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## EDUCATION

1990–1996 Doctor of Philosophy, Centre for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto  
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1989–1990 Master of Arts, Centre for Religious Studies, University of Toronto  
1988–1989 Bachelor of Arts, Honors Religious Studies / Middle Eastern Studies Option, University of Waterloo  
1983–1988 Bachelor of Mathematics, Honors Computer Science, University of Waterloo

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

2012–2018 Director, International Studies  
2015–2018 Coordinator, Middle East and Islamic Studies Minor  
2013– Professor, International Studies  
2012–2015 Interim Coordinator, Middle East and Islamic Studies Minor  
2011–2012 Interim Director, International Studies  
2009–2013 Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion  
2006–2011 Director, Graduate Liberal Studies Program  
2005–2006 Assistant Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religion  
2003–2006 Associate Director, Graduate Liberal Studies Program  
2003–2009 Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion  
1998– Graduate Faculty  
1997–2015 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  
1996–1997 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Middle Eastern Studies and Department of Afro-American Studies, Harvard University

### PRE-DOCTORAL POSITIONS

1995–1996 Lecturer, Department of Religion, University of Vermont  
1994–1995 Visiting Instructor, Department of Religion, Middlebury College  
1992–1994 Instructor, Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto  
1992–1993 Instructor, Division of Humanities, York University  
1990–1992 Teaching Assistant, Department of Middle East and Islamic Studies and Department of Religious Studies, University of Toronto

## RESEARCH

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

2013 Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*  
2012–2013 Co-Principal, UNCW Team for Interdisciplinary Global Research for the *Defense Intelligence Agency*; \$264,000  
2002, 04, 08, 15 Faculty International Travel Grant, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*

2001	<i>American Academy of Religion</i> , Research Grant
2000	Charles L. Cahill Award for Faculty Research and Development, <i>University of North Carolina Wilmington</i>
1999	<i>National Endowment for the Humanities</i> , Summer Stipend
1998	Summer Research Initiative, <i>University of North Carolina Wilmington</i>
1996–1997	<i>Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada</i> , Postdoctoral Fellowship
1994–1995	Ontario Graduate Scholarship
1991–1994	<i>Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada</i> , Doctoral Fellowship
1990–1991	<i>University of Toronto</i> , Open Fellowship

## MONOGRAPHS

*Makers of the Muslim World: Elijah Muhammad* (Oxford: Oneworld Publications, 2013)

*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)

- Chapter 2 translated as “Hadis Tenkîdî” trans. Dilek Tikin and İshak Emin Aktepe, *Hadis Tetkikleri Dergisi (Journal of Hadith Studies)* 16.2 (2018): 107–167.

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*New Perspectives on the Nation of Islam*, edited with Dawn-Marie Gibson (New York: Routledge, 2017)

*Method and Theory in the Study of Islamic Origins*, edited by 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

“Methodologies in the Study of *hadīths*: Islamic Origins and the Formation of the Islamic Tradition,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Hadith Studies*, edited by Mustafa Shah (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

“Exegesis,” in *Wiley-Blackwell Companion to the Hadith*, edited by Daniel Brown (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell Publishing, forthcoming)

“Islamic Origins and the Question of Methodologies,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Qur’anic Studies*, edited by Muhammad Abdel Haleem and Mustafa Shah (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

“The Qur’ān: Collection and Canonization,” in *The Routledge Handbook on Early Islam*, edited by Herbert Berg (London: Routledge, 2017): 37–48.

“True History in Black and White: Reimagining Origins in the Nation of Islam,” in *The Routledge Handbook on Early Islam*, edited by Herbert Berg (London: Routledge, 2017): 359–373

“Elijah Muhammad’s Prophets: From the White Adam to the Black Jesuses,” *Mizan: Journal for the Study of Muslim Societies and Civilizations*, Special issue on *The Evolution and Uses of the Stories of the Prophets*, edited by Michael Pregill 2.1 (2017) [http://www.mizanproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/09-Mizan-Journal-Vol-2\\_Issue-1\\_Berg.pdf](http://www.mizanproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/09-Mizan-Journal-Vol-2_Issue-1_Berg.pdf).

“Elijah Muhammad’s Christologies: The ‘Historical’ Jesus and the Contemporary Christ,” in *New Perspectives on the Nation of Islam*, edited by Dawn-Marie Gibson and Herbert Berg (London: Routledge, 2017): 174–189

“An Asiatic and Moslem Jesus: Deracination and Reracination of Jesus by Drew Ali,” in *Islamic Studies Today: Essays in Honor of Andrew Rippin*, edited by Majid Daneshgar and Walid Saleh (Leiden: Brill, 2017): 277–296

“The ‘School’ of Ibn ‘Abbās,” in *The Meaning of the Word: Lexicology and Tafsīr*, edited by Stephen Burge (Oxford: Oxford University Press in association with the Institute of Ismaili Studies, 2015): 67–88

“Black Muslims,” in *Routledge Handbook of Islam in the West*, edited by Roberto Tottoli (London: Routledge, 2014): 123–136

“The Divine Sources,” in *The Ashgate Research Companion to Islamic Law*, edited by Peri Bearman and Ruud Peters (Farnham, Surrey: Ashgate Publishing, 2014): 27–40

“Failures (of Nerve?) in the Study of Islamic Origins,” in *Failure and Nerve in the Study of Religion: Working with Donald Wiebe*, edited by William E. Arnal, Willi Braun, Russell T. McCutcheon (London: Equinox, 2012): 112–128

“The Essence of Essentializing: A Critical Discourse on ‘Critical Discourse in the Study of Islam’,” *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* 24 (2012): 337–356

