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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Islamic Studies and the History of Religions, Duke University (1996-2003)
- M.A., South Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison (1993-1995)
- B.A., History and Asian Studies (*summa cum laude*), University of Puget Sound (1987-1991)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- *Chair*, Department of Religion, Culture & Society, Lehigh University (2022-present)
- *Professor*, Department of Religion, Culture & Society, Lehigh University (2019-present)
- *Founding Director*, Center for Global Islamic Studies, Lehigh University (2009-present)
- *Advisory Board Member*, "Beyond Rumi: Sufi Art and Practice" digital exposition, Smithsonian Institution's Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery (2022-2024)
- *Associate Professor*, Department of Religion, Culture & Society, Lehigh University (2009-2019)
- *Assistant Professor*, Department of Religion, Culture & Society, Lehigh University (2003- 2009)
- *Instructor*, Department of Religion, Duke University
"An Introduction to Islam"; "Religions of Asia"
- *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Religion, Duke University
"New Faiths, Old Fears"; "Twentieth Century Global Religion"
- *Teaching Assistant*, Department of South Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
"Islam: Religion and Culture"

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- *Cyber Sufis: Virtual Expressions of the American Muslim Experience* (Oxford: Oneworld Publications, 2019).

- Interview about the book on "New Books in Islamic Studies" podcast (January 8, 2020): <https://newbooksnetwork.com/robert-rozehnal-cyber-sufis-virtual-expressions-of-the-american-muslim-experience-oneworld-2019/>
- Interview about Cyber Sufism in *Sufi: Journal of Mystical Philosophy and Practice* (Issue 100, Winter 2022): www.sufijournal.org

- *Islamic Sufism Unbound: Politics and Piety in 21st Century Pakistan* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007; paperback edition, 2009).

Edited Volumes:

- *Cyber Muslims: Mapping Islamic Digital Media in the Internet Age* (Bloomsbury Publishing, 2022).
- *Piety, Politics and Everyday Ethics in Southeast Asian Islam: Beautiful Behavior* (London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2019; paperback edition, 2020).

Articles in Refereed Journals:

- "Flashes of Ultimate Reality: Dreams of Saints and Shrines in a Contemporary Pakistani Sufi Community"; *Journal of the Anthropology of the Contemporary Middle East and Central Eurasia* (Special Issue, Volume 2, Number 1: September 2014): 67-80.
- "A 'Proving Ground' for Spiritual Mastery: The Chishti Sabiri Musical Assembly." *The Muslim World* (Volume 97, Number 4: October 2007): 657-677.
- "Faqir or Faker?: The Public Battle Over Sufism in Contemporary Pakistan." *Religion* 36 (2006): 29-47.
- "From Sufi Practice to Scholarly Praxis: Reflections on the Lessons of Fieldwork for the Study of Islam." *Items and Issues: Social Science Research Council*. Vol. 3, No. 1-2 (Spring 2002): 13-15.

Chapters in Edited Volumes (invited):

- "Cyber Sufism in the Global West." In *Handbook of Sufi Studies*, eds. Marcia Hermansen and Saeed Zarrabi-Zadeh (Leiden: Brill Publishers, 2023): 139-161.
- "Mapping Islamic Digital Media in the Internet Age." In *Cyber Muslims: Mapping Islamic Digital Media in the Internet Age*, ed. Robert Rozehnal (London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2022): 1-16.
- "Sufi Cyberscapes: The Inayati Order in the Virtual Ecosystem of American Islam." In *Words of Experience: Translating Islam With Carl W. Ernst*, eds. Ilyse Mogenstein Fuerst and Brannon Wheeler (Sheffield: Equinox Publishing, 2021): 162-186.
- "Beautiful Behavior in Practice: Expressions of *Adab* in Southeast Asian Islam." In *Piety, Politics and Everyday Ethics in Southeast Asian Islam: Beautiful Behavior*, ed. Robert Rozehnal (London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2019): 1-15.

- "Reimagining the 'Land of the Pure': A Sufi Master Reclaims Islamic Orthodoxy and Pakistani Identity." In *Beyond Crisis: Reevaluating Pakistan*, ed. Naveeda Khan (Delhi: Routledge India and UK, 2010): 118-144.
- "From Karachi to Kuala Lumpur: Charting Sufi Identity Across the Indian Ocean." In *Islamic Connections: Muslim Societies in South and Southeast Asia*, eds. R. Michael Feener and Terenjit Sevea (Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2009): 219-235.
- "Debating Orthodoxy, Contesting Tradition: Islam in Contemporary South Asia." In *Islam in World Cultures: Comparative Perspectives*, ed. R. Michael Feener (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2004): 103-131.

