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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D.** University of Chicago, 1997 (History of Religions).  
**M.A.** University of Wisconsin–Madison, 1989 (South Asian Studies).  
**B.A.** College of the Holy Cross, 1985 (History) – *cum laude* with Honors.

## RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

**Wesleyan University** • Department of Religion • Middletown, Connecticut  
**Professor** (2009–present)  
Associate Professor (2004–2009)  
Assistant Professor (2003–2004)  
Visiting Assistant Professor (2002–2003)  
Southwestern University • Assistant Professor • Georgetown, Texas (1997–2003)  
University of Texas at Austin • Adjunct Assistant Professor • Asian Studies Department (1999–2002)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Published books

***Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Sentiment: Picturing the Enemy.*** With Gabriel F. Greenberg (Rowman & Littlefield, 2018). Revised and expanded second edition of *Islamophobia: Making Muslims the Enemy*.

***American Heretics: Catholics, Jews, Muslims, and the History of Religious Intolerance*** (Palgrave, 2013).

***Religion, Science, and Empire: Classifying Hinduism and Islam in British India*** (Oxford University Press, New York, 2012).

***Engaging South Asian Religions: Boundaries, Appropriations, and Resistance.*** Volume with ten contributors co-edited with Mathew N. Schmalz (SUNY Press, 2011).

***Islamophobia: Making Muslims the Enemy.*** Co-authored with Gabriel Greenberg (Rowman & Littlefield, 2007).

***Beyond Hindu and Muslim: Multiple Identity in Narratives from Village India*** (Oxford University Press, New York and Delhi, 2000 and 2001).

### Books under contract

***Routledge Handbook of Hindu-Muslim Relations.*** Edited with thirty contributors (Routledge).

### Published essays and entries in books

“**Islamophobia**” entry co-authored with Gabriel Greenberg in *Routledge Companion to Race & Ethnicity*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Stephen Maynard Caliendo and Charlton McIlwain, eds. (Routledge, 2021). 189–191.

“**Practicing the Right to Indifference: Secularism, Toleration, and Islamophobia in Indian and American National Subjectivities**” in *The Dynamics of Conflict and Peace in Contemporary South Asia: The*

- State, Democracy and Social Movements*, Crispin Bates, Akio Tanabe, Minoru Mio, eds. (London: Routledge, 2020).
- “A Bloody and Degrading Superstition’: Coalescing Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Sentiment in British Bihar”** in *Bihar: Crossing Boundaries*, Sunita Lall, Neeraj Kumar, and Kathinka Sinha-Kerkhoff, eds. (Delhi: Primus Books, 2020). 30-42.
- “Affect, Thought, and Hermeneutics: Changes in the Views of Muslims in American Editorial Cartoons”** in *Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Interreligious Hermeneutics: Ways of Seeing the Religious Other*, Emma O’Donnell, ed. (E.J. Brill, 2019). 137-156.
- “Donald Trump at the Intersection of Nativism, Islamophobia, and Anti-Muslim Sentiment: American Roots and Parallels”** in *Contesting Islamophobia: Anti-Muslim Prejudice in Media, Culture and Politics*, Peter Morey, Alaya Forte, Amina Yaqin, eds. (I.B. Taurus, 2019). 47-69.
- “Beyond the Introduction—Alternative Perspectives”** in *Religions of India*. Sushil Mittal & Gene Thursby, eds. (Routledge, 2018). 290-316.
- “Indian Muslim Traditions”** in *Religions of India*. Sushil Mittal and Gene Thursby, eds. (Routledge, 2018). 233-287.
- “So Near, Yet So Far: An Academic Reflection on the Endurance of American Islamophobia”** in *On Islam Muslims and the Media*. Rosemary Pennington and Hilary E. Kahn, eds. (Indiana University Press, 2017). 27-38.
- “The Equality Paradigm in Warner v. Boca Raton: Winnifred Sullivan and The Impossibility of Religious Freedom”** in *The Social Equality of Religion or Belief*, Alan Carling, ed. (Palgrave, 2016). 80-91.
- “Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Sentiment”** in *The Oxford Handbook of American Islam*. Yvonne Haddad and Jane Smith, eds. (Oxford University Press, 2014). 507-519.
- “Common Heritage, Uncommon Fear: Islamophobia in the United States and British India, 1687–1947”** co-authored with Gabriel Greenberg in *Islamophobia in America: The Anatomy of Intolerance*. Carl W. Ernst, ed. (Palgrave, 2013). 21-51.
- “Mapping Boundaries: The Science of Knowing Communal Identity in British Cartography”** in *Lines in the Water: Religious Boundaries in South Asia*. Tazim R. Kassam and Liza Kent, eds. (Syracuse University Press, 2013). 187-212.
- “Religion Out of Place: Islam and Cults as Perceived Threats in the United States”** in *From Moral Panic to Permanent War: Lessons and Legacies of the War on Terror*. Gershon Shafir, Everard Meade, and William Aceves, eds. (Routledge, 2012). 108-127.
- “Introduction”** in *Muslims and Others in Sacred Space*. Margaret Jean Cormack, ed. (Oxford University Press—AAR Series, 2012). 3-14.
- “Promoting Scientism: Institutions for Gathering and Disseminating Knowledge in British Bihar”** in *Knowledge Production and Pedagogy in Colonial India*. Daud Ali and Indra Sengupta, eds. (Palgrave, 2011). 171-197.
- “A Science of Defining Boundaries: Classification, Categorization, and the Census of India”** in *Engaging South Asian Religions: Boundaries, Appropriations, and Resistance*, Mathew N. Schmalz and Peter Gottschalk, eds. (SUNY Press, 2011). 21-37.
- “Introduction: Engaging South Asian Religions”** co-authored with Mathew N. Schmalz in *Engaging South Asian Religions: Boundaries, Appropriations, and Resistance*, Mathew N. Schmalz and Peter Gottschalk, eds. (SUNY Press, 2011). 1-17.
- “From Muhammad to Obama: Caricatures, Cartoons, and Stereotypes of Muslims”** co-authored with Gabriel Greenberg in *Islamophobia: A Challenge to Pluralism in the 21st Century*, John Esposito, ed. (Oxford University Press, 2011). 191-209.
- “Islamophobia”** entry co-authored with Gabriel Greenberg in *Routledge Companion to Race & Ethnicity*, Stephen Maynard Caliendo and Charlton McIlwain, eds. (Routledge, 2010). 162-163.
- “A Village as Hermeneutical Lens: Spaces of Rural Hindu-Muslim Interactions”** in *Village Matters: Relocating Villages in the Contemporary Anthropology of India*, Diane Mines and Nicolas Yazgi, eds. (Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2010). 173-198.
- “On Method and Narrative – OR, How A Textualist Gave Birth to Two Ethnographers”** co-authored with Mathew Schmalz in *Notes from a Mandala: Essays in Honor of Wendy Doniger*, Laurie L. Patton and David L. Haberman, ed. (University of Delaware Press, 2010). 276-294.