- "The Needle in the Haystack: Islamic Origins and the Nature of the Early Sources," in *The Coming of the Comforter: When, Where, and to Whom? Studies on the Rise of Islam in Memory of John Wansbrough*, edited by Basile Lourié, Carlos A. Segovia, Alessandro Bausi (Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2012): 299–330
- "Elijah Muhammad's Redeployment of Muhammad: Racialist and Prophetic Interpretations of the Qur'ān," in *Transmission and Dynamics of the Textual Sources of Islam: Essays in Honour of Harald Motzki*, edited by Nicolet Boekhoff-van der Voort, Kees Versteegh, and Joas Wagemakers (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2011): 321–345
- "The *Isnād* and the Production of Cultural Memory: Ibn 'Abbās as a Case Study," *Numen* 58 (2011): 259–283
- "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 (Leuven: Peeters Publishers, 2010): 13–38
- "The Historical Muhammad and the Historical Jesus: A Comparison of Scholarly Reinventions and Reinterpretations," with Sarah E. 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
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- "Context: Muhammad," in *Blackwell Companion to the Qur'ān*, edited by Andrew Rippin (Malden: Blackwell Publishing, 2006): 187–204
- Reprinted in *The Wiley Blackwell Companion to the Qur'ān*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, edited by Andrew Rippin and Jawid Mojaddedi (Malden: Wiley Blackwell Publishing, 2017): 200–217
- "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
- Reprinted in *Islam and Modernity* edited by Nasar Meer (London: Routledge, 2017)
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- Reprinted in *Tafsīr: Interpreting the Qur'ān* edited by Mustafa Shah (London: Routledge, 2013): 492–508
- "Competing Paradigms in the Study of Islamic Origins: Qur'ān 15:89–91 and the Value of *Isnāds*," in *Methods and Theories in the Study of Islamic Origins*, edited by Herbert Berg (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2003): 259–290
- "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 (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003): 329–345
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*A Short History of Atheism* by Gavin Hyman; and *50 Voices of Disbelief: Why We Are Atheists* edited by Russell Blackford and Udo Schüklenk, *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 73.1 (2013): 77–80

*Die Eroberung von Damaskus: Quellenkritische Untersuchung zur Historiographie in klassisch-islamischer Zeit* by Jens Scheiner, *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 131.3 (2011): 480–482

*Inventing America's Worst Family: Eugenics, Islam, and the Fall and Rise of the Tribe of Ishmael* by Nathaniel Deutsch, *Comparative Islamic Studies* (2011): 333–335

*God Is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World — and Why Their Differences Matter* by Stephen Prothero, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 78 (2010): 1194–1197

*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

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*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

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*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

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*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

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- “African American Islam,” in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015): DOI: 10.1093/acrefore/9780199340378.013.9
- “Nation of Islam,” in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism* (Malden: Blackwell Publishing, 2015): DOI: 10.1002/9781118663202.wberen047
- “Elijah Muhammad,” in *Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, edited by Gerhard Böwering (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2013): 375–376
- “Nation of Islam,” in *Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, edited by Gerhard Böwering (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2013): 388–389
- “Elijah Muhammad,” in *Oxford Bibliographies in Islamic Studies*, edited by Tamara Sonn (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012)
- “Nation of Islam,” in *Oxford Bibliographies in Islamic Studies*, edited by Tamara Sonn (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012)
- “Muhammad, Elijah,” in *Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History*, edited by Edward E. Curtis IV (New York: Facts On File, 2010): II:394-398
- “Polysemy,” in *Encyclopaedia of the Qur’ān* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2004): IV:155–158
- “African American Muslims and the Qur’ān,” in *Encyclopaedia of the Qur’ān* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2001): I:30–32
- “Computers and the Qur’ān,” in *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 (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2003): 325–368
- 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 (Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2003): 21–28
- A. Fischer, “Eine Qorān-Interpolation [A Quranic Interpolation]” and “Zu Sūra 101,6 [Regarding Qur’ān 101:6], in *What the Koran Really Says*, edited by Ibn Warraq (Amherst: Prometheus Books, 2002): 436–461 and 462–465

## PAPERS AT REFEREED CONFERENCES

- “Roundtable Discussion: The Current State of Qur’anic Studies and Its Future,” *International Qur’anic Studies Association at the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, November 21, 2015
- “Elijah Muhammad’s Prophets: From the White Adam to the Black Jesuses,” *Qiṣāṣ al-anbiya’: The Islamic Tales of the Prophets*, University of Naples, Italy, October 15, 2015
- “The Study of Islamic Origins and Nation-of-Islam-ic Origins: Chronocentric Biases and Normative Claims in the Modern and Pre-modern Dichotomy” *International Association for the History of Religions World Congress 2015*, Universität Erfurt, Germany, August 28, 2015
- “Islamic Origins and the Nature of the Early Sources,” *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, November 20, 2010
- “The School of Ibn ‘Abbās,” The Meaning of the Word: Lexicology and *Tafsīr*, Pre-Conference Workshop at the *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, October 29, 2010
- “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 Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, November 22, 2009
- “Teaching Critical Theories of the Qur’an,” *The Qur’an in the Classroom: Pedagogical Challenges and Opportunities*, at the *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, November 22, 2009
- “Revisionists’ *Tafsīr*,” *The Qur’an: Text, Interpretation & Translation Conference, 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, 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, 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
- "Abbāsid Historians Portrayals of al-'Abbās b. 'Abd al-Muttalib," *Seventh Conference of the School of 'Abbāsid Studies, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven*, June 26, 2004
- "The Use of Ibn 'Abbās by 'Abbāsid-Era Exegetes," *Sixth Conference of the School of 'Abbāsid 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