Book Reviews (invited):

- Review of Jurgen Wasim Frembgen, *'We are Lovers of the Qalandar': Piety, Pilgrimage, and Ritual in Pakistani Sufi Islam* (Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2021) in *Journal of Sufi Studies* 12 (2023): 162-165. Available online at: <https://brill.com/view/journals/jss/12/1/jss.12.issue-1.xml>
- Review of Jurgen Wasim Frembgen, *At the Shrine of the Red Sufi: Five Days and Nights on Pilgrimage in Pakistan* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011) and *Nocturnal Music in the Land of the Sufis: Unheard Pakistan* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012) in *Journal of Sufi Studies* 3 (2014): 100-103.
- Review of Naveeda Khan, *Muslim Becoming: Aspiration and Skepticism in Pakistan* (Duke University Press, 2012) in *Anthropos*, Vol. 108, No. 2 (2013): 673-674.
- Review of Amina M. Steinfels, *Knowledge Before Action: Islamic Learning and Sufi Practice in the Life of Sayyid Jalal al-din Bukhari Makhdum-i Jahaniyan* (University of South Carolina Press, 2012) in *Religion*, published online, DOI 10.1080/0048721X.2013.837314 (September 2013).
- Review of Rudiger Seesemann, *The Divine Flood: Ibrahim Niasse and the Roots of a Twentieth-Century Sufi Revival* (Oxford University Press, 2011) in *Religion*, Vol. 43, No. 2 (2013): 288-291 [previously published online, DOI 10.1080/0048721X.2012.741456].
- Review of Karen G. Ruffle, *Gender, Sainthood and Everyday Practice in South Asian Shi'ism* (University of North Carolina Press, 2011) in *Religion*, Vol. 43, No. 1 (2013): 116-119 [previously published online, DOI 10.1080/0048721X.2012.697828].
- Review of Gary R. Bunt, *iMuslims: Rewiring the House of Islam* (University of North Carolina Press, 2009), in *The Middle East Journal*, Vol. 64, No. 1 (Winter 2010): 152-153.
- Review of Catharina Raudvere and Leif Stenberg, eds., *Sufism Today: Heritage and Tradition in the Global Community* (I.B. Tauris, 2009), in *The Journal of Islamic Studies* 21 (2010): 277-280.

- Review of John Renard, *Friends of God: Islamic Images of Piety, Commitment, and Servanthood* (University of California Press, 2008), in *Religion*, Vol. 39, No. 3 (September 2009): 312-313.
- Review of Gabriele Marranci, *Jihad: Beyond Islam* (Berg, 2006), in *Contemporary Islam: Dynamics of Muslim Life*, Vol. 2, No. 2 (July 2008): 159-162.
- Review of Jamil M. Abun-Nasr, *Muslim Communities of Grace: The Sufi Brotherhoods in Islamic Religious Life* (Hurst and Company, 2007), *The Journal of Islamic Studies* 20 (2009): 124-127.
- Review of Syed Akbar Hyder, *Reliving Karbala: Martyrdom in South Asian Memory* (Oxford University Press, 2006), in *Religion*, Vol. 38, No. 1 (March 2008): 91-93.
- Review of Pnina Werbner, *Pilgrims of Love: The Anthropology of a Global Sufi Cult* (Indiana University Press, 2003) in *Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 63, No. 4 (November 2004): 1187-1189.
- Review of Riazul Islam, *Sufism in South Asia: Impact on Fourteenth Century Muslim Society* (Oxford University Press, 2002) in *The Journal of Religion*, Vol. 84, No. 4 (October 2004): 666-668.
- Review of Omid Safi, ed., *Progressive Muslims: On Justice, Gender and Pluralism* (Oneworld Publications, 2003) in *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, Vol. 38, No. 1 (June 2004): 118-120.

Online Article (invited):

- "A Teacher's Guide to Karen Armstrong's *Islam: A Short History*." New York: Modern Library, 2002.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations:

- "Digital *Baraka* and the Virtual *Shaykh*: Navigating Sufi Knowledge and Authority in Online Spaces"; an invited presentation for the workshop, "Islam Offline, Online, and Beyond: Digital media, Islamic knowledge and Authority in the West," organized by the Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Research Centre for Islam and Law in Europe, Erlangen, Germany, September 19, 2024.
- "Tracking Muslim Social Media: Lessons from American Cyber Sufism"; an invited keynote presentation for the workshop, "Space and Agency in Contemporary Muslim Piety," organized by the Nordic Research Network, "Contemporary Muslim Lay Piety: Interpretations, Performance and Mobilization," and funded by the Nordic Council, at the Sigunta Foundation, Stockholm, Sweden, April 8, 2024.
- "Virtual Community in the Time of Covid: An American Sufi Order's Expanding Digital Footprint"; an invited presentation for the online workshop, "Islamic Responses to COVID-19: Authority and Religiosity in #Muslim Communities and Digital Worlds," hosted by the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, July 1, 2021.

