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CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Faculty, Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy, Groton School, Groton, MA, since 2019

Offer courses in religious studies, Islamic studies, classical Arabic, modern global history, history of antiquity, and women's studies; serve as the School's Muslim Chaplain and member of the Spiritual Life Team; Residential Affiliate; Head Coach Varsity Volleyball

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

Books

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

Women and Gender in the Qur'an. Oxford University Press, 2020.

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

Featured Title for the 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*, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, *Horizons*, *Islamicate Book Reviews*, *Journal of Gender Studies*, *Muslim World Book Reviews*, *Religion and Gender*, *ReOrient*, *Studia Materiali di Storia delle Religioni*, *Studies in Religion*, and *Women's History Review*.

Translations: Albanian translation by Teuta Berisha Zeka, *Gruaja dhe Gjinia në Kur'an* (Logos-A, 2024); Arabic translation contracted in 2022 with Maana Publishing

One Nation, Indivisible: Seeking Liberty and Justice from the Pulpit to the Streets. Ed. Wipf and Stock, 2019.

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

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- “Native Struggles for Rights, Justice, and Liberation,” co-authored with Jack Jenkins and Shannon Rivers, *Faith in the Story*, publication of the Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion at Notre Dame [in press].
- “Divine Names for Interreligious Dialogue.” In *Islamic Perspectives on God and (Other) Monotheism(s)*, edited by Wahid M. Amin, Aaron W. Hughes, and Sajjad H. Rizvi, 275–296. al-Mahdi Institute Press, 2025.
- “Children and Parents in the Qur’an and Premodern Islamic Jurisprudence.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Religious Perspectives on Reproductive Ethics*, co-authored with Janan Delgado, edited by Dena S. Davis, 172–190. Oxford Handbooks. Oxford University Press, 2024.
- “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. 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. 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. 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. Orbis, 2018.
- “Sexual Violence and Qur’anic Resources for Healing Processes.” In *Sexual Violence and Sacred Texts*, edited by Amy Kalmanofsky, 75–93. 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. 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. 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 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. Peter Lang, 2013.

“Courage at the Crossroads.” In *A Jihad for Justice: Honoring the Work and Life of Amina Wadud*, edited by Julianne Hammer, Laury Silvers, and Kecia Ali, 85–89. Print and online open access, 2012.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“Response to Zaynab Bint Yunus’ Review of *Women and Gender in the Qur’an*,” *American Journal of Islam and Society* 41, no. 2 (2024): 160–65.

“Female Figures around Moses in the Bible and the Qur’an: Constructive Perspectives on Female Agency and Divine Decree.” Roundtable convenor for the *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* 40, no. 1 (2024): 65–66, roundtable 65–110.

“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,” *Journal of 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* 33, no. 2 (2022): 99–105.

“The Tentative *Mufasssira*,” *Journal of 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.

Encyclopedia Articles

“Menstruation.” In *Encyclopædia of Islam, THREE*, edited by Kate Fleet, Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas, and Everett Rowson, 132–34. 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. 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. 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. SAGE, 2013.

“Law: Islamic Traditions.” In *Cultural Sociology of Divorce: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Robert E. Emery, 670–73. SAGE, 2013.

“Intersectionality.” In *Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia*, edited by Carlos E. Cortes and J. Geoffrey Golson, 1228–229. SAGE, 2013.

“Fatwā.” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women*, edited by Natana J. DeLong-Bas, 303–08. Vol. 1. 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. Oxford University Press, 2013.
- “Thoraya Obaid.” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women*, Vol. II, edited by Natana J. DeLong-Bas, 19–20. 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. 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. 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. 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 and the Institute of Ismaili Studies, 2024) in the *Journal of Religious History* 49, no 2 (2025): 260–261, online February 14, 2025.
- Metaphysical Institutions: Islam and the Modern Project* by Caner K. Dagli (State University of New York Press, 2024) in *Reading Religion*, November 1, 2024.
- 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): 1–5.
- 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, no. 1–2 (2023): 231–235.
- The Qur’ān and Modern Arabic Literary Criticism: From Ṭabāṭ 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* 49, no. 4 (2013): 372–373.

