

HERBERT BERG

Education

Graduate

- 1990–96 Doctor of Philosophy, Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto
1991 Advanced Arabic for Speakers of Other Languages, Language Centre,
University of Jordan
1989–90 Master of Arts, Centre for Religious Studies, University of Toronto

Undergraduate

- 1988–89 Bachelor of Arts, Honours Religious Studies / Middle Eastern Studies Option,
University of Waterloo
1983–88 Bachelor of Mathematics, Honours Computer Science, University of Waterloo

Academic Appointments

University of North Carolina Wilmington

- 2009– Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion
2006– Director, Graduate Liberal Studies Program
2005–06 Assistant Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religion
2003–06 Associate Director, Graduate Liberal Studies Program
2003–09 Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion
1998– Graduate Faculty
1997– Co-Coordinator for Middle East Studies Minor
1997–2003 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion

Post-Doctoral Positions

- 1997 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Cornell
University.
1996–97 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Middle Eastern Studies and Department of
Afro-American Studies, Harvard University.

Pre-Doctoral Positions

- 1995–96 Lecturer, Department of Religion, University of Vermont.
1994–95 Visiting Instructor, Department of Religion, Middlebury College.
1993–97 Research Assistant for E. J. Brill's *Encyclopaedia of the Qur'ān*.
1992–94 Instructor, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto.
1992–93 Instructor, Division of Humanities, York University.
1990–92 Teaching Assistant, Department of Middle East and Islamic Studies and
Department of Religious Studies, University of Toronto.

TEACHING

Teaching Honors and Awards

- 1999–2009 Chosen by several graduating seniors in both the fall and spring of each semester as having had a significant impact on their education.
- 2006 The Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Award (\$1500)
- 2005 The Center for Teaching Excellence Summer Pedagogy Development Stipend, *University of North Carolina Wilmington* (\$3,000).
- 2001 The Center of Teaching Excellence: Recognition of Noteworthy Professional Development in Teaching, 2000-2001.
- 2000 Outstanding Faculty Member for 1999-2000 from the Department of Philosophy and Religion.
- 2000 The Center for Teaching Excellence Summer Teaching Initiative Stipend, *University of North Carolina Wilmington* (\$3,000).

Courses Taught

Undergraduate Courses:

Courses related to Islam:

Islam; America and Islam; The Qur'an; Modern Movements in Islam; Ancient Arabia; Arabic

Courses related to the Study of Religion:

Introduction to Religion; Comparative Religion; Psychology of Religion; Evil and Suffering; Atheism and Unbelief; Philosophy, Religion, and Sex; Fundamentalisms around the World

Courses on other Religious Traditions:

Judaism, Christianity, and Islam; Judaism; Asian Religions; The Sikh Religious Tradition

Graduate Courses:

Religion and Sex; Atheism and Unbelief; Problem of Evil; Islam and America

Honors Seminars, Collaborative Courses, and Learning Communities:

America from the Outside (*Honors Seminar for UNCW study abroad students at the University of Wales Swansea*);
Thinking and Believing (*Learning Community: PAR 103: Introduction to Religion & PSY105: Introduction to Psychology*);
The Mind and the Body (*Co-taught with Dr. Diane Melroy for the Science, Humanities, and Society Minor*)

RESEARCH

Research Honors and Awards

- 2008 Faculty International Travel Grant, *University of North Carolina Wilmington* (\$750).
- 2004 Faculty International Travel Grant, *University of North Carolina Wilmington* (\$500).
- 2002 Faculty International Travel Grant, *University of North Carolina Wilmington* (\$750).
- 2001 Research Grant, *American Academy of Religion* (\$5,000).
- 2000 Charles L. Cahill Award for Faculty Research and Development, *University of North Carolina Wilmington* (\$2,500).
- 1999 Summer Stipend, *National Endowment for the Humanities* (\$4,000).
- 1998 Summer Research Initiative, *University of North Carolina Wilmington* (\$3,000).
- 1996–97 Postdoctoral Fellowship, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada* (\$60,638).
- 1994–95 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$11,859).
- 1991–94 Doctoral Fellowship, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada* (\$43,308).
- 1990–91 Open Fellowship, *University of Toronto* (\$9,000).

Monographs

- Elijah Muhammad*. Makers of the Muslim World, edited by Patricia Crone. Oneworld Publications. Under Contract.
- Elijah Muhammad and Islam*. New York: New York University Press, 2009.
- The Development of Exegesis in Early Islam: The Debate over the Authenticity of Muslim Literature from the Formative Period*. Richmond: Curzon Press, 2000.

Edited Volumes

- Method and Theory in the Study of Islamic Origins*, edited Herbert Berg. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2003.
- Islamic Origins Reconsidered: John Wansbrough and the Study of Early Islam*, edited by Herbert Berg. Special Issue of *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion*, 9.1 (1997).

