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### **EDUCATION & APPOINTMENTS**

- 2023 to Present      University of Pittsburgh, Department of Religious Studies  
Assistant Professor of Modern Islam and Race
- 2018 to 2023        University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Ph.D., Religious Studies; Specialization: Islamic Studies
- 2016 to 2018        Harvard Divinity School  
Master of Theological Studies; Specialization: Islamic Studies
- 2010 to 2014        University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Bachelor of Arts, Comprehensive Honors, Phi Beta Kappa  
Major: Cultural Anthropology; Minors: South Asian Studies and African Studies

### **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS**

- Summer 2022        Wilson Special Collections Library Summer Fellowship at UNC
- 2021 to 2022        American Examples Fellowship, The Department of Religious Studies at the University  
of Alabama
- Summer 2021        Humanities Professional Pathways Fellowship, Humanities for the Public Good at UNC
- Summer 2021        Critical Ethnic Studies Summer Fellowship, Critical Ethnic Studies at UNC
- 2020 to 2021        Maynard Adams Fellowship for the Public Humanities, Carolina Public Humanities
- Summer 2020        Foreign Language Area Scholarship Summer Fellowship for Urdu, Carolina Asia Center
- 2019 to 2020        Foreign Language Area Scholarship Academic Year Fellowship for Arabic, The African  
Studies Center at UNC

### **REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

“History of Muslims in the United States, 1528 to 2010” in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam in North America*, eds. Amir Hussain and Kathleen Moore. (Oxford University Press, 2023)

“The Cap, the Fez, the Turban: Fashioning Muslim American Identities” in *American Examples Volume IV* edited volume, eds. Candace Lukasik, Josh Urich, Michael Altman. (University of Alabama Press, Forthcoming)

“Symbols and Ownership” in *Fabricating Authenticity* in University of Alabama Equinox Series *Working with Culture on the Edge*, eds. Jason Ellsworth and Andie Alexander. (Equinox, Forthcoming)

“Race and the Politics of Enumeration: British Colonial India’s Impact on Twelver Shi’i Identity” in *The Routledge Handbook of Islam and Race*, eds. Zain Abdullah. (Routledge, Forthcoming)

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of *Islam Through Objects*, by Anna Bigelow for *Maydan*. (2022)

Review of *The Shias of Pakistan: An Assertive and Beleaguered Minority*, by Andreas Rieck for *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*. (2022)

Review of *Islamophobia and Antimuslim Bias: Picturing the Enemy, 2nd Ed*, by Peter Gottschalk and Gabriel Greenberg for *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*. (2019)

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Nov 20, 2022 “Hats and Manuscripts: The Racialization of Muslims through Material Culture,” American Academy of Religion Annual Conference (Denver, CO)

Apr 8, 2021 “An Iconoclast and Her Biographer: Constructions of Maryam Jameelah, Womanhood, and Civilization,” Association of Asian American Studies Annual Conference (Online due to COVID-19)

Dec 7, 2020 “Writing Resistance: The Archives’ Racialization of Omar ibn Said,” American Academy of Religion Annual Conference (Online due to COVID-19)

Nov 25, 2019 “The Politics of Enumeration and the Casteification of Shi’ism in Colonial India,” American Academy of Religion Annual Conference (San Diego, CA)

### **TEACHING**

2023 to Present *Assistant Professor*, University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, PA)

- Spring 2024: Relgst 1452- Hymns and Hip Hop: Sounds of Islam
- Fall 2023: Relgst 1450- Islam, Law and Politics; Relgst 445- Introduction to Islamic Civilization

2022 to 2023 *Instructor of Record*, Department of Religious Studies, UNC (Chapel Hill, NC)

- Spring 2023: Reli 180- Introduction to Islamic Civilization
- Fall 2022: Reli 102- World Religions

2021 to 2022 *Instructor of Record*, Department of Religious Studies, UNC (Chapel Hill, NC)

- Spring 2022: Reli 102- World Religions
- Fall 2021: Reli 445- Asian American Religions
- Summer 2021: Reli 180- Introduction to Islamic Civilization

2020 to 2021 *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Religious Studies, UNC (Chapel Hill, NC)

- Spring 2021: Reli 104- Introduction to New Testament

- Fall 2020: Reli 180- Introduction to Islamic Civilization

- 2019 to 2020     *Tutor*, Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes, UNC (Chapel Hill, NC)  
Arab 102- Elementary Arabic II; Reli 104- Introduction to New Testament; Reli 108-  
Classical Jewish Texts
- 2018 to 2019     *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Religious Studies, UNC (Chapel Hill, NC)
- Spring 2019: Reli 104- Introduction to New Testament
  - Fall 2018: Reli 103- Introduction to Hebrew Bible
- 2014 to 2016     *High School College Counselor*, College Possible, (Portland, OR)  
Full-time AmeriCorps position leading 30 first-generation, low-income college-seekers  
through the college application process during their high school junior and senior years.

