

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate in Arabic and Islamic Civilizations, Dept. of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, 2012-pres., Honors: *Endowed University Fellowship*

M.A. Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, 2014, Women's and Gender Studies and Near Eastern
and Judaic Studies, Honors: *School of Humanities Commencement Speaker*

M.Div. Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2011
Honors: *Presidential Scholar*

A.B. Princeton University, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton, NJ, 2008
Honors: *Summa cum Laude*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Islamic Studies Scholar-in-Residence and Co-Director of the Center for Interreligious and Communal Leadership Education [CIRCLE], joint appointment by Andover Newton Theological School & Hebrew College, Newton, MA, 2014-pres.
- Muslim Chaplain, Tufts University Chaplaincy, Medford, MA, 2014-pres.
- Lecturer, Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, 2013-2014
- Faculty Associate, Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations / Lecturer in Religious & Theological Studies, Merrimack College, N. Andover, MA, 2011-2014

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journals Articles and Peer-Reviewed Articles in Edited Volumes

“Sexual Violence and Qur’anic Resources for Healing Processes,” *Sexual Violence and Sacred Texts*. Ed. Amy Kalmanofski, Feminist Studies in Religion, forthcoming.

“Family Law Reform, Spousal Relations, and the “Intentions of Islamic Law,” in *Women’s Rights and Religious Law: Domestic and International Perspectives*. Ed. Fareda Banda and Lisa Fishbayn Joffe, Routledge, forthcoming.

“*Sūrah al-‘Alaq*: Dispositions for Interreligious Engagement,” *Religious Resource for Interreligious Engagement*. Eds. Jennifer Peace, Or Rose, and Hodayra Zaid, Orbis, forthcoming.

“‘The Garment of Piety is Best’: Islamic Legal and Exegetical Works on Bodily Covering,” *Claremont Journal of Religion* 4, no. 1 (2005):19-54.

- “Interreligious Encounter in Women’s Words: Two Late Nineteenth Century American Accounts,” *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* 23, no. 2 (2013): 226-33.
- “Gendering Ritual: A Muslima’s Reading of the Laws of Menstrual Preclusion,” *Muslima Theology: The Voices of Muslim Women Theologians*. Eds. Elif Mendeni, Ednan Aslan, and Marcia Hermansen. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Land Verlag, 2013, 167-79.
- “Religion, Gender, and Family Law: Critical Perspectives on Integration for European Muslims,” with Zainab Alwani, *Applying Sharia in the West: Facts, Fears and the Future of Islamic Rules on Family Relations in the West*. Ed. Maurits S. Berger (Debates on Islam and Society Series), Leiden: Leiden University Press, 2013, 227-40.
- “Modern and Contemporary Trends in Muslim Women’s Leadership,” with Shenila Khoja-Moolji, in *Religious Leadership: A Reference Handbook*, vol. I. Ed. Sharon H. Callahan. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE, 2013, chapter 38, 308-16
- “Courage at the Crossroads,” *A Jihad for Justice: Honoring the Work and Life of Amina Wadud*. Eds. Julliane Hammar, Laury Silvers, and Kecia Ali, 2012, 85-89.
- “Refining the ‘Islamic’: The Import of Critical Gender Analysis,” in *The Global Muslim Community at a Crossroads: Understanding Religious Beliefs, Practices, and Infighting to End the Conflict*. Ed. Abdul Basit, Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2012, 73-79.

Encyclopedia Articles

- “Al-Asmā’ al-Ḥusnā (God’s Most Beautiful Names).” Co-authored with Teresa Soto González. In *Islam: A Worldwide Encyclopedia*. Ed. Cenap Cakmak. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, forthcoming.
- “Education.” Co-authored with Shenila Khoja-Molji. In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Science and Technology in Islam*. Ed. Ibrahim Kalin. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014, 190-198. Substantial revision of earlier entry.
- “Law: Islamic Traditions.” In *Cultural Sociology of Divorce: An Encyclopedia*. Ed. Robert E. Emery. Los Angeles, CA: SAGE, 2013, 670-73.
- “Intersectionality.” In *Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia*. Ed. Carlos E. Cortes and J. Geoffrey Golson. Los Angeles, CA: SAGE, 2013, 1228-9.
- “Fatwā,” Rev. in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women*, vol. 1. Ed. Natana J. DeLong-Bas. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013, 303-308.
- “United States of America.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women*, vol. 1. Ed. Natana J. DeLong-Bas. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013, 386-390.

