieth Annual Conference, co-hosted by the Department of Religious Studies, University of Oregon, November 12, 2021.
- Discussant for panel on *Women and Gender in the Qur’an*, sponsored by the *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* at the Society of Biblical Literature and American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, December 9, 2020.
- “What No Eye Has Seen: Reexamining Virgins in Paradise,” Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., November 2, 2019.
- “Qur’anic Studies in the Madrasa and in the Academy: An Impossible Dialogue?” for Approaches to Islamic Studies in North American Universities, hosted by the International Institute of Islamic Thought, Herndon, VA, July 13, 2018.
- “Qur’anic Stories on Sexual Violence,” for *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* panel at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 22, 2014.
- “Problematizing Liberalism: When ‘Islamic Feminism’ is a Misnomer,” for Religion and Revolution Symposium, sponsored by the Princeton University Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination at the School of Public and International Affairs, held in Vienna, Austria, June 19–21, 2014.
- “*Fiqh* and the Family: The Higher Intentions of Islamic Law and Changing Spousal Roles,” invited talk for the Project on Gender, Culture, Religion and the Law at the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, October 9, 2013.



- “Institutions of Islamic Higher Learning: A Community’s Exigent Demands and a Nation’s Struggle for Plurality,” for Collaborative Partnerships between Universities and Muslim Institutions conference, University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, June 27, 2013.
- “Muslim Reform Movements on Gender: Success or Failure on the Woman Question?” for the Islamic Studies Colloquium, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, Princeton, April 12, 2013.
- “Political Rhetoric, Islamophobia, and Bestselling American Fiction,” for Islam, Political Islam, and Islamophobia conference, hosted by Indiana University at Bloomington, March 29, 2013.
- “Disparate Paradigms for Energizing Religious Reform: Two Prominent Twentieth-Century Exegetes on Qur’anic Hermeneutics and Religious Ethics,” for Contemplating the Qur’an (Tadabbur al-Qur’an) conference, hosted by Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, D.C., March 24, 2013.
- “Gender and Personal Status Law in the MENA Region: Between Secular-Liberal and Islamist Visions,” for Religious Dimensions of Democratization Processes in Muslim-Majority Nations conference, North American Association of Islamic and Muslim Studies Annual Conference, Yale Divinity School, September 29, 2012.
- “Islamic Feminist Discourses in the Academy,” for Islam in the West and Democratic Trends in the Middle East and North Africa conference, North American Association of Islamic and Muslim Studies Annual Conference, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York City, September 23, 2011.
- “Women, Men, and Veiling: A Muslim Feminist Inquiry into Class, Gender, and Religious Law,” panelist and co-convenor, hosted by the Center of Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, September 30, 2010.
- “Faith-Based Family Dispute Mediation and Arbitration: North American Muslim Priorities,” lead organizer, co-sponsored by the Pluralism Project and HRH Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Islamic Studies Program, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, September 17, 2010.

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

### **Faculty Appointments**

Groton School, Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy, 2019 – pres.: Offer courses on global history (ancient, premodern, and modern); offer courses on applied ethics, Islamic ethics, theories and methods in the study of religion as well as courses on the Qur’an and Arabic language; faculty partner in diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives; support spiritual life as Muslim Chaplain, collaborate with residential life as dorm affiliate, and serve athletic programs as varsity coach

Faculty, Hebrew College & Andover Newton Theological School, 2014 – 2017: Position supported by a grant from The Henry Luce Foundation; jointly appointed as Islamic Studies Scholar-in-

Residence and Co-Director of the Center for Interreligious and Communal Leadership Education (CIRCLE); advisor for the Journal of Inter-Religious Studies™ (JIRS)

Faculty Affiliate Positions: Boston Islamic Seminary (since 2016); Hartford International University for Religion and Peace and Hartford Seminary (2018 – 2019 and 2023); Episcopal Divinity School (2013 – 2014); Center for the Study of Jewish–Christian–Muslim Relations and Department of Religious and Theological Studies at Merrimack College (2011 – 2014); Teaching Fellow at Brandeis University (2012 – 2014)