Articles in Refereed Journals and Collected Works

- “The *Isnād* and the Production of Cultural Memory: Ibn ‘Abbās as a Case Study.” *Numen* (forthcoming).
- “Abbasid Historians’ Portrayals of al-‘Abbās b. ‘Abd al-Muttalib.” *Abbasid Studies II: Occasional Papers of the School of Abbasid Studies, Leuven, 28 June – 1 July 2004*,

- edited by John Nawas, 13–38. *Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta*, 177. Leuven: Peeters Publishers, forthcoming 2009.
- “The Historical Muhammad and the Historical Jesus: A Comparison of Scholarly Reinventions and Reinterpretations,” with Sarah Rollens. *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*, 32.2 (2008): 271–292.
- “Early African American Muslim Movements and the Qur’an.” *Journal of Qur’anic Studies*, 8.1 (2006): 22–37.
- “Context: Muhammad.” *Blackwell Companion to the Qur’ān*, edited by Andrew Rippin, 187–204. Malden: Blackwell Publishing, 2006.
- “Mythmaking in the African American Muslim Context: The Moorish Science Temple, the Nation of Islam, and the Muslim Society of America.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 73.3 (2005): 685–703.
- “Ibn ‘Abbās in ‘Abbāsīd-Era *Tafsīr*.” *Abbasid Studies: Occasional Papers of the School of Abbasid Studies, Cambridge 6–10 July 2002*, edited by James E. Montgomery, 129–146. *Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta*, 135. Leuven: Peeters Publishers, 2004.
- “Competing Paradigms in the Study of Islamic Origins: Qur’an 15:89-91 and the Value of *Isnāds*.” *Methods and Theories in the Study of Islamic Origins*, edited by Herbert Berg, 259–290. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2003.
- “Weaknesses in the Arguments for the Early Dating of *tafsīr*.” In *With Reverence for the Word: Medieval Scriptural Exegesis in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*, edited by Jane Dammen McAuliffe, Barry D. Walfish, and Joseph W. Goering, 329–345. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.
- “Elijah Muhammad and the Qur’an: The Evolution of His *Tafsīr*.” *Muslim World* 89 (1999): 42–55.
- “Elijah Muhammad: An African American Muslim *mufassir*?” *Arabica: Revue d’études Arabes* 45 (1998): 320–346.
- “The Implications of, and Opposition to, the Methods and Theories of John Wansbrough.” *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* 9.1 (1997): 3–22. Reprinted in *The Quest for the Historical Muhammad*, edited by Ibn Warraq, 489–509. Amherst: Prometheus Books, 2000.
- “Tabarī’s Exegesis of the Qur’ānic Term *al-kitāb*.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 63.4 (1995): 761–774.

Book Reviews

- The Canonization of al-Bukhārī and Muslim: The Formation and Function of the Sunnī Hadīth Canon* by Jonathan Brown. *Bulletin of School of Oriental and African Studies*, 71.3 (2008): 570–572.
- Mecca and Eden: Ritual, Relics, and Territory in Islam* by Brannon Wheeler. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 75 (2007): 156–158.
- The Cultural Roots of American Islamicism* by Timothy Marr. *Journal of Church and State* 49 (2007): 355–357.
- Virtues of the Flesh: Passion and Purity in Early Islamic Jurisprudence* by Ze’ev Maghen. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 38 (2006): 453–454.
- Quranic Studies: Sources and Methods of Scriptural Interpretation* by John Wansbrough with Foreword, Translations, and Expanded Notes by Andrew Rippin. *The Journal of Religion*, 86.1 (2006): 162–163.

- The Formation of the Classical Tafsīr Tradition: The Qur'ān Commentary of al-Tha'labī (d. 427/1035)* by Walid A. Saleh. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 37:4 (2005): 617–618.
- Teaching Islam* edited by Brannon M. Wheeler. AAR Teaching Religious Studies. *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*, 33.3–4 (2004): 497–499.
- Jewish and Islamic Law: A Comparative Study of Custom during the Geonic Period* by Gideon Libson. *Islamic Law and Society*, 11.3 (2004): 408–410.
- Islamic Humanism* by Lenn E. Goodman. *International Philosophical Quarterly*, 44.2 (2004): 280–281.
- The Origins of Islamic Jurisprudence: Meccan Fiqh before the Classical Schools* by Harald Motzki. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 36 (2004): 288–289.
- The Essential Max Müller: On Language, Mythology, and Religion* edited by Jon R. Stone. *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*, 32.1–2 (2003): 234.
- The Development of Early Sunnite Hadith Criticism: The Taqdimā of Ibn Abi Hatim al-Razi (240/854–327/938)* by Eerik Dickinson. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 34.4 (2002): 735–736.
- Suffering in the Mu'tazilite Theology: 'Abd al-Jabbar's Teaching on Pain and Divine Justice*, by Margaretha T. Heemskerk. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 34.4 (2002): 740–741.
- Between Bible and Qur'an: The Children of Israel and the Islamic Self-Image* by Uri Rubin. *Bulletin of School of Oriental and African Studies*, 65.1 (2002): 140–141.
- Feminism and Islamic Fundamentalism* by Haideh Moghissi. *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*, 30.1 (2001): 116–117.
- The Origins of the Koran: Classic Essays on Islam's Holy Book* edited by Ibn Warraq. *Bulletin of School of Oriental and African Studies*, 62.3 (October 1999): 557–558.
- Mapping Islamic Studies: Genealogy, Continuity and Change* edited by Azim Nanji. *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 119.3 (July–September 1999): 544–545.
- Charakter und Authentie der muslimischen Überlieferung über das Leben Muhammeds* by Gregor Schoeler. *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 119.2 (April–June 1999): 315–317.
- A Popular Dictionary of Islam* by Ian Richard Netton. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 56.1 (January 1997): 53.
- The Political Aspects of Islamic Philosophy: Essays in Honor of Muhsin S. Mahdi* edited by Charles E. Butterworth. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 56.1 (January 1997): 51–52.
- Studies in Early Muslim Jurisprudence* by Norman Calder. *Journal of Church and State* 37.1 (Winter 1995): 180–181.
- Principles of Sufism by al-Qushayri* translated by B.R. Von Schlegell. *Journal of Semitic Studies* 39.2 (Autumn 1994): 389–390.
- Verbal Idioms of the Qur'ān* by Mustansir Mir. *Al-Masāq: Studia Arabo-Islamica Mediterranea* 7 (1994): 279–282.