“Thoraya Obaid.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women*, vol. II. Ed. Natana J. DeLong-Bas. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013, 19-20.

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

“African American Muslims.” In *The Multimedia Encyclopedia of Women in Today’s World*. Eds. Mary Zeiss Stange, Carol K. Oyster and Jane Sloan. Los Angeles, CA: SAGE, 2011, 44-6.

“Wahhabism.” In *The Multimedia Encyclopedia of Women in Today’s World*. Eds. Mary Zeiss Stange, Carol K. Oyster and Jane Sloan. Los Angeles, CA: SAGE, 2011, 1534-5.

Book Reviews

The Study Qur’an: A New Translation with Notes and Commentary, Ed. by Seyyed Hossein Nasr, et al. *Azizah Magazine*, forthcoming.

Writing Muslim Identity, by Geoffrey Nash, *Journal of Postcolonial Writing* 94, no. 3 (2013), 372-72. Published online February 19.

Finding Mecca in America: How Islam is Becoming an American Religion, by Muchit Bilici, *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 30, no. 2 (2013): 103-105.

Sufism in the Contemporary Arabic Novel, by Ziad Elmarsafy, *Journal of Postcolonial Writing* 94, no. 4 (2013). Published online July 9.

Solicited Essays (Online and Print)

“Qur’anic Exegesis and Two Postcolonial Reform Agendas: Sayyid Quṭb (1906-1966) and Fazlur Rahman (1916-1988),” *Journal of Muslim World Affairs* (June 17, 2015).

“A Muslim Offering,” *Standing in Need of Prayer: Spiritual Voices Envisioning Just Peacemaking in Our Communities*. Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries of Greater Boston, (2015): 6-8.

“Interreligious Leadership Education for Muslims in the United States,” *Journal of Inter-Religious Studies*, no. 15 (2014): 21-23.

“Unsettling Gender Hierarchies while Valuing Sexual Difference,” *Journal of Muslim World Affairs* (October 19, 2014).

- “Ayan Hirsi Ali & Brandeis University: A View from Campus,” *Public Discourse*, The Witherspoon Institute (April 24, 2014).
- “Islamic Reform’s Zero-Sum Game,” *Journal of Muslim World Affairs* (January 20, 2014).
- "Interreligious Exchange in Elementary Education: Expanding Horizon’s at the Islamic Academy of New England," *Journal of Inter-Religious Dialogue*, no. 12 (2013), 57-59.
- “Returning to the Earth,” *The Sova Project* (November 29, 2013).
- “Continuing Momentum in Muslim Critical Gender Scholarship,” *Journal of Muslim World Affairs* 1, no. 1 (September 3, 2013).
- “Religious Dimensions of Democratization Processes in Muslim-Majority Nations,” *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 29, no. 5 (2012): 141-45.
- “Classical Islamic Tale to Capture Young Minds and Hearts,” in *Islamic Horizons* 41, no. 5 (2012): 56-57.
- “The Early History of the Muşhaf,” in *Islamic Horizons* 39, no. 6 (2010): 55-6.
- “Engaging Muslimat: Female Muslim students on gendered aspects of public prayer,” *World Religions in Boston and Women’s Networks*, web resource, Pluralism Project at Harvard University, 2010.
- “Turning Insult into Opportunity: Anti-Sharia Sentiments and their Implications,” *KARAMAH: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights* (December 15, 2011).
- “Reflections on a Muslim Woman’s Vocational Calling and Personal Identity,” *The Harvard Independent* (February 18, 2010).
- “Dialogue on Darwish: The Muslim Woman Question Revisited,” *The Daily Princetonian* (November 24, 2009).
- “Politics of Knowledge Production: A Critical Look at DeLong-Bas’ *Wahhabi Islam*,” *Misbah Magazine* (2009): 3-6.
- “Modern Visions of Islam: At the Junctures of Humanism, Pragmatism, and Scriptural Authority,” in *Misbah Magazine* (2008): 12-3. Adapted from a speech prepared for the *Colloquium on European and International Affairs*, hosted by the Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination, (July 2008).