- “Teaching Bihari Rural Life through ‘The Virtual Village’ on the World Wide Web”** co-written with Mathew Schmalz in *Speaking of Peasants: Essays on Agrarian History in India in Honor of Walter Hauser*, Vijay Pinch, ed. (Manohar, 2007). 453-470.
- “A Categorical Difference: Communal Identity in British Epistemologies”** in *Religion, Violence and Globalization: The South Asian Experience*, John Hinnells and Richard King, eds. (Routledge Curzon, 2006). 195-210.
- “Muslim Traditions”** in *Religions of South Asia*, Sushil Mittal and Gene Thursby, eds. (Routledge, 2006). 201-245.
- “Visions of Incompatibility: Categorizing Islam and Hinduism in Scholarship”** in *Incompatible Visions: South Asian Religion in History and Culture*, James Blumenthal, ed. (Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2006). 1-20.
- “Foreword”** in *Building Communities in Gujarat: Architecture and Society during the Twelfth through Fourteenth Centuries*, Alka Patel (E.J. Brill, 2004). xvii-xx.
- “Mapping Muslims: Categories of Evolutionary Difference and Interaction in South Asia”** in *Lived Islam: Liminality, Accommodation, and Adaptation*, Imtiaz Ahmad and Helmut Reifeld, eds. (Social Science Press, 2004). 3-17.
- “Introduction”** in *Surprising Bedfellows: Hindus and Muslims in Medieval India*, Sushil Mittal, ed. (Lexington Books, 2003). 1-10.
- “Dead Healers and Living Identities: Narratives of a Hindu Ghost and a Muslim Sufi in a Shared Village”** in *The Living and the Dead: The Social Dimensions of Death in South Asian Religions*, Elizabeth Wilson, ed. (SUNY Press, 2003). 177-200.
- Entries** for *The (Oxford) Dictionary of Islam*, John Esposito, ed. (Oxford University Press, 2003). Including: *Hinduism & Islam, Zoroastrianism & Islam, Abu al-Fath Jalal al-Din Muhammad Akbar I, Delhi Sultans, Ghaznavids, Jahangir, Nadwat al-Ulama, Nizaris, Nur Jahan, and Ashraf Ali Thanawi.*
- “It Is My Privilege to Say...”** in *Justice for All*, Jake B. Schrum, ed. (Southwestern University, 2001). 20-28.

### Other published articles, entries, and essays

- “Emotional Encounters: Finding Home in a Material Field Site, a Digital Field Site, and A Virtual Village”** in *Fieldwork in Religion* special edition (15:1-2), Amy Allocco and Jennifer Ortegren, eds. 139-158.
- “Islamophobic and Anti-Muslim Resistance to Postsecularism: South Asian Americans and the Disciplining of American Racial and Religious Subjectivities”** in *Sikh Formations* (June 2019). 1-16.
- “Making the Unfamiliar Familiar, and thus the Fictive Real,”** in exhibit catalog “Tula Telfair: Reverie” (2019).
- “Textbooks on ‘Hinduism’: Defining an Ocean Described from Myriad Shores”** in *Religion* (49:2, July 2018). 284-295.
- “The Interpretative Pivot: Hermeneutics and the Contemporary Decline of Islamic Pluralism”** in *Marginalia*. August 26, 2016. <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/interpretative-pivot-hermeneutics-contemporary-decline-islamic-pluralism-peter-gottschalk/>
- “Three Tales of Three Houses”** in *Journal of Asian Studies* (73:2, May 2014). 301–304.
- “The Period of British Rule (1757 - 1947)”** entry in *Brill Encyclopedia of Hinduism*. Knut A. Jacobsen, ed. (Brill, 2012). 103-120.
- “Material Culture in an Indian ‘Virtual Village’: Not Just Hindu and Muslim”** co-authored with Mathew N. Schmalz for journal *Material Religion*. (Vol. 5, No. 3, November 2009).
- “Jam‘iyatul ‘Ulamâ’-i Hind”** entry in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*, volume 3. John L. Esposito, ed. (Oxford University Press, 2009). “Introduction: Engaging South Asian Religions” co-authored with Mathew N. Schmalz in *Engaging South Asian Religions: Boundaries, Appropriations, and Resistance*, Mathew N. Schmalz and Peter Gottschalk., eds. (SUNY Press, October 2010).
- “A Mahatma for Mourners and Militants: The Social Memories of Mohandas Gandhi in Arampur,”** in “Mourning and Memory,” a special issue of *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* (Vol. 25, No. 1, 2005).

- “Political Hindu Nationalism: Riptides in the Saffron Wave”** in *Sightings*, a twice-weekly on-line publication of the Martin Marty Center of the University of Chicago Divinity School (August 25, 2005): <http://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings/riding-saffron-wave-peter-gottschalk>.
- “Being an ‘Other’ Other than Myself: ‘Take It to the Bridge’”** in *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion*, vol. 13 (2001).
- “The Problem of Defining Islam in Arampur,”** International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World Newsletter (August 2001).

### Published reviews and review essays

- “A Most Modern Subject: The Discipline of History and The Fashioning of Nationalist and Other Modern Subjectivities.” Review essay of Saurabh Dube, *Subjects of Modernity: Time-Space, Disciplines, Margins* in *History and Theory* 59, no. 1 (March 2020), 142-155.
- S. Sayyid and AbdoolKarim Vakil, eds., *Thinking Through Islamophobia: Global Perspectives* and Maleiha Malik, ed., *Anti-Muslim Prejudice: Past and Present in Contemporary Islam* (September 2012).
- Vasudha Damliya, *The Nationalization of Hindu Traditions: Bharatendu Harischandra and Nineteenth-century Banaras* in *History of Religions* (vol. 39, no. 4; May 2000).
- Lise McKean, *Divine Enterprise: Gurus and the Hindu Nationalist Movement* in *South Asia Newsletter* (Autumn 1996).