Encyclopedia Articles

- “Muhammad, Elijah.” *Encyclopedia of Muslim American History*, edited by Edward E. Curtis IV. New York: Facts On File, forthcoming.
- “Nation of Islam.” *Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, edited by Gerhard Böwering. Princeton: Princeton University Press, forthcoming.
- “Elijah Muhammad.” *Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, edited by Gerhard Böwering. Princeton: Princeton University Press, forthcoming.

- “Polysemy.” *Encyclopaedia of the Qur’ān*. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2004. IV:155–158.
- “African American Muslims and the Qur’ān.” *Encyclopaedia of the Qur’ān*. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2001. I:30–32.
- “Computers and the Qur’ān.” *Encyclopaedia of the Qur’ān*. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2001. I:391–395.

Translations

- Miklos Muranyi, “Eine Qairawāner Unikat in der *British Library*: Das Samā`-Werk des Ibn al-Qāsim al-‘Utaqī [A Unique Manuscript from in the British Library: The *Samā`*-Work of Ibn al-Qāsim al-‘Utaqī].” In *Methods and Theories in the Study of Islamic Origins*, edited by Herbert Berg, 325–368. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2003.
- Gregor Schoeler, “Grundlagen für eine neue Mohammed-Biographie: Erstellung und Auswertung des Korpus der Traditionen nach ‘Urwa b. al-Zubayr [Foundations for a New Biography of Muhammad: The Production and Evaluation of the Corpus of Traditions according to ‘Urwah b. al-Zubayr].” In *Methods and Theories in the Study of Islamic Origins*, edited by Herbert Berg, 21–28. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2003.
- A. Fischer, “Eine Qorān-Interpolation [A Quranic Interpolation].” In *What the Koran Really Says*, edited by Ibn Warraq, 436–461. Amherst: Prometheus Books, 2002.
- A. Fischer, “Zu Sūra 101,6 [Regarding Qur’ān 101:6].” In *What the Koran Really Says*, edited by Ibn Warraq, 462–465. Amherst: Prometheus Books, 2002.

Papers at Refereed Conferences

- “Early African American Muslims and the Figure of Jesus: Drew Ali’s and Elijah Muhammad’s Formulations of an unIslamic Muslim Jesus,” *Society of Biblical Literature 2009 Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, forthcoming.
- “‘Revisionist’ *Tafsīr*,” The Qur’an: Text, Interpretation & Translation Conference 2007, *Centre of Islamic Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London*, November 8, 2007.
- “Islamic Origins and Christian Origins: Re-mythologizing Founder Figures,” *Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR)*, Southeastern Regional Meeting 2007, Nashville, March 17, 2007.
- “The Historical Muhammad and the Historical Jesus: A Comparison of Scholarly Reinvention and Reinterpretation,” with Sarah Rollens, The Committee for the Scientific Examination of Religion Conference, *University of California Davis*, January 27, 2007.
- “Islam and Extreme Longevity,” Radical Life Extension—What Religions Have to Say, *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, Washington, November 20, 2006.
- “Early African American Muslims Movements and the Qur’an,” The Qur’an: Text, Interpretation & Translation Conference 2005, *Centre of Islamic Studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London*, November 11, 2005.
- “Covering the Dead: How al-Jazeera and CNN Use Images of War Casualties to Determine How We See War,” *Representations of War in Visual Culture, University of Wales Swansea*, April 22, 2005.
- “‘Abbāsīd Historians Portrayals of al-‘Abbās b. ‘Abd al-Muttalib,” Seventh Conference of the School of ‘Abbāsīd Studies, *Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*, June 26, 2004.

- “The Use of Ibn ‘Abbās by ‘Abbāsīd-Era Exegetes,” Sixth Conference of the School of ‘Abbāsīd Studies, *University of Cambridge*, July 6, 2002.
- “Mythmaking in the African American Muslim Context: The Moorish Science Temple, the Nation of Islam, and the Muslim Society of America,” Yvonne Y. Haddad Symposium at the *Canadian Society for the Study of Religion Annual Meeting, University of Toronto*, May 27, 2002.
- “Competing Paradigms in Islamic Origins: Manufacturing Islamic (Salvation?) History.” *American Academy of Religion annual meeting*, Boston, November 22, 1999.
- “The Earliest Expressions of Islam among African-Americans, Part 2: The Perspectives of the Moorish Science Temple and the Nation of Islam.” *American Academy of Religion (Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion) Regional Meeting*, Knoxville, March 21, 1998.
- “Elijah Muhammad and the Qur’ān: The Evolution of His Tafsīr.” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, November 25, 1997.
- “Proving the Authenticity of Early Exegetical Hadīth: The Attempts of Heribert Horst and Georg Stauth.” *With Reverence for the Word: Medieval Scriptural Exegesis in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. University of Toronto*, May 12, 1997.
- “Qur’ān 15:91 ‘those who ripped apart the Qur’ān’.” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, Chicago, November 21, 1994.
- “Qur’ān and kitāb in al-Tabarī,” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, Washington, November 22, 1993.
- “Early Muslim Exegesis of the Qur’ānic Term *al-kitāb*,” *Canadian Society for the Study of Religion, Learned Societies Conference*, Ottawa, June 9, 1993.
- “Al-Tabarī’s Uncertainty Regarding the Qur’ānic Concept of the ‘Book’,” *Centre for the Study of Religion Student Symposium, University of Toronto*, May 28, 1993.
- “Development of *Āyah* in the Qur’ān,” *Canadian Society for the Study of Religion, Learned Societies Conference*, Victoria, May 21, 1990.