SELECT ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- “American Muslims and 21st Century Interfaith Partnerships,” *American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies*, hosted by *Villanova University*, April 17, 2015.
- "Qur'anic Stories involving Sexual Violence," Sexual Violence and Sacred Texts, *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, November 22, 2014.
- “*Maqāṣid al-sharī‘a* and Family Law Reform: A Way Forward with an Eye on the Past?” Ways of Knowing, 3rd Annual Graduate Conference on Religion, *Harvard Divinity School*, October 24, 2014.
- “Muslim Theology at the Intersection of Identities: An applied approach,” Religious Identity and Renewal: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Explorations, symposium hosted by *Seattle University School of Theology & Ministry*, co-convened by the *Lutheran World Federation*, August 10-14, 2014.
- “Problematizing Liberalism: When ‘Islamic Feminism’ is a Misnomer,” *Religion and Revolution*, sponsored by *Princeton University Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination*, Vienna, Austria, June 19-21, 2014.
- "*Fiqh* and the Family: The Higher Intentions of Islamic Law and Changing Spousal Roles,” *Project on Gender, Culture, Religion and the Law at the Hadassah-Brandeis Institute*, October 9, 2013.
- “Institutions of Islamic Higher Learning: A Community’s Exigent Demands and a Nation’s Struggle for Plurality,” Collaborative Partnerships between Universities and Muslim Institutions, hosted by *University of Birmingham*, June 27, 2013.
- “Muslim Reform Movements on Gender: Success or Failure on the Woman Question?” *Princeton University Islamic Studies Colloquium*, April 12-13, 2013.
- “Stereotypes of Arabs and Muslims in Bestselling British and American Spy Fiction,” with Thoraya Obaid, Islam, Political Islam, and Islamophobia, *Indiana University at Bloomington*, March 29-30, 2013.
- “Disparate Paradigms for Energizing Religious Reform: Two Prominent Twentieth-Century Exegetes on Qur’anic Hermeneutics and Religious Ethics,” Contemplating the Qur’an (Tadabbur al-Qur’an), *Howard University School of Divinity*, March 24-25, 2013.
- "Intersectionality and Standpoint Theory: Analytic tools for integrating scholar/practitioner perspectives in religious studies,” Ways of Knowing, 1st Annual Graduate Conference on Religion, *Harvard Divinity School*, October 27, 2012.

- “Gender and Personal Status Law in the MENA Region: Between Secular-Liberal and Islamist Visions,” *Religious Dimensions of Democratization Processes in Muslim-Majority Nations, Yale Divinity School*, September 29, 2012.
- “Horizons of Islamic Feminist Discourses in the Academy,” *Looking Beyond 9/11: Islam in the West & Democratic Trends in the Middle East and North Africa, John Jay College of Criminal Justice*, September 23, 2011.
- “On the Soul and Desire: Comparative Perspectives from Aristotle and al-Ghazālī,” *Conversations across Religious Boundaries, Conference in Honor of Krister Stendahl, Harvard Divinity School*, April 14, 2011.
- “Sex, Blood, and Ritual Prayer: A Feminist Problematization of Muslim Purity Laws,” *Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Program Graduate Seminar Series, Harvard University*, April 13, 2011.
- “Critiquing the Concept of 'Awrah within Pre-Modern Muslim Jurisprudence,” with Ailya Vajid, et al., *Veiled Constellations: The Veil, Critical Theory, Politics, and Contemporary Society, York University and the University of Toronto*, June 3-5, 2010.
- “From Theory to Action: Building Women’s Networks in and Beyond Divinity School,” *Teaching Activism: Women's Studies in the 21st Century, New England Women's Studies Association*, hosted by *University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth*, April 30, 2010.
- “Hermeneutics across Religious Boundaries: Insights from Fazlur Rahman and Paul Ricoeur,” *Conversations across Religious Boundaries, Conference in Honor of Krister Stendahl, Harvard Divinity School*, April 19, 2010.
- “Engaging Muslimat: An Ethnographic Study of Female, Muslim, Student-Leaders at Greater Boston Universities,” with Joy Fallon, *Sixth Annual UNC/DUKE Graduate Islamic Studies Conference, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*, April 4-5, 2009.
- “‘Political’ Islam: Euphemism or Redundancy?” sponsored by the *Liechtenstein Institute of Self-Determination, Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University*, November 7, 2008.