- "Historical-Criticism v. Sacred History in Early Islam," *University of Michigan Dearborn*, November 14, 2016
- "Mecca v. Detroit: Chronocentric Biases and Normative Claims in the Study of "Old" Islam and "New" Islam," *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*, February 18, 2015
- "Allah(s) and His Apostle(s): Islamic Origins, Nation-of-Islam-ic Origins, and Hypocrisy in the Academic Study of Religion," *University at Buffalo: The State University of New York*, November 7, 2011
- "Reading the *Sīrah* as *Tafsīr*," *Rijksuniversiteit Groningen*, June 10, 2010
- "The *Isnād* and the Production of Cultural Memory: Ibn 'Abbās as a Case Study," *Georgetown University*, March 1, 2010
- "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
- "Mythmaking in the African American Islam," *University of Wales Swansea*, February 14, 2005
- "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
- "History vs. Sacred History: Western Approaches to the Study of Early Islamic Texts," *University of Vermont*, March 13, 1996
- "Muslim Perceptions of Jews and Judaism," *Middlebury College*, November 30, 1994

## OTHER ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- "Islamic Finance," ECN 326 Comparative Economics, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, October 24, 2018

Panelist, "Martyrdom Now," Sherman Emerging Scholar Spring Panel, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, February 23, 2017

"Islam, Islamists, and Islamic State," Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, February 14, 2017

"The Failed Coup in Turkey: Antecedents and Aftermath," *Military Officer's Association of America – Southeastern NC Chapter*, November 1, 2016

"The History of Money: From Barter to BitCoin," College Day 2016, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, October 29, 2016

Panelist, "Dying for God: Martyrdom across the Ages," Sherman Lecture Series, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, October 20, 2016

Keynote speaker, "Myth Busters (Religion Edition)," *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, April 19, 2016

"The History of Money," Seahawk Preview Day, Master Class, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, April 2, 2016

"The Syrian Refugee Crisis: The UN, the EU, and the US," *Coastal Carolina Chapter United Nations Association–USA*, UN Day Luncheon, October 25, 2015

"Contested Islam: Past and Present," Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, March 25 and April 1 and 8, 2015

"Sectarianism in the Middle East," Great Decisions, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, January 20, 2015

"Islamic State's Ideological Roots" Revolution, Civil War, and the Islamic State: ISIL in Context, Poli Sci Days, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, October 17, 2014

Panelist, "World Religions," Intercultural Communications course, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, April 9, 2014

"The Fruit of the Vine: From Damnation to Transubstantiation," It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere: The Darker & Lighter Sides of Alcohol, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, February 24, 2014

Panelist, "Syria: A Public Discourse on Military Intervention," *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, September 13, 2013

"Alevis and Alawites: Nusaryris, Arab Alevis, and Hittite Turks," Geostrategic Intelligence Seminar on Turkey, *Defense Intelligence Agency's (DIA) Center for Language, Regional Expertise and Culture (CLREC)*, July 12, 2013

"Historical Context," Regional Seminar on Islamist Groups in the Middle East, *Defense Intelligence Agency's (DIA) Center for Language, Regional Expertise and Culture (CLREC)*, June 14, 2013

Panelist, "Coexist: A Program for the Growth of Students at UNCW," *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, December 3, 2012

"Globalizing Religion: Neo-Pentecostals, Global Islam, and New Age Religions," College Day 2012, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, October 27, 2012

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Panelist, "World Religions," Intercultural Communications course, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, March 26, 2012

"Explorations of the Religions of Brazil," Global Studies: Brazil series for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, April 11, 2012

"The Islamic Form of Theism," UNCW Secular Students Association, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, February 13, 2012

"Global Languages and the Future of English," College Day 2011, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, November 12, 2011

"Historical Founders of Great Modern Religions: The Historical Jesus and the Historical Muhammad," Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, October 6, 2011

Panelist, "Chancellor Leutze's Panel on 9/11 — 10 Years Later," *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, September 14, 2011

Panelist, "At the Crossroads: Faith and Sexuality," LGBTQIA Resource Office, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, March 7, 2011

Panelist, "World Religions," Intercultural Communications course, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, March 2, 2011

Panelist, Religious Tolerance series for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, February 24, 2011

"The Devil Made Me Do It" and "God Made Me, the Devil, and It," Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, February 8 and 15, 2011

"Tolerance in Islam," Religious Tolerance series for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, February 3, 2011

"The Significance of the Qur'an to Muslims," Forum on Religious Tolerance in America, *Cape Fear Community College*, September 22, 2010

Panelist for the History Teaching Alliance "Sins and Temptations of Teaching Religious History," *Cape Fear Community College*, April 27, 2010

"Naming the Antichrist(s): Inventing an 'Enemy of God' by Christians and Muslims," College Day 2009, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, November 14, 2009

"Theist and Atheist Teleological Arguments," UNCW Association of Secular Humanists, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, October 28, 2009

"Homosexuality, the Bible, and Christianity," Philosophy and Religion Society, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, October 16, 2009

"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

"Al-'Abbas and 'Abd Allah b. 'Abbas in Early Islamic Religio-Political Propaganda," *Carleton University*, December 9, 2008

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

Panelist, *Global Ethics*, with Drs. Megivern and Habibi, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, May 2, 2006

"Muhammad in the Qur'an: A Source for the Historical Muhammad?" *University of Alberta*, March 7, 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, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, 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

"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

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

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

"Salvation History versus History," Phi Alpha Theta (history honor society), *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, September 15, 1998