- "Mapping Cyber Sufism in the Digital Public Sphere"; an invited keynote lecture for the SSHRC-funded workshop on Canadian Muslims online, "New Muslim Public Spheres in the Digital Age," at the Université du Québec à Montréal, February 20, 2020
- "Locating the Inayati Order in the Digital Ecosystem"; an invited lecture and class visit at Princeton University, December 12, 2019
- "Digital Rumi and Cyber Sufism"; an invited lecture and class visit at Rutgers University (sponsored by the Mellon "Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum" consortium and live-streamed to seminars at University of Nebraska and University of Michigan-Ann Arbor), December 10, 2019
- "Cyber Sufis: Rebooting the Inayati Order in the Digital Age"; an invited lecture at Emory University, October 30, 2018
- "Cyber Sufism: Lessons from the Landscape of American Digital Islam"; an invited lecture for the Duke Islamic Studies Center, Duke University, October 4, 2017
- "Sufi Cyberscapes: The Inayati Order in the Virtual Ecosystem of American Islam"; an invited paper for the conference, "Translating Islam: A Conference in Honor of Carl Ernst," at the University of North-Carolina at Chapel Hill, October 7 2017
- 2017 Visiting Scholar, School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, Institute for the Study of Islam and the Societies of the Muslim World [Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Institut d'etudes de l'Islam et des Societies du Monde Musulman (IISMM)], Paris, France, May 15-June 15, 2017
 - invitation under the auspices of the French Ministry of Education
 - presentation of four public lectures on Sufism in South Asia at EHESS (Paris)
 - participation in faculty and graduate student workshop and colloquia
- "Sufism.com: Virtual Expressions of American Islam"; a presentation sponsored by Experimental Humanities, American Studies and Middle East Studies, Bard College, October 6, 2015
- "Reimagining Pakistan: A Sufi Vision of History, Orthodoxy and Identity"; a paper presentation for the conference, "Rethinking Islam, Democracy and Identity in Pakistan and India" at the Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, Columbia University, September 25, 2015
- "Islam and Islamic Studies in Post 9/11 America"; a presentation at University of Technology Malaysia (UTM), Johor Bahru campus, April 14, 2015
- Public lecture, TV and radio interviews in Malaysia, UTM, January 17-25, 2015
- "Virtual Sufis: Surveying the American Muslim Digital Landscape"; a presentation for the Lyman Coleman Speaker Series at Lafayette College, October 7, 2014

- "Islamic Studies in the United States: Past, Present and the Lehigh Future"; two presentations to the faculty of Islamic Civilization [Fakulti Tamadun Islam (FTI)], University of Technology Malaysia (UTM), Johor Bahru campus and the faculty at the Center for Advanced Studies and Civilization (CASIS), University of Technology Malaysia (UTM), Kuala Lumpur campus, May 14-15, 2013
- "Sufis and the State in Postcolonial Pakistan"; a presentation on the panel, "Beyond Democracy: People, Power, and the State in Muslim Cultures," at the international conference, "Geographies of Power: Justice, Revolution and the Cultural Imagination"; Pennsylvania State University, April 26, 2013
- "Sufism Online: American Muslims in the Virtual Landscape"; a presentation for the "Religious Studies Department Annual Kahn Lecture Series," Franklin and Marshall College, April 11, 2013
- "Preparing for the Academic Job Market"; an invited faculty facilitator for the Andrew W. Mellon and American Council of Learned Societies' (ACLS) Dissertation Completion Fellowship seminar, Charleston, South Carolina, September 13-15, 2012.
- "Performing Piety: Sufi Music in Pakistan"; a public lecture at Kenyon College, April 26, 2012
- "Music as Meditation: Piety and Performance in a Pakistani Sufi Order"; a public lecture at Rutgers University, March 1, 2012
- "Digital Sufism: American Muslim Identity Online"; a presentation for a faculty colloquium, Department of Religion, Rutgers University, March 1, 2012
- "Sufis and the State: Contesting Islamic Orthodoxy in Pakistan"; a public lecture at Kenyon College, April 29, 2011
- "Martyrdom or Mob Violence?: Sufism and the State in Today's Pakistan"; a public lecture at Swarthmore College, April 21, 2011
- "Theory and Practice in the Anthropology of Islam"; a presenter, panel discussant and commentator at the conference, "Practical Matters: Ethnography and Theology"; Emory University (March 4-6, 2009)
- "Navigating Academic Publishing"; a presentation for the "Book Fellowship Workshop" sponsored by the International Dissertation Research Fellowship Program of the Social Science Research Council; New York City, December 13, 2008
- "Saints, Shrines and the State: The Public Debate Over Sufism in Twenty-First Century Pakistan"; a presentation at Pennsylvania State University, March 25, 2008
- Invited discussant and commentator at the international workshop, "Contemporary Faces of Islam in West Africa," sponsored by the West African Research Association, with funding from the Education and Cultural Affairs section of the US Department of