INVITED PANELS & PRESENTATIONS

- Intra-Muslim Relations: Contemporary Trends in Contexts*, Harvard University’s HRH Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Islamic Studies Program, April 11-12, 2015.
- The Art of Storytelling as an Interreligious Leadership Skill*, Northeastern University Center for Spirituality, Dialogue, and Service, April 1, 2015.

Freedom of Expression in the Wake of Charlie Hebdo, Tufts University International Literary and Visual Studies and International Relations Departments, March 26, 2015.

Women in Religion, sponsored by The Williams College Feminist Collective, hosted by Williams College Chaplaincy, Thompson Memorial Chapel, March 5, 2015.

Active Listening for Facilitating Difficult Social Justice Conversations, Sponsored by Tufts University Dean of Student Affairs Office and University Chaplaincy, February 13, 2015.

In a Different Voice: Women Faith Leaders on Advancing Peace and Security, webinar hosted by The Peace and Security Funders Group, February 11, 2015.

Interfaith Dialogue in Higher Education, sponsored by Northeastern University Center for Spirituality, Dialogue, and Service, February 6, 2015.

Our Neighbor's Faiths: Stories of Interreligious Encounter and Transformation, Northeastern University Center for Spirituality, Dialogue, and Service, February 4, 2015.

Islam and Political Violence, hosted by Harvard Divinity School, sponsored by the Harvard Kennedy School Muslim Student Caucus, the Harvard Interfaith Forum, and Harvard Better Together, December 3, 2014.

Doves Cry and *Of Many* Discussant, Boston Jewish Film Festival, November 9, 2015.

Sarah and Hagar in Jewish and Muslim Traditions, Annual Leadership Conference, Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, hosted by The Dialogue Institute at Temple University, co-sponsored by The Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, November 2, 2014.

Difficult Conversations: Sexuality and Mental Health, Greater Boston Muslim Health Initiative Annual Conference, November 1, 2014.

Theological Education for Changing Chaplaincies, annual conference of the Association of College and University Religious Affairs, hosted by The Memorial Church at Harvard and co-sponsored by Tufts University Chaplaincy, October 28, 2014.

Crisis Diplomacy and the State of Global Affairs, working group, Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination at Princeton University, Vaduz, August 26-27, 2014.

Jewish and Muslim Emerging Religious Leaders, alumna facilitator for retreat convened by Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, June 9-14, 2014.

(re)Presenting American Muslims: Broadening the Conversation, a special forum of the Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Islamic Studies Program at Harvard University, April 11 & 12, 2014.

The American Muslim Community Today, panel discussion hosted by the Center for Interreligious and Communal Leadership at Hebrew College and Andover Newton Theological School, March 3, 2014.

Being Muslim in America: Challenges and Opportunities, sponsored by The Islamic Council of New England, hosted by Tufts University, October, 20, 2013.

Impact of the Israel/Palestine Conflict on American Religious Communities and Interreligious Relations, sponsored by Boston University School of Theology and Andover Newton Theological School, March 21, 2013.

Merging Scholarship and Religious Leadership, Diversity and Explorations Program, Harvard Divinity School, November 8, 2012.

Lessons from a Greater Boston Muslim Women's Community-Building Initiative, What's Your Story? Narrative & Inter-Religious Cooperation, State of Formation National Seminar, hosted by the Rabbinical School at Hebrew College and Andover Newton Theological School, May 14, 2012.