### Electronic and visual productions

- “Hinduism and Islam” entry, Oxford Bibliographies Online (2012).
- “‘Better Left Unsaid’: Representation and Discernment in ‘A Virtual Village’” co-authored with Mathew N. Schmalz for *Practical Matters*, vol. 3 (spring 2010).
- “A Virtual Village” version 2.0: <http://virtualvillage.wesleyan.edu> (2004).
- “A Virtual Village.” A virtual Indian village on the World Wide Web (2001).
- “History of Religion Timeline.” *Encyclopedia Britannica* CD-ROM (1998).
- “Living Together and Apart: Hindus and Muslims in South Asia.” Scriptwriter, photographer, and narrator for still-image video produced by the University of Wisconsin–Madison South Asian Outreach Center (1993).
- “Living with Geography: Everyday Life in Pakistan.” Scriptwriter, photographer, and narrator for still-image video produced by the University of Wisconsin–Madison South Asian Outreach Center (1992).

### Public scholarship

- “Muslims in America Experience Over-Policing Too,” *The Courant*. July 25, 2020.  
<https://www.courant.com/opinion/op-ed/hc-op-gottschalk-muslim-discrimination-0725-20200725-fplifjppnaqtlezd4aflfqoy-story.html>
- “Hate Crimes Associated with Both Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism Have a Long History in America’s Past,” *The Houston Chronicle* and *The Times of Israel*. June 3 and June 4, 2019.  
<https://www.timesofisrael.com/the-long-history-of-islamophobic-and-anti-semitic-hate-crimes-in-americas-past/>
- “Who Are Pakistan’s Ahmadis and Why Haven’t They Voted in 30 Years?,” *The Conversation*. August 8, 2018.  
<https://theconversation.com/who-are-pakistans-ahmadis-and-why-havent-they-voted-in-30-years-100797>
- “Who Are the Sufis and Why Does IS See Them as Threatening?,” revised edition, *Chicago Tribune*. November 24, 2017. Originally featured on *The Conversation*.  
<https://theconversation.com/who-are-the-sufis-and-why-does-is-see-them-as-threatening-73431>
- “Why Sufis Pose Such a Threat to Islamic State Ideology,” *Newsweek*. March 11, 2017.  
<http://www.newsweek.com/why-sufi-pose-threat-islamic-state-ideology-565362>

- “Perception of Gay Life as a Threat Still Too Widespread in America,” *Las Vegas Sun*. June 30, 2016.  
<https://lasvegassun.com/news/2016/jun/30/perception-of-gay-life-as-a-threat-still-too-wides/>
- “Kansas, the KKK and Hate Without End,” *Los Angeles Times*. April 16, 2014.  
<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-gottschalk-kkk-hate-crimes-20140417-story.html>
- “Islam from News Cycle to Protest Cyclone,” OnFaith website of *The Washington Post*. September 20, 2010.

### Select public interviews

- Scope with Waqar Rizvi, Indus News. August 1, 2020.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtABeuNfCVw&feature=youtu.be>
- Faith in America, CBS News. March 21, 2017.  
<https://www.cbsnews.com/video/faith-in-america-a-history/>
- New Books in Religion podcast. April 13, 2015.  
<https://podtail.com/en/podcast/new-books-in-hindu-studies/peter-gottschalk-religion-science-and-empire-class/>
- C-SPAN Book TV. November 22, 2013.  
<https://www.c-span.org/person/?petergottschalk02>
- CNN. March 8, 2011.  
<http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:uMxWZgJ91AJ:www.cnn.com/TRANS/CRIPTS/1103/08/cnr.07.html+&cd=1&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us&client=safari>
- Voice of America. November 1, 2009.  
<https://www.voanews.com/archive/islamophobia-making-muslims-enemy>

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Presentations

- “Manufacturing Deep Diversity and Practicing Religious Indifference.” Deep Diversity workshop – International Centre of Advanced Studies ‘Metamorphoses of the Political,’ New Delhi, India (March 2019).
- “Imagining a Pluralistic Nation: Struggles of Secularism, Toleration, and Islamophobia in 21st Century India and the United States.” Toward Sustainable Development in South Asia – Kathmandu, Nepal (January 2018).
- “‘A Bloody and Degrading Superstition’: Coalescing Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Sentiment in British Bihar.” Asian Development Research Institute conference – Patna, Bihar, India (March 2017).
- “Deciding Who Counts: Hindus and Muslims in the Indian Census.” Nalanda University, Rajgir, Bihar, India (March 2017).
- “Adding Another Dimension: Changes in the Views of Muslims in American Editorial Cartoons.” Anti-Judaism, Islamophobia, and Interreligious Hermeneutics conference – University of Lund, Sweden (November 2016).
- “American Heretics: Catholics, Jews, Muslims and the History of Religious Intolerance.” University of Massachusetts – Amherst (November 2016).
- “Terms of Endearment & Antagonism: ‘Islam,’ ‘Muslim,’ and the Empirical Study of Religion.” Islam and Religious Identity conference – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (October 2016).
- “Sidestepping Islam, Christianity, and Hinduism: Resetting the Terms of Empirical Description.” Columbia University (April 2016).
- “Beyond Islam, Christianity, and Hinduism: The Quest for Compatible Categories of Comparison in the Academic Study of Religion.” Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University (April 2016).
- “A Secret History of Islamophobia.” Goodspeed Lecture at Denison University (April 2016).
- “Sidestepping Christianity, Islam, and Hinduism: Resetting the Terms of Secular Description.” Ohio State University (March 2016).
- “‘Sacred’ River Ganges.” State University of New York—Orange (October 2015).