### **Appointments in Spiritual Care**

Harvard Divinity School, Muslim Denominational Counselor, Cambridge, MA 2022 – 2023

Mentor students preparing for careers in ministry as a liaison for the Office of Ministry Studies

Tufts University, Muslim Chaplain, Medford/Somerville/Boston, MA, 2014–2019

Provide confidential guidance to students, faculty, and staff; serve as a mentor for students across the University; liaison with administration and academic departments, including offices for advancement, admissions, and alumni relations; oversee and develop program budget lines; collaborate with university programs on religion, civic engagement, performing arts, residential life, wellness, and inclusion; build strategic partnerships across the University and within the wider community

### **Academic Program Coordination**

Andover Newton Theological School, Muslim Fellowship Program Coordinator (2012 – 2014)

Project Coordinator for the Islam in the West Program at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University (2009 – 2011)

Assistant to the Coordinator of Educational Programs at the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard Divinity School (2008 – 2011)

### **SERVICE**

#### **To Discipline:**

Provided frequent internal peer-review for Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, *Religions* (a journal of Cambridge University Press), the *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, and the *Journal of Inter-Religious Studies*

Society of Biblical Literature, panel organizer and chair for Bibles and Qur'an Unit, Annual International Conference, Salzburg, 2022

Interfaith America, working group for “Engaging Religious Diversity Online” project, 2022

Boston Theological Interreligious Consortium, advisor since 2022

International Qur'anic Studies Association, Methodologies and Hermeneutics Unit Co-chair, 2021 – 2023

*New York Times*, Learning Network, Teaching Project, 2021 – 2022

Columbia University Teachers College, The Klingenstein Center, “Justice, Conflict, and Dialogue” project, fellow 2020 – 2021

Johns Hopkins University, Program in Islamic Studies and the Center for Social Concern, collaborator on Wabash Center funded project entitled “Exploring Community-Engaged Models of Teaching and Learning in the Islamic Studies Classroom,” 2020 – 2021

The Op-Ed Project: Ambassador, 2020 – 2021; workshop participant 2013

Pluralism Project, Harvard University, Advisory Council, since 2020

Boston University School of Theology and Brandeis University, working group member for “Educating for Effective Chaplaincy,” 2019 – 2022

American Academy of Religion, Steering Committee for Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care, 2019 – 2021

Boston Interfaith Leadership Initiative, Steering Committee, project supported by the Author Vining Davis Foundations, 2018 – 2019

Feminist Studies in Religion Forum, Board Member, 2018 – 2020

Islamic Scholarship Fund, Selection Committee for Islamic Studies, 2017 – 2018

*Journal of Interreligious Studies*, Board of Advisors, since 2015

#### **As Alumna:**

United World College, United States Selection Committee, 2018 – 2024

Harvard Divinity School, Alumni/Alumnae Council, 2016 – 2021

Gomes Honors Selection Committee (2016 – 2018, Chair in 2019)

Bicentennial Celebration Host Committee (2017)

Princeton University, Alumni Schools Committee, 2009 – 2014

#### **RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS**

GT2 Arab World Prize, Academic Merit Award 2023

Brandeis University, Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, Research Associate for the Project on Gender, Culture, Religion and the Law, 2023 – 2024

Groton School Dillon Fund, research grants, 2020 – 2023

Shenandoah University, Center for Islam in the Contemporary World, research grant, 2020

International Institute of Islamic Thought, Summer Scholar, 2018

Northeastern University, Distinguished Interfaith Leadership Fellow, 2015

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Multifaith Fellow, 2017 – 2019

Tufts University, Arts, Sciences, and Engineering Diversity Fund, 2015 – 2017

American Association for the Advancement of Science & Association of Theological Schools, research and programming grants through Andover Newton Theological School, 2015 – 2016