- “Religious Roots of Racism: Islam and the Nation of Islam” *Wilmington in Black and White*, University of North Carolina Wilmington, October 30, 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
- “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
- “Exegetical *hadīth* and the Western Critique of the *isnād* System,” *Middlebury College*, April 1, 1994
- “The Religious Studies Department and the Church Colleges,” *University of Waterloo Gazette* 34.24 (February 23, 1994): 4

## LANGUAGES

English and Mennonitische Plautdietsch: Fluent Native Speaker  
 Arabic, German, and French: Advanced Reading

## TEACHING

### HONORS AND AWARDS

2019	The University of North Carolina Board of Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching
2019	Applied Learning Pedagogy Initiative Grant
2012	Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award
2012	Distinguished Teaching Professorship Award
2011	The Office of International Programs: Global Citizenship Grant
2007, 10, 11	Discere Aude Award for outstanding efforts in student mentoring
2006	The Chancellor’s Teaching Excellence Award
2005	The Center for Teaching Excellence: Summer Pedagogy Development Stipend
2001	The Center of Teaching Excellence: Recognition of Noteworthy Professional Development in Teaching
2000	Department of Philosophy and Religion: Outstanding Faculty Member
2000	The Center for Teaching Excellence Summer Teaching Initiative Stipend
1999–2013	Chosen by several graduating seniors each year as having had a significant impact on their education

### REFEREED ARTICLES DEVOTED TO PEDAGOGY

“Atheism as a Foundation for Effective Pedagogy in Religious Studies?” in *Best Practices in University Teaching: Essays by Award-Winning Faculty at the University of North Carolina Wilmington and Beyond*, edited by Diana Ashe and Caroline Clements, (Center for Teaching Excellence, University of North Carolina Wilmington, 2014): 144–153

### PRESENTATIONS DEVOTED TO PEDAGOGY

- “Teaching Islamic Origins and the Qur’ān: The Need for Critical Discourse,” *Inārah: Institut zur Erforschung der frühen Islamgeschichte und des Koran / Institute for the Research on Early Islamic History and the Koran*, “Emergence of Islam and the Koran” Conference, *Universität des Saarlandes*, Saarbrücken, Germany, March 20–24, 2014
- “Internationalization vs. Globalization,” *Internationalizing Education Conference*, Watson College of Education, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, February 18, 2014

## COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

### UNDERGRADUATE COURSES:

#### **INTERNATIONAL STUDIES:**

- Introduction to International Studies (also as Honors course; also as Learning Community)
- Global Capitalism and its Discontents (also as Honors course)
- Interdisciplinarity and International Studies (also as online course)
- Global Universal Healthcare
- Global Populism

- Senior Seminar in International Studies: Global Islam
- Senior Seminar in International Studies: Globalization and Africa

***ISLAM & OTHER RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS:***

- Islam
- America and Islam
- Modern Movements in Islam
- Shi'í Islam
- The Qur'an
- Ancient Arabia
- Judaism, Christianity, and Islam (also as Honors course)
- Judaism
- Asian Religions
- The Sikh Religious Tradition

***THE STUDY OF RELIGION:***

- Introduction to Religion
- Psychology of Religion
- Evil and Suffering
- Atheism and Unbelief (also as online course)
- Philosophy, Religion, and Sex
- Fundamentalisms around the World

***FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES:***

- Intensive Arabic for Reading I, II, & III

**GRADUATE COURSES:**

- Religion and Sex
- Atheism and Unbelief (also as online course)
- Problem of Evil
- Islam and America

**HONORS SEMINARS, COLLABORATIVE, AND LEARNING COMMUNITIES COURSES:**

- Geostrategic Intelligence Seminar on Turkey (for the *for Defense Intelligence Agency's Center for Language, Regional Expertise and Culture*)
- Regional Seminar on Islamist Groups in the Middle East (for the *Defense Intelligence Agency's Center for Language, Regional Expertise and Culture*)
- Teaching American History: African American Islam (*Online course for North Carolina High School History Teachers*)
- America from the Outside (*Honors Seminar for UNCW study abroad students at the University of Wales Swansea*)
- Donations, Disasters, and Dependence: Global Humanitarian Assistance Today (*Learning Community: INT 105: Introduction to International Studies & PAR 115: Introduction to Ethics*)
- Thinking and Believing (*Learning Community: PAR 103: Introduction to Religion & PSY 105: Introduction to Psychology*)
- The Mind and the Body (*Co-taught for the Science, Humanities, and Society Minor*)

## SERVICE

## AWARDS AND HONORS

2016

Convocation Address for *Class of 2020 at University of North Carolina Wilmington*

- 2013 Governor's Award for Excellence for "Outstanding State Government Service," *Governor of North Carolina*
- 2012 Commencement Address, *College of Arts and Sciences Commencement Ceremony at University of North Carolina Wilmington*
- 2009 Good Citizenship Medal from *The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution*