- "Information You Can Count On: The Indian Census, Hindus, and Muslims from the Mughals to Modi." University of Vermont (September 2015).
- "Patterns of Intolerance: America's Struggle to Accept Jews, Catholics, & Muslims." Niagara University (September 2015).
- "Myth: A Classroom Heuristic Tool." American Society for the Study of Religion conference. Rice University (April 2015).
- "Sites of Interaction, Times of Crisis: Peace and Conflict among Indian Hindus and Muslims." Saint Louis University (March 2015).
- "Globalized Islamophobia: Nonsense, Commonsense, or Imperial Origins?" City University of New York (November 2014).
- "The Brahm's Revenge: Inequality and Justice in Memory and Practice." Realizing Justice? Encountering Normative Justice and the Realities of (In)justice in South Asia conference, Erfurt, Germany (June 2014).
- "Islamophobia: An Imperial Inheritance." Beyond Islamophobia conference, School of Oriental and Asian Studies, University of London (June 2014).
- "How a Ghost, a Goddess, and a Sultan Disciplined an Empire, Then a Nation (and Vice Versa)," Harvard University (February 2014).
- "Religious Plurality and the Sentiments of Prejudice." Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University (November 2013).
- "Freedom to Offend? Rights, Responsibilities, and Islamophobia." Butler University (October 2013).
- "The Faces of Intolerance: Ethnicity, Race, and Religion." Second International Workshop of Imagology at Necmettin Erbakan Cultural Center (January 2013).
- "Enduring Islamophobia." Emerson College, Boston (September 2011).
- "The Specter of Islam: The Perceived Threat of Mosques and Sharia in the U.S." University of California, San Diego (May 2011).
- "The Many Faces of Islam in South Asia." State University of New York–Orange (May 2011).
- "American Islamophobia: Roots, Nativism, and Political Advantage." New York University (April 2011).
- "A Colonial Heritage: Historical Islamophobia in the United States." Rockefeller Brothers Foundation conference (November 2009).
- "Between *Dargah* and *Masjid*: Paying Attention to the Village through Prayer." Prayer in the City - Islam, Sacred Spaces and Urban Life workshop at Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, Germany (June 2009).
- "Islamophobia and Political Cartoons." Uncovering Islam workshop, Indiana University (March 2009).
- "It Takes Two to Tango: Religion and Science in the Imperial Ballroom" and "Picturing Islam: 50 years of Making Muslims the Enemy." Wickenden Lectures, Miami University (September 2008).
- "Islamophobia: Making Muslims the Enemy" at Deconstructing Islamophobia workshop, University of California, Berkeley (April 2008).
- "Fear and Loathing: Extremism, the Norm, and the Limits of Religious Tolerance." Hartford Seminary (April 2008).
- "Foiled Again: Muslims and Mainstream America." Trinity College, Hartford (March 2008).
- "Issues and Trends in the Study of South Asian Religions." Symposium on South Asia: Issues and Trends in Research at Missouri State University, Springfield (March 2008).
- "Images of the Enemy: from Caricature to Stereotype." Islamophobia workshop, Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center of Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University (September 2007).
- "The Problem with Religion in India." The University of Connecticut (April 2007).
- "Putting Bihar on the Map: British Efforts to Know Biharis." Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna, India (January 2007).
- "Classified Information: The Science of Religion in British India." Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University (December 2006).
- "The Science of Communalism: Epistemologies of Difference in British India." Yale University (November 2006).
- "Questioning How Things Are (in South Asia) through a Liberal Arts Education." University of the Liberal Arts, Bangladesh (March 2005).

- "Between Imagination and Experience: Muslims in American Political Cartoons." Bath Spa University College, England (November 2004).
- "The type of difference and the difference of the type: British categories of religion and society in an Indian village." South Asia History seminar, School of Oriental and African Studies, England (October 2004).
- "Knowing the Difference: Indian Religious Identity in Popular and State Discourse." "Comparative Perspectives on Religious Coexistence: The State and the Everyday" seminar, Duke University (April 2004).
- "Mapping Muslims: Categories of Evolutionary Difference and Interaction in South Asia." "Lived Islam: Liminality, Accommodation, and Adaptation" workshop, Goa, India (December 2002).
- "Making Place with Religion in a Village and Making a Place for a Religion in Taxonomy." Department of Asian Studies Seminar, University of Austin at Texas (September 2002).
- "Globalization and A Virtual Village." Colloquium on Transnational Religion, Washington & Lee University (July 2002).
- "An Historian of Religions as Other." Wednesday Lunch Lecture – University of Chicago (October 1996).

### Conference Papers

- "Questioning 'Religion.'" The Religion of No Religion Conference – Center for Theory and Research, Esalen Institute (December 2019).
- "Chainpur, the Virtual Village, and Challenges of Depicting Multiple Dimensions of Rural Life." Annual Conference on South Asia – University of Wisconsin–Madison (October 2019).
- "Responding to the Legacy of *Orientalism*." American Academy of Religion – Denver (November 2018).
- "From Orientalism to Islamophobia: The Limits of Said's Analysis for British India." Annual Conference on South Asia – University of Wisconsin–Madison (October 2018).
- "Responding to Irfan Ahmad's *Religion as Critique: Islamic Critical Thinking from Mecca to the Marketplace*." American Academy of Religion – Denver (November 2018).
- "Necessary Subterfuge? 'Hinduism' and Pedagogy." Conference for the Study of Religion in India – University of California, Davis (June 2018).
- Presentation on panel critiquing David Frankfurter's *Christianizing Egypt*. American Academy of Religion – Boston (November 2017).
- "Disciplining American Racial and Religious Subjectivities: South Asian Americans at the Intersections of Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Sentiment." 5<sup>th</sup> Sikh Studies Conference at University of California, Riverside (May 2017).
- "Christian and Hindu Scientism: Not Postsecular, Just More of the Same." Postsecular Age? New Narratives of Religion, Science, and Society conference – The University of Oxford (July 2016).
- "'America's First Muslim President': Obama, Anti-Muslim Nativism, and the Failed Consensus on US Secularity." Boston College Biennial Conference on the History of Religion: Religion in Public Life (April 2016).
- "Contexts for Muslim Marginalization: Islamophobia, Anti-Muslim Sentiment, and the History of American Religious Intolerance." American Institute for Psychiatric Services conference – New York (October 2015).
- "The Triumph of Evolution and Scientific Taxonomy: Race, Religion, and Tribe in Nineteenth Century Bihar." Annual Conference on South Asia – University of Wisconsin–Madison (October 2015).
- "Is Islam (or Hinduism or Christianity) an Appropriate Term in the Secular Study of Religion?" Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin–Madison (October 2015).
- "Race, Religion, and Nationalism: The Place of South Asia Muslims in American Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Sentiment since 1974." Annual Conference on South Asia – University of Wisconsin–Madison (October 2014).
- "The Past as a Shared and Contested Country: Between History and Memory." American Academy of Religions conference – Baltimore (November 2013).
- "Recentering the Material Temple in Studies of Ritual, Memory, and Archaeological Practices." American Academy of Religions conference – Baltimore (November 2013).