Solicited Articles

- “Qur’an in Times of Political Tumult,” *Interfaith America Magazine*, April 21, 2025.
- “Crossing Religious Boundaries at Groton,” *Christian Century* 141, no. 2 (2024): 42–47.
- “Islamic Ethics and Reproductive Justice: A Contemporary *Muslimah* Perspective,” essay in the exhibition catalog for *Deeply Rooted: Faith in Reproductive Justice*, Kniznick Gallery, Brandeis University (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*, 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.
- “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.

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

Keynotes

- “Muslim Feminist Theology and Intellectual Leadership,” for Women and Religious Leadership: Past Herstories, New Perspectives, Smith College, March 8, 2025.
- “The Best of You: Spiritual Guidance for Advocacy,” Ivy Muslim Conference, hosted by Yale University, New Haven, November 2, 2024.
- “Lessons in Spiritual Leadership from Bilqīs to Ḥudaybiyah,” Mosaic Program of The Prince’s Trust, London, U.K., December 14, 2023.
- Visiting Scholar in Religion, series 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, Lawrenceville, Kansas March 24 – 26, 2023.
- “Unsettling Gender Bias in Early Islamic Sources,” 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,” 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,” Annual Allama Muhammad Iqbal Symposium on Islamic Thought and Civilization, University of Michigan at Flint, March 10, 2022.

Invited Academic Lectures, Conference Papers, and Symposia Participation

“Muslim Decision-Making on Elective Abortion,” for panel “Womb and the World: Islamic Discourses of Reproductive Freedom,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston 2025. [scheduled]

“Envisioning the Future of Constructive Muslim Work,” participant for roundtable sponsored by the Constructive Muslim Thought and Engaged Scholarship Seminar, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston 2025. [scheduled]

“New Books in the Study of Women and Gender in Islamic Studies,” Roundtable Participant for the Islam, Women, and Gender Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston 2025. [scheduled]

“Teaching Palestine in Islamic Studies,” presider for Study of Islam Unit panel, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston 2025. [scheduled]

“The Qur’an and Constructive Theology,” for conference entitled “Readers of the Qur’an Beyond Boundaries,” Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, February 9, 2025.

“Discussant of *Metaphysical Institutions: Islam and the Modern Project* by Caner K. Dagli,” Roundtable of the Philosophy of Religion Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Online Meeting, June 26, 2024.

“Muslim Feminist Thought Leadership: Agenda-Setting between Liberative Epistemes and Conservative Religious Thought,” Muslim Women in Religious and Civic Leadership, Annual Conference of the AbuSulayman Center for Global Islamic Studies, George Mason University, April 26, 2024.

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

“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 of the International 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 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.
- “American Muslims and Twenty-First Century Interfaith Partnerships,” American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies Annual Conference, hosted by Villanova University, April 17, 2015.
- “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.
- “Intersectionality and Standpoint Theory: Integrating Critical Theory in Religious Studies,” for *Ways of Knowing Conference*, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, October 27, 2012.
- “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.
- “Sex, Blood, and Ritual Prayer: A Feminist Problematization of Muslim Purity Laws,” Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Program Graduate Seminar Series, Harvard University, April 13, 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, September 17, 2010.

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

For Academic Institutions: Georgetown University (February 4, 2025), University of Arkansas (November 18, 2024), Brandeis University (December 3, 2024; September 19, 2024; and March 22, 2022), Washington University in St. Louis (October 10, 2024), Graduate Theological Union (April 23, 2024), William and Mary (April 1, 2025 and November 15, 2023), Kansas University (March 24, 2023), Rice University (March 21, 2023), Seton Hall University (February 27, 2025 and 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), 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 Community Organizations: Al-Huda Society (May 21, 2023), Muslim Space (April 2023 series), Boston Islamic Seminary (August 10, 2022), World Muslim Communities Council in 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 for the Annual Association of College & University Religious Affairs Conference (November 11, 2019), Shura Conference hosted by Yale Divinity School, (March 23, 2019); Princeton University Muslim Life Program (October 1, 2019).

