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Education

- Ph.D. International Studies; Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS), University of Denver, Colorado, 1990.
- M.A. International Studies, GSIS, University of Denver, 1986.
- M.A. Journalism; University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan, 1971.
- B.A. English Literature and Philosophy; Kinnaird College, Lahore, Pakistan, 1969.

Work History

- Professor, Department of Politics, Ithaca College, August 2004- present. Associate professor, 1997-2004; assistant professor, 1991-1997.
- Visiting Professor, NY-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture, St. Petersburg, Russia (Summer 2013- present).
- Director, Center for the Study of Culture, Race, and Ethnicity, Ithaca College, June 2006-August 2015. Founding director, 1999-2002.
- Spinoza Chair, Department of Philosophy, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Spring, 2008.
- Chair, Department of Politics, Ithaca College; 1998-2004.
- Instructor, Graduate School of International Studies (GSIS), University of Denver, 1988.
- Research Assistant, Graduate School of International Studies, 1985-1990.
- Assistant Editor and columnist, *The Muslim* (newspaper) Pakistan; 1982-1983.
- Section Officer, (UNIII), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pakistan; 1976-1982.

Dissertation

“State, Class and Democracy: A Comparative Analysis of Politics in Hindu and Muslim Society in Colonial India, 1885-1947,” University of Denver, 1990.

Research Interests and Courses

Research interests: Islamic religious/ intellectual history; Qur’anic hermeneutics; Muslim women’s rights; colonialism and race; “Third” World.

Courses: Politics of Identity; Race and Colonialism; Understanding Islam; Global Studies; Middle East, “Third” World Politics; Development.

Publications

Books and Monographs

Academic

- Confronting Qur'anic Patriarchy*, with David R. Finn (Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, 2018).
- “*Believing Women*” in *Islam: Unreading Patriarchal Interpretations of the Qur'an* (Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, Revised second edition, 2018; first edition, 2002). Published in Indonesian as *Cara Quran Membebaskan Perempuan* (Jakarta, Serambi, 2005).
- Re-Understanding Islam: A Double Critique*, Spinoza Lectures, University of Amsterdam (Amsterdam: Van Gorcum, 2008).
- Democracy, Nationalism and Communalism: The Colonial Legacy in South Asia* (Boulder, CO.: Westview Press, 1995).

Trade

- Islam, Muslims, and the U.S.: Essays on Religion and Politics* (New Delhi, India: Global Media Publications, 2004).

Book Chapters

- “Theology, Hermeneutics and the Qur'an: Conflicting Interpretations,” in *Muslimah Theology* (under review by Routledge).
- “Patriarchalism and the Qur'an,” in Cesare Cuttica and Gaby Mahlberg (eds.), *Patriarchal Moments*, Bloomsbury Academic, U.K. (2015).
- “Islam,” in Adrian Thatcher (ed.), *Oxford Handbook of Theology, Sexuality and Gender*, Oxford University Press (2014).
- “Does the Qur'an Support Gender Equality? Or, do I have the autonomy to answer this question?” in Marjo Buitelaar and Monique Bernards (eds.), *Negotiating Autonomy and Authority in Muslim Contexts* (Leuven, the Netherlands: Peeters, 2013).
- “Embodying Islam and Muslims: Religious and Secular Inscriptions,” in Marius Timmann Mjaaland, Ola Sigurdson and Sigridur Thorgeirsdottir (eds.), *The Body Unbound* (U.K.: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2010).
- “‘Holding Fast by the Best in the Precepts’: the Qur'an and method,” in Kari Vogt et al. (eds.), *New Directions in Islamic Thought: Exploring Reform and Tradition* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2008).
- “La hermeneutica coranica y la liberacion de la mujer,” selected papers, First and Second International Congress on Islamic Feminism, *La Emergencia de Feminismo Islamico* (Spain, Oozebap, 2008).