Brandeis University: Mellon Doctoral Fellow 2017 – 2018; Rebecca Lee Spitz Scholarship, 2015 – 2017; Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Lectureship, 2016; research grant, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Department, 2013 – 2016; Max and Frances Elkon Endowed Fellowship, 2012 – 2014; Eli and Frimi Sagan Research Grant, 2014; Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, research grants, 2012 – 2014; Graduate Student Association research grants, 2012 – 2014; University Fellowship, 2012 – 2017

Merrimack College, Center for Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations, research grants, 2012 – 2013

Harvard University, HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies, scholarship, 2009 – 2011

Fadel Educational Foundation, scholarship, 2008 – 2014

Indiana University, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Fund Raising School Certificate, 2010

Harvard University, Pluralism Project, grants for research and programs, 2009 – 2010

### **Professional Memberships:**

American Academy of Religion; International Qur'anic Studies Association; Society of Biblical Literature; Association of Muslim Chaplains

## **OUTREACH**

### **Talks on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

“Practicing Religious Pluralism in an Episcopal School,” co-presenter with The Reverend Allison Read, Biennial Conference of the Association of Episcopal Schools, San Antonio, November 11, 2022.

“Deep Understanding for Divisive Times,” Discussant, *Journal of Interreligious Studies* (JIRS) and the Association of Interreligious/Interfaith Studies (AIIS) American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, online event, November 30, 2020.

“Xenophobia, Anti-Muslim Bias, and Sexism: Compound Marginalization in the Academic Workspace,” invited talk, hosted by the Equity and Inclusion Club, Harvard and Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, April 17, 2020.

“Worldview Diversity, Spiritual Wellness, and Fostering a Welcoming Campus Climate,” keynote for Student Affairs Diversity and Inclusion Conference, Bentley University, Waltham, MA, July 9, 2019.

Theologian-in-Residence, The Lovett School, Atlanta, GA, March 4–6, 2018.

“Sharia and Contemporary Life: Understanding Islam for Future Jewish Clergy,” invited talk, co-sponsored by Hebrew College, Hebrew Union College, the Institute of Jewish Religion, Jewish Theological Seminary, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Yeshivat Chovevei Torah, Yeshivat Maharat, the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, online event, March 21, 2017.

“Muslim Feminism,” featured speaker for Faculty of Arts and Sciences Human Resources Department Diversity Dialogues, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, December 6, 2016.

- “Islam and Muslims in America’s Multifaith and Multiracial Landscape: Critical Conversations and Social Justice Imperatives,” featured speaker, Southern New Hampshire University, Hookset, NH, November 17, 2016.
- “Tools for Dismantling Bigotry,” Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, NH, February 15, 2016.
- “Exploring Muslim Identity,” invited lecture, Bentley Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Spiritual Life Center, and Islamic Community, Bentley University, Waltham, MA, February 11, 2016.
- “Communities, Histories, and Contemporary Issues in Regional and Transnational Perspective: The United States,” for Intra-Muslim Relations: Contemporary Trends in Contexts, HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Program, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 11–12, 2015.

### **Talks for Libraries and Special Collections**

- “Uncommon Alliances for the Common Good: Making Religious and Philosophical Diversity Our Strength,” Lawrence Community Library, Kansas, March 23, 2023.
- “Meet Our Muslim Neighbors,” panel co-sponsored by the Center for Community Engagement and the League of Women Voters, Waltham Government Center, Waltham, MA, February 21, 2016.
- “Your Muslim Neighbor: The Surprising Facts behind the Fear-Mongering,” Brookline Public Library, Brookline, NH, February 4, 2016.
- “The Historical Origins of Islam,” invited lecture, The Boston Athenæum, February 3, 2016.
- “Beyond the Headlines: Facts, Fears, and Fictions about Islam,” Townsend Public Library, Townsend, MA, April 14, 2015.
- “Kamila Shamsie’s *Broken Verses*,” invited talk, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities in partnership with the American Library Association’s “Muslim Journeys Series,” Hingham Public Library, Hingham, MA, November 19, 2013.