- "The Ghost in the Text: Harsu Brahm and the Coalescence of Folklore Studies" at Conference on the Study of Religions of India – Drew University, New Jersey (June 2013).
- "A Temple as Embodied Narrative: Mundesvari of Bihar" at Association of Asian Studies Conference – San Diego (March 2013).
- "Fitting the Study of Religion into the Frameworks of Science" at American Academy of Religions Conference – San Francisco (November 2012).
- "Militant Muslims and the Wackos from Waco: Religious Marginalization and the Christian Norm" at Plenary Panel on Islamophobia, Middle East Studies Association annual conference, Washington, D.C. (December 2011).
- "Mapping Boundaries: The Science of Knowing Communal Identity in British India." American Academy of Religions conference – San Francisco (November 2011).
- "Shared Fears, Divergent Expressions: Islamophobia in British India and the United States." Annual Conference on South Asia – University of Wisconsin-Madison (October 2010).
- "Bodies of Evidence." American Academy of Religions Conference – Montreal (November 2009).
- "Hindu and Muslim Processions Defining a Shared Village." International Society for the Study of Religion – Santiago de Compostela, Spain (July 2009).
- "Candor, Fear, and Respect: Picturing Muslims." Candor or Respect? Talking about the Religion of Others conference – Columbia Law School. (February 2009).
- "Promoting Scientism: Institutions for Gathering and Disseminating Knowledge in British Bihar." Conference on Knowledge Production and Pedagogy in Colonial India: Missionaries, Orientalists, and Reformers in Institutional Contexts – School of Oriental and African Studies and German Historical Institute, London (November 2008).
- "Picture Perfect: Religion, Representation, and Categories of Comparison." American Academy of Religions Conference – Chicago (November 2008).
- "De-centering Muslim Studies." Annual Conference on South Asia – University of Wisconsin-Madison (October 2007).
- "Between Memory and Science: Local and State Views of Bakhtiyar's *Rauza*." Annual Conference on South Asia – University of Wisconsin-Madison (October 2007).
- "In a Class of Their Own: Categorizing Difference in the Processions of a North Indian Village." "Drawing a line in water": Religious Boundaries in South Asia conference – Syracuse University (April 2004).
- "Through the Historiographic Lens: Religion in Arampur." American Academy of Religions Conference – Atlanta (November 2003).
- "Roots vs. Routes in the Study of South Asian Religions." Annual Conference on South Asia Conference – University of Wisconsin–Madison (October 2003).
- "Knowing Arampur: Western Epistemologies in Colonial Knowledge of Village Religions." Association of Asian Studies Conference – New York City (March 2003).
- "Representation, Reciprocity and Concealment in the Virtual Village." Co-presented with Mathew Schmalz at Association of Asian Studies Conference – Washington, D.C. (March 2002).
- "Hinduism and Islam in the Virtual Village." Co-presented with Mathew Schmalz at American Academy of Religion Conference – Denver (November 2001).
- "The Raj that Memory Forgot: Local Forgetting During National Remembering." Annual Conference on South Asia Conference – University of Wisconsin–Madison (October 2001).
- "Mahatma in Memory: Gandhi in Myth, History, and Group Memory." American Academy of Religion Conference – Nashville, Tennessee (November 2000).
- "Challenging Identities: Muslims and Hindus in 'A Virtual Village.'" Annual Conference on South Asia Conference – University of Wisconsin–Madison (October 2000).
- "As Brothers and Others: Multiple Identities among Hindus and Muslims in India." Annual Conference on South Asia Conference – University of Wisconsin–Madison (October 1999).
- "Reluctant to Leave the Beach." Going Native: Recruitment, Conversion and Identification in Cultural Research conference at The Ohio State University (May 1999).
- "Being an Other Other than Myself: Religious Identity among Multiple Identities." American Academy of Religion Conference – Orlando, Florida (November 1998).
- "Who Will Write Our History?" South Asia Conference – University of Wisconsin–Madison (October 1998).



- “Powers of Association: Narratives of Healing among a Sufi, Shahid, and Brahm in Rural Bihar.” American Academy of Religion Conference – San Francisco (November 1997).
- “Planet of the Ocean of the Streams of Story: Narrative Strands and Multiple Identity in North India.” University of Wisconsin–Madison (April 1997).
- “Multiple Narratives and Multiple Identities among Hindus and Muslims in Bihar.” Annual Conference on South Asia Conference – University of Wisconsin–Madison (October 1996).
- “The *Mahāvamsa* as Memory.” Annual Conference on South Asia Conference – University of Wisconsin–Madison (November 1992).

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

- Metamorphoses of the Political (ICAS:MP) Senior Short-Term Fellowship** – The M.S. Merian – R. Tagore International Centre of Advanced Studies (2021)
- Fulbright-SOAS University of London Research Scholar Award** (2021)
- National Endowment for the Humanities Enduring Questions Grant** – (2015-2018).
- Mellon New Initiative Grant** – (2004-2006).
- Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Grant** – (2004-2005).
- Visiting Fellow** – Divinity School, the University of Cambridge (summer 2001).
- Group Project Grant** – Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion (2000-2001).
- Language Learning Fellowship** – American Institute of Indian Studies (summer 1994).
- Title VI Language Fellowship** – University of Chicago (1991-1993, summer 1994).
- Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan Fellowship** (1989-1990).
- Title VI Language Fellowship** – University of Wisconsin–Madison (summer 1988, 1988-1989).

## **UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

- Pedagogy Grant** – Wesleyan University (2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-2014).
- Project Grant** – Wesleyan University (every year but two between 2003 and 2016).
- Faculty Fellow** – Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University (fall 2006, spring 2016).
- Middle East Studies Course Development Grant** – (2010-2011).
- Brown Fellowship** – Southwestern University (2000-2001).
- Cullen Faculty Development stipend** – Southwestern University (1998-1999, 1999-2000).
- Dissertation Fellowship** – Committee on South Asian Studies, University of Chicago (1994-1997).
- Advanced Overseas Dissertation Research Fellowship** – University of Chicago (1994).
- Ross Fellowship** – University of Chicago (1993-1994, 1996-1997).
- Century Scholarship** – University of Chicago (1990-1994).