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2019 Referee for book manuscript on early Islam for Amsterdam University Press
- 2019 Referee for article manuscript on the Nation of Islam for *Correspondences: Journal for the Study of Esotericism*
- 2018–2017 Advisory Board, Asian Journal of International Peace and Security (AJIPS)
- 2017 Referee of article manuscript on Apostasy in Islam for *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion*
- 2017 Referee of article manuscript on African Islam for *Religion Compass*.
- 2016 Referee of book proposal on Methods in Religious Studies for Routledge.
- 2016 Referee of book proposal on Methodology in International Studies for Sage / CQ Press
- 2016 Referee for chapter of *The Oxford Handbook of Hadith Studies*.
- 2016 Referee for article manuscript on Islam and the definition of religion for *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion*
- 2015–2016 *Journal of Africana Religions'* Albert J. Raboteau Book Prize Committee
- 2015– Fulbright Specialist Roster (U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) and the Institute of International Education's Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES))
- 2015 Referee of book proposal on the Qur'an for *Bloomsbury*
- 2015 Referee of book proposal on Islam and psychology for *Cambridge University Press*
- 2015 Referee of article manuscript on al-Ṭabarī for the *Journal of Quranic Studies*
- 2015 Referee for fellowship proposal for the Council for the Humanities of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)
- 2015 External Reviewer for *Central Michigan University's* Religion programs' Self-Study
- 2015 Referee for collection of articles for the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*
- 2014 Reviewer of post-doctoral fellowship proposal for the Dahlem Research School, Freie Universität Berlin
- 2014 Referee for article manuscript on African American Islam for *Journal of Law and Religion*
- 2014 Referee of book proposal on the Qur'an for *Bloomsbury*
- 2014 Referee for entry for *Oxford Bibliographies in Islamic Studies*
- 2014 Curriculum Vita Clinic, *Southeastern Women's Studies Association*, University of North Carolina Wilmington
- 2014 Referee for article manuscript on African American Islam for the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*
- 2014 External Referee for third-year review of scholar for the Department of Religion and Program in Middle Eastern Studies and Islamic Civilizations at *Colgate University*
- 2013 Chair, External Reviewer of *Dartmouth College's* Master of Liberal Studies program
- 2013–2018 Editorial Board for the journal *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion*
- 2013 Referee for fellowship proposal for the Council for the Humanities of the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)
- 2012 Referee for book manuscript on Nation of Islam for *Stanford University Press*
- 2012 Referee for article manuscript on Nation of Islam for the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*
- 2011 Referee for article manuscript on Nation of Islam for the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*
- 2011 Referee for article manuscript on Latino Muslims for the *Journal of Religious History*
- 2011 Referee for article manuscript on early Arabic papyri for the journal *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*
- 2010 Review Panelist for "America's Media Makers Grant," *National Endowment for the Humanities*
- 2010 External Reviewer for Program Review, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program, *Wake Forest University*
- 2010 Referee for *Oxford Bibliographies Online*, Oxford University Press
- 2010 Referee of new edition of *Religions of Asia Today*, Oxford University Press
- 2009–2010 Co-chair Historical Studies subsection of the International Association for the History of Religions World Congress, 2010 (reviewed over 110 abstracts and organized panels)
- 2009 Referee for article manuscript on Islamic Law for the journal *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*

- 2008 Referee for article manuscript on al-Qaeda for *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*
- 2008 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
- 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 Referee for article manuscript on Muhammad and pre-Islamic Arabia for the journal *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*
- 2006 Referee of manuscript, *The Qur'an 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 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'an*, 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 Referee for article manuscript on Orientalism for the journal *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*
- 2003 Referee for article manuscript on book reviews in religious studies for the journal *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion*
- 2003 Referee for article manuscript on *hadīth* analysis for the journal *Islamic Law and Society*
- 2003 Referee of article manuscript on mythopoesis in the Qur'an and early *Tafsīr* for the journal *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*
- 2002 Referee of proposal to reprint two books on Islamic origins for *RoutledgeCurzon*
- 2002 Referee of manuscript for a new textbook entitled, *Islam: Its History, Teaching, and Practices*, for *Oxford University Press*
- 2002 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 Referee of book proposal on Orientalism for *Continuum Publishers*
- 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'an 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
- 1993–1997 Research Assistant for E. J. Brill's Encyclopaedia of the Qur'an