Invited Papers

- “Al-‘Abbas and ‘Abd Allah b. ‘Abbas in Early Islamic Religio-Political Propaganda.” *Carleton University*, December 9, 2008.
- “The Quests for the Historical Muhammad and Jesus.” *University of Alabama*, April 14, 2008.
- “The Qur’an, Drew Ali, and Elijah Muhammad,” *Cornell University*, October 23, 2007.
- “Muhammad in the Qur’ān: A Source for the Historical Muhammad?” *University of Alberta*, March 7, 2006.
- “Mythmaking in the African American Islam,” *University of Wales Swansea*, February 14, 2005.
- “Salvation History versus History,” Phi Alpha Theta (history honor society), *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, September 15, 1998.
- “Elijah Muhammad: An African American Muslim *mufassir*?” *Harvard University*, February 18, 1997.
- “African American Muslims and Islam: The Moorish Science Temple, the Nation of Islam, and the American Muslim Mission,” Telluride House, *Cornell University*, February 11, 1997.
- “The Authenticity of Materials for the Study of Islamic Origins: The Exegetical Traditions,” *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, January 31, 1997.

- “Colonialism, Nationalism, Fundamentalism, and Feminism: The Symbolism of the Veil in Modern Egypt,” *Southwestern University*, January 15, 1997.
- “Muslim Perceptions of Jews and Judaism,” *Middlebury College*, November 30, 1994.
- “Exegetical *hadīth* and the Western Critique of the *isnād* System,” *Middlebury College*, April 1, 1994.

Other Academic Presentations

- “Religion and the State in Iran” and “Grand Ayatollah Khemane’i,” as part of “Perspectives on Iran” Series for Lifelong Learning Program. *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, March 26 and April 2, 2009.
- Panelist, “World Religions,” Intercultural Communication course, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, March 25, 2009.
- Panelist, “The Middle East: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.” *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, September 16, October 28, and November 4, 2008.
- Panelist, “Religious Cultures,” Intercultural Communication course, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, March 26, 2008.
- “Covering the Dead: How al-Jazeera and CNN Used Images of War Casualties to Determine How We See War,” College Day 2007, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, October 27, 2007.
- Panelist, “Responses to *The Kite Runner*: Panel Discussion on History, Religion, and Literature,” as part of Synergy: UNCW’s Common Reading Experience, October 16, 2007.
- Panelist, “Revolution in Iran,” for *One Book One Community: Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi*, New Hanover Public Library, September 27, 2007.
- “Iraq’s Sectarian War,” for Lifelong Learning Program. *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, September 20, 2007.
- “Sunnis and Shi’is,” in Dr. Don Habibi’s *Political Conflict* course *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, April 2, 2007.
- “Early Islamic Theology,” in Dr. Lisa Pollard’s *History of Early Islamic Societies* course, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, November 24, 2006.
- Panelist, *Global Ethics*, with Drs. Megivern and Habibi, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, May 2, 2006.
- “Religion in the American Constitution and the Draft Iraqi Constitution,” Constitution Day Panel, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, September 19, 2005.
- “Religious Diversity: Islamic Beliefs and Practices,” in Ms. Jessica Walker’s UNI 101 course, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, September 19, 2005.
- “Looking for the Antichrist(s): Christian and Muslim Perspectives on the End of the World,” College Day 2004, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, November 20, 2004.
- “Psychology of Religion,” Division for Public Service and Continuing Studies, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, October 20 and 27, 2004.
- “The Development of Uniquely American Expressions of Islam: The Nation of Islam and the Moorish Science Temple,” *Golden Lecture Series: Chancellor Rosemary DePaulo Installation Week*, April 12, 2004.
- Panelist, Forum on “The Afro-Brazilian Condition,” Brown v. Board of Education Series, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, April 1, 2004.
- “World Religions,” Human Awareness Program, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, January 26, 2004.

Panelist, Forum on “Operation Iraqi Freedom,” International Affairs Association, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, April 15, 2003.

“The Bad,” as part of “The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly,” Division for Public Service and Continuing Studies, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, October 19, 2002.

Panelist, *War with Iraq? A UNCW Teach-In*, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, October 7, 2002.

“The Muslim Holy Land,” as part of “Middle East Institute: Its Land, People and Faith,” Lifelong Learning Institute, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, June 24 to 28, 2002.

“The Emergence of Islam, the Arab Conquest, and the Zenith of Arab Culture,” in Dr. Don Habibi’s *Political Conflict* course and R. Kleinberg’s *Political Systems of the Middle East* course, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, January 28, 2002.

“Sufism and Islamic Spirituality” *Dimensions of Spirituality*, Lifelong Learning Symposium, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, November 5, 2001.

“Spirituality and the Qur’an,” *Dimensions of Spirituality*, Lifelong Learning Symposium, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, August 4, 2001.