Book Chapters (continued)

- “Engaging Islamic Feminism: Provincializing feminism as a master narrative,” in Anitta Kynsilheto (ed.) *Islamic Feminism: Current Perspectives*, Occasional Papers, (Tampere Peace Research Institute, Finland, 2008).
- “Women’s Readings of the Qur’an,” in Jane McAuliffe (ed.), *Cambridge Companion to the Qur’an* (Cambridge University Press, 2006).
- “Reviving Islamic Universalism: East/s, West/s, and Coexistence,” in Abdul Said et. al (eds.), *Contemporary Islam: Dynamic, Not Static* (Routledge, 2006).
- “Globalizing Equality: Muslim Women, Theology, and Feminisms,” in F. Simone (ed.), *On Shifting Ground: Muslim Women in the Global Era* (NY: Feminist Press, 2005).
- “Amina Wadud’s Hermeneutics of the Qur’an,” in Suha Taji-Faruqi (ed.), *Modern Muslim Intellectuals and the Qur’an* (Oxford University, 2004).
- “Texts, Sex, and States: A Critique of North African Discourse on Islam,” in K. Lacey & R. Coury (eds.), *The Arab-African and Islamic Worlds* (Peter Lang, 2000).

Journal Articles and Conference Papers

- “Secular and Feminist Critiques of the Qur’an: Anti-hermeneutics as Liberation?”
Lead Essay for Roundtable: “Feminism and Islam: Exploring the Boundaries of Critique.” *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, Vol. 32, No. 2; Fall, 2016.
- “Uncrossed Bridges: Islam, Feminism, and Secular Democracy,” *Philosophy and Social Criticism, Reset-Dialogues Istanbul Seminars 2012*, Vol. 39, No. 4/5, May 2013.
- “Teaching Islam in the West,” *Dialogue Australasia*, No. 28, November 2012.
- “September 11, 2001: Remember Forgetting,” *Journal of Political Theology*, Vol. 12, No. 5, October 2011.
- “Abraham’s Sacrifice in the Qur’an: Beyond the Body,” in Tore Ahlback (ed.), *Religion and the Body*, Donner Institute for Research, Åbo, Finland, June, 2011.
- “Still Quarrelling over the Qur’an: Five Interventions,” *ISIM Review* (Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World), Autumn, 2007.
- “Teaching about Islam and Women: on pedagogy and the personal,” *Intercultural Education*, Special Issue, Vol. 18, November 2007.
- “Women in Islam: Facts and Perceptions,” in Memoona Hasnain (ed.) *Patient-centered Health Care for Muslim Women in the United States*, conference proceedings, University of Illinois at Chicago Press, 2007.
- “Unreading Patriarchal Interpretations of the Qur’an: Beyond the binaries of tradition and modernity,” *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, Vol. 24, No. 2, 2007.
- “Qur’anic Hermeneutics and Sexual Politics,” *Cardozo Law Review*, Vol. 28, No. 1, October, 2006.
- “A Requiem for Voicelessness: Pakistanis and Muslims in the U.S.” *Wagadu*, Vol. 1, No. 1, Spring, 2004. <http://web.cortland.edu/wagadu/>
- “Jihad=Holy War=Terrorism: The Politics of Conflation and Denial,” *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, Vol. 20, No.1, Winter, 2003.
- “Muslim Women and Sexual Oppression: Reading Liberation from the Quran,” *Macalester International*, Vol. 10, Spring, 2001.

Journal Articles and Conference Papers (continued)

“The Qur’an and Hermeneutics,” *The Journal of Quranic Studies*, University of London, Vol. III, No. 2, 2001.

