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1. Education

a) Institutions of Higher Education.

University of Caen (Normandy, France). Diploma of French Studies (1974).

Georgetown University. Major: French. B.A. summa cum laude (1977).

University of Zürich (Switzerland). Postbaccalaureate study: Arabic, German (1979-80).

University of Pennsylvania. M.A., Arabic and Islamic Studies (1981).

American University in Cairo (Egypt). Center for Arabic Studies Abroad (1982-83).

University of Pennsylvania. Ph.D, Arabic and Islamic Studies (1986).

b) Title of Dissertation.

“Stylistic Techniques in Selected Tales from the Thousand and One Nights.”
(Dr. Roger Allen, director)

c) Academic Honors, Fellowships, and Awards.

U.S. Dept. of Education Grant, for advanced Arabic studies at the American University in Cairo, Egypt (1982-83).

Grant from the Centre d'études maghrébines à Tunis, for Arabic manuscript research in Tunisia (1988).

American Philosophical Society grant, for Arabic manuscript research in France (Bibliothèque Nationale) and Morocco (Royal Archives), (1988).

Fulbright Grant from the Indo-U.S. Subcommittee, for Arabic and Persian manuscript research in India (1989).

Faculty Development Council Grant from Colgate University, for coursework-related research and travel to Syria and Egypt (1990-91).

Colgate University Picker Research Grant for research on forms of popular religious devotion among Shia Muslim communities in Pakistan and India (1991).

Faculty Development Council Grant from Colgate University for travel to Egypt and Jordan, including season as volunteer digger and site supervisor responsible for liaison with Bedouin work crews at archaeological excavations undertaken by the University of Utah at Petra, Jordan (1992).

Loyola University Research Support Grant for fieldwork involving Shia liturgical rituals among Muslim Himalayan communities in Darjeeling and Ladakh, India (1995).

Loyola University Faculty Summer Stipend for research on Ladakh's Shia Muslim community in its interactions with Ladakhi Buddhists (1996).

American Philosophical Society grant, for fieldwork in Ladakh (Jammu and Kashmir, India) involving Shia lamentation processions and Muslim-Buddhist relations in Leh Township (1997).

Santa Clara University Thomas Terry Research Grant, for a study of Shia rituals and Muslim communal relations with Buddhist and Hindu populations in selected South Asian localities (1998).

Bannan Institute Grant (Santa Clara University), for research on ritual practices and popular piety among Muslim communities of Southern Egypt (1998).

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipend, for fieldwork in Ladakh (Jammu and Kashmir State, India) involving the Shia Muslim 'Horse of Karbala' procession and rituals linked to Yawm-e Asad ('the Day of the Lion'), (1999).

American Academy of Religion research grant, for fieldwork in Ladakh involving the Shia Muslim 'Horse of Karbala' procession and rituals linked to Yawm-e Asad ('the Day of the Lion'), (1999).

American Philosophical Society grant and Bannan Institute grant (Santa Clara University) for a study of Shia Muslim ritual, Sunni-Shia relations, and prospects for communal reconciliation in Lahore, Pakistan (March 2002).

Presidential Research Grant (Santa Clara University) for research on Shia Muslim communities of Peshawar (North-West Frontier Province) and Lahore, Pakistan (December 2002).

International Faculty Affiliates Grant (Santa Clara University) for research on Indonesia's Buddhist heritage and Muslim/non-Muslim relations on the island of Java (2003).

Thomas Terry Grant (Santa Clara University) for research on popular piety and the pre-Islamic heritage in Lahore, Pakistan (March 2004).

International Faculty Affiliates Grant (Santa Clara University) for travel to Rajasthan and Bodh Gaya, India (August-September 2004).

Presidential Research Grant (Santa Clara University) for fieldwork on religious minorities and Sunni-Shia relations in Lahore (Punjab Province) and Peshawar (North-West Frontier Province), Pakistan (December 2005).

Dean's Grant (Santa Clara University) for research on Sufi religious rituals and Muslim-Christian relations in upper (southern) Egypt (June 2006).

Dean's Grant (Santa Clara University), for participation as a volunteer in an Earthwatch-sponsored leatherback sea turtle conservation program, Playa Grande, Costa Rica (December 2006).

Hackworth Grant (Santa Clara University), awarded jointly by the Bannan/Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education and the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, for a project in Indonesia entitled "Muslim Southeast Asian Contributions to a Global Ethic of Interfaith Cooperation on Environmental Issues" (October-November 2007).