Engaging Difference, Living Our Values: Diverse People, Diverse Paths, hosted by Harvard Divinity School, August 30, 2011.

Leadership for the Common Good, hosted by the Office of Development and External Relations at Harvard Divinity School, April 14, 2011.

Conversation with The Seated Dervish, interactive presentation for Art, Faith, and Storytelling, inspired by the Harvard Sackler Collection, hosted by the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard Divinity School, April 11, 2011.

Hair Covering, Comparative Perspectives, hosted by Harvard Hillel, October 3, 2010.

New Ministries in Islam, National Leadership Conference, hosted by the Women's Studies in Religion Program at Harvard Divinity School, January 20, 2010.

INVITED LECTURES

Five Women of the Qur'an to Know, sponsored and hosted by the Anna Howard Shaw Center at Boston University School of Theology, April 16, 2015.

Beyond the Headlines: Facts, Fears, and Fictions about Politics and Islam, hosted by Townsend Public Library, April 14, 2015.

A Muslim Case for Interfaith, sponsored and hosted by Northeastern University Center for Spirituality, Dialogue, and Service, April 13, 2015.

Gender in a Qur'anic World View: Beyond Polemics or Apologetics, sponsored by Brandeis University Muslim Student Association, March 25, 2015.

The ISIS Insurgency: No Islamic Legitimacy, special forum sponsored by Andover Newton Theological School, March 20, 2015.

Muslim Feminist Positionality, Rising Voices program of Jewish Women's Archives and Prozdor of Hebrew College, January 18, 2015.

Dreams of Trespass: Revisiting a Muslim Feminist Classic, in series on memoir sponsored by the Brandeis Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, November 13, 2015.

Building Inclusive Communities, hosted and sponsored by the Muslim Student Association of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, October 3, 2014.

Meditations on Broken Verses, Muslim Journeys Series, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities in partnership with the American Library Association, hosted by the Hingham Public Library, November, 19, 2013.

Notions of Sexuality in the Muslim World, hosted and sponsored by Partners Healthcare International, October 21, 2013.

Islamic Law, Gender, and Human Rights Discourse, series entitled "International Human Rights: Victims, Violators, Enforcers," hosted by Brandeis Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, October 1, 2013.

The Eloquence of the Qur'an, series entitled "Sacred Scriptures: Poetry and Song of World Religions," sponsored by Brandeis Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, May 2, 2013.

Islamic Feminism: Past, Present, Futures, hosted and sponsored by the Tufts Muslim Student's Association and the Tufts University Muslim Chaplaincy, April 10, 2013.

Critical Scholarship: Women, Islam, and the Academy, hosted and sponsored by the Muslimat of Wellesley College, April 5, 2013.

Enhancing Cultural Competency, Muslim Students and Families, Graduate Institute of Education Leadership at Merrimack College, December 12, 2012.

Islam and Religious Pluralism in America, sponsored by Harvard College Students in Africa Initiative and Morocco's al-Akhwayan University, February 9, 2010.

SELECT ACADEMIC PROGRAMS CONVENED

Envisioning Justice, Joint Community Day of Inter-religious Learning, hosted by Andover Newton Theological School and Hebrew College, April 23, 2015.

Words to Live By, co-taught eight week course exploring central concepts in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, sponsored by the Center for Inter-Religious and Communal Leadership Education [CIRCLE], hosted by Hebrew College, October-December, 2014.

Breaking Taboos and Creating Safe Spaces: Muslim Women, Sexuality, and Health, with HEART Women and Girls, hosted by Tufts Muslim Chaplaincy, co-sponsored by Muslim Student Associations of Harvard University and MIT, October 24, 2014.

Active Citizenship and Community Leadership with Linda Sarsour, hosted by Tufts Muslim Chaplaincy and Tufts Muslim Student Association, October 17, 2014.

In Conversation with Rania Abouzeid, prominent journalist shares insights on the Syrian crisis, hosted by Tufts Muslim Chaplaincy, September 22, 2014.