Book Reviews, Forewords, Miscellaneous

- “Challenging Violence against Muslim Women,” Foreword, Pamela Cross, *Violence Against Women: Health and Justice for Canadian Muslim Women*, Toronto, Canada, Canadian Council of Muslim Women, 2013.
- “The Antinomies of ‘Feminism’ and ‘Islam:’ the Limits of a Marxist Analysis,” review of *Feminism and Islamic Fundamentalism: The Limits of Postmodern Analysis*, Haideh Moghissi (London: Zed Books, 1999), in *Middle East Women’s Studies Review*, Vol. xviii, Nos. 1-2, Spring/Summer, 2003.
- “The Uses and Abuses of Muslim History in Explaining Islam,” review of *Empire and Elites after the Muslim Conquest*, Chase F. Robinson (Cambridge University Press, 2002); in *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, Vol. 20: 1, 2003.
- “Islam and Equality;” review of *Islam and Equality: Debating the Future of Women’s and Minority Rights in the Middle East*, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights (eds.), Canada, 1999; in *Middle East Women’s Studies Review*, Vol. xv, Nos. 1-2, Spring/Summer, 2000.

Popular

200+ articles, op-eds, short-stories and poems in Pakistani and U.S. papers.

Awards, Honors, Fellowships

- State University of New York award to teach in the NY-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition and Culture, St. Petersburg, Russia, July 15-August 4, 2013.
- Visiting Scholar, University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, Theology and Religious Studies Department and Gender Studies. October 24-November 1, 2009.
- Visiting Fellow, International Center for Islam and Pluralism (ICIP), Jakarta, Indonesia. June 16-July 3, 2005.
- “*Believing Women*” in Islam nominated for Grawemeyer Award in Religion, 2009; 2005.
- Ithaca College Summer Research Grants: 2005, 2003, 2001, 1997, 1995, 1993 and Small Grants: 2001-1995; 1993-92.
- Fellow, Oxford Roundtable, “The Role of the State in Religion,” Oxford, England. August 5-12, 2005.
- Fellow, Salzburg Seminar, “Strengthening Democracy and Governance: Women and Political Power,” Salzburg, Austria. 26 April- 3 May, 2004.
- Woman of Distinction, New York State, District: John R. Kuhl, Jr., 2003.
- American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Post-doctoral Fellowship, 1998-99.
- Graduated with a GPA of 4.0, GSIS, University of Denver, 1990.

Awards, Honors, Fellowships (continued)

Dissertation passed with distinction; nominated for Gabriel Almond Award, American Political Science Association in Comparative Politics, 1990.
American Association of University Women International Fellowship for Ph.D., 1989.
Teaching grant, Ford Foundation, University of Denver, 1988.
Ben Cherrington Fellowship, University of Denver, 1985-86.
Robert Anderson Fellowship, University of Denver, 1984.
Reham al-Farra Journalists' Fellowship, United Nations, New York, 1983.
First Position, Seventh Foreign Service Officers Training Course in International Relations and Diplomacy, Administrative Staff College, Pakistan, 1976.
First Position in the University of the Punjab, Pakistan, 1971.
Department of Journalism Fellowship, Punjab, Pakistan, 1969-71.

Invited Academic Keynotes and Presentations

2017

“Secularizing the Qur’an?” and “Decoloniality and Internal Colonialism: The secular turn in Qur’anic Studies.” Center for Intercultural Dialogues (Granada), and the University of California, Berkeley, Granada Spain, July 7, 2017.

2016

“Sex/Gender and Women in the Qur’an,” panel, Human Rights, Gender, and Sexuality in the Islamic World, DISC/WCED Symposium, Shirin Ebadi, Nobel Laureate respondent. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, October 27, 2016.
“Muslim Women and the Qur’an: Between Religious and Secular Extremism,” Marsico Scholar Lecture, Department of Religious Studies, University of Denver, October 13, 2016.

2014

“Why is it so Hard to Speak about Islam?” NYI-St. Petersburg Institute of Linguistics, Cognition, and Culture, Russia, July 24, 2014.
“Qur’anic Hermeneutics as Ethics,” Keynote, “Critical Muslim Studies summer school, Center of Study for Intercultural Dialogues (Spain), and the University of California, Berkeley, Granada, Spain, June 10, 2014.
“Violence against Muslim Women,” Keynote, International Women’s Day, IMDI, Drammen, Norway, March 8, 2014.

2013

“Islamic Feminism, Secularism, and (De)colonization,” Summer School on Islam and Decolonization, University of Berkley and University of Granada, Granada, Spain, June 11, 2013.