## ACADEMIC SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

### THESIS COMMITTEES:

- 2019 Member, Honors Thesis Committee in International Studies for Cassie Weaver, "Understanding the Romanian Ban on International Adoptions"
- 2019 Member, Honors Thesis Committee in Political Science for Helen Rogalski, "The State of the Union Address Post 9/11: Islam, Terrorism, and War"
- 2018 Supervisor of Honors Thesis in International Studies for Helen Rogalski, "Measuring Gender Inequality in the Middle East: Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt through the United Nations GII"
- 2018 Supervisor of Honors Thesis in International Studies for Shannon Schaible, "Democracy and Islam in Egypt: An Examination of the Diverse Opinions of and within the Wafd Party, The Muslim Brotherhood, and Islamists"
- 2018 Supervisor of Honors Thesis in International Studies for Morgan Hildebrecht, "Comparison of the Supply and Demand of Sex Trafficking in Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia"
- 2018 Supervisor of Honors Thesis in International Studies for Stacia Dwelle, "Analysis of the Critical Endangerment of the Vaquita Porpoise in Mexico's Gulf of California"
- 2017 Examiner, Ph.D. Thesis for Raphael Lataster, "God's Intellectual Battles: William Lane Craig, Philosophical Arguments, and Public Engagement" (University of Sydney)
- 2017 Supervisor of Honors Thesis in International Studies for Julia Hagarty, "Transboundary Riparian Management: A Case Study of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway and the Mekong River"
- 2017 Member, Honors Thesis Committee in German for Nicholas Sweet, "Blaue Augen, blonde Haare und braune Politik: die Entwicklung der modernen deutschen rechtsradikalen Subkulturen"
- 2017 Member, Honors Thesis Committee in Nursing for Sarah Hicks, "Health Literacy among Traditional and International College Students, and the Impact of Health Education"
- 2017 Member, Honors Thesis Committee in Economics for McKenzie LeFlore, "Charitable Giving by Students: A Behavioral Experiment"
- 2016 Member, Honors Thesis Committee in Marine Biology for Samantha Farquhar, "Age and Growth of the Invasive Lionfish: North Carolina, USA vs Bonaire, Dutch Caribbean"
- 2016 Supervisor of Honors Thesis in International Studies for Sawyer Thomas, "Effects of Religious and Cultural Values on Fertility Rates and Human Population Growth"
- 2015 Supervisor of Honors Thesis in International Studies for Tobi Polland, "A Case Study of a Transformational Model of Corporate Social Responsibility Incorporated into the Mining Supply Chain of South Africa and Recommendations for Future Growth"
- 2015 Supervisor of Honors Thesis in International Studies for Kelly McNeal, "Preventing the Dutch Disease from Turning into the Resource Curse: Nigeria, Chile, and Norway"
- 2015 Supervisor of Honors Thesis in International Studies for Kelsey Smith, "The Cyprus Dispute: The History of the Ethnic Segregation of Cyprus and how the Island Can Reunify"
- 2015 Member, Master of Science Thesis Committee in Instructional Technology, Watson College of Education for Dr. Beverley McGuire, "Integrating the Intangibles into Asynchronous Online Courses in Religious Studies"
- 2015 Member, Honors Thesis Committee in German for Timothy M.T. Wagnon, "Die Legitimierung eines vereinigten Deutschlands durch den Königreich Preussen 1850–1890"
- 2015 Member, Honors Thesis Committee in Marketing for Kiera Googins, "Cross-Cultural Analysis of Public Service Advertisements with a Focus on the Protection Motivation Model"
- 2015 Member, Honors Thesis Committee in Art History for Robin Reeves, "Polychrome of Sainte Foy at Conques"
- 2015 Member, Honors Thesis Committee in History for Pawel Brzezicki, "United States Policy towards Poland from 1957 to 1980"
- 2014 Member, Honors Thesis Committee in International Studies for Erin Gallagher, "'The Land of Childhood,' 'The Dark Mantle of Night': Historical Imaginaries of Africa in the Western Gaze as Seen through the Iconography of Modern-Day Aid"
- 2014 Supervisor of Honors Thesis in International Studies for Shelby Grace Johnson, "Child Soldiers: Failures of the Global North"
- 2014 Member, Honors Thesis Committee in International Studies for Gongtao Sun, "China's Minority Policy (1933–2013): A Core-Periphery Analysis"

2014 Member, Honors Thesis Committee in French for Wren Berney, "Les Avantages du Polyglottisme: Le case de Jean Chardin et ses 'Voyages en Perse'"

2014 Member, Honors Thesis Committee in History for David Evans, "Détente through Agriculture: The U.S.-Soviet Wheat Deal of 1972"

2012 Member, Honors Thesis Committee in English for Ryan Sarfan, "Visual Alienation and the Modern Spectacle-Driven Wedding Industry: Digital Imaging and Grappling with Imperfection"

2011 Member, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Maria Selin, "What You Need to Know: Stories for My Unborn"

2011 Member, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Ashley N. Myers, "Departing Neverland"

2010 Supervisor of Honors Thesis in Philosophy and Religion for A. Garrison Libby, "Apocalypse Maybe? Apocalyptic Texts in Eastern and Western Religions"

2010 Member, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Christi M. Kohrig, "The Sexualization of America: A Look at the Changes in Sexual Behavior and Attitudes of American Society since 1940"

2009 Member, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Final Project Committee for Erin D. Sullivan, "The Evolution of American Sign Language and its Effects on Filipino Sign Language"

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 Had"

2008 Supervisor of Honors Thesis 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 <i>The Simpsons</i> : 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 Cuisson's Master's thesis defense in English

#### **UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE COMMITTEES AND POSITIONS:**

2017	Fulbright Interviewing Committee
2016–2017	Faculty Resident Director for the Study Abroad Program in Rabat, Morocco, Summer 2017
2016	New Faculty Orientation: Workshop Leader: Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Natural and Physical World
2016	Campus Screening Committees (2) for the National Security Education Program
2015–2017	Mentor for new Chair of Philosophy and Religion
2014–2016	Chair, College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee
2014	Teal Bridge "Get Involved" workshop for Transfer students—Faculty Speaker
2013	Freshman Convocation: Small Group Meeting—Faculty Speaker
2012	Career Center Counselor, Search Committee
2011	Graduate Liberal Studies Director, Search Committee
2010–2011	Chancellor's Scholars' Council
2010–2011	Faculty Professional Relations Committee
2010	Campus Representative Evaluator, Boren Scholarship
2009–2018	College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee
2009–2011	University Mentor (for two new faculty members)
2009–2010	Faculty Advisor for UNCW Association of Secular Humanists
2009–2010	Chair, University Calendar Committee
2009–2010	University Faculty Hearings Panel
2008–2009	University Calendar Committee
2008–2009	Campus Conduct Board
2008	Faculty Resident Director Search Committee for the Study Abroad Program at the <i>University of Wales Swansea</i> , 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 <i>Fulbright Program</i> Application
2005–2007	Senate Information Technology Committee
2004–2005	Faculty Resident Director for the Study Abroad Program at the <i>University of Wales Swansea</i> , 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 <i>University of North Carolina Wilmington</i>
1998	Summer Research Initiative Selection Committee
1997	Faculty Advisor for "Students Stop Sweatshops" at <i>Cornell University</i>
1994–1995	Faculty Advisor for the Muslim Students Association of <i>Middlebury College</i>