### **Talks for Galleries and Theatres**

- “Deeply Rooted: Faith in Reproductive Justice,” discussant, exhibition curated by Caron Tabb, Kniznick Gallery, Brandeis University, November 17, 2023.
- “Faith in a City,” discussant, exhibition curated by Charan Devereaux, Somerville Museum, November 21, 2019.
- Jihad Jones and the Kalashnikov Babes*, discussant, Balch Arena Theatre, Tufts University, April 12, 2019.
- “Securing Human Connections: Displaying Empathy and Cultural Competency in and beyond the Galleries,” keynote, sponsored by the International Council of Museums’ Committee for Museum Security, hosted by Harvard Art Museums, August 21, 2017.
- “Exploring Religious Plurality Through *Rev. 23*, Opera by Cerise Jacobs,” discussant, The Boston Athenæum, May 24, 2017.
- “Hail Mary, Full of Grace, Fueled by Grit,” discussant, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, February 25, 2017.

*Converts* photography by Claire Beckett, discussant, Carroll and Sons Gallery, Boston, June 9, 2016.

*Via Doloroso*, discussant, Watertown Repertory Theatre, January 31, 2016.

*Hoodwinked*, discussant, McCarter Theatre, Princeton University, January 29, 2016.

*Nada's Revolution*, discussant, Tribeca Film Center, sponsored by the Peace and Security Funders Group and Women Make Movies, New York City, December 6, 2015.

*Doves Cry* and *Of Many*, discussant, Boston Jewish Film Festival, November 9, 2014.

### **Academic Panels in Spiritual Care and Interreligious Studies**

Discussant, "The Merging of Two Oceans: Reb Zalman, Islam, and Sufism," for In Search of Renewal: Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, Jewish Diversity, and Interreligious Engagement, sponsored by the Miller Center for Interreligious Learning and Leadership at Hebrew College, hosted by MIT Endicott House, Dedham, MA, June 27, 2022.

"Transforming Interfaith Leadership Online," Hartford International University of Religion and Peace, Hartford, CT, May 5, 2022.

"*Modern Muslim Theology* in a Pastoral Context," discussant for book by Martin Nguyen, Association of Muslim Chaplains Annual Conference, February 13, 2022.

"Models of Interreligious Engagement in the U.S.," sponsored by the Wexner Israel Fellowship, organized by the Miller Center at Hebrew College, hosted by Boston University School of Theology, November 19, 2021.

"Deep Understanding for Divisive Times," Discussant, *Journal of Interreligious Studies* (JIRS) and the Association of Interreligious/Interfaith Studies (AIIS) American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, online event, November 30, 2020.

"Multifaith Initiatives in American Higher Education," Reimagining Interfaith, hosted by George Washington University, August 30, 2018.

"Changing the World from the Inside Out: Multi-Faith Perspectives on the Inner-Life and Social Justice," panel speaker, sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, and the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, hosted by Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, October 13, 2016.

"Islamophobia in the Age of Interfaith," sponsored by the El-Hibri Foundation as part of The Pluralism Project at 25: Diversity and Inclusion in the American Crucible, hosted by Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, September 23, 2016.

"Religion, Science, and Knowing," panel speaker, hosted by Andover Newton Theological School, through grant from American Association for the Advancement of Science, April 27, 2016.

"Muslim Women's Rights and Consequences of Anti-Islamic Policies in the United States," hosted by the Suffolk University Law School Muslim Students Association, Boston, MA, April 20, 2016.