Invited Academic Keynotes and Presentations (continued)

2013

“Qur’anic Hermeneutics and Internal Colonialism in Muslim Societies,” School on Islam and Decolonization, University of Berkley and University of Granada, Granada, Spain, June 17, 2013.

2012

- “Thinking of Muslims in ‘Morally Relevant Ways,’” Keynote, Faith and Culture conference. The Wheeler Center, Melbourne, Australia, June 16, 2012.
- “Islamic Law, Scripture, and Women’s Rights” IILAH Public Seminar, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne, Australia, June 12, 2012.
- “Uncrossed Bridges: Islam, Feminism, and Secular Democracy,” Keynote, Istanbul Seminars: The Promises of Democracy in Troubled Times. Reset Doc and Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey, May 21, 2012.

2011

- “Encountering Islam: Women and Gender Equality,” Keynote, Critical Issues Symposium. Hope College, Holland, Michigan, October 5, 2011.
- “On Anti-Anti-Foundationalism: Nasr Abu Zayd’s ‘Rethinking’ of the Qur’an,” Conference on Islamic Newthinking: In Honor of Nasr Abu Zayd. Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut of Essen and the University of Zurich, Essen, Germany, June 26-29, 2011.

2010

- “Abraham in the Qur’an: the unbound body,” Keynote, Conference on Religion and the Body. Donner Institute for Research in the History of Religion, Åbo Akademi University, Åbo (Turku), Finland, June 16-18, 2010.
- “Women as Agents of Change in Muslim Majority Countries and the World,” Workshop. Italian Council of Social Sciences and Ethnobarometer; Rockefeller Center, Bellagio, Italy, March 13-14, 2010.

2009

- “Islam and Politics of the Body: Religious and Secular Inscriptions,” Lecture in Doing Gender, University of Utrecht, the Netherlands, October 26, 2009.
- “The Qur’an, Shari’a, and Women’s Rights,” Plenary Address, Re-imagining the Shari’a. University of Warwick, Venice, September 14, 2009.
- “Islam and Body Politics: Inscribing (im)morality,” Keynote, Nordic Society for Philosophy of Religion conference on “Religion and the Politics of the Body.” University of Iceland, Reykjavik, June 26, 2009.

Invited Academic Keynotes and Presentations (continued)

2009

“Muslim Women’s Rights: Frameworks and Interpretations,” Conference on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in Muslim Societies. (UNIFEM/ ICIP) Jakarta, Indonesia, March 11-12, 2009.

“Islamic Reform and Gender Equality: *Fiqh*, Feminism, or CEDAW?” Regional Conference on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in Muslim Societies. (UNIFEM/ ICIP) Jakarta, Indonesia, March 11-12, 2009.

2008

“Globalizing Equality: revisiting the debate,” Third International Congress on Islamic Feminism. Barcelona, Spain, October 25, 2008.

“Would Spinoza Understand Me? Europe, Islam, and the Mirror of Difference.” Spinoza Lecture. University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, June 5, 2008. (Also presented at the University of Nijmegen, June 17, 2008.)

“Believing Women in Islam: Between secular and religious politics and theology,” Spinoza Lecture. University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, May 8, 2008.

2007

“Can We Speak of Women’s Rights in Islam?” Human Rights, Human Responsibilities. Saginaw Valley State University, October 22, 2007.

“Engaging Islamic Feminism: Provincializing feminism as a master narrative,” Workshop on Islamic Feminism. Tampere, Finland, August 31, 2007.

“Women and Islam,” Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, August 24, 2007.

“Challenges of Reading/ Interpreting the Qur’an,” Master Class, Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, Leiden, the Netherlands, June 25, 2007.

“Still Quarrelling over the Qur’an: Five theses on interpretation and authority.” Conference on Redefining Boundaries. Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, Amsterdam, June 24, 2007.

“Lost in Translation: (Muslim) Women and (Films on) Islam,” Women and Islam Series. National Film Board of Canada, Toronto, May 22, 2007.