State and a grant from the Council of American Overseas Research Centers; Dakar, Senegal, October 29-November 5, 2006

- "Piety and Politics: The Contestation Over Sufism in Contemporary Pakistan"; 2003-2004 South Asia Speaker Series at the Center for Asian Studies, University of Colorado at Boulder, November 10, 2003
- "From the Taj Mahal to the Taliban: Islam in South Asia"; at "South Asia: Cultural Traditions, Contemporary Dilemmas," University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, March 12, 2003
- "The Islamic World After September 11th"; at "Residential Leadership Program in Global Education," University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, June 25, 2002
- "Islam in South Asia After 9/11"; at the National Endowment for Democracy, Washington, D.C, November 14, 2001

Refereed Presentations:

- "Mapping Authority in Sufi Cyberscapes: A Transnational Turkish *Tariqa* in the American Virtual Landscape"; at the conference, "Media, Religion and Public Scholarship"; at the International Society for Media, Religion and Culture, University of Colorado-Boulder, August 10, 2018.
- "Cyber Sufis: American Muslims in the Digital Landscape"; at the West Region American Academy of Religion (AAR); University of Arizona, April 2, 2016.
- "Digital Muslims: The Refashioning of American Sufism Online"; at the Eighth Global Studies Conference, "Power and Participation in the Age of Globalized Information Webs and Big Data," Imperial College London, July 21, 2015
- "American Cyber Sufis: Islamic Authority, Identity and Ritual Online"; paper presenter and respondent for the panel, "Social Networking"; at the Conference of the International Society for Media, Religion and Culture, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK, August 4-8, 2014
- "Lost in Translation: Ambiguity and Erasure in Ethnography"; a paper for the round-table panel, "Everyday Islam and Ethnographic Methodologies"; at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, Chicago, November 17, 2012
- "Performance and Practice in Muslim Experience"; an invited participant in the "Rethinking Islamic Studies Workshop"; at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, Chicago, November 16, 2012
- "Flashes of Ultimate Reality: Dreams of Saints and Shrines in a Contemporary Pakistani Sufi Community"; at the 12th European Association of Social Anthropologist's (EASA) Biennial Conference, "Uncertainty and Disquiet: Muslim Saints, Dreams and Veneration of Shrines," Nanterre France, July 10-13, 2012

- "The Virtual *Tariqa*: Authority and Identity in American Cyber-Sufism"; at the "2012 International Conference on Digital Religion," University of Colorado's Center for Media, Religion and Culture, January 15, 2012
- "Theories and Methods in the Academic Study of Islam"; a paper for a panel discussion at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, Montreal, November 8, 2009.
- "Are You the One Who Took the Picture of My *Shaykh*?": Accounting for the Miraculous in Religious Ethnography"; at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, "Anthropology of Religion" section, San Diego, November 19, 2007
- "A 'Proving Ground' for Spiritual Mastery: The Chishti Sabiri Musical Assembly"; at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, Philadelphia, November 20, 2005
- "Narrating Tragedy: The Politics of Sufism in Pakistan"; at the University of California-Berkeley's South Asia conference, February 11, 2005
- "From Karachi to Kuala Lumpur: Charting Sufi Identity Across the Indian Ocean"; at the Association for Asian Studies National Conference, San Diego, March 5, 2004
- "Transplanting the *Tariqa*: Chishti Sabiri Sufism in Malaysia"; at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, Atlanta, November 24, 2003
- "*Faqir* or Faker?: The Public Battle Over Sufism in Contemporary Pakistan"; at "From Competition to Conflict: South Asian Muslim Communities Between Local, Day-to-Day Practice and National/ Transnational Religious Ideology," Duke University, April 19, 2003
- "Sacralizing the Land of the Pure: Sufism and the State in Pakistan"; at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, Toronto, Canada, November 23, 2002
- "Imagining Sufism: Reconstituting the Chishti Sabiri *Silsila* in Contemporary Pakistan"; at "The Work of the Imaginaire in South Asian Islam," North Carolina State University, April 13, 2002
- "Like A Corpse in the Hands of a Washerman: The *Adab* of Master-Disciple Relations Among the Chishti-Sabiri Sufis of Pakistan"; at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, Denver, Colorado, December 1, 2001
- "Muslim, Modern and Mystic: A Pakistani Sufi *Shaykh*'s Engagement With Orthodoxy and Sacred History"; at the American Anthropological Association's National Conference, Washington D.C., November 17, 2001
- "The *Shaykh* Strikes Back: A Pakistani Sufi Response to Modernity"; at the American Academy of Religion, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Conference, Clark Atlanta University, March 11, 2000

- "Perchance to Dream: The World of Dreams in Islamic Thought and Practice"; at the Southeast Regional Middle East Studies Seminar Conference, Mary Washington College, Richmond, Virginia, March 7, 1999.