Talks and Panels in Interreligious Studies

Holy Rebellion: Holy Rebellion: Religious Feminism and the Transformation of Judaism and Women's Rights in Israel, discussant for book launch, Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, March 3, 2025.

"Nostra Aetate at 60: Imagining Muslim–Catholic Relations for the 60 Years," panel hosted by the Catholic–Muslim Studies Program at Chicago Theological Union, co-sponsored with American Islamic College and the Archdiocese of Chicago, February 26, 2025.

"Empathy Now: A Conversation with Combatants for Peace," moderator and discussant, panel hosted by Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, September 15, 2024.

"Faith Leaders and Reproductive Justice," panel sponsored by the Luce–AAR Advancing Public Scholarship grant, September 12, 2024.

"Intercultural Dialogue: Faith, Politics, and Pluralism," George Washington University, co-organized by Interfaith America and the GW Division of Student Affairs, August 19, 2024.

- “Intellectual Humility, Courage, and Religious Literacy, and their Roles in Covenantal Pluralism,” working group sponsored by the Templeton Religion Trust, hosted by the University of Kansas, July 29, 2024.
- “Collegiality & Friendships in the Face of Crisis: Jewish-Muslim Engagement Since October 7th,” conversation with Rabbi Sharon Cohen Anisfeld for “Leading Faithfully in a Time of Division,” conference hosted by the Miller Center for Interreligious Learning and Leadership at Hebrew College, June 24, 2024.
- “At the Intersection of Religion and Democracy,” Asheville Ideas Fest panel, hosted by the University of North Carolina Asheville, June 20, 2024.
- Interfaith Peacebuilding Supper, featured speaker, Trinity College, April 21, 2024.
- “Deep Understanding for Divisive Times,” hosted by Abigail Disney, Gloria Steinem, Mandy Patinkin, and Daisy Khan, co-sponsored by Hebrew College, New York City, April 15, 2024.
- “Ramadan Reflections,” Campus Ministry and the Intercultural Center, Saint Anselm College, April 4, 2024.
- “Chaplaincy across Fields: Nurturing Resilience and Compassion,” Harvard Divinity School, March 19, 2024.
- “Muslim Mindfulness,” Preparing for Sacred Seasons, Madrasa-Midrash Program, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, March 7, 2024.
- “The Figure of Moses in Jewish and Islamic Traditions,” with Rabbi Or N. Rose, sponsored by NASA’s Goddard Employee Wellness Association, March 4, 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 Reimagining Muslim Life conference, University of Chicago, October 7, 2023.
- “The Merging of Two Oceans: Reb Zalman, Islam, and Sufism,” discussant 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 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,” sponsored by the Wexner Israel Fellowship, organized by the Miller Center at Hebrew College, hosted by Boston University School of Theology, November 19, 2021.
- “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.

- “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, November 30, 2020.
- “Multifaith Initiatives in American Higher Education,” Reimagining Interfaith, hosted by George Washington University, August 30, 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.
- “Changing the World from the Inside Out: Multi-Faith Perspectives on the Inner-Life and Social Justice,” panel sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston and Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, hosted by Harvard Divinity School, 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, 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, April 20, 2016.
- “Biblical Women in Qur’anic Contexts,” hosted and sponsored by the Anna Howard Shaw Center, Boston University, April 16, 2015.
- “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, April 11–12, 2015.
- “The Art of Storytelling as an Interreligious Leadership Skill,” co-lead workshop, Center for Spirituality, Dialogue, and Service, Northeastern University April 1, 2015.
- “Freedom of Expression in the Wake of Charlie Hebdo,” hosted by Tufts University International Literary and Visual Studies and International Relations Departments, March 26, 2015.
- “Gender in a Qur’anic Worldview: Beyond Polemics or Apologetics,” Muslim Students Association, Brandeis University, March 25, 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.
- “‘Friend of God’ as Teacher and the Path of Learning in Sufism,” panel co-organizer, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 23, 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.
- “Muslim Community Leadership in America: Women’s Challenges and Horizons,” lead conference organizer, Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, October 30, 2009.