Facilitator's Grant (Santa Clara University), awarded by the Core Curriculum Committee, for developing a Core Pathway entitled "Islamic Studies" (March 2009).

Dean's Grant (Santa Clara University) for a research project on Sunni-Shia relations in Yemen and fieldwork with Zaydi Shia communities in the city of Sanaa, Yemen and the Yemeni central highlands (May-June 2009).

Thomas Terry Grant (Santa Clara University) for a research project on interfaith collaboration on environmental issues in East Java and other regions in Indonesia and Muslim Southeast Asia (2011-2012).

2. Teaching and Related Experience

a) Teaching Experience.

Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ.
Adjunct Lecturer, Humanities (fall 1987, part-time).
(courses taught: Western Civilization; French I, II)

Colgate University, Hamilton, NY.
Assistant Professor of Religion and Islamic Studies (1988-1993).
(courses taught: Introduction to Islam; The Shia Tradition in Islam; Regional Survey: Egypt; Survey of World Religions; Roots of Western Civilization)

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
Visiting Lecturer, Arabic and Islamic Studies (1993-1994).
(courses taught: Intermediate Arabic I, II; Islam: Religion and Institutions; Shia Islam)

Loyola University, Chicago, IL.

Assistant Professor of Theology and Islamic Studies (1994-1996).

Associate Professor of Theology and Islamic Studies (1996-1997).

(courses taught: Introduction to the Study of Religion; Religions of the World; The Islamic Tradition; Shia Islam: Ritual and Piety; Mysticism: Eastern and Western Traditions)

Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA.

Professor of Religious Studies (promoted to rank of full professor March 2010).

Associate Professor of Religious Studies (1997-2010).

Awarded tenure March 2001.

(courses taught: Survey of Islam; Shia Islam; Religions of South Asia; Egyptian Religious Traditions; Mysticism East and West; Seminar on Sufi Mysticism; Qur'an Readings and Qur'an Interpretation; Religion and Modernity; Ways of Understanding Religion; Islam: Reformation and the Modern World; The Islamic Jesus; Animals, the Environment, and World Religions)

b) Other Academic Experience.

Director, Colgate University Study-Tour in Egypt (1992-1993).

Director of Undergraduate Theology Majors, Loyola University (1995-1997).

Director, Interdisciplinary Minor in Arabic, Islamic, and Middle Eastern Studies (AIMES), Santa Clara University (2007-present).

3. Scholarly Work

Publications : books.

The Shiites: Ritual and Popular Piety in a Muslim Community. St. Martin's Press, 1992; reprinted in paperback, 1993. (This book focuses on the lamentation rituals and religious poetry in use among the Shia Muslims of Hyderabad, India.)

Story-Telling Techniques in the Arabian Nights. E.J. Brill, 1992; translated into Malay and published by Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, Kuala Lumpur, 1998. (This book draws on my research in the Arabic manuscript archives of Morocco, Tunisia, and France to analyze narrative techniques in varying recensions of texts of the *Thousand and One Nights.*)

Horse of Karbala: Muslim Devotional Life in India. New York: Palgrave/St. Martin's Press, 2001. (This book draws together my textual studies involving Shia devotional literature and my fieldwork with Muslim communities in Ladakh, Darjeeling, and Hyderabad.)

Notes From the Fortune-Telling Parrot: Islam and the Struggle for Religious Pluralism in Pakistan. London: Equinox, 2008. (An exploration of Pakistan's religious landscape, this book examines Shia flagellation processions, Urdu-language pulp fiction, streetside rituals involving animals (pariah-kites and fortune-telling parrots), and the use of sorcery to contend with the jinns that are believed to infest cities such as Lahore. Uniting these

topics is an investigation of how Islamist politicians seek to eradicate sectarian diversity and repress localized forms of Muslim folk practices in the name of a standardized, uniform, and globalized version of Islam. The book discusses forms of resistance to this Islamist globalization, such as collaborative efforts by Christian, Hindu, and Muslim human-rights activists to repeal Pakistan's notorious blasphemy law and assert the worth of religious pluralism.)

b) Publications: articles.

---Peer-reviewed articles & book chapters.

"Pénitence, pèlerinage, et l'emploi d'images bibliques dans un ouvrage d'Honoré d'Autun," *Bulletin de Littérature Ecclésiastique* 87 (1986), 273-280. (This article analyzes the Latin sermons of the 12th-century preacher Honorius of Autun for what they reveal of contemporary Christian rituals linked to penitential pilgrimage. The article appeared in a journal published by the Institut Catholique de Toulouse in France.)