- “American Muslims and Twenty-First Century Interfaith Partnerships,” for American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies Annual Conference, hosted by Villanova University, Villanova, PA, April 17, 2015.
- “Biblical Women in Qur’anic Contexts,” invited lecture, Anna Howard Shaw Center, Boston University, April 16, 2015.
- “The Art of Storytelling as an Interreligious Leadership Skill,” workshop, Northeastern University Center for Spirituality, Dialogue, and Service, Boston, MA, April 1, 2015.
- “Freedom of Expression in the Wake of Charlie Hebdo,” hosted by the Tufts University International Literary and Visual Studies and International Relations Departments, March 26, 2015.
- “Sarah and Hagar in Jewish and Muslim Traditions,” Annual Leadership Conference of the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, hosted by The Dialogue Institute at Temple University, co-sponsored by The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, November 2, 2014.
- “Theological Education for Changing Chaplaincies,” panel for the annual conference of the Association of College and University Religious Affairs, co-sponsored by Tufts University Chaplaincy and hosted by The Memorial Church at Harvard, October 28, 2014.
- “Jewish and Muslim Emerging Religious Leaders,” facilitator for retreat convened by Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, June 9–14, 2014.
- “Muslims Making Inclusive Spaces,” for (re)Presenting American Muslims: Broadening the Conversation, co-sponsored by the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding and the HRH Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Islamic Studies Program, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 11, 2014.
- “Women, Islam, and the Academy,” featured speaker, hosted by Wellesley College Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, Wellesley, MA, April 5, 2013.
- “The Israel/Palestine Conflict, American Religious Communities, and Interreligious Relations,” panelist, sponsored by Boston University School of Theology and Andover Newton Theological School, March 21, 2013.
- “From Theory to Action: Building Women’s Networks in and beyond Divinity Schools,” panelist and co-convenor, Women’s Studies in the Twenty-First Century, New England Women’s Studies Association, University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, April 30, 2010.
- “Islam and Religious Pluralism in America,” Harvard College Students in Africa Initiative in collaboration with Morocco’s al-Akhwayan University, Harvard University, February 9, 2010.
- “New Ministries in Islam,” Women’s Studies in Religion Program’s National Leadership Conference, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, January 20, 2010.

### **Talks on Religion in Domestic and Foreign Affairs**

- “Religious Futures: Forecasting the Next Chapters in Humanity’s Story,” Panel for Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion, Notre Dame, December 14, 2022.

- “Religion and Women’s Rights: Trends in Global Muslim Feminist Activism,” Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination at the School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, February 3, 2022.
- “Religious Expression in the Workplace,” panelist, hosted by the Mosaic and GRACE affinity groups of the State Department of the United States of America, June 24, 2021.
- “Women and Religion at the Grassroots,” panelist, Fletcher Initiative on Religion, Law, and Diplomacy, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, April 12, 2016.
- “Women Faith Leaders on Advancing Peace and Security,” panelist, hosted by the Peace and Security Funders Group, February 11, 2015.
- “Islam and Political Violence,” panelist, sponsored by the Harvard Kennedy School Muslim Student Caucus, the Harvard Interfaith Forum, and Harvard Better Together, hosted by Harvard Divinity School, December 3, 2014.
- “Crisis Diplomacy and the State of Global Affairs,” participant in the working group, Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination at the School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, Vaduz, Liechtenstein, August 26–27, 2014.

### **Talks on Religion and Health**

- “Islam and Muslims: Dispelling Common Myths,” Athenahealth, Watertown, MA, April 7, 2016.
- “Meditation and Epigenetics: In Conversation with Dr. John Denninger of the Benson-Henry Institute for Mind Body Medicine at Mass General Hospital,” convener, Andover Newton Theological School, March 23, 2016.
- “Cultural Competence with Muslim Students,” Counseling and Health Services, Tufts University, Medford, MA, August 28, 2015.
- “Sexuality and Mental Health,” invited talk, Greater Boston Muslim Health Initiative Annual Conference, Boston, MA, November 1, 2014.
- “Sexuality in the Muslim World,” Partners Healthcare International, Boston, MA, October 21, 2013.

### **Invited Talks for Muslim Organizations [Select]**

- “*Abl al-Bayt*: The Houses of Prophets Ibrahim and Muhammad,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology Shia Muslim Association, June 30, 2023.
- “Women’s Empowerment through the Qur’an,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology Muslim Chaplaincy, May 10, 2023.
- “Gender Equality in Islam,” NASA’s Goddard Space Station Islamic Study Group, May 26, 2023.
- “The Role of the Qur’an in the Emergence of Islam,” College Program on Islam, Shia Ismaili Community of the United States, January 14, 2023.
- “Reconnecting with Sacred History: Qur’anic Narratives in Chaplaincy Settings,” featured speaker, Association of Muslim Chaplains Annual Conference, online, February 13, 2022.