## **TEACHING**

### **Undergraduate Courses**

Hindu Lives (RELI 205); Islam and Muslim Cultures (RELI 221); Cinematic Encounters: Muslims and/in/of the West (RELI 230); Islamic Movements and Modernities (RELI 250); Islam in/and the West (RELI 259), Constructing Hinduism and Islam (RELI 310); Religion, Science, and Empire (RELI 373); Religions Resist Modernity (RELI 381); From Jerusalem to Ground Zero: Muslim, Jewish, Christian, Sioux, and Hindu Notions of Sacredness (RELI 291); Awesome Cinema: Religion, Art, and the Unrepresentable (RELI318); Introduction to the Study of Religion (RELI 151); Colloquium for Majors (RELI 398).

### **Prison Education Courses**

York Correctional Institution – What Makes the Sacred Sacred? (fall 2016); Islam and Muslim Cultures (spring 2018); Islamic Movements and Modernities (spring 2020 & 2021).

### **Graduate Liberal Studies Courses**

Religion and Film (SOCS 638), Religions Resisting Modernity (SOCS 612), Islam and/in the West (SOCS 612), Islam and Muslim Cultures (SOCS 641), Religion, Science and Empire (SOCS 612).

### Senior Thesis and Essay Advising

**Thesis** – Keith Trudeau (2003-2004), Gabriel F. Greenberg (2003-2004), Chet Devaskar (co-advisor fall 2003), Rose Tisdall (2005-2006), Justin Shaeffer-Duffy (co-advisor spring 2007), Kate Zyskowski (2007-2008), Ciara Di Lello (2009-2010), Rhee-Soo Lee (2010-2011), Reid Meador (2013-2014), Nathaniel Warner (2016-2017), Alicia Strong (2017-2018), Daniel Atik (2019-2020), Christine Zheng (2019-2020).

**Essay** – Wes Petersen (spring 2004), Mira Davé (spring 2008), Turner Newcomer-Falk (spring 2010), Matthew Leibowitz (fall 2013), Zia Grossman-Vendrillo (fall 2014).

### Teaching Workshops

**Participant:** “Religious Studies at a Crossroads.” Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges conference, Carleton College (June 2017).

**Panelist:** “Teaching the Introduction to the Study of Religion.” Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges conference, Carleton College (June 2017).

**Participant:** Teagle Workshop on the Teaching of Writing (spring 2012).

**Participant:** The Transylvania Seminar on Twenty-first Century Liberal Education: A Contested Concept. Transylvania University (July 2011).

**Speaker:** “Teaching Islam and Asia: Beyond the Stereotypes.” Directors meeting of the Asian Studies Development Center, Morgan State University (September 2011).

**Speaker:** “Muslim Voices from South Asia” and “A Virtual Village.” Islam in Asia workshop, United States and China Institute, University of Southern California (May 2007).

**Speaker:** “South Asia: One of the Largest Communities of Muslims Defy the Stereotypes.” Symposium on Asia in the Curriculum, University of California, Los Angeles (November 2006).

**Speaker:** “Islamic Diversity in South Asia.” “Islam in Asia” workshop at University of California, Los Angeles Asia Institute (May 2006).

**Speaker:** “Muslims and Islam in A Virtual Village” at teachers’ workshop sponsored by the Islamic Studies Program at the University of Texas at Austin (March 2002).

**Consultant:** On teaching Islam, Hendrix College Global Intellectual Traditions program (February 2002).

**Panel moderator:** World 2000, teacher’s conference conducted by the World History Association and the National Council for Geographic Education – Austin (February 2000).

**Presenter and discussion facilitator:** “Religious Asian Others in American Cinema,” teachers’ workshop conducted by the Asia Studies Center, The University of Texas at Austin (June 1999).

**Facilitator:** Associated Colleges of the South Teachers’ Workshop: Rollins College (June 2002).

**Speaker:** “Hinduism: Teaching Religion or Culture?” 2000 Summer Teachers Institute at the University of Texas at Austin (June 2000).

**Participant:** Associated Colleges of the South Teachers’ Workshop: Rollins College (June 1998).

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### Wesleyan University

#### Positions

**Director:** Office for Faculty Career Development (2017-2020).

**Chair:** Department of Religion (2009-2012).

**Coordinator:** Muslim Studies certificate (2017-2020).

**Director:** Certificate for South Asian Studies (2010-2012).

**Vice-Chair:** Advisory Committee on tenure and promotion (2013-2014).

**Member:** Advisory Committee on tenure and promotion (2006-2008, 2013-2015).

**Chair:** Search committees for tenure-track faculty position in Department of Religion (2005-2006, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2017-2018).

**Mentor:** Mellon Mays undergraduate fellows (2017-2018, 2018-2020, 2018-2020).

**External mentor:** tenure-track colleagues (2020-present).  
**Advisory Board Member:** Center for Global Studies (2014-present).  
**Faculty fellow:** Bennet and Butterfield Halls (2011-2020).  
**Faculty vice-marshal:** University commencement (2012-2017).  
**Faculty marshal:** University commencement (2004, 2006-2011).  
**Member:** Committee on International Studies (2005-2006, 2013-2014).  
**Chair:** Non-traditional Scholarship Evaluation Committee (2010-2011).  
**Faculty adviser:** Interfaith House (2009-2011).  
**Coordinator:** South Asia Studies Cluster (2003-2004, 2005-2009).  
**Assessor:** Reviewed the study abroad programs of seven universities in Australia (August 2007).  
**Member:** Working group on key capabilities (December 2005).  
**Representative:** Social Sciences Computing Committee (2002-2004).