“Is There a God?” Debate with Dr. Moorad Alexanian, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, October 12, 2000.

“The Rise of Religious Factions” and “Islamic Theology,” in Dr. Lisa Pollard’s *History of Early Islamic Societies* course, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, October 12 and 17, 2000.

“Muslim Perceptions of Jews and Judaism,” in Dr. Sam Murrell and Dr. Don Habibi’s *Holocaust and Antisemitism* course, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, September 14, 1999.

“Introduction to Religion,” “Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” and “Islam” syllabi for the online *American Academy of Religion Syllabi Project*, November 4, 1998.

“War and Peace in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” in Dr. Candace Gauthier’s *Matters of Life and Death* course, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, April 21, 1998.

Panelist, *Images and Realities: An Israeli Issues Forum*, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, November 13, 1998.

“Religious Roots of Racism: Islam and the Nation of Islam” *Wilmington in Black and White*, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, October 30, 1997.

“History vs. Sacred History: Western Approaches to the Study of Early Islamic Texts,” *University of Vermont*, March 13, 1996.

“Religion and the ‘Fundamentalisms’ of the Modern Middle East,” *University of Vermont*, March 12, 1996.

“Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Three Expressions of Semitic Monotheism,” *University of Vermont*, March 7, 1996.

“The Hajj,” *University of Vermont*, November 7, 1995.

“The Religious Studies Department and the Church Colleges,” *University of Waterloo Gazette* 34.24 (February 23, 1994): 4.

Languages

English, Arabic, German, and French.

SERVICE

Service Awards and Honors

Good Citizenship Medal from *The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution*.
Presented June 2, 2009.

Academic Service to the University

Thesis Committees:

- 2009 Member, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Amanda González-Moreno, "Should We Use Plastic around Babies? Oral Histories."
- 2009 Member of Honors Thesis Committee in Philosophy and Religion for Jamie Brummitt, "The Development of the Pauline Satan Through the Jewish Apocalyptic Afterlife."
- 2009 Member, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Laura Gentry, "The Rock, Iron Mind and Golden Boy: Three Boxing Heroes and the Influence They've Had."
- 2008 Chair of Honors Thesis Committee in Philosophy and Religion for Mary von Aue, "Rabi'a al-'Adawi."
- 2008 Member, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Abby B. Jordan, "The Fruition of Female Sexuality, One Living Room at a Time."
- 2008 Member of Honors Thesis Committee in Philosophy and Religion for Laura Frank, "Jung and Gnosticism."
- 2007 Chair, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Lisa Moye, "Nightlight Savings Time: The Making of"
- 2006 Chair, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Martha Poole, "Journey's End: The Thousand-Year Journey of One English Family to America"
- 2006 Member, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Chandler Madray, "The Expansion of a River Town"
- 2006 Chair, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Joanie D. Martin, "The Fight and Flight of Publishing"
- 2006 Chair, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Kay Warren, "A Yen for Exploring Japan"
- 2006 Member, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Star Vaught, "We've Come This Far by Faith"
- 2006 Member, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Lisa M. Tripp, "Her Fateful Passage: The Mystery of the *Mary Celeste*"
- 2005 Chair, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Harold (Hunter) Thompson, "A Journey of Steps: Walking the Labyrinth as a Spiritual Tool for Prayer and Meditation to Improve One's Conscious Contact with God"
- 2005 Chair, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Robert Barnes III, "An Analysis of Marcus Garvey Literature: A Paradigm for Understanding the Changing Perspectives of Garvey."
- 2005 Member, Master of Education Portfolio Committee for Christopher Garner

- 2005 Member, Honors Thesis Committee in Religion for Lauren Goodman, "World War II Through the Eyes of a Child: An Ethics of Representation."
- 2004 Chair, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for W. Sam Perry, "The All Too Human Traveler"
- 2004 Chair, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Chasity Herring, "Interpreting the Americanization of Buddhism and Hinduism"
- 2004 Chair, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Mitzi Pulliam, "Heeding the Call: Protestant Missionary Work in Mexico, Past and Present"
- 2004 Chair, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for David Vanderbilt, "The Military Chapel as a Model for Spiritual Formation Within the Protestant Worship Community"
- 2004 Member, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Stephanie Kerr, "Politics on *The Simpsons*: A Look at Comic Pop Culture"
- 2004 Chair, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project for Joan McKillop, "The History of the Paisley Shawl"
- 2004 Chair, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project for Carlon Robbins, "Darth Vader as a Mythological Symbol for Technology and Its Effects on Humanity"
- 2004 Chair, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project for Tom Wells, "Exporting the North Carolina Furniture Industry: A Documentary on the Industry's Past, Present, and Future"
- 2004 Member of Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Shana Sek, "The Legalization of Marijuana"
- 2004 Member of Honors Thesis Committee in Religion for Deborah Edward, "Roles of Women in the Development of Early Christianity: An Historical Feminist Perspective."
- 2004 Member of Honors Thesis Committee in Psychology for Maureen T. Aro, "The Impact of Class-Specific Reinforcement Versus Varied Reinforcement on Conditional Discrimination Acquisition and Equivalence Performances in Children."
- 2003 Member of Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Todd Thomas's. "This Machine Kills Fascists: A Century of Woody Guthrie."
- 2003 Member of Honors Thesis Committee in Anthropology for Jessica Chaffin, "Adaptation in the Ancient Near East: A Look at the Relationship between Religion, Society, and the Environment."
- 2002 Member of Thesis committee for Amy Henke's Honors Thesis in Psychology. "Neuropsychological Assessment of Memory: Utilizing the Autobiographical Memory Interview and the Spatial Memory Task as Tools of Assessment."
- 2002 Member of Honors Thesis Committee in History for Joshua Mullen, "A Long Road to Conflict: An Examination of the Causes of the Gulf War (1990-91)."
- 2000 Outside Representative for Scott Huntley's Master's thesis defense in History.
- 1999 Outside Representative for Stephanie Cuison's Master's thesis defense in English.