“Islamic Feminism,” and “Women in Scriptures,” featured speaker for lectures, hosted by the Muslim Educational Center in Morton Grove, IL, February 8–9, 2020; “Female Archetypes in the Qur’an,” hosted by Zaytuna College, December 9, 2019; also offered at the Islamic Center of Greater Miami in Miami Gardens, FL, January 25, 2020, and at the Tarbiyah Institute in Roseville, CA, October 12, 2019: all events sponsored and organized by Zaytuna College’s “In Your Community” program.

“Female Political Agency, Knowledge, and Public Voice,” featured speaker, MakeSpace, Washington, D.C., March 30, 2019.

“The Families of the Prophets Abraham and Muhammad,” invited talk for “Texas Deen Intensive,” University of Texas at Austin, February 9, 2019

“Women of the Qur’an,” lecture series sponsored by Boston Islamic Seminary, co-sponsored and hosted by the Islamic Center of Boston, Wayland, MA, Spring 2017.

### **Lectures & Programs Organized as a University Chaplain [Select]**

“Activism and Wellness: Spiritual Resources for Effective and Holistic Social Justice Work,” featuring psychologist Kameelah Rashad, November 5, 2016.

“Analyzing the Racialization of Muslim Masculinities,” featuring Shenila Khoja-Moolji, co-sponsored by the Departments of Religion and American Studies, Tufts University, October 7, 2016.

“Saving Ancient Manuscripts: Preserving Yemen’s Cultural Heritage,” featuring Dr. David Hollenberg, sponsored by the Classics Department, Tufts University, March 16, 2016.

“Muslim Social Entrepreneurship,” featuring Shahed Amanullah, Senior Advisor for Technology at the US Department of State, Tufts University, October 16, 2015.

“Breaking Taboos and Creating Safe Spaces: Muslim Women, Sexuality, and Health,” featuring HEART Women and Girls, co-sponsored by the Muslim Student Associations of Tufts, Harvard University, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, October 24, 2014.

“Active Citizenship and Community Leadership,” featuring conversations with Linda Sarsour, Tufts University, Medford, MA, October 17, 2014.

“Insights on the Syrian Crisis,” featuring journalist Rania Abouzeid, Tufts University, Medford, MA, September 22, 2014.

### **Additional Talks, Sermons, and Workshops for Faith-Based Institutions:**

“Seeking the Transcendent,” featured speaker, Listening to Other Voices Series, Glastonbury Abbey, Hingham, MA, February 20, 2020.

“Muslims in America and Interfaith Engagement,” Lyceum Series, First Congregational Church, Milford, NH, January 14, 2020.

“Spirituality and Activism,” workshop, First Church in Belmont, MA, September 22, 2019.