Chair and Discussant for Refereed Conference Panels:

- "Virtual Piety, Networked Theology: Making Digital South Asian Religious Communities," at the 48th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 17, 2019
- "Challenging Gendered Constructions of Authority and Piety in Sufism"; at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, Denver, November 18, 2018
- "Mentoring Session for Scholars Studying Muslims/Islam"; at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, Denver, November 19, 2018
- "Contemporary Expressions of Vernacular Islam," at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, Boston, November 19, 2017
- "Textual Traditions and the Sensorium: Aural, Visual and Emotive Dimensions of Islamic Mysticism and Piety;" at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, San Antonio, November 19, 2016
- "Islam and the Anthropocene: Biosphere and Climate"; at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, San Diego, November 23, 2014
- "Beyond Sunni-Shi'i Debates: Negotiating *Ahl al-Bayt* in Theology, *Tafsir* and Ritual Iconography"; at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, Baltimore, November 26, 2013
- "Mobilizing and Marketing Islam: Media, Technology and Modernity"; at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, Atlanta, November 1, 2010
- "The Question of Muslim and Christian Theologies of Religious Pluralism"; at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, Montreal, November 9, 2009
- "Sunni-Shi'a Debates on Law, Identity, and Religious Authority"; at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, Chicago, November 3, 2008
- "From Cyber to the Grave: Making and Marking Muslim Space"; at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, Washington, D.C., November 7, 2006

Organizer for Refereed Conference Panel:

- "Sufi Music: Poetics and Performance in South Asian *Qawwali*"; at the American Academy of Religion's National Conference, Philadelphia, November 20, 2005

Online Forums:

- "South Asia: Languages, Religions, Politics"; an invited Zoom lecture organized by HIWC, International Women's Refugee Support Group, London, UK, April 28, 2024.
- Invited host and moderator for a discussion of Prof. Bruce B. Lawrence's book, *Islamicate Cosmopolitan Spirit* (Wiley Blackwell, 2022); Zoom event organized by the John Hope Franklin Center, Duke University, February 2, 2022.
<https://igs.duke.edu/news/dukes-bruce-lawrence-explains-islamicate-cosmopolitan-spirit>

Presentations at Lehigh:

- "Virtual Experiments: Introducing First Year Students to Digital Islam"; a presentation for the 2019 Symposium on Teaching and Learning; Lehigh University (April 10, 2019)
- "Media, Digital Publics, Journalism"; panel chair and discussant for the conference, "Religion and Its Many American Publics"; Lehigh University (April 7, 2019)
- Chair and discussant for Professor Nandini Deo's Global Studies' research presentation, "Religious Fundamentalism and Gender: The View from South Asia"; Lehigh University (February 27, 2019)
- "Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia"; a Lehigh faculty 'teach in', co-sponsored by the Berman Center for Jewish Studies and the Center for Global Islamic Studies (October 18, 2017)
- "Sufism.com: Virtual Expressions of American Islam"; Humanities Center; Lehigh University (April 9, 2015)
- "Malcolm X and Islam"; organizer, moderator and discussant for a faculty panel at the Malcolm X conference; Lehigh University (February 17, 2015)
- "Virtual Sufis: The Internet and American Muslim Identity"; a presentation for the Humanities Center's "Spynnyng" forum; Lehigh University (November 28, 2011)
- "Uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa: Chances for Democracy"; a presentation for a faculty panel sponsored by the Lehigh Alumni Office, New York City (May 11, 2011)
- "International Competency Series: A Professor's Perspective"; a presenter on a faculty panel; Lehigh University (March 23, 2011)
- "Egypt at the Crossroads: The Religious Perspective"; a discussant on a faculty panel; Lehigh University (February 14, 2011)
- "Cyber-Sufis: Muslim Identity, Politics and Piety Online"; a presentation for a faculty round table sponsored by the Center for Global Islamic Studies"; Lehigh University (November 15, 2010)
- "Imagining Religion and Nation"; a discussant at the Global Studies and Social Change Initiative's conference, "Global Tensions"; Lehigh University (October 9, 2009)