"Notes on Storytelling Techniques from the Thousand and One Nights," *Journal of Semitic Studies* 32 (1987), 125-157.

"Images of Christ in Arabic Literature," *Die Welt des Islams* 27 (1987), 103-125.

"An Investigation of Arabic and Persian Manuscripts in Selected Indian Libraries," *Hamdard Islamicus* (Karachi, Pakistan) 13 (1990), 71-82.

"Gods Wounded and Slain: Images of Tammuz and Christ in Contemporary Iraqi and Syro-Lebanese Poetry," *Bulletin of the Henry Martyn Institute of Islamic Studies* (Hyderabad, India) 11 (1992), 40-54.

"Shia Muslim Men's Associations and the Celebration of Muharram in Hyderabad, India," *Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies* 16 (1992), 38-62.

"Pharaoh Akhenaten as Messenger of God: The Use of Islamic Theological Vocabulary in Some Recent Novels of Naguib Mahfouz," *Edebiyat: A Journal of Middle Eastern Literatures* 6 (1995), 21-33.

"Shiism in South Asia," *The Muslim World* 87 (1997), 235-257.

Articles in the *Encyclopedia of Arabic Literature*, J.S. Meisami & P. Starkey, eds. (London: Routledge, 1998): "Alf layla wa-layla (The Arabian Nights)," vol. 1, 69-77; "Sindbad," vol. 2, 721-723; "Story-Telling," vol. 2, 735-737.

"Zaynab bint 'Ali and the Place of the Women of the Households of the First Imams in Shiite Devotional Literature," in Gavin Hambly, ed., *Women in the Medieval Islamic World* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1998), 69-98.

“Muslim-Buddhist Relations in a Ritual Context: An Analysis of the Muharram Procession in Leh Township, Ladakh,” in M. van Beek & K.B. Bertelsen, eds., *Ladakh: Culture, History, and Development between Himalaya and Karakoram* (Moesgaard, Denmark: Aarhus University Press, 1999), 290-312.

“Shia Lamentation Rituals and Reinterpretations of the Doctrine of Intercession: Two Cases from Modern India,” *History of Religions* 38 (1999), 285-305.

“The Day of the Lion: Lamentation Rituals and Shia Identity in Ladakh,” *Ladakh Studies* 12 (1999), 21-30.

“Self-Mortification Rituals in the Shi’i and Christian Traditions,” in Lynda Clarke, ed., *The Shiite Heritage: Essays on Classical and Modern Traditions* (New York: Global Publications/Binghamton University, 2001), 375-388.

“Matam (lamentation rituals in Shia Islam),” in M. Mills et al., eds., *South Asian Folklore: An Encyclopedia* (New York: Routledge, 2003), 390-391.

“Shia-Sunni Relations in Contemporary Pakistan,” *Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies* 26.3 (Spring 2003), 62-84.

“The Shi’ah as a Minority Community in Pakistan and India,” *Studies in Contemporary Islam* 5 (2003), 49-56.

“Shia: Imami (Twelver),” in Richard C. Martin, ed., *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World* (New York: Macmillan, 2004), vol. 2, 624-628.

“Muharram,” in Richard C. Martin, ed., *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World* (New York: Macmillan, 2004), vol. 2, 488-489.

“Karl Rahner’s Legacy and Prospects for Muslim-Christian Understanding,” in Paul G. Crowley, SJ, ed., *Rahner Beyond Rahner: A Great Theologian Encounters the Pacific Rim*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2005, pp.45-49.

“The Field Trip and Its Role in Teaching Ritual,” in Catherine Bell, ed., *Teaching Ritual*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007, pp.57-71.

“Pakistan’s Peshawar Museum, Home of Greco-Buddhist Treasures, Celebrates Its Centennial,” *Amphora* (publication of the American Philological Association), vol. 6.1, Spring 2007, pp.12-13, 16.

“Piety and Pulp Fiction: Lahore’s *Fright Digest*,” in Shawkat M. Toorawa, ed., Special Festschrift issue of *Al-‘Arabiyya* (*Journal of the American Association of Teachers of Arabic*): *Studies Presented to Professor Roger Allen On the Occasion of His 65th Birthday*, vols. 40-41 (2007-2008), pp.243-256.

“Zaynab bint ‘Ali,” in John L. Esposito, ed., *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009. Vol. 6, pp.47-48.

“Sunni, Shia, Zaydi: Religious Identity and Sectarian Proselytizing in Contemporary Yemen.” *Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies* 33.1 (Fall 2009), 1-19.