University and College Committees and Positions:

- 2009– College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee.
- 2009– Faculty Hearings Panel.
- 2008– Calendar Committee.

- 2008–2009 Campus Conduct Board.
- 2008 Faculty Resident Director Search Committee for The Study Abroad Program at the *University of Wales Swansea*, Spring 2010.
- 2008 International Studies Major Committee.
- 2007 3 Fulbright Interviewing Committees (twice as chair).
- 2007 Freshman Convocation: Small Group Meeting–Faculty Speaker.
- 2005 Chair, Campus Evaluation Committee, for Matthew Parnell’s *Fulbright Program Application*.
- 2005–2007 Senate Information Technology Committee.
- 2004–2005 Faculty Resident Director for The Study Abroad Program at the *University of Wales Swansea*, Spring 2005.
- 2003–2006 Graduate Liberal Studies Advisory Council.
- 2002–2006 University Curriculum Committee.
- 2000–2003 Academic Standards Committee.
- 1999–2000 Initiator and co-organizer of lecture by Imam Warith Deen Mohammed at the *University of North Carolina Wilmington*.
- 1998 Summer Research Initiative Selection Committee.
- 1997 Faculty Advisor for “Students Stop Sweatshops” at *Cornell University*.
- 1994–1995 Faculty Advisor for the Muslim Students Association of *Middlebury College*.

Department Committees and Positions:

- 2008–2009 Evaluation Committee.
- 2008–2009 Curriculum Committee: Learning Outcomes Assessment (Member for plan and policy issues only).
- 2008–2009 Chair, Ad-hoc Committee on PAR Online and Hybrid Course Committee
- 2008–2009 Search Committee for tenure-track position in Asian Religions.
- 2008 Peer Evaluation of Teaching, Classroom Visitation for Dr. Fiordalis.
- 2008 Search Committee for one-year position in Asian Religions.
- 2007 Peer Evaluation of Teaching, Classroom Visitation for Dr. Jeff Durham.
- 2007–2008 Curriculum Committee.
- 2007 Peer Evaluation of Teaching, Classroom Visitation for Dr. Teddy Burgh.
- 2006–2007 Search Committee for tenure-track position in Asian Religions.
- 2006–2007 Annual Peer Review Committee.
- 2005–2007 Faculty Advisor for PAR Society.
- 2005–2006 Scholarship Committee.
- 2004–2005 Peer Evaluation of Teaching, Classroom Visitation for Dr. Diana Pasulka.
- 2004–2006 Technology, Travel and Trust Committee.
- 2003–2004 Peer Evaluation of Teaching, Classroom Visitation for Drs. Diana Pasulka, Teddy Burgh, Michael Shaffer, and George Zervos.
- 2003–2004 Chair, Annual Peer Review Committee.
- 2004 Chair, Travel Funds Policy Committee.
- 2002–2003 Transfer Advising.
- 2002–2004 Chair, Technology Committee.
- 2002–2007 Departmental Webmaster.
- 2001–2002 Search Committee for tenure-track position in Women and Religion.
- 2001 Chair of Search Committee for one-year position in Women and Religion.
- 1999–2002 Faculty Advisor for PAR Society.
- 1999–2002 Editor of the *Department of Philosophy and Religion Newsletter*.
- 1998–1999 Annual Peer Review Committee.
- 1998–2001 Computer Liaison.

Professional Service and Activities

- 2009 External Referee for article manuscript on Islamic Law for the journal *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*.
- 2008 External Referee for article manuscript on al-Qaeda for *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*.
- 2008 External Referee for article manuscript on Qur'an 12 for the journal *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*.
- 2008 Referee for book proposal on Islamic Law for *Oxford University Press*.
- 2008 Referee of chapter, "Science and Theodicy in Q 2:6/7" in *Interpreting Nature & Scripture in the Abrahamic Religions: History of a Dialogue* edited by Jitse van der Meer and Scott Mandelbrote.
- 2008 Referee of book proposal, *The Atheist Primer* by Malcolm Murray, for *Broadview Press*.
- 2007 Referee of book proposal, *Muslims in America* by Marcia Hermansen and Kim Searcy, for *Blackwell Publishing*.
- 2007 Referee for textbook manuscript on Judaism, Christianity, and Islam for *Cambridge University Press*.
- 2007 Chair of "The Practice of Islam: Multiple Perspectives" panel at the *Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Regional Meeting* in Nashville, TN, March 17, 2007
- 2006 External Referee for article manuscript on Muhammad and pre-Islamic Arabia for the journal *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses Muhammad's Prophecy in the Context of pre-Islamic Soothsaying*.
- 2006 Referee of manuscript, *The Qur'ān in Its Historical Context* edited by Gabriel Said Reynolds, for *Routledge*.
- 2005 Referee of textbook proposal, *What is Religious Studies* by Kristin M. Swenson and Esther Nelson, for *Oxford University Press*.
- 2005 External Referee for article manuscript on Samuel P. Huntington and Carl Jung for the journal *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*.
- 2005 Referee of textbook proposal, *Introduction to Islam* by Carole Hillenbrand, for *Thames and Hudson*.
- 2004 Referee of book proposal, *Understanding the Islamic Scripture: Selected Readings from the Qur'ān*, for *Longman Publishing*.
- 2004 Referee of textbook proposal and detailed contents outline, *Introduction to Religion*, for *Laurence King Publishing*.
- 2004–2005 Editorial Advisory Board for the journal *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*.
- 2004 Referee of textbook manuscript, *Understanding Religion in a Global Society*, for *Wadsworth Publishing*.
- 2004 External Referee for article manuscript on Orientalism for the journal *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*.
- 2003 External Referee for article manuscript on book reviews in religious studies for the journal *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion*.
- 2003 External Referee for article manuscript on *hadīth* analysis for the journal *Islamic Law and Society*.
- 2003 External Referee of article manuscript on mythopoesis in the Qur'ān and early *Tafsīr* for the journal *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*.
- 2003 External Referee of book proposal on Atheism for *Blackwell Publishing*.