CIRCLE Sisters, monthly forum exploring women's spirituality, inter-religious religious activism, intra-Muslim diversity, and Islamic higher education in Greater Boston, hosted by the Center for Inter-Religious and Communal Leadership Education, Jan.-June, 2012.

Muslim Women's Religious Literacy: The Legacy of Nana Asma'u in the 21st Century and Beyond, featuring HRH Sultan of Sokoto, co-organizer, a program of Harvard University, hosted by the Women's Studies in Religion Program, October 2, 2011.

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

Wholly/Holy: Women, Spirituality and Ministry, hosted by the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard Divinity School, May 17, 2011.

Becoming the Ocean of Divine Love and Wisdom, lead organizer, featuring Dr. Ibrahim Jaffe, hosted by Harvard Divinity School, November 9, 2010.

Women, Men and Veiling: A Muslim Feminist Inquiry into Class, Gender, and Religious Law, organizer and panelist, hosted by Harvard's Center of Middle Eastern Studies at with support from the United States Department of Education, September 30, 2010.

Faith-Based Family Dispute Mediation and Arbitration: North American Muslim Priorities, co-organizer, hosted by Harvard University, September 17, 2010.

Learning Beyond Intellect: The “Friend of God” as Teacher and the Path of Learning in Sufism, co-organizer, hosted by the Center for the Study of World Religions, at Harvard Divinity School, April 23, 2010.

Muslim Community Leadership in America: Women’s Challenges and Horizons, lead organizer, large conference featuring prominent Muslim professionals in chaplaincy, public policy, law, and academia; hosted by Harvard Divinity School, October 30, 2009.

INVITED SERMONS AND TEACHINGS

- Benefits of *Taqwa*, Northeastern University Muslim Students Association, July 13, 2015
- Success in *Deen* and *Dunya*: Insights from the Sunnah, Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center, teaching for young professional series, June 25, 2015
- Jesus in the Qur’an, Grace Episcopal Church Medford, March 4, 2015
- Living in an Interfaith World, First Parish Brookline, February 22, 2015
- Dating and Relationships in Islamic Ethics, Harvard Islamic Society, February 13, 2015
- Remembering the Beloved, Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center, January 18, 2015
- God and Jesus in Islamic Texts, Merrimack Valley Baptist Association, Oct. 26, 2014
- Scholar-in-Residence, Ocean Park Baptist Association, August 3-8, 2014
- Encountering God in Islam, Temple Aliyah, Needham, May 20 and 27, 2014
- Women and Scholarship in Islam, sponsored by Women’s Spirit, hosted by the Congregational Church of Weston, May 8, 2014
- Scripture and Revelation: Islamic Perspectives, sponsored by the Boston and Maine Theological Circles, hosted by First United Baptist Church Lowell, May 5, 2014
- Muslims at the Forefront of American Interreligious Relations, Keynote speaker, hosted by The Islamic Center of Boston at Wayland, April 5, 2014
- The Qur’anic Mary, Episcopal Divinity School, March 27, 2014
- Abrahamic Commonalities, sponsored by the Groton Interfaith Council, March 9, 2014
- Love in Muslim Devotion, Edgewood of North Andover, February 21 and 28, 2014
- Where We Dwell Together, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Jewish Christian Muslim Relations at Merrimack College, February 11, 2014
- Islamic Conceptions of Divinity, hosted by Brookhaven at Lexington, January 17, 2014
- Women and Religious Authority in Islam, convened by Britta Stendhal, hosted by Cambridge Homes, December 12, 2013
- Muslims in the American Religious Landscape, hosted by the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center, sponsored by The Islamic Council of New England, Dec. 7, 2013

AWARDS & HONORS

- Distinguished Interfaith Leadership Fellow, Northeastern University, 2015
- Kindness Day Special Recognition, Brandeis University President's Office, 2014
- Religion and Foreign Policy Initiative Spotlight, Council on Foreign Relations, May 2014
- Presidential Scholar, President and Fellows of Harvard College, 2008.
- Kathryn C. Davis 100 Projects for Peace Award, 2007
- National Merit Semi-Finalist, Carpe Diem Foundation, 2002
- America's Promise Award, 2000
- Community Service Recognition, Office of the President of the United States, 1999