- "International Experiences and Islamic Studies"; a panel presenter and discussant at the "Dialog Lehigh" conference; Lehigh University (September 30, 2009)
- "Globalization and Religion: An Islamic Studies Perspective"; a presentation for the Globalization and Social Change Initiative's "Faculty Workshop on Globalization"; Lehigh University (January 30, 2009)
- "The South Asian Muslim Diaspora"; a viewing and discussion of the film, "My Son the Fanatic" in conjunction with the Berman Center's Diaspora Project; Lehigh University (March 2007)
- "The Global Muslim World"; Global Citizenship Freshman Seminar; Lehigh University (November 2006)
- "The Earthquake in South Asia: Causes, Consequences and Ongoing Crisis" (faculty panel); Lehigh University (November 2005)
- "Afghanistan's Agony: Islamic Piety and Global Politics in *The Kite Runner*" (first year students' summer reading program lecture series); Lehigh University (September 2005)
- "The Religious Impact of the South Asian Tsunami", Tsunami Symposium" (faculty panel); Lehigh University (March 2005)
- "Global Islam"; Global Citizenship Freshman Seminar; Lehigh University (November 2004)
- "Islam as a Global Religion"; for the Global Union's "Islam-No Boundaries Week"; Lehigh University (October 2004)
- "The Life and Legacy of Edward Said" (faculty panel); Lehigh University (September 2004)
- "Living Islam"; Candidate's Day; Lehigh University (April 12, 2004)

HONORS & AWARDS

- *Creative Inquiry Faculty Fellowship*, Lehigh Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning, to support new course, "Muslims and Media" (2018)
- *Dean's Award for Service*, Lehigh College of Arts and Sciences (2014)
- *Frank R. Hook Assistant Professorship*, Lehigh University (2006-2008)
- *Phi Beta Delta, Beta Pi Chapter Member, Honor Society for International Scholars*, Lehigh University (2004)
- *Graduate Student Research Paper Award*, American Academy of Religion (Spring 2000)

RESEARCH FUNDING

- *Lehigh Faculty Research Grant, "Cyber Muslims: Mapping Islamic Digital Media in the Internet Age" (2021-2022)*
- *New Directions Fellowship, Lehigh College of Arts and Sciences (2013-2015)*
- *Lehigh Humanities Center, individual research grant (summer 2013)*
- *Center for Global Islamic Studies, Faculty Research and Development Grants, Lehigh University (2012; 2011; 2010)*
- *National Endowment for the Humanities, 2012 Summer Research Stipend, Lehigh nominee (2011)*
- *Carnegie Scholars Program, nominated (2009)*
- *Franz and Class of 1968 Fellowships, Lehigh University (2008, 2007, 2005, 2004)*
- *Woodrow Wilson- Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (2001-2002)*
- *Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship; field research in Pakistan and Malaysia (2000-2001)*
- *American Institute of Pakistan Studies Dissertation Fellowship; field research in Pakistan (2000-2001)*
- *Fulbright Fellowship, awarded but declined (2000-2001)*
- *Graduate School and International Studies Dissertation Fellowships, Duke University (2000-2001)*
- *American Institute of Iranian Studies Fellowship, Persian language study in Tehran (Summer 2000)*
- *Religion Department Fellowships, Duke University (1996-2000)*
- *Social Science Research Council, Pre-dissertation Fellowship, preliminary field research and Urdu language studies in Pakistan (1995-1996)*
- *American Research Center in Egypt Fellowship; participated in Duke University's "Cairo, City of Islam Program" (Summer 1995)*
- *Foreign Language and Area Studies (Title VI) Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison (1994-1995)*
- *South Asian Studies Departmental Fellowships, University of Wisconsin-Madison (1993-1994)*

TEACHING & ADVISING

Courses-Lehigh University

- REL 5: *Spiritual Exercises*
- REL 9: *Spiritual Journeys*
- REL/ ASIA 60: *Religions of South Asia*
- REL/ ASIA 77: *The Islamic Tradition*
- REL 90-11 (freshman seminar): *Muslims and Media*
- REL 90-11 (freshman seminar): *Digital Dharma: Asian Religions Online*
- REL/GCP/GS 140: *Globalization and Religion*
- REL/ ASIA/ GCP 145: *Islam in the Modern World*
- REL/GCP 148: *Islam Across Cultures*
- REL/GC 196: *Muslims and Media*
- REL 228: *Theories of Religion*
- REL/ ASIA 247: *Islamic Mysticism*
- REL 374: *Seminar for Majors*
- REL/GCP 176: *The Islamic Heritage of Turkey* (Turkey summer study abroad)
- REL/ ASIA/ GCP 175: *Sufi Saints and Muslim Missionaries* (India summer study abroad)
- *Eckhardt Honors Seminar*
- *South Mountain College Seminar*

Freshman Non-Major Advising-Lehigh University

- Fall 2014-Spring 2015 (3 students)
- Fall 2012-Spring 2013 (3 students)
- Fall 2011-Spring 2012 (3 students)
- Fall 2010-Spring 2011 (2 students)
- Fall 2009-Spring 2010 (2 students)
- Fall 2006-Spring 2007 (18 students)