- 2002 External Referee of proposal to reprint two books on Islamic origins for *RoutledgeCurzon*.
- 2002 External Referee of manuscript for a new textbook entitled, *Islam: Its History, Teaching, and Practices*, for *Oxford University Press*.
- 2002 External Referee of manuscript on Edward Said for the journal *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*.
- 2002– 2004 English Book Review Editor, *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*.
- 2002 Co-organizer of Yvonne Y. Haddad Symposium for the *Canadian Society for the Study of Religion* Annual Meeting, May 26-28, 2002.
- 2002 Chair of “Political Representation of Islam in the West” Panel at Yvonne Y. Haddad Symposium for the *Canadian Society for the Study of Religion* Annual Meeting, May 27, 2002.
- 2002 Facilitator, Debating Civilizations Web Broadcasts from Center for International Studies, *Duke University*, in cooperation with *New Hanover County Public Library*, February 5, March 5, and March 26, 2002.
- 2002– 2003 September 11 Speaker’s Network, *North Carolina Humanities Council*.
- 2001– 2003 Member-at-large, Executive of *North American Association for the Study of Religion*.
- 2001 External Referee of book proposal on Orientalism for *Continuum Publishers*, London, UK.
- 1998 Chair for the “Qur’anic and Legal Studies” panel at *American Academy of Religion* Annual Meeting, Orlando.
- 1996 Panel Organizer and Chair for the “Methods and Theories of John Wansbrough” panel at the *American Oriental Society* Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
- 1994 Panel Organizer and Chair for “Studies in the Qur’ān and the Sunna” and Panel Organizer for “The Spiritual and the Temporal: Doctrine and Politics in Islamic Thought” panels at the *Canadian Society for the Study of Religion*, Annual Meeting, Calgary.

Community Service: Presentations, Interviews, etc.

- “Judaism, Christianity and Islam: Sibling Rivalries,” *Porter’s Neck Community–UNCW Partnership*, Wilmington, September 2, 2009.
- “Islam, Christianity and Judaism: Similarities and Difference,” *Adult Scholars Leadership Alumni*, Wilmington, April 23, 2009.
- “Sunnis and Shi’is in Pakistan,” *Three Cups of Tea Symposium* in Oak Island, NC, February 28, 2009.
- “Islam and America,” *UNCW and the Landfall Partnership* in Wilmington, September 30, 2008.
- “The Roots of Sectarianism in Iraq,” *Retired Physicians Section, New Hanover - Pender County Medical Society* in Wilmington, June 24, 2008.
- “Islam Today,” *Wrightsville Beach Methodist Men’s Dinner Meeting* in Wilmington, March 18, 2008.
- “Islam: Beliefs and Practices,” *Lutheran Church of Reconciliation* in Wilmington, January 16, 2008.
- “Approaches to Discussions of the Existence of the Divine, and Are Such Discussions Necessary for the Development of a Rational, Humanistic Society,” *Humanists & Freethinkers of Cape Fear* in Wilmington, October 14, 2007.