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Research Associate with the Project on Gender, Culture, Religion and the Law, Hadassah-Brandeis Institute, Brandeis University, 2023–2026

Faculty, Hebrew College & Andover Newton Theological School, 2014–2017: position supported by 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)

Faculty Affiliate: Boston Islamic Seminary (since 2016); Hartford International University for Religion and Peace (2023); Hartford Seminary (2018–2019); 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 for the Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Department at Brandeis University (2012–2014)

Courses Offered

Groton School: Classical Arabic and the Qur’an; Islamic Ethics; Comparative Religion; Religion in the Public Sphere; Religion and Contemporary Politics; Sacred Traditions and Premodern History; Sacred Texts; Foundations of Global History; Modern Global History; Women,

Gender, and Ethics; Racial Justice and Postcolonial Theory; Peacebuilding in the Israeli–Palestinian Crisis; Andalusian Texts in Spanish and Arabic; South Asian Mystical Traditions

Hartford International University: Women in the Qur’an; Women and Gender in Islamic Societies

Boston Islamic Seminary: Interfaith and Intra-faith Engagement; Religions in Contemporary America; Islamic Systems; Community Leadership as Vocation

Hebrew College & Andover Newton: Logic and Rhetoric in the Qur’an; Biblical Figures in the Qur’an; Women in the Qur’an; Islam and Muslims in North America; Multifaith Relations in the United States Intensive Travel Seminar; Women in the Bible and Qur’an (with Rachel Adelman); Theories and Methods in Interreligious Leadership (with Jennifer Peace and Or Rose); Jewish and Islamic Mysticism, co-taught with Or Rose; Muslim Multifaith Networks in the United States, Capstone for Masters in Global Interreligious Leadership, Hebrew College;; Credit-bearing independent studies at Andover Newton Theological School: Studies in Multifaith Chaplaincy; Islamic Ritual Practices; Islamicate Visual Arts; Peacebuilding in Islamic Thought and Practice; Mary in Christian-Muslim Dialogue; Sufi Communities in North America; Interreligious Encounter through Poetry; Readings in Classical Arabic

Merrimack College: Islamic Civilizations and Cultures; Islam: Religion, Culture, Politics; Women, and Gender in Muslim Societies; Sex and Gender in Islamic Law; History and Theologies of Christian-Muslim Relations

Experience in Student Services and Program Coordination

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Denominational Counselor for Muslim Students, Harvard Divinity School, 2022–2023

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

Islam in the West Program, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Project Coordinator, 2009–2011

Women’s Studies in Religion Program, Harvard Divinity School, project coordination for “Muslim Women’s Religious Literacy: The Legacy of Nana Asma’u, featuring HRH The Sultan of Sokoto,” event on October 2, 2011.

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

Provided confidential guidance to students, faculty, and staff; served as a mentor for students across the University; served as a liaison to academic departments, including offices for advancement, admissions, and alumni relations; developed program budget lines; collaborated with university programs on religion, civic engagement, performing arts, residential life, wellness, and inclusion; built strategic partnerships across the University community

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

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Documentary Film & Television

Islam's Greatest Stories of Love, featured scholar, Unity Productions Foundation, 2025.

Testament: The Story of Moses, featured scholar, Karga7 Productions and Netflix Studios, 2024.

Abraham's Bridge, consultant, directed by Ellie Pierce, in partnership with Pixela Films, 2024.

BBC Persian, Interview, 2013.

Podcasts

"Fertility, Abortion, Reproductive Care, and Islam." *Classical Ideas Podcast*. June 24, 2025.

"Inner Dimensions of Fasting," *History Speaks, The Maydan*, February 26, 2022.

"Qur'an, Gender, and Feminism," *History Speaks, The Maydan*, March 10, 2022.

"Women and Gender in the Qur'an," for the *New Books Network*, February 19, 2021.

"Pursuing Wellness, Building Resilience, and Combatting Stigma" *Feminists Talk Religion Podcast*, produced by Feminist Studies in Religion, November 28, 2021.