Undergraduate Research Thesis Advising-Lehigh University

- Rachel Rothkrug (Reader, Religion Studies, Spring 2011)
- Ryan Stillwagon (Reader, Political Science, Spring 2011)
- Tazeen 'Ali (Director, Religion Studies, Fall 2009/Spring 2010)
- Julia Mauk (Reader, Political Science, Spring 2010)
- Zachary DeCant (Director, Religion Studies, Fall 2008/ Spring 2009)
- Dustin McCrae (Co-advisor, International Relations, Fall 2007)
- Dustin McCrae (Director, Religion Studies, Fall 2006/Spring 2007)
- Giancarlo Michel Rivero-Pellegrini (Co-advisor, International Relations, Fall 2006)
- Abigail Kapur (Co-director, Religion Studies, Fall 2004/ Spring 2005)
- Robin Decker (Reader, Religion Studies, Spring 2004)

Department of Religion, Culture and Society-Independent Studies- Lehigh University

- Brooks Truesdell (Religion Studies, Spring 2005)

Master's Degree Committee- Lehigh University

- Youssef Chouhoud (Political Science, Spring 2010); thesis title: "Muslim American Exceptionalism: Contextualizing Religiosity Among Young Muslims in America"

Doctoral Dissertation Committee-Lehigh University

- Mark Graham (English Department, Fall 2008); dissertation title: "Afghanistan and the Cinema: The Politics of Representation"

Doctoral Dissertation Committees-External

- Dissertation committee, external examiner for Sana Patel, Department of Classics and Religious Studies, University of Ottawa (Spring 2023)
- Dissertation committee, external advisor for Summar Shoaib, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory University (Spring 2014-Fall 2018)
- Dissertation committee, external advisor for Dejan Azdajic, Middlesex University (London) and Oxford Centre for Mission Studies (Spring 2017-Spring 2018)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Lehigh University:

- Research Advisory Council, Office of the Vice Provost for Research (Spring 2023-present)
- University Strategic Planning Initiative, 2022-2023
 - In consultation with numerous faculty colleagues, wrote and submitted a detailed proposal, "Interdisciplinary Humanities Hub" to the "Research for Impact" Working Group (Fall 2022)
 - Worked with three other groups to resubmit a combined proposal, "Humanities and Arts Research and Community Engagement (HARC) Hub" (Fall 2022)
- Lehigh Phi Beta Kappa Council (2007-2018)
- Office of Fellowship Advising, faculty review committee (Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright Fellowships) (2007- 2015)
- Lehigh Muslim Student Association (MSA) faculty advisor (2009- 2013)
- Kenner Lecture, organizer and host (Fall 2011)
- Development trips to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2008; 2013; 2015)

Lehigh University -College of Arts and Sciences:

- Founding Director, Center for Global Islamic Studies (2009-present)
 - faculty lead and coordinator for Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant (\$1.4 million): eleven visiting scholar positions, library acquisitions, faculty research grants (2009-2014)
 - organized international conference at Lehigh, "Cyber Muslims: Mapping Islamic Networks in the Digital Age" (Spring 2022)
 - organized, coordinated and served on search committee for Assistant Professor in Anthropology of Muslim Southeast Asia (Fall 2022-Spring 2023)
 - organized, coordinated and served on search committee for Assistant Professor in Islamic History (Fall 2017-Spring 2018)
 - faculty lead for fundraising initiatives in Malaysia and Southeast Asia (2008-2017)
 - develop and coordinate the annual Islam lecture series (2003-present)
 - organized and led international conference at Lehigh, "Expressions of *Adab* in Southeast Asian Islam," April 18-20, 2016

- April 10-27, 2015; January 17-25, 2015; May 10-18, 2013: development trips to Kuala Lumpur and Johor, Malaysia and Philippines; meetings with Islamic Studies faculty, UTM faculty and trustees of the Zarith Sofia Foundation
- wrote and coordinated the Global Islamic Studies "cluster development" lecture series (Spring 2012)
- developed and led the Global Islamic Studies Cluster Development Proposals (Fall 2011- Spring 2012)
- wrote and organized the Global Islamic Studies Cluster-Hiring Proposal (2012-2013; 2010-2011)
- primary investigator for Social Science Research Council (SSRC) grant proposal, "Re-Presenting Islam: Muslims in the American Media" (2010; submitted but not awarded)
- principal writer for the Mellon Foundation grant proposal (awarded 2009)
- participated in initial Lehigh development trip to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (November 2008)
- faculty lead for original white paper proposal for the Center for Global Islamic Studies (2006)
- CAS Committee on Interdisciplinary Programs, appointed by Dean Flowers (Spring 2020-Fall 2020)
- Dean's Area Studies and Humanities Interdisciplinary Programs Advisory Council (Spring 2012-present)
- Dean's Auxillary Advisory Council (2009-2011)
- Global Studies, Steering Committee (2014-2018)
- Asian Studies Program, Core Committee (2004-2018)
- Asian Studies Program, Lecture Committee (2004- 2018)
- Humanities Center, steering committee interim member (Fall 2011-Spring 2012)
- Committees for Faculty Reappointment Review (Dr. John Jirik, Journalism; Dr. Vera Fennell, Political Science) (2010- 2013)
- Dean's Auxiliary Advisory Council (2009-2011)
- Globalization and Social Change Initiative core faculty (Fall 2007-Spring 2012)
- Globalization and Social Change Initiative, Infrastructure Facilities Committee (Fall 2009)
- Berman Center, Posen Foundation faculty seminar participant (Fall 2008/Spring 2009)
- Globalization and Social Change Initiative Advisory Council (Fall 2007)
- Political Science department, search committee member (Fall 2007)
- Academic Advisor for first year non-majors (Fall 2006- Spring 2007)
- Global Studies Core Committee (2006-2012)
- Global Studies, curriculum committee (2006-2012)
- South Mountain College, instructor and faculty mentor (Spring 2007-Spring 2014)
- South Mountain College, faculty seminar participant (Spring 2007)
- Center for Global Islamic Studies (CGIS) Task Force (Fall 2006)
- College of Arts and Sciences, International Programs Task Force (Fall 2005)
- Ibn Sina Society Arabic Lecture Series, advisor/coordinator (Fall 2005-Spring 2008)
- 2020 Global Development and Social Change Proposal, "Identity and Culture" Task Force (Spring 2005)
- *Lehigh Review*, associate editor (Spring 2005)
- "Mellon Program in Global Citizenship," faculty seminar participant (Spring 2004)