- “The Rise of al-Qaeda,” *Air Force Association: Cape Fear Chapter* in Wilmington, September 6, 2007.
- “Islam and Christianity; Sectarian Groups in Iraq; Islamic Extremism,” *First Christian Church* in Wilmington NC, January 31, February 7, and February 14, 2007.
- “Middle East Forum,” *Cape Fear Community College—The Learning Network* in Wilmington NC, October 25, 2006.
- “Belief Forum,” *Cape Fear Community College—The Learning Network* in Wilmington NC, November 2, 2005.
- “Islam and the teachings of the Qur’an,” *Southport Presbyterian Church* in Southport NC, October 23 and 30, 2005.
- “Religious and Ethnic Diversity in Iraq: Kurds, Sunnīs, and Shī’īs,” *Senior Men’s Club of Wilmington* in Wilmington NC, October 17, 2005.
- “An Introduction to the Major Beliefs and Practices of Islam,” *UNCW Adult Scholars Leadership Alumni* in Wilmington NC, June 23, 2005.
- “The Bible and the Qur’ān: Similarities and Differences,” *St. Andrew’s Covenant Church* in Wilmington NC, November 14, 2004.
- Interview of Karen Armstrong, “The Battle for God,” *UNCW-TV*, October 25, 2004.
- Interview for Amanda Green’s “Muslims find Ramadan inspiration in the Prophet’s life,” *Star News*, October 16, 2004, 1D-2D.
- “Wahhābī, Sunnī, and Shī’ī Islam,” *Senior Men’s Club of Wilmington* in Wilmington NC, September 24, 2004.
- “Anti-Semitism Today,” *St. Matthews Lutheran Church* in Wilmington NC, April 13, 2004.
- “Al-Qā’ida, Jihad and Islam,” *Wilmington Civitan Club* in Wilmington NC, November 26, 2003.
- Panelist for “2002 Leadership Wilmington—Diversity Community Session,” *Greater Wilmington Chamber Foundation* in Wilmington NC, October 3, 2002.
- “Relationship of Islam to Christianity and Judaism,” *Unitarian Coastal Fellowship* in Morehead City NC, September 22, 2002.
- “Heart of Terrorism,” *Kennedy Home Educational Center*, sponsored by the *Greater Kinston Community Development Corporation* in Kinston NC, May 30, 2002.
- “Islam and the West,” *Trinity United Methodist Church* in Southport NC, April 17, 2002.
- “Islam: Basic Beliefs and Practices,” *St. Andrew’s Covenant Church* in Wilmington NC, April 10, 2002.
- “An Islamic View of Ethics and Morality,” *St. Paul’s Episcopal Church* in Wilmington NC, February 20, 2002.
- “Islam, Jihad, and Islamic Extremism,” *New Hanover County Northeast Regional Library* in Wilmington NC, January 24, 2002.
- “Study Circle on Terrorism,” *Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship Church* in Wilmington NC, January 22, 2002.
- “Two Versions of the 10 Commandments,” Interview on *The Evening News* on *WWAY-TV* in Wilmington NC, January 14, 2002.
- “Islam and the Causes of Resentment against the West,” *Wrightsville United Methodist Church* in Wilmington NC, December 2, 2001.
- “Teaching Tolerance: Islam,” *Cape Fear Academy* in Wilmington NC, November 28, 2001.
- “Islam, Islamic Extremism, and Understanding the Roots of Animosity against the US,” *Church of the Servant* in Wilmington NC, November 28, 2001.
- “Islam vs. Islamic Extremism: Understanding the Causes of Terrorist Attacks on the US,” *Sampson Community College* in Clinton NC, November 27, 2001.
- “Some Causes of Hostility in the Middle East towards America ” *First Presbyterian Church* in Wilmington NC, November 14, 2001.

- “Roots of Animosity between the West and the Muslim World,” *St. Andrew’s on the Sound Episcopal Church* in Wilmington NC, November 11, 2001.
- “Help Heal Our World through Education: Forum on World Trade Center Attacks,” *Seniors Center* in Wilmington NC, November 9, 2001.
- “The Islamic Worldview(s),” *Winterpark Baptist Church* in Wilmington NC, November 7, 2001.
- “The Beliefs and Practices of Islam,” *St. Andrew’s on the Sound Episcopal Church* in Wilmington NC, November 4, 2001.
- “Islam,” *St. Philip’s Episcopal Church* in Southport NC, October 21, 2001.
- “Extremism in Islam,” Interview on *The Evening News* on *WWAY-TV* in Wilmington NC, October 3, 2001.
- Panelist for “America in Crisis: Questions and Answers,” *Cape Fear Community College* in Wilmington NC, October 2, 2001.
- Panelist for “U.S. Addresses a New and Formidable Enemy,” *The Learning Network (UNCW-TV)* in Wilmington NC, September 24, 2001.
- “Understanding Islam and Muslims,” *St. Paul’s Episcopal Church* in Wilmington NC, September 23, 2001.
- “Islam and Islamic Extremism in the Wake of the WTC Attacks,” Radio Interview on *980AM WAVE* in Wilmington NC, September 17, 2001.
- Panelist for “2001 Leadership Wilmington—Diversity Community Session,” *Greater Wilmington Chamber Foundation* in Wilmington NC, September 13, 2001.
- “Islam: 5 Pillars and 5 Principles,” *St. James Episcopal Church* in Wilmington NC, May 7, 2000.
- “God, Eternity, and the Daily Walk in Islam,” Lenten Talk: Our Neighbors’ Religion, *St. Andrew’s on the Sound Episcopal Church* in Wilmington NC, April 12, 2000.
- “The Beliefs and Practices of Islam,” Christian Education Program, *St. John’s Episcopal Church* in Wilmington NC, February 6, 2000.
- “Warith Deen Mohammed,” Interview on *Good Morning Carolina* on *WWAY-TV* in Wilmington NC, February 1, 2000.
- “Warith Deen Mohammed and the Nation of Islam,” Interview for article “Islamic Speaker Opens Black History Month Celebration,” *Morning Star* in Wilmington NC, February 1, 2000.
- “The Rise of Rabbinic Judaism,” Christian Education Program, *St. John’s Episcopal Church* in Wilmington NC, January 30, 2000.
- “Islam,” *Bradley Creek Elementary School* in Wilmington, March 23, 1999.
- “Islam,” *Bradley Creek Elementary School* in Wilmington, January 20, 1998.
- “Worlds of Islam,” *Chautauqua Institution* in NY, April 30 to May 1, 1997.

Memberships and Professional Societies

American Academy of Religion.
 North American Association for the Study of Religion.
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