- “Abraham’s Sacrifice in Christian and Muslim Perspectives,” sermon, Brookline Community Church, Brookline, NH, August 11, 2019.
- “Social Justice and Qur’anic Social Ethics,” featured speaker, Mercy by the Sea, Madison, CT, June 15, 2019.
- “Reflective Practices for Effective Leadership,” sponsored by the Boston Bridges Fellowship, May 9, 2019) and hosted by the Walker Center for Ecumenical Exchange; also “Dispositions for Interreligious Leadership,” hosted by Residential Fellows of the Walker Center (May 3, 2019)
- “Lessons from Midian,” lecture, Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center, November 30, 2018.
- “Islam and the Feminine Voice: An Exploration through Sound and Stories,” workshop at Mercy by the Sea, Madison, CT, April 7, 2018.
- “Women Rising Against Oppressors: Inspiration from the Bible and the Qur’an,” workshop hosted by Drew University, co-sponsored by the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, November 5, 2017.
- “Adonai, God, Allah: One and the Same?” panel hosted by First Baptist Church, Newton Centre, October 7, 2017.
- “America’s Religious Pluralism,” talk at Old Parish Church, Weston, VT, April 8, 2017.
- “Building a United Family,” sermon at Hancock United Church of Christ, Congregational, Lexington, MA, March 26, 2017.
- “Stronger Together,” sermon at First Church Unitarian Universalist, Jamaica Plain, March 12, 2017.
- “Islam: A Conversation on Faith and Practice,” talk at First Baptist Church in Waltham, MA, March 3, 2017.
- “A Season in Mecca,” sermon at Ashby First Parish Unitarian Universalist, Ashby, NH, January 29, 2017.
- “Who is God?” panel hosted by Follen Unitarian Universalist Community Church, Lexington, MA, January 19, 2017.
- “Cultivating Hope in Uncertain Times: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Perspectives,” panel at Congregation Mishkan Tefila, Brookline, MA, December 10, 2016.
- “Stories Across the Divide,” workshop at The Chatham Synagogue, Chatham, NY, September 11, 2016.
- “Peacebuilding: An Islamic Perspective,” keynote, Annual Conference on Peace-making, Earth Tending and Inter-Faith Reverence, Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center, July 18, 2016.
- “Keys for Fostering Jewish-Muslim Relationships,” talk at Temple Beth Shalom, Providence, RI, June 4, 2016.
- “Rooting Our Narratives, Nourishing Our Futures,” panel at the Boston Islamic Seminary, May 21, 2016.
- “Solidarity Across Difference,” keynote address for International Women’s Day, Worcester Islamic Society, MA, March 12, 2016.

- “Islam in Perspective,” talk at King’s Chapel, Boston, MA, January 10, 2016.
- “Prophet Solomon and the Queen of Sheba: Qur’anic Models for Diplomatic Leadership,” talk at Temple Rayim, Newton, MA, October 18, 2015.
- “Adam and Eve: The Story You’ve Probably Never Heard,” sermon at Ashby First Parish Unitarian Universalist, Ashby, MA, October 4, 2015.
- “Encountering Mary in the Qur’an,” talk at First Baptist Church, Jamaica Plain, MA, September 30, 2015.
- “Finding Success: Insights from the Prophetic Example,” talk at Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center, Roxbury, MA, June 25, 2015.
- “Women in Religion,” panel at Thompson Memorial Chapel, Williams College, MA, March 5, 2015.
- “Teachings of Jesus in the Qur’an,” talk at Grace Episcopal Church Medford, MA, March 4, 2015.
- “Living in an Interfaith World,” sermon at First Parish in Brookline, Brookline, MA, February 22, 2015.
- “Writing as a Muslim Feminist,” workshop facilitator, Rising Voices program of Jewish Women’s Archives and Prozdor of Hebrew College, January 18, 2015.
- “God and Jesus in Islamic Texts,” talk sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Baptist Association, hosted by Frist-Calvary Baptist Church, North Andover, MA, October 26, 2014.
- “Encountering God in Islam,” talk at Temple Aliyah, Needham, MA, May 20 and 27, 2014.
- “Women’s Scholarship in Islam,” talk sponsored by Women’s Spirit, hosted by the Congregational Church of Weston, MA, May 8, 2014.
- “Scripture and Revelation: Islamic Perspectives,” talk sponsored by the Boston and Maine Theological Circles, hosted by First United Baptist Church Lowell, MA, May 5, 2014.
- “Muslims at the Forefront of American Interreligious Relations,” keynote, Islamic Center of Boston at Wayland, MA, April 5, 2014.
- “Abrahamic Commonalities,” panel sponsored by the Groton Interfaith Council, March 9, 2014.
- “Muslims in the American Religious Landscape,” keynote, Islamic Council of New England, Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center, December 7, 2013.