#### **DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES AND POSITIONS:**

2018–2019	Chair, Search Committee for tenure-track position (for Department of International Studies)
2018	Chair, Promotion and Tenure Committee (for Department of International Studies)
2018	Peer Evaluation of Teaching, Classroom Visitation for Dr. Turner
2017–2018	Search Committee for tenure-track position in Arabic (for Department of World Languages & Cultures)
2017–2018	Search Committee for tenure-track position in American Religion (for Department of Philosophy and Religion)
2016	Peer Evaluation of Teaching, Classroom Visitation for Dr. Mahmoud
2014	Peer Evaluation of Teaching, Classroom Visitation for Dr. Young
2013–2014	Search Committee of for tenure-track position in Arabic (for Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures)
2012–2013	Search Committee of for tenure-track position in French North Africa (for Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures)
2011	Peer Evaluation of Teaching, Classroom Visitation for Mr. Matthew Sayball
2010	Assessment Committee
2010	Chair, Post-Tenure Review Committee
2009–2011	Program Coordinator, Emphasis in Religion
2009–2010	Search Committee for tenure-track position in East Asian Religions
2009	Peer Evaluation of Teaching, Classroom Visitation for Dr. Young
2008–2010	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 Student Advisor
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

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE: PRESENTATIONS, INTERVIEWS, ETC.**

"Islam Past and Present," *St. James Plantation Community Center*, Southport, NC, October 23, 2018.  
 Mentor for Sam Berliners' Senior Lyceum Project, "Islam and Islamic Extremism," *New Hanover High School*, Wilmington, Spring 2018.  
 Mentor for Jeremy Sanders' Senior Project, "The Big Bang: Religion and Science," *New Hanover High School*, Wilmington, Spring 2018.  
 Coastline: Who Set Up the First Christmas Tree and Other Holiday Origins, *WHQR Public Radio*, Wilmington, December 21, 2017  
 Board of Directors, *The Coastal Carolina Chapter United Nations Association–USA*, 2016–2018  
 Mentor for Cecilia Beard's High School Graduation Project, "The United Nations' Security Council," *John T. Hoggard High School*, Wilmington, Spring 2016  
 Guest on "Religion Today" on *KSL Radio* in Salt Lake City, UT, January 17, 2016.  
 Interview of Chris Dietrich, "Energy Crisis: Oil and Decolonization in the Twentieth Century," for *UNCW-TV*, October 21, 2015  
 Speaker at Wilmington Jewish Film Festival for film *Arranged*, April 22, 2015  
 "Dreams of Trespass by Fatima Mernissi and Islam," Chapin Memorial Library, Myrtle Beach, SC, February 5, 2014  
 "The Future of Atheism," *Humanists and Freethinkers of Cape Fear*, Wilmington, March 17, 2013  
 Mentor for Thomas Bumbalo's High School Graduation Project, "American Foreign Policy and the Middle East," *John T. Hoggard High School*, Wilmington, Spring 2013  
 "Understanding Islam: Just another Monotheism?" *UNCG-Atheists, University of North Carolina at Greensboro*, Greensboro NC, October 24, 2012  
 Interview of Victoria Smolkin-Rothrock, "A Sacred Space: The Spiritual Life of Soviet Atheism," for *UNCW-TV*, October 17, 2012  
 "Protests in Libya and Egypt," Interview on *The Evening News* on *WECT-TV*, Wilmington, September 13, 2012  
 "Sunnis and Shi'is in Syria and Iraq," *Senior Men's Club of Wilmington*, September 7, 2012  
 "Aspects of Judaism and Islam," *Church of the Servant*, Wilmington, February 5, 2012  
 "The History of Islam in America," *Eugene Ashley High School*, Wilmington, November 16, 2011  
 "The Children of Abraham: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam," *St. John's Episcopal Church*, Wilmington, September 11, 18, and 25, 2011  
 "Misconceptions about Islam," *St. Brendan the Navigator Roman Catholic Church*, Shallotte, NC, April 6, 2011  
 "Religions of the World," *UNCW and the Brunswick Forest Neighborhood Partnership*, Leland, March 24, 2011  
 Mentor for Wesley Denton's High School Graduation Project, "Islam and Islamophobia," *E.A. Laney High School*, Wilmington, Fall 2010  
 "Religion and Sex: The Torah, the Talmud, and early Christian Writings," *Ladies Concordia Society/Temple Israel's Sisterhood*, Wilmington, October 20, 2010  
 "Islam and Other Monotheistic Religions," *New Hanover High School*, Wilmington, September 29, 2010  
 "Islam," *Chapel Men's Group*, Holden Beach, April 17, 2010  
 "Expressions of Islam," *St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church*, Wilmington, January 24 and February 7, 2010  
 "Judaism, Christianity and Islam: Sibling Rivalries," *Winding River Plantation–UNCW Partnership*, Wilmington, September 29, 2009  
 Mentor for Sarah Sorensen's High School Graduation Project, "Comparative Religion," *Dixon High School*, Holly Ridge, NC, Fall 2009  
 "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*, Oak Island NC, February 28, 2009  
 "Islam and America," *UNCW and the Landfall Partnership*, Wilmington, September 30, 2008  
 "The Roots of Sectarianism in Iraq," *Retired Physicians Section, New Hanover - Pender County Medical Society*, Wilmington, June 24, 2008  
 "Islam Today," *Wrightsville Beach Methodist Men's Dinner Meeting*, Wilmington March 18, 2008