“On Islamic and Muslim Feminisms.” St. Mary’s College, April 16, 2007.

“Gender, Islam, and the War on Terror,” College Lecture. Bates, March 14, 2007.

“Women in Islam: Between Oppression and (Self-) Empowerment,” Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung. Cologne, Germany, March 9, 2007.

“A Collective Purpose: Crossing Cultural Boundaries,” Emmie Baine Lecture. Southern Methodist University, Dallas, March 1, 2007.

2006

“Does the Qur’an Support Gender Equality?” University Lecture. University of Groningen, the Netherlands, November 23, 2006.

Invited Academic Keynotes and Presentations (continued)

2006

- “Women’s Self-Emancipation through the Qur’an.” University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, November 21, 2006.
- “Unreading Patriarchal Interpretations of the Qur’an: beyond the binaries of tradition and modernity,” Keynote, regional Conference. Association of Muslim Social Scientists, November 4, 2006, Toronto, Canada.
- “Four Stages of Denial, or, My On-Again, Off-Again, Affair with Feminism: Response to Margot Badran,” Discussion Series, Global Fury/ Global Fear: Engaging Muslims. Ithaca College, October 23, 2006.
- “The Pleasure of Our Texts: reading the Qur’an,” Women in Religion in the 21st Century Conference. Interchurch Center, New York, October 17-19, 2006.
- “Reading the Qur’an: Challenges and Possibilities for Muslim Women,” Symposium on Gender, Race, Islam, and the “War on Terror.” Simon Fraser University, Canada, May 11-13, 2006.
- “Believing Women in Islam.”* Swarthmore College, April 14, 2006.
- “Women, Politics, and Islam,” Middlebury College, April 6, 2006.
- “Sacred Knowledge and Women’s Rights in Islam.” Columbia, March 29, 2006.
- “Women in Islam: Rethinking texts, traditions, and reason,” University Lecture. University of Oregon, March 2, 2006.

2005

- “Qur’anic Hermeneutics and Muslim Women’s Liberation,” International Congress on Islamic Feminism. Barcelona, Spain, October 29, 2005.
- “Women Encountering the Qur’an: Authority, Reading, Scripture,” George Mason University, September 19, 2005.
- “‘Hold(ing) Fast by the Best in the Precepts:’ The Qur’an and Method,” Conference on the Changeable and Unchangeable in Islamic Thought and Practice, Sarajevo, May 7-9, 2005 (read by Christian Moe).
- “Media Reflections: Ignorance of a Hegemonic Imagination,” Occupied Spaces Symposium. Ithaca College, April 8, 2005.
- “Women’s and Feminist Readings of the Qur’an.” Center for Middle East Studies, Harvard University, March 22, 2005.
- “Women in Islam: Facts and Perceptions,” Keynote, Conference on Muslim Women’s Health Needs, University of Illinois at Chicago, March 4, 2005.

2004

- “Christian and Muslim Women in Conversation About Scripture.” Hartford Seminary, Dec. 3, 2004.
- “Gender Inequality and Scriptural Interpretation in Islam.” Stanford University, November, 22, 2004.

Invited Academic Keynotes and Presentations (continued)

2004

- “Teaching about Women and Islam,” AMEWS Roundtable. Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 21, 2004.
- “Text, Tradition, and Reason: The Qur’an and Sexual Politics.” Cardozo Law School, Yeshiva University, October 10-14, 2004.
- “Islam, Gender, and Reproductive Health.” Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, D.C., October 4, 2004.
- “Globalizing Equality: Muslim Women, Theology, and Feminisms.” Library of Congress, March 26, 2004.
- “Women and Religion,” Auburn University, Alabama, March 16, 2004.
- “The Excesses of Moderation,” Colloquium on Moderation in Islam. University of Utah, Salt Lake City, February 21-22, 2004.
- “The Qur’an, Sexual Equality, and Feminism,” Toronto University, January 12, 2004.