### **Programs in Residential Communities:**

- Scholar-in-Residence, sponsored by the Ocean Park Association, Old Orchard Beach, Maine, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2022
- “Dignity of Difference,” Newbridge on the Charles, Dedham, MA, October to November 2016.
- “Love in Muslim Devotion,” Edgewood of North Andover, MA, February 21 and 28, 2014.
- “Islamic Conceptions of God,” Brookhaven at Lexington, Lexington, MA, January 17, 2014.
- “Women and Religious Authority in Islam,” convened by Britta Stendhal, hosted by Cambridge Homes, Cambridge, MA, December 12, 2013.

“Islamic Law, Gender, and Human Rights Discourses,” for series entitled “International Human Rights: Victims, Violators, Enforcers,” Brandeis Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, October 1, 2013.

“The Qur’an and Muslim Poetry,” invited talk for “Sacred Scriptures: Poetry and Song of World Religions,” Brandeis Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, May 2, 2013.

“Where We Dwell Together,” keynote, hosted by the Center for the Study of Jewish Christian Muslim Relations, Merrimack College, February 11, 2014.

“Women in Islamic Studies and Community Ministry,” lead organizer, hosted by the Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, May 18, 2011.

“Becoming the Ocean of Divine Love and Wisdom: Sufism and Spiritual Healing,” lead organizer, hosted by the Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, November 9, 2010.

### **Multi-week Continuing Education Courses [select]:**

“Parenting as a Spiritual Journey,” a collaboration of Hebrew College, the Islamic Center of Boston, Wayland, and Temple Shir Tikva, Wayland, MA, Fall 2018.

“Reading the Qur’an in the Beit Midrash,” Hebrew College, Newton Centre, MA, Spring 2016.

“Words to Live By, Explorations of Interreligious Learning,” Hebrew College, Newton Centre, MA, Fall 2014.

### **MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS [select]**

Unity Film Productions, featured scholar for *Islam’s Greatest Love Stories*, filmed in 2023, release expected on PBS in 2024.

Netflix and Karga7 Studios, featured scholar for six-episode documentary on the figure of Moses, filmed in 2022, release expected in 2024.

Expert consultant, *A Bridge Over Hell’s Creek*, documentary film on Omaha’s Tri-faith Campus by Ellie Pierce, Research Director of the Pluralism Project at Harvard University.

“Qur’an, Gender, and Feminism,” *History Speaks*, podcast produced by *The Maydan*, March 10, 2022.

New Books Network, podcast hosted by Shehnaz Haqqani, February 19, 2021.

“Pursuing Wellness, Building Resilience, and Combatting Stigma,” feature interview for series entitled “Feminism, Religion, and Mental Health,” for *Feminists Talk Religion Podcast*, produced by Feminist Studies in Religion, November 28, 2021.

“Interreligious Studies and Secondary Education,” *Inter/Section*, podcast produced by Seton Hall’s Institute for Communication and Religion in partnership with the *Journal of Interreligious Studies*, May 13, 2021.

“Faith and Purpose During the Coronavirus Pandemic,” *Under the Radar with Callie Crossley*, National Public Radio, April 26, 2020.

“Wearing the Headscarf Is a Matter of Feminism, Aesthetics and Solidarity for Me,” Room for Debate: Do Non-Muslims Help or Hurt Women by Wearing Hijabs? *New York Times*, January 6, 2016.

“Teaching Multifaith: Religious Literacy in Higher Education,” *Multifaithful*, New York University’s Office of Global Spiritual Life, January 27, 2016.

“The Necessity and Future of Diversity in Belief,” *State of Belief*, produced by the Interfaith Alliance, July 18, 2015.

“Ayan Hirsi Ali & Brandeis University: A View from Campus,” *Public Discourse*, Journal of the Witherspoon Institute, April 24, 2014.

Feature Interview, *BBC Persian*, July 30, 2013.

## **LANGUAGES**

Arabic: proficient in reading classical texts and in speaking Egyptian dialect

French: reading proficiency for scholarship

Spanish: reading and speaking proficiency

Portuguese: reading proficiency