"Islam: Beliefs and Practices," *Lutheran Church of Reconciliation*, 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*, Wilmington October 14, 2007  
 "The Rise of al-Qaeda," *Air Force Association: Cape Fear Chapter*, Wilmington, September 6, 2007  
 "Islam and Christianity; Sectarian Groups in Iraq; Islamic Extremism," *First Christian Church*, Wilmington, January 31, February 7, and February 14, 2007  
 "Middle East Forum," *Cape Fear Community College—The Learning Network*, Wilmington, October 25, 2006  
 "Belief Forum," *Cape Fear Community College—The Learning Network*, Wilmington, November 2, 2005  
 "Islam and the teachings of the Qur'an," *Southport Presbyterian Church*, Southport NC, October 23 and 30, 2005  
 "Religious and Ethnic Diversity in Iraq: Kurds, Sunnis, and Shi'is," *Senior Men's Club of Wilmington*, Wilmington, October 17, 2005  
 "An Introduction to the Major Beliefs and Practices of Islam," *UNCW Adult Scholars Leadership Alumni*, Wilmington, June 23, 2005  
 "The Bible and the Qur'an: Similarities and Differences," *St. Andrew's Covenant Church*, Wilmington, 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*, Wilmington, September 24, 2004  
 "Anti-Semitism Today," *St. Matthews Lutheran Church*, Wilmington, April 13, 2004  
 "Al-Qā'ida, Jihad and Islam," *Wilmington Civitan Club*, Wilmington, November 26, 2003  
 Panelist for "2002 Leadership Wilmington—Diversity Community Session," *Greater Wilmington Chamber Foundation*, Wilmington, October 3, 2002  
 "Relationship of Islam to Christianity and Judaism," *Unitarian Coastal Fellowship*, Morehead City NC, September 22, 2002  
 "Heart of Terrorism," *Kennedy Home Educational Center*, sponsored by the *Greater Kinston Community Development Corporation*, Kinston NC, May 30, 2002  
 "Islam and the West," *Trinity United Methodist Church*, Southport NC, April 17, 2002  
 "Islam: Basic Beliefs and Practices," *St. Andrew's Covenant Church*, Wilmington, April 10, 2002  
 "An Islamic View of Ethics and Morality," *St. Paul's Episcopal Church*, Wilmington, February 20, 2002  
 "Islam, Jihad, and Islamic Extremism," *New Hanover County Northeast Regional Library*, Wilmington, January 24, 2002  
 "Study Circle on Terrorism," *Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship Church*, Wilmington, January 22, 2002  
 "Two Versions of the 10 Commandments," Interview on *The Evening News* on *WWAY-TV*, Wilmington, January 14, 2002  
 "Islam and the Causes of Resentment against the West," *Wrightsville United Methodist Church*, Wilmington, December 2, 2001  
 "Teaching Tolerance: Islam," *Cape Fear Academy*, Wilmington, November 28, 2001  
 "Islam, Islamic Extremism, and Understanding the Roots of Animosity against the US," *Church of the Servant*, Wilmington, November 28, 2001  
 "Islam vs. Islamic Extremism: Understanding the Causes of Terrorist Attacks on the US," *Sampson Community College*, Clinton NC, November 27, 2001  
 "Some Causes of Hostility in the Middle East towards America," *First Presbyterian Church*, Wilmington, November 14, 2001  
 "Roots of Animosity between the West and the Muslim World," *St. Andrew's on the Sound Episcopal Church*, Wilmington, November 11, 2001  
 "Help Heal Our World through Education: Forum on World Trade Center Attacks," *Seniors Center*, Wilmington, November 9, 2001  
 "The Islamic Worldview(s)," *Winterpark Baptist Church*, Wilmington, November 7, 2001  
 "The Beliefs and Practices of Islam," *St. Andrew's on the Sound Episcopal Church*, Wilmington, November 4, 2001  
 "Islam," *St. Philip's Episcopal Church*, Southport NC, October 21, 2001  
 "Extremism in Islam," Interview on *The Evening News* on *WWAY-TV*, Wilmington, October 3, 2001  
 Panelist for "America in Crisis: Questions and Answers," *Cape Fear Community College*, Wilmington, October 2, 2001  
 Panelist for "U.S. Addresses a New and Formidable Enemy," *The Learning Network (UNCW-TV)*, Wilmington, September 24, 2001  
 "Understanding Islam and Muslims," *St. Paul's Episcopal Church*, Wilmington, September 23, 2001  
 "Islam and Islamic Extremism in the Wake of the WTC Attacks," Radio Interview on *980AM WAVE*, Wilmington, September 17, 2001  
 Panelist for "2001 Leadership Wilmington—Diversity Community Session," *Greater Wilmington Chamber Foundation*, Wilmington, September 13, 2001  
 "Islam: 5 Pillars and 5 Principles," *St. James Episcopal Church*, Wilmington, May 7, 2000

"God, Eternity, and the Daily Walk in Islam," Lenten Talk: Our Neighbors' Religion, *St. Andrew's on the Sound Episcopal Church*, Wilmington, April 12, 2000  
"The Beliefs and Practices of Islam," Christian Education Program, *St. John's Episcopal Church*, Wilmington, February 6, 2000  
"Warith Deen Mohammed," Interview on *Good Morning Carolina* on *WWAY-TV*, Wilmington, February 1, 2000  
"Warith Deen Mohammed and the Nation of Islam," Interview for article "Islamic Speaker Opens Black History Month Celebration," *Morning Star*, Wilmington, February 1, 2000  
"The Rise of Rabbinic Judaism," Christian Education Program, *St. John's Episcopal Church*, Wilmington, January 30, 2000  
"Islam," *Bradley Creek Elementary School*, Wilmington, January 20, 1998 and March 23, 1999  
"Worlds of Islam," *Chautauqua Institution*, NY, April 30 to May 1, 1997

## **MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

American Academy of Religion  
International Qur'anic Studies Association  
North American Association for the Study of Religion

## **WEBSITES**

<http://people.uncw.edu/bergh/>  
<http://www.herbertberg.com/>  
<http://www.uncw.edu/par/faculty/faculty-berg.html>  
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