“Horses That Weep, Birds That Tell Fortunes: Animals in South Asian Muslim Ritual and Myth,” in Fabrizio M. Ferrari & Thomas Dähnhardt, eds., *Charming Beauties and Frightful Beasts: Non-Human Animals in South Asian Myth, Ritual and Folklore*. London: Equinox Publishing, 2012.

---Other articles.

“Trusting the Tales” (review of Sabra Webber, *Romancing the Real: Folklore and Ethnographic Representation in North Africa* and Margaret Mills, *Rhetorics and Politics in Afghan Traditional Storytelling*), *Times Literary Supplement* (London), January 15, 1993, 12-13.

Review of Robert Irwin, *The Arabian Nights: A Companion*, in *The Journal of the American Oriental Society* 115 (1995), 339-341.

Review of Boaz Shoshan, *Popular Culture in Medieval Cairo*, in *The Journal of the American Oriental Society* 117 (1997), 762-763.

Review of Naguib Mahfouz, *Arabian Nights and Days*, in *Edebiyat: The Journal of Middle Eastern Literatures* 9 (1998), 311-314.

Review of Richard Hovannisian and Georges Sabagh, eds., *The Thousand and One Nights in Arabic Literature and Society*, in *The Journal of the American Oriental Society* 119 (1999), 19-21.

“Views from the Cave: A Look at Islam, Its Symbols, and the Question of Violence,” *San Jose Mercury News*, December 6, 2001, p.11B.

“Humanistic Islam: An Opportunity Not to Be Squandered,” *Commonweal*, vol.129.1, January 11, 2002, pp.8-9.

“Scripture, Violence, and Healing,” *Perspectives: Bulletin of the Religious Studies Department*, Santa Clara University, Winter 2002.

“Pakistan’s Christians Face Sectarian Violence,” *America: A Jesuit Magazine*, vol. 187.4, August 12-19, 2002, pp.18-20.

“A Preliminary Report on the 2002 Muharram Season in Lahore,” *Pakistan Studies News* (American Institute of Pakistan Studies) 5.9 (Fall 2002), 7-8.

“The Akbar Project: Ritual Observances and Religious Pluralism in Contemporary Pakistan,” *Explore* (a publication of Santa Clara University’s Bannan Center for Jesuit Education) 6.1 (Fall 2002), pp.36-42.

“A Tangled History (Review of M.J. Akbar’s The Shade of Swords),” *Commonweal* 130.1, January 17, 2003, pp. 25-26.

“Preliminary Field Report: Peshawar/Lahore, December 2002,” *Pakistan Studies News* (American Institute of Pakistan Studies) 5.10 (Spring 2003), 28-30.

“Ritual Observances and Religious Pluralism in Contemporary Pakistan,” *Pakistan Studies News* (American Institute of Pakistan Studies) 5.10 (Spring 2003), 1-4. (This is a slightly modified reprint of the Jesuit Bannan Center publication from Fall 2002 listed above.)

“Indonesia’s Buddhist Heritage,” *America: A Jesuit Magazine*, vol. 189.17, November 24, 2003, pp.16-18.

“Fortune-Telling Parrots of Pakistan and Singapore.” *Pakistan Studies News* 8.1 (Fall 2004), pp.15-18.

“Teaching About the Jesus of Islam: An Exercise in Interfaith Dialogue.” *America: A Jesuit Magazine*. November 28, 2005, pp.14-16.

“Losers’ Vengeance: Muslim-Christian Relations and Pakistan’s Blasphemy Law.” *America: A Jesuit Magazine*. April 10, 2006, pp.8-10.

Review of Y. Haddad et al, *Muslim Women in America: The Challenge of Islamic Identity Today*, in *America: A Jesuit Magazine*, June 19-26, 2006, pp.24-26.

Review of Ayaan Hirsi Ali, *The Caged Virgin: An Emancipation Proclamation for Women and Islam*, in *America: A Jesuit Magazine*, October 2, 2006, pp.28-30.

Review of Paul M. Barrett, *American Islam: The Struggle for the Soul of a Religion*, in *America: A Jesuit Magazine*, February 12, 2007, pp.20-21.

“Animal Trafficking and the Struggle to Save Indonesia’s Wildlife.” *Perspectives: Santa Clara University Religious Studies Department Newsletter*. Winter 2008, pp.3-4.

“Interfaith Cooperation on Environmental Issues: Muslim Southeast Asian Contributions to a Global Ethic.” *Explore* (a publication of Santa Clara University’s Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education), Spring 2008.