Lehigh-Department of Religion, Culture & Society:

- Department Chair (2022-present)
- Chair, Advancing Future Faculty Diversity Postdoctoral Program (AFFDPP) committee, promotion of Dr. Minjung Noh to tenure-track, Assistant Professor (Spring 2024)
- Co-Chair, Advancing Future Faculty Postdoctoral Program (AFFDPP) search committee [led to hires of Minjung Noh and Candace Jordan as postdoc scholars] (Summer 2023)
- "Religion and Globalization" committee (2015-present)
- East Asian Buddhism, department search committee (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)
- Africana Studies cluster, department search committee (Fall 2012-Spring 2013)
- Berman Center for Jewish Studies, department search committee (Fall 2012-Spring 2013)
- Islam lecture series, organizer and coordinator (2003-present)
- Lehigh in Turkey summer program, coordinator and instructor (Summer 2008, 2009)
- Lehigh in India summer program, coordinator and instructor (Summer 2007)
- Curriculum Review Committee (Spring 2004)
- Department Faculty Reading Group (2004-present)

LVAIC Service:

- Steering Committee, Lafayette College, "Tapestries: Voices Within Contemporary Muslim Cultures"; a 30 month grant from the Association of Performing Arts Professionals entitled, "Building Bridges: Campus Community Engagement" (2017- 2019)

Professional:

- Co-chair, American Academy of Religion, "Islamic Mysticism Group" National Steering Committee (2016-2018)
- American Academy of Religion, "Islamic Mysticism Group" National Steering Committee (2013-2015)
- American Academy of Religion, "Contemporary Islam Group" National Steering Committee, founding member (2006-2012)
- Islamic Civilization and Cultures Program, Kenyon College: external reviewer for two-year Department of Education, Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) Grant (Spring 2012; Spring 2011)
- American Academy of Religion, "Contemporary Islam Consultation" National Steering Committee (2005-2009)
- Tenure review committee for Dr. Charles Haines, Arizona State University (Spring 2017)
- Tenure review committee for Dr. Juliane Hammer, UNC-Chapel Hill (Fall 2012)
- Tenure review committee for Dr. Tariq al-Jamil, Swarthmore College (Fall 2011)
- Pre-tenure review committee for Dr. Homayra Ziad, Trinity College (Spring 2011)
- Tenure review committee for Dr. Juliane Hammer, George Mason University (Fall 2010)
- Pre-tenure review committee for Dr. Peter Wright, Colorado College (Fall 2010)
- Tenure review committee for Dr. Scott Kugle, Emory University (Fall 2009)
- University of North Carolina Press, referee (Fall 2018-present)
- State University of New York (SUNY) Press, referee (Spring 2004-present)
- *Social Compass*, referee (Fall 2014-present)
- *Journal of Sufi Studies*, referee (Fall 2011-present)
- *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy*, referee (Spring 2011-present)
- *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*, referee (Fall 2010-present)

- *Comparative Islamic Studies*, referee (Spring 2004-present)
- *Religion*, referee (Fall 2005-present)

LANGUAGES

Primary Research: Urdu, Persian

Reading Knowledge: Arabic, German, Spanish

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Academy of Religion

American Institute of Pakistan Studies

Association for Asian Studies

International Society for Media, Religion, and Culture

Middle East Studies Association of North America

Muslim Networks Consortium

Phi Beta Delta, Beta Pi Chapter Member, Honor Society for International Scholars

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