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EDUCATION

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

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

- 2011–12 Interim Director, International Studies.
2009– Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion.
2006–11 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.
1997–2011 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

2011	Discere Aude Award for outstanding efforts in student mentoring.
2011	The Office of International Programs: Global Citizenship Grant.
2010	Discere Aude Award for outstanding efforts in student mentoring.
2007	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, 2000-2001.
2000	Department of Philosophy and Religion: Outstanding Faculty Member for 1999-2000.
2000	The Center for Teaching Excellence Summer Teaching Initiative Stipend.
1999–2011	Chosen by several graduating seniors each year as having had a significant impact on their education.

COURSES TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES:

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES:

- Introduction to International Studies (also as Honors course)
- Senior Seminar in International Studies

ISLAM & OTHER RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS:

- Islam
- America and Islam
- Modern Movements in Islam
- Shi'i Islam
- 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:

- Teaching American History: African America 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*)
- Thinking and Believing (*Learning Community: PAR 103: Introduction to Religion & PSY 105: Introduction to Psychology*)
- The Mind and the Body (*Co-taught with Dr. Diane Melroy for the Science, Humanities, and Society Minor*)

TEACHING WORKSHOPS

Co-Instructor for Center for Teaching Excellence: *UNCW Learning Goals Series: Teaching and Assessing Global Citizenship*, November 9, 2011.

Panelist for Center for Teaching Excellence: *Assessment Workshop*, April 21, 2010.

RESEARCH

RESEARCH HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2008 Faculty International Travel Grant, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*.
- 2004 Faculty International Travel Grant, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*.
- 2002 Faculty International Travel Grant, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*.
- 2001 Research Grant, *American Academy of Religion*.
- 2000 Charles L. Cahill Award for Faculty Research and Development, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*.
- 1999 Summer Stipend, *National Endowment for the Humanities*.
- 1998 Summer Research Initiative, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*.
- 1996–97 Postdoctoral Fellowship, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*.
- 1994–95 Ontario Graduate Scholarship.
- 1991–94 Doctoral Fellowship, *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada*.
- 1990–91 Open Fellowship, *University of Toronto*.

MONOGRAPHS

Elijah Muhammad. *Makers of the Muslim World*, edited by Patricia Crone. Oneworld Publications. Submitted.

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 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: Gorgia Press (forthcoming).
- “The ‘School’ of Ibn ‘Abbās.” In *The Meaning of the Word: Lexicology and Tafṣīr* edited by Stephen Burge. Oxford: Oxford University Press in association with the Institute of Ismaili Studies (forthcoming).
- “The Essence of Essentializing: A Critical Discourse on ‘Critical Discourse in the Study of Islam’.” *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* (forthcoming).
- “Failures (of Nerve?) in the Study of Islamic Origins.” *Failure and Nerve in the Study of Religion: Working with Donald Wiebe*, edited by William E. Arnal, Willi Braun, Russell T. McCutcheon. London: Equinox (forthcoming).
- “Elijah Muhammad’s Redeployment of Muhammad: Racialist and Prophetic Interpretations of the Qur’ān.” *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, 321–345. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2011.
- “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, 13–38. *Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta*, 177. Leuven: Peeters Publishers, 2010.
- “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.
- “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 *Tafṣīr*.” *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’ān 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’ān: 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

- 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* (forthcoming)
- Hadith: Muhammad’s Legacy in the Medieval and Modern World* by Jonathan A.C. Brown. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (forthcoming).
- Inventing America’s Worst Family: Eugenics, Islam, and the Fall and Rise of the Tribe of Ishmael* by Nathaniel Deutsch. *Comparative Islamic Studies* (forthcoming).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

- “Al-‘Abbās b. ‘Abd al-Muttābīb,” “Ibn ‘Abbās,” “Ibn Abī al-Najāh,” and “Tawūs b. Kaysān.” *Biographical Dictionary of Islamic Civilisation and Culture*, edited by Mustafa Shah. London: IB Tauris (forthcoming).
- “Elijah Muhammad” and “Nation of Islam.” *Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, edited by Gerhard Böwering. Princeton: Princeton University Press (in press).
- “Muhammad, Elijah.” *Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History*, edited by Edward E. Curtis IV. New York: Facts On File, 2010. II:394-398.
- “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]" and "Zu Sūra 101,6 [Regarding Qur'ān 101:6]." In *What the Koran Really Says*, edited by Ibn Warraq, 436–461 and 462–465. Amherst: Prometheus Books, 2002.

PAPERS AT REFEREED CONFERENCES

- "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, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, November 22, 2009.
- "'Revisionist' *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.
- "'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 Tafṣīr.” *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

- “Allah(s) and His Apostle(s) in Mecca and Detroit: Islamic Origins, Nation-of-Islam–ic Origins, and Hypocrisy in the Academic Study of Religion,” *State University of New York Buffalo*, November 7, 2011.
- “Reading the *Sīrah* as *Tafṣīr*,” *University of Groningen*, June 10, 2010.
- “The *Isnād* and the Production of Cultural Memory: Ibn ‘Abbās as a Case Study.” *Georgetown University*, March 1, 2010.
- “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.

- “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.
- “Exegetical *hadīth* and the Western Critique of the *isnād* System,” *Middlebury College*, April 1, 1994.

OTHER ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- “Global Languages and the Future of English,” College Day 2011, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, November 12, 2011.
- “In Defense of Reductionism,” in Dr. Diana Pasulka’s *Methods in Religious Studies* course *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, October 18, 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.
- “Death and the Afterlife in Islam,” in Dr. Diana Pasulka’s *After Life Studies in Contemporary Religion and Philosophy* course, *University of North Carolina Wilmington*, February 23, 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.
- 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 Anti-Semitism* 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.
- “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.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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| 2012 | External Referee for article manuscript on Nation of Islam for the <i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i> . |
| 2012– | Editorial Board for the journal <i>Method & Theory in the Study of Religion</i> . |
| 2011 | External Referee for article manuscript on Nation of Islam for the <i>Journal of the American Academy of Religion</i> . |
| 2011 | External Referee for article manuscript on Latino Muslims for the <i>Journal of Religious History</i> . |
| 2011 | External Referee for article manuscript on early Arabic papyri for the journal <i>Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses</i> . |
| 2010 | Review Panelist for “America’s Media Makers Grant,” <i>National Endowment for the Humanities</i> . |
| 2010 | External Reviewer for Program Review, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program, <i>Wake Forest University</i> . |
| 2010 | Reviewer for <i>Oxford Bibliographies Online</i> , Oxford University Press. |
| 2010 | Reviewer of new edition of <i>Religions of Asia Today</i> , 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 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*.
- 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 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'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 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'an 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*.
- 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.

ACADEMIC SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

THESIS COMMITTEES:

- 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 Chair of Honors Thesis Committee 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 Chair of Honors Thesis Committee in Philosophy and Religion for Mary von Aue, “Rabi‘a al-‘Adawī.”

- 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:

- 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– 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 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:

- 2011 Peer Evaluation of Teaching, Classroom Visitation for Mr. Matthew Sayball.

2009–2010 Program Coordinator, Emphasis in Religion.
 2010 Assessment Committee.
 2010 Chair, Post-Tenure Review Committee.
 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.

“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, Sunnīs, and Shī`īs,” *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`ān: 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.

North American Association for the Study of Religion.