"Interreligious Studies and Secondary Education," *Inter/Section*, produced by Seton Hall's Institute for Communication and Religion and 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.

"Islam, Feminism, and Interfaith Dialogue," *Raising Holy Sparks*, episode 32, July 18, 2019.

"From Anger to Love," *Spirit in Practice*, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, February 2017.

"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.

Talks on Institutional Belonging and Inclusion

"Faith-based Dialogue and Activism," for the Bronfman Fellowship, hosted by Hebrew College, July 8, 2024.

"Pluralism and Belonging: Strategies for Finding Your People and Stretching Your Horizons at College," workshops for Harvard Pre-College Program, Harvard Extension School, July 2024.

"Empathy Now: A Multifaith Dialogue," Sponsored by the City of Newton and the Newton Interfaith Clergy Council, MA, July 8, 2024.

"Practicing Religious Pluralism in an Episcopal School," with The Reverend Allison Read, Association of Episcopal Schools Biennial Conference, San Antonio, November 11, 2022.

- “Leading Voices in Interfaith Dialogue,” Spiritual and Religious Life, Phillips Academy Andover, February 13, 2022.
- “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, July 9, 2019.
- Theologian-in-Residence, The Lovett School, Atlanta, GA, March 4–6, 2018.
- “Muslim Feminism,” featured speaker for Faculty of Arts and Sciences Human Resources Department Diversity Dialogues, Harvard University, December 6, 2016.
- “Islam and Muslims in America’s Multifaith and Multiracial Landscape: Critical Conversations and Social Justice Imperatives,” Southern New Hampshire University, 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, February 11, 2016.
- “Facilitating Difficult Social Justice Conversations,” co-sponsored by Tufts University Dean of Student Affairs and the Tufts University Chaplaincy, February 13, 2015.
- “Best Practices for Building Inclusive Communities,” featured speaker, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, October 3, 2014.
- “Enhancing Cultural Competency, Muslim Students and Families,” invited talk, Graduate Institute of Education Leadership, Merrimack College, December 12, 2012.

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: ‘Facts behind the Fearmongering,’” 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.

Talks on Religion in Domestic and Foreign Affairs

“Peacebuilding amid Polarization: A Leader’s Toolkit for Constructive Engagement on the Israeli–Palestinian Crisis,” co-sponsored by Sharing Sacred Spaces and Religions for Peace USA, online in February 2024.

“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.

“Women and Religion, Peacebuilding at the Grassroots,” panelist, Fletcher Initiative on Religion, Law, and Diplomacy, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, April 12, 2016.

“Questions of Religious Legitimacy and the ISIS Insurgency,” featured speaker, Andover Newton Theological School, March 20, 2015.

“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.

“‘Political’ Islam: Euphemism or Redundancy?” sponsored by the Program on Religion, Diplomacy, and International Relations at the Liechtenstein Institute of Self-Determination, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University, November 7, 2008.

Talks on Religion, Health, and Wellbeing

“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.

Talks for Faith-Based Educational Groups and Denominational Bodies

“*Ahl 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.
- “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.
- “The Families of the Prophets Abraham and Muhammad,” invited talk for “Texas Deen Intensive,” University of Texas at Austin, February 9, 2019.
- “Parenting as a Spiritual Journey,” a multi-week course sponsored by Hebrew College, the Islamic Center of Boston, Wayland, and Temple Shir Tikva, Wayland, MA, Fall 2018.
- “Reading the Qur’an in the Beit Midrash,” multi-week course sponsored by Hebrew College, Newton Centre, MA, Spring 2016.
- “Words to Live By: Explorations of Interreligious Learning,” multi-week course sponsored by Hebrew College, Newton Centre, MA, Fall 2014.