2003

- “Reviving Islamic Universalism,” Conference on Contemporary Islamic Synthesis, Alexandria, Egypt, October 3-5, 2003.
- “A Requiem for Voicelessness: Pakistanis and Muslims in the US,” Cornell, April 12, 2003.
- “Islam, Equality, and Women,” Keynote, Ithaca College, March 19, 2003.
- “Determining Islamic Authority in North America,” Conference on Islam in America. Harvard Divinity School, March 8, 2003.

2002

- Presentation/ panelist, “Religious Authorities in Middle Eastern Islam.” Institut für Islam-wissenschaft, Free University of Berlin, Germany, December 5-8, 2002.
- “Challenging Patriarchal Interpretations of Islam,” Anderberg Lecture, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Nebraska, November 7, 2002.
- “Islam, Feminism, and Women,” Robert L. Bernstein Symposium on Fundamentalism and Modernity. Yale University, April 12-13, 2002.
- “Jihad=Holy War=Terrorism: The Politics of Conflation and Denial,” Conference on Pakistan. American University, April 8, 2002.
- “Can African Women Learn from East and Southeast Asia?” Women and Higher Education in Africa, Cornell University, March 28-30, 2002.
- “Will the ‘Real’ Islam Please Stand Up?” Master’s Tea Presentation at Silliman College. Yale University, February 21, 2002.

2001-1998

- “Jihad vs. Terrorism: Interpretive Confusion or Exceptionalism?” Karachi, Pakistan, December 20-21, 2001.

Invited Academic Keynotes and Presentations (continued)

2001-1998

- “Globalization and Religion,” discussant, International Studies Association, Chicago, February 24, 2001.
- “Muslim Women and Sexual Oppression: Reading Liberation from the Qur’an,” Macalester College Roundtable, Minnesota, October, 2000.
- “Reading Scriptures, Constructing Meaning.” Transylvania University, Kentucky, April, 2000.
- “The Qur’an and Hermeneutics: Reading the Qur’an's Opposition to Patriarchy,” Conference on Qur’an and Hermeneutics, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, October, 1999.
- “The Qur’an and Women’s Rights: Rereading Scripture,” Ithaca College, Discussion Series on Islam, 1999.
- “Texts, Sex, and States: A Critique of North African Discourse on Islam,” Conference on Contemporary North Africa, SUNY, Binghamton, April 3-5, 1998.

Invited Public Talks, Debates, Panels

- “Women and Islam,” public interview with Viviana Mazza, *Corriere della Sera*, Milan, Italy, October 1, 2015.
- “Challenging Violence against Women and Girls: An Islamic perspective,” Canadian Council of Muslim Women Awards Bruch, Toronto, Canada, October 6, 2013.
- “Muslim Women’s Rights in the Shariah and Qur’an,” Hobart and William Smith Colleges, April 24, 2013.
- “Patriarchal Interpretations of the Qur’an.” Wellesley College, March 14, 2012.
- “A Balloon for Allah,” commentary on documentary by Nefise Ozkal Lorentzen. Unspoken Film Festival, Utica, New York, October 14, 2011.
- “Culture under Siege in Pakistan,” panelist, Community Forum, on Caravanserai project. State University of New York, Oswego (held at Syracuse), New York, October 10, 2011.
- “Women, Politics, and Islam.” Wesleyan University, December 3, 2010.
- “Finding our Voices as Muslim Women,” celebration of Islamic History Month, Ottawa Muslim Women’s Organization. Canada, October 30, 2010.
- “Islam and Religious Diversity: towards pluralism and recognition,” Keynote, Festival of Friendship, Ottawa Muslim Women’s Organization. Canada, April 25, 2010.
- “Reflections on “Globalizing Feminism,” Al-Nisa, Dutch Muslim Women’s Organization. Utrecht, the Netherlands, October 28, 2009.
- “Re-understanding Islam: A double critique,” Commemorative Lecture, Islamic Community of Lisbon. Portugal, June 22, 2008.
- “Muslims in the West,” debate with Tariq Ramadan. Erasmus University, Rotterdam, the Netherlands, June 13, 2008.
- “Hearing the Word, as a Muslim: Thirteen passages of the Qur’an and Religious Diversity,” Vespers Service, Sage Chapel. Cornell, November 4, 2007.