## Activities

**WESeminar co-panelist:** "Learning with the Center for Prison Education" (May 2017).  
**Co-presenter:** "Understanding Islamophobia and Anti-Muslim Sentiment: The Fear-Ignorance-Hate of Muslims" student workshop (November 2016).  
**Lecture:** "Islam, Islamism, & Islamophobia: Charlie Hebdo, Islamic State, and the North Carolina Shootings." College of the Social Sciences seminar (February 2015).  
**First Year Matters Seminar:** "Race, Religion, and Civilization: Pretexts for Exclusion" (August 2013).  
**Lecture:** "Religion and Science Fiction: To Infinity and Beyond (and Back)" (February 2011).  
**WESeminar:** "Muslims in a Post 9/11 America: Perceptions and Realities" with Imam Sohaib Sultan (May 2008).  
**WESeminar:** "The Scimitar and the Veil" in New York (May 2008).  
**WESeminar:** "Religion in Film" co-presented with Jeremy Zwelling (May 2006).  
**Alumni lecturer:** "Medieval Muslims of Mayhem and Modernity" in Boston (December 2006).  
**Presenter:** Panel on the film "Contact" at request of organizer Bob Lane (April 2006).  
**Alumni lecturer:** "Medieval Muslims of Mayhem and Modernity" in Los Angeles (March 2006).  
**Presenter:** Panel on Danish cartoon controversy at request of Muslim Student Association (February 2006).  
**Invited participant:** Faculty discussion regarding open curricula at Wesleyan (February 2006).  
**Presenter:** "A Virtual Village" website demonstrated and explained, Academic (Technology) Roundtable (September 2005).  
**WESeminar:** "The Scimitar and the Veil in American Political Cartoons," co-presented with Gabriel Greenberg ('04)  
**Participant:** Islam and Politics seminar (2003-2004).  
**Teach-in:** "Collapsed Identities: American Myopia Regarding Ethnic, Religious, and Racial Differences in the Middle East"—presentation for student-organized lunchtime lectures (April 2003).  
**Teach-in:** "The Good, the Bad, and the Exotic: Westerners View Muslim Men and Women" – presentation for "People's Awareness Month" (February 2003).  
**Lecture:** "Myths about Muslims of Mayhem and Misogyny" – lecture for the CSS Lunch (March 2003)  
**Workshop:** Non-violent conflict resolution (February 2003).

## Southwestern University

### Positions

**Member:** Sexual Harassment Advisory Committee (1998-2002).  
**Chair:** Committee on International Programs and Experiences (2002).  
**Faculty adviser:** Indian Students Association (2001-2002).  
**Member:** Student Organizations Committee (1998-2002).  
**Faculty adviser:** Southwestern Association of Disc Sports (1999-2001).  
**Member:** Search committee, Department of Philosophy and Religion (1997-1998, 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002).

**Member:** Core Purpose Committee for Inauguration (2001).  
**Member:** SACS committee on Instructional Support (2000-2001).  
**Representative:** Student Affairs Council (1999-2001).  
**Member:** Search committee, Department of English (2000-2001).  
**Member:** Faculty Advisory Career Team @ Southwestern (FACTS) (2000-2001).  
**Member:** Search Committee, Department of Communications (2000).  
**Secretary:** Humanities Division (1998-2000).

### Activities

**Teach-in:** Co-presented "From Banyan to Birmingham: Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebrations (2000, 2002).  
**Teach-ins:** "Islam" (September) and "Afghanistan" (November), Southwestern University.  
**Lecturer:** "Nature, Religion, and Science" for Homecoming (2002).  
**Lecturer:** "Nature, Religion, and Science" for Homecoming (2000).  
**Lecturer:** "Religion, Modernity, and Star Trek" for Family Weekend (Spring 2000).

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Positions Held

**Expert guest:** Interviews on various news programs and talk shows on radio, television, and the internet, including CNN, CBS, Connecticut Public Radio, Voice of America, C-SPAN's Book TV, Air America, and Critical Connections (2007-present). Source for journalists from Connecticut Public Radio and *USA Today*.

**Manuscript evaluator:** Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Indiana University Press, University of North Carolina Press, State University of New York Press, Longman Publishers, *Contexts*, *Religions*, *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *Journal for the Academic Study of Religion*, *Modern Asian Studies*, *Comparative Studies in Society & History*, *International Journal for Hindu Studies*, *Mathal*, *Politics and Religion*, *Islamophobia Studies Journal*/*Islamophobia Studies Yearbook*, *Frontiers in Psychology*, and *Australian Journal of Linguistics*.

**Tenure and promotion evaluator:** Arizona State University; Baruch College – City University of New York; Bucknell University; Connecticut College; Florida International University; Grinnell College; North Carolina State University; Rice University; University of California, Santa Barbara; University of Toronto; University of Vermont; Washington University in St. Louis.

**Program reviewer:** Department of Religion, Reed College (chair of external review committee, 2019), Religion Department, Washington & Lee University (2018); Department of Religious Studies, Macalester College (2018); Department of Religion, Oberlin College (2015).

**Steering Committee member:** Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group, American Academy of Religion (2015-present).

**Steering Committee member:** Religion and Colonialism Group, American Academy of Religion (2013-2018).

**Elected member:** American Society for the Study of Religion (2010-present).

**Reviewer:** American Academy of Religion, Research Grants (2016-2019).

**Reviewer:** Luce/ACLS Program for Religion, Journalism & International Affairs (2019).

**Advisory Board member:** Bridge Initiative (Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, 2015-2018).

**Vice-President:** South Asian Muslim Studies Association (2015-2018).

**Executive Committee member:** American Society for the Study of Religion (2015-2018).

**Reviewer:** ACLS/Mellon Dissertation Fellowship (2012).

**Proposal evaluator:** Harris Faculty Fellowship, Grinnell College (fall 2008).

**Freelance editorial assistant:** *Criterion* magazine (1994, 1996).

**Research assistant** to Wendy Doniger, University of Chicago (Summer 1996).  
**Research assistant** to Robert Frykenberg, University of Wisconsin–Madison (1987-88).  
**Financial Aid Officer:** PSI Institute, Silver Springs, Maryland (1986-87).  
**Research assistant** to Greg Dening, University of Melbourne, Australia (1983).  
**Intern:** Arms Control and Foreign Policy Caucus, Washington, D.C. (1986).