Select Lectures and Programs for Houses of Worship

- “Preparing for Ramadan: Qur’anic Insights,” hosted by the Islamic Center of Zahra, featured speaker, Pleasanton, CA, March 8, 2024.
- “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.
- “Lessons from Midian,” lecture, Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center, November 30, 2018.
- “Islam and the Feminine Voice: An Exploration through Sound and Stories,” Mercy by the Sea, Madison, CT, April 7, 2018.
- “Women Rising Against Oppressors: Inspiration from the Bible and the Qur’an,” hosted by Drew University, co-sponsored by the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, November 5, 2017.
- “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.
- “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.
- “Fostering Jewish-Muslim Relationships,” Temple Beth Shalom, Providence, RI, June 4, 2016.
- “Rooting Our Narratives, Nourishing Our Futures,” 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,” 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,” First Baptist Church, Jamaica Plain, MA, September 30, 2015.
- “Finding Success: Insights from the Prophetic Example,” 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,” 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, Ocean Park Association, Old Orchard Beach, Maine, 2014–2016, 2018, 2022.

“Dispositions for Interreligious Leadership,” hosted by Residential Fellows of the Walker Center for Ecumenical Exchange, Newton, MA, May 3, 2019.

“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 Stendahl, hosted by Cambridge Homes, Cambridge, MA, December 12, 2013.

“Islamic Law, Gender, and Human Rights,” 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 Harvard Divinity Center for the Study of World Religions, May 18, 2011.

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

Select Programs Organized for Tufts Muslim Chaplaincy

“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,” with Shenila Khoja-Moolji, co-sponsored by the Departments of Religion and American Studies, Tufts University, October 7, 2016.

“Democratic Transition and Muslims in the Media,” roundtable sponsored by the East–West Institute, Tufts University, April 1, 2016.

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

“Increasing Minority Participation in Electoral Politics,” featuring Cambridge City Councilor Nadeem Mazen, sponsored by the Johnathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, Tufts University, February 26, 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.

SERVICE

Internal Reviewer: For Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Edinburgh University Press, Norton, *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, *Journal of Inter-Religious Studies*, *Religions*, *Muslim World*, and *Studia Islamica*

External Examiner: Chicago Theological Seminary (2024), William and Mary (2021); Periodic Examiner for the Boston Islamic Seminary

Board Member, Chair, or Advisor

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion, Board Member, since 2025

Sharing Sacred Spaces, Advisory Council, since 2025

American Society of Islamic Philosophy and Theology, Advisory Board, since 2023

Boston Theological Interreligious Consortium, advisor, since 2022

Pluralism Project at Harvard University, Advisory Council, since 2020

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

International Qur’anic Studies Association, Co-chair of the Methodologies & Hermeneutics Unit, 2021–2023

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

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

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

Journal of Interreligious Studies, since 2015

Alumnae Service

United World College, National Committee of the United States, 2018–2026

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

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

Bicentennial Celebration Host Committee 2017

Princeton University, Alumni Schools Committee, 2009–2014

Working Groups

Poligon Education Fund, trainer in congressional advocacy, 2024

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

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, 2012–2013

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

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Sacred Writes, Sex, Gender and Religion in Public-Facing Scholarship, Fellowship sponsored by the
Carpenter Foundation and hosted by Northeastern University, 2025

The New York Times, Fellow in the Learning Network’s Teaching Project, 2021–2022

Columbia University Teachers College, The Klingenstein Center, Justice, Conflict, and Dialogue
Project Fellow, 2020 – 2021

Groton School Dillon Fund, research grants, 2020–2025

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, programming grants, 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; University Fellowship, 2012–2017;
Rebecca Lee Spitz Scholarship, 2015–2017; Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Lectureship,
2016; research grants, 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

Islamic Scholarship Foundation Award, 2013–2014

Roothbert Fellowship in Spiritual Values, 2013–2015

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, various grants for research and programs, 2009–2010

Harvard Divinity School, Diversity Fund program grant, 2009

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion

International Qur'anic Studies Association

Association of Muslim Chaplains

LANGUAGES

Arabic: proficient in reading classical texts and speaking Egyptian dialect

Spanish: reading and speaking proficiency

Portuguese and French: reading proficiency

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION (SUMMARY)

Qur'anic Studies

Islamic Intellectual History

Islam and Muslims in North America

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Feminist Theory and Theology

Interreligious Studies

Educational Chaplaincy

Muslimah Theology

Humanities for Secondary Schools

Theological Education and Spiritual Care

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