FELLOWSHIPS

- Roothbert Fellowship in Spiritual Values, 2013-2015
- Max and Frances Elkon Fellowship, Brandeis University, 2012-2014
- Center for Interreligious and Communal Leadership Education, 2012-2013
- HRH Prince Awaleed Bin Talal Fellow in Non-Profit Management and Philanthropy at the Islamic Society of North America, 2010-2011
- Program in Religion, Diplomacy, and International Relations, at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, 2007-2008
- Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, 2007-2008

GRANTS PROCURED

- Andover Newton Theological School – Science in the Curriculum Grant, 2015
- AS&E Diversity Fund, Tufts University, 2015
- Eli and Frimi Sagan Research Grant, Brandeis University, 2014
- Brandeis Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Department, Research Grants, 2013-14
- Merrimack Religious Studies Department, Professional Development Grants, 2013-14
- Islamic Scholarship Foundation Award, 2013-2014
- Brandeis University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Research Grants, 2012-14
- Brandeis University Graduate Student Association, Research Grants, 2012-14
- Fadel Educational Foundation, 2008-2014
- Merrimack College, course development grant, 2012
- Op-Ed Project, Workshop Grant, 2012
- Harvard's HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Program, grants, 2009-11
- Pluralism Project at Harvard University, programming grants, 2010-11
- Diversity Fund Grant, Harvard Divinity School, 2009
- Research grant, Pluralism Project at Harvard University, 2009
- Davis United World College Scholar at Princeton University, 2003-2008
- Princeton University Fred Fox Class of 1939 Fund, research and travel grants, 2006-7
- Princeton Near Eastern Studies Department, research and travel grants, 2006
- Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, research grant, 2005
- National Italian American Foundation Discovery Scholar Award, 2003
- Davis Scholar at the United World College of the American West, 2000-2002

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Managing Editor, *Journal of Inter-Religious Studies*, 2014-2015
- Academic Strategic Planning Committee, Andover Newton, 2014-2016
- Executive Committee, Baptist-Muslim National Dialogues, 2014-2015
- Goldziher Prize Jury for Jewish-Muslim Relations, 2013-2014
- Founding Faculty Advisor, Merrimack College Interfaith Alliance, 2012-2014
- WSRP Visiting Faculty Search Committee, Harvard Divinity School, 2009-2010
- Princeton University Alumni Schools Committee, 2009-pres.

SELECT MEDIA

- “The Necessity and Future of Diversity in Belief,” Interview on *State of Belief*, July 18, 2015, available online at: <http://stateofbelief.com/segments/the-necessity-and-future-of-diversity-in-belief/>
- Feature interview on *BBC Persian*, July 30, 2013, available online in Farsi at: http://www.bbc.co.uk/persian/world/2013/07/130730_193_islam_conversion.shtml

COURSES TAUGHT

Biblical Figures in the Qur’an; Logic and Rhetoric of the Qur’an, Heroines of the Qur’an, Islam: Religion, Culture, Politics; Women in Islamic Traditions; Sex and Gender in Islamic Law, Islamic Mysticism, History and Theology of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations; Proseminar in Near Eastern Studies, Introduction to Interreligious Leadership

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & EXPERIENCE

- Intern at Islawmix, Harvard Berkman Center for Internet and Society, 2011
- Special Project Coordinator, Women’s Studies in Religion, Harvard Divinity, 2011
- Project Coordinator, Islam in the West Program, Harvard University; developed Islamopediaonline.org, 2009-2011
- Assistant to Educational Coordinator, Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard Divinity School, 2008-2011
- Certificate, Fund Raising School, Center on Philanthropy, Indiana University, 2010
- Certificate, Interfaith Conflict Resolution, United States Institute of Peace, 2008
- Research Intern, Social Science Research Center, American University of Cairo, 2005
- Assistant to Director of International Educational Programs, SHOAH Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education, 2004
- Assistant to the Director, Institute of Child and Adolescent Rights, Brasilia, Brazil, 2003
- Baccalaureate, United World College of the American West, New Mexico, 2002