### **Related Academic Experience**

**Panel discussant:** “Untold Stories of Pan-Asian Modernisms: Science, Social Ethics, and Universal Religion.” American Society for the Study of Religion (March 2021).  
**Panel respondent:** “Empire and the Raw Materials of Religious Concern” panel at American Academy of Religion conference, Atlanta (November 2015).  
**Panel president:** “Roundtable on Teaching Sikhism” panel at American Academy of Religion conference, San Diego (November 2014).  
**Conference panel respondent:** “Jains, Muslims, Christians: Interrogating Religious Borders In Sultanate, Mughal And Colonial India” panel at American Academy of Religions Conference, Chicago (November 2012).  
**Permanent respondent:** Rethinking Religion in India III, Pradubice, Czech Republic (October 2011).  
**Panel president:** “Law, Legislation, and Religious Formations in South Asian Nation-States” panel at American Academy of Religion conference, San Francisco (November 2011).  
**Panel respondent:** “Muslims, Media, and Marginalization” panel. American Association of Anthropology – San Francisco (November 2008).  
**Panel discussant:** “Legacies of Partition” panel at Association of Asian Studies conference, Boston (March 2007).  
**Panel president:** “Teaching Religion and Violence: Approaches and Traditions” panel at American Academy of Religion conference, Philadelphia (November 2005).  
**Lecture respondent:** P. Misra, “American Views of India.” Khuda Bakhsh Oriental Public Library, Patna, India (April 2005).  
**Panel respondent:** “Rooting Religions Abroad: Case Studies on Sri Lankan Hinduism in Europe.” International Association of the History of Religions Congress, Tokyo (March 2005).  
**Tenure case recommendation:** University of Vermont (2004).  
**Panel organizer:** “South Asian Religions through Western Lenses.” Annual Conference on South Asia Conference – University of Wisconsin–Madison (October 2003).  
**Panel organizer:** “Knowing South Asian Religions: Western Constructions.” Association of Asian Studies Conference – New York City (March 2003).  
**Member:** Islamic Studies Program, University of Texas at Austin (Fall 2000 to Spring 2002).  
**Panel organizer:** “Accounting for Islam in Hindu Experience.” American Academy of Religion Conference – Denver (November 2001).  
**Panel organizer:** “Teaching about Muslims.” Annual Conference on South Asia Conference – University of Wisconsin–Madison (October 2000).  
**Panel discussant:** “Hindu and Muslim in Pre-Colonial South Asia.” Symposium in Center for Asian Studies at University of Texas, Austin (November 1998).  
**Panel organizer:** “Religion, Healing, and Discourse in India: Ethnographic Approaches.” American Academy of Religion Conference – San Francisco (November 1997).  
**Panel organizer:** “Narrative and Identity in South Asian Religions.” Annual Conference on South Asia Conference – University of Wisconsin–Madison (October 1996).  
**Symposium organizer:** “What Is the Role of Faith in the Secular Classroom for the Study of Religions?” University of Chicago (April 1994).  
**Symposium organizer and moderator:** “What Is the Role of the Historian of Religions’ Faith in Research and the Classroom?” University of Chicago (February 1994).  
**Panel respondent:** “Who Is Represented? Issues in Indigenous Buddhist, Jain and Sikh ‘Texts.’” Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs – University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (October 1992).

## Community Service

- Lecture:** "Feeling the Difference: Islamophobia and the Emotions of Intolerance in US History" West Hartford Public Library. West Hartford, Connecticut (October 2019).
- Lecture:** "Religious Intolerance and Nativism." Houston Independent School District (HISD) public secondary teachers. Houston, Texas (October 2018).
- Discussion facilitator:** "The Insult" film, Russell Library, Middletown (October 2018).
- Panel presentation:** "Divided by God: Understanding America's Religious-Secular Divide." Critical Connections community group. Longmeadow, Massachusetts (May 2017).
- Panelist:** "Being Muslim in Trump's America." Trinity University (April 2017).
- Lecture:** "Representation and Violence." Critical Connections community group. Northampton, Massachusetts (February 2015).
- Lecture:** "Patterns of Persecution: An American Legacy." The Osher Marin Jewish Community Center. Marin, California (October 2014).
- Lecture:** "Islam versus the West: The Legacy of a Legend." Windham World Affairs Council, Brattleboro, Vermont (October 2014).
- Lecture:** "Islamophobia in Context." Islamic Center of Northern California, Oakland (February 2014).
- Panel presentation:** "Boston and Stereotypes" at "Resilience in Adversity: Boston bombings and the aftermath" panel organized by Critical Connections. Longmeadow, Massachusetts (May 2013).
- Meet the author event:** Islamic Community Center of Northern California. Oakland, California (April 2013).
- Pre-Performance Talk:** "Islamophobia and the Committee on Un-American Activities." Green Street Arts Center, Middletown, Connecticut (November 2011).
- Lecture:** "A Colonial Heritage: Historical Islamophobia in the United States." Cheshire Correctional Facility (July 2010).
- Lecture:** "Islam or Islamophobia" at Xavier High School, Middletown, Connecticut (November 2009).
- Lecture:** "Islamophobia: Making Muslims the Enemy." Beyond Stereotypes: Islamophobia and the War on Terror panels at Ohio State University, Columbus and Xavier University, Cincinnati. Sponsored by Council on Islamic-American Relations (February 2008).
- Lecture:** "Making Muslims the Enemy" at Old Avon Farms School, Avon, Connecticut (May 2007).
- Lecture:** "Islam and the West: Sensationalized Conflict" for Georgetown Senior University (Southwestern University, June 2002).
- Lectures and discussions** in Georgetown area schools and organizations with regard to the September 11 attacks, Islam, and American responses (2001-2002).
- Lecture:** "Introduction to Islam" at Christ of the Hills Methodist Church (Hot Springs Village, February 2002).
- Workshop:** Non-violent conflict resolution for Operation Achievement (October 2001).
- Lecture:** "Religion, Modernity, and Star Trek" for Georgetown Senior University (Southwestern University, June 2000).

## Overseas Experience

- Archival research, India (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)
- Archival research, Britain (2001, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019)
- Field research, Bihar, India (1994-1995, 2000, & 2005).
- Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan (1989-1990).
- Volunteer, Damien Social Welfare Center, India (1985-1986).
- University of Melbourne, Australia (1983): college junior year abroad.

## Languages

- Speaking, reading, and writing fluency: Urdu, Hindi.
- Reading ability: Sanskrit, German, French.

**Professional Societies**

American Academy of Religion

Association for Asian Studies

American Society for the Study of Religion

South Asian Muslim Studies Association