Invited Public Talks, Debates, Panels (continued)

- “Believing Women” in Islam*, interview/discussion, Dutch Muslim Broadcasting Network (NMO). Hilversum, the Netherlands, June 25, 2006.
- “One Father, Three Dysfunctional Families: On the ‘Problematic’ Aspects of Monotheism,” Snowstar Institute. Toronto, Canada, June 4, 2006.
- “The Qur’an and Gender: Sexuality and Women’s Status in Islam,” St. Bartholomew’s Church. New York City, April 24-25, 2006.
- “Istanbul II: Empowering Women in Public Life in Middle East and North Africa,” conference. Istanbul, Turkey, February 6-7, 2006.
- “Women and the Word,” Wilshire Boulevard Temple. Los Angeles, November, 2005. Lecture Series on Islam, Visiting Fellow, Center for Islam and Pluralism. Jakarta, Indonesia, June-July, 2005.
- “Reading and Interpreting the Qur’an,” and “Family and Marriage in Islam,” Los Angeles Latino Muslim Association. California, April 16, 2005.
- “Mainstreaming Extremism,” Plenary Address, Muslim Public Affairs Council, Fourth Annual Convention. Long Beach, California, Dec. 18, 2004.
- “Towards a Theory of Gender Democracy in Muslim Societies,” Fifth Annual Conference of the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy. Washington, D.C., May 29, 2004.
- “Muslim Women, the Qur’an, and Male Power.” Swarthmore, April 23, 2004.
- “Unreading Patriarchal Interpretations of the Qur’an,” Independent Muslim Women’s Alliance. Detroit, Michigan, October 11, 2003.
- “Muslims in the U.S.” Strategic Research Forum, San Francisco, California, May 24, 2003.
- “Religion and our Response to Violence.” Cornell, February 13, 2003.
- “9/11, the Academy, and Renewal.” Ithaca College, September 12, 2002.
- “Tradition and Modern Life: the Changing Role of Women,” via digital video. US Embassy, New Delhi, India, August 13, 2002.
- “Recontextualizing Martin Luther King, Jr.” Ithaca College, January 21, 2002. “On Interpretation and Exceptionalism.” Ithaca College, October 29, 2001.
- “Why do They Hate Us?” Ithaca, September, 23, 2001.
- “American Foreign Policy Towards the Muslim World,” Concerned Citizens for Peace and Understanding. Elmira, October 17, 2000.
- “(Re)coding Islam: Feminists, Stereotyping, and Liberation.” Discussion Series on Islam. Ithaca College, 2000.
- “Sex/Gender and Patriarchy in the Qur’an: Retheorizing Muslim Women's Rights,” South Asia Seminar Series. Cornell University, 1999.
- “Women and Muslim Law,” Keynote, Women and the Law Conference, South Asian American Women’s Association. Corning, NY, 1998.

College Service and Committees

- Chair, Discussion Series Committee, CSCRE (2006-2015).
- Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committees of CSCRE Faculty (2006-2015).
- Chair, Steering Committee for B.A. in International Studies Major (2000-2006).

College Service and Committees (continued)

Chair, H&S Dean's Committee on Ethnic Studies (1998-1999).
Faculty Advisor, African-Latino Society (2001-2002); Asia Society (1994-2002); and
Muslim Students Association (1999-2000; 2002).

Professional Memberships (Past and Present)

American Association of Higher Education (AAHE).
American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS).
American Political Science Association (APSA).
Association of Middle Eastern Women's Studies (AMEWS).
Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS).
Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, Board of Directors, 2003-06.
Academic Advisory Board, *Religion and Gender*, the Netherlands (present).
Editorial Board, *Journal of Middle Eastern and North African Intellectual and Cultural Studies*.
Editorial Board, *Millah: Journal of Religion Studies*, Islamic University of Indonesia (present).
International Voluntary Services, Board of Directors (IVS) 1993-98.