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

- 2023 to Present     *Advisor of the FANN Undergraduate Islamic Arts Club* (Pittsburgh, PA)
- 2023 to Present     *Director of the Islamicate Working Group* (Pittsburgh, PA)
- 2023 to Present     *Member of the Religious Studies Student Grants Committee* (Pittsburgh, PA)
- 2022 to 2023     *Graduate Student Committee Writing Coordinator* (Chapel Hill, NC)
- 2021 to 2022     *Senior Graduate Student Council Representative* (Chapel Hill, NC)  
*Collaborative Advisor* to Mipsterz! Alhamdu Muslim Futurism Conference (Online)
- 2020 to 2021     *Junior Graduate Student Council Representative* (Chapel Hill, NC)
- 2019 to 2020     *President* of UNC-Duke Islamicate Graduate Students Association (Chapel Hill, NC)  
*Conference Director* of “Who Speaks for Islam” 17<sup>th</sup> Annual UNC-Duke Islamic Studies  
Graduate Student Conference (Chapel Hill, NC)

### **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP: PUBLICATIONS**

- 2021     “Omar ibn Said: Holding on to Who You Are” in *Resilience: Tar heels, Tragedies and Triumphs: Tar Heel Junior Historian Magazine: North Carolina History for Students*, Volume 61, No. 1
- 2021     “The GOP is Mischaracterizing Critical Race Theory to Suppressive Ends,” in *IndyWeek*.
- 2020     “Bernie Sanders represents an opportunity for Jewish-Muslim unity,” in *Forward*.
- 2018     “What Malcolm X Taught Me About Muslims in America,” in *Religion & Politics*.

### **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP: INVITED TALKS**

- January 19, 2024: Panelist for “Pedagogy in an Age of Religious Nationalism,” hosted by the World History Center at the University of Pittsburgh. (Online)

January 18, 2024: “Global Issues Through Literature Series.” Presented a three-hour workshop to K-12 educators using a poetry anthology to explore contemporary Muslim American communities. Hosted by the Global Studies Center at University of Pittsburgh. (Online)

November 2, 2023: Panelist for “Buddhist, Jewish, and Muslim Perspectives on Abortion,” hosted by the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. (Pittsburgh, PA)

February 23, 2023: “Omar ibn Said and Noble Drew Ali: The Contested Legacies of Islam and Race in North Carolina” for the Timely Connections Series at the City of Raleigh Museum. (Raleigh, NC)

September 29, 2021: “Muslim American History Modules for the Social Studies Curriculum: A Webinar for Educators.” Presented three original curriculum units designed for Humanities Pathway grant. Webinar hosted by UNC Middle East & Islamic Studies center. (Online)

September 9, 2022: “American Islamicate,” for Space Jam: A Mipsterz Spotlight Series. (Durham, NC)

October 11, 2021: “Muslim American History: An Introduction,” North Carolina School of Math. (Online)

April 27, 2021: “Islam in America: From the First Muslims to Contemporary Debates,” Carteret Community College, for Carolina Public Humanities. (Online)

April 12, 2021: “Arab American Heritage Month.” Presenter for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion working group at UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School. (Online)

### **OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Summer 2022      *Site Coordinator*, The Brodhead DukeEngage Durham Program (Durham, NC)  
Coordinated eight student internships related to migrant and refugee issues. Worked with local non-profits and created programming for students.

Summer to  
Fall 2020      *Research Assistant*, UNC (Chapel Hill, NC)  
Assisted Carl Ernst with research on Omar ibn Said by translating documents from Arabic to English and finding additional archival resources.

2017 to 2018      *Research Associate*, The Pluralism Project at Harvard University (Cambridge, MA)  
Researched religious diversity in the United States, documented interfaith initiatives and responses to bias-motivated hate in the Boston area, assisted with social media accounts.

### **LANGUAGES**

Classical Arabic (reading proficiency)