“Creatures Great and Small: Viewing Animal Suffering With Interfaith Eyes.” *America: A Jesuit Magazine*. April 28, 2008.

“Wildlife Rescue in the Archipelago: The Work of ProFauna Indonesia,” *Bali Advertiser* (Indonesia), May 6-20, 2009, p.10.

“Hidden Prayer in Yemen: Islam and the Problem of Religious Intolerance.” *America: A Jesuit Magazine*. December 7, 2009, pp. 11-14. Reprinted as “No Faith But Islam” in *The Tablet: The International Catholic Weekly* (London, UK). January 9, 2010, pp.6-7.

“Sunni-Shia Sectarianism and Competition for the Leadership of Global Islam.” *Tikkun* January-February 2010, 45-47, 73-75.

“Jottings—and Calligraphic Traces—From the Streets of Shanghai” (essay on the Xu-Ricci Institute conference held at Fudan University, Shanghai). *Perspectives: Santa Clara University Religious Studies Department Newsletter*. Fall 2011.

d) Papers and Lectures.

“Images of Christ in Arabic Literature,” Middle East Studies Association, San Francisco, November 30, 1984.

“The City of Brass: Literary and Archaeological Notes from The Thousand and One Nights,” Middle East Studies Association, Baltimore, November 15, 1987.

“North African Manuscript-Fragments of The Thousand and One Nights,” (presentation delivered in Arabic), Centre d’études maghrébines, Tunis, June 2, 1988.

“Christological Imagery in the Fiction of Naguib Mahfouz,” Henry Martyn Institute of Islamic Studies, Hyderabad, India, July 28, 1989.

“Observations on the Celebration of Muharram in Hyderabad, India,” Association for Asian Studies, New York State Regional Conference, Syracuse, November 11, 1989.

“Notes on Arabic Manuscripts of Tales Related to The Thousand and One Nights,” Middle East Studies Association, Toronto, November 16, 1989.

Chair, panel on “Aspects of Popular Devotion in Shia Islam,” Middle East Studies Association, San Antonio, November 11, 1990.

“The Use of Methodologies from the Fields of Literary Criticism, History, and Folklore Studies in the Analysis of Manuscripts of the Arabian Nights,” Hyderabad University, Nampally Station, Andhra Pradesh, India, July 9, 1991.

Chair, panel on “Popular Devotion in South Asian Shiism,” Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, November 25, 1991.

“Text and Ritual: Nauha-Chants and the Performance of Muharram Liturgies Among the Shia Men’s Guilds of Hyderabad, India,” American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, November 21, 1992.

“Storytelling Techniques in the Arabian Nights,” American Research Center in Egypt, Cairo, December 21, 1992.

“Pharaoh Djoser, Imhotep, and Akhenaten: Three Arabic Literary Portraits from the Writings of Naguib Mahfouz,” American Research Center in Egypt convention, Baltimore, April 24, 1993.

“Shiite Lamentation Liturgies of Modern India and Christian Penitential Guilds of Fourteenth-Century Italy and Germany: A Comparative Analysis,” International Conference on Shi’i Islam, co-sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University, Philadelphia, September 5, 1993.

“‘We Are the Moths of Husain’: Chapbook-Poems and the Performance of Muharram Rituals Among Three Shia Men’s Associations of Hyderabad, India,” 23rd Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, November 5, 1994.

Chair, panel on “Muslim Communities and Forms of Popular Religious Devotion in Contemporary India and Pakistan,” 23rd Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, November 5, 1994.

“Muslim Religious Rituals in an Indian Hill Station: Muharram Observances in Darjeeling,” 24th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 21, 1995.

“Notes on Muslim Liturgical Rituals Among the Shia Himalayan Communities of Ladakh,” American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, November 20, 1995.

“Muslim-Buddhist Relations in a Ritual Context: Notes from Ladakh,” American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, November 25, 1996.

“Muharram Update 1997: Fieldwork Observations on Shia Religious Processions in Leh Township,” Eighth Colloquium of the International Association of Ladakh Studies, Moesgaard, Denmark, June 7, 1997.

“Massignon as a Scholar of Shia Islam,” International Conference on Louis Massignon, University of Notre Dame, October 4, 1997.

“Recent Reinterpretations of the Doctrine of Intercession in Shia Literature,” Middle East Studies Association, San Francisco, November 22, 1997.

“Shia Populations of Ladakh (Jammu & Kashmir) and Their Relations with the Islamic Republic of Iran,” Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC, January 15, 1998.

“Shia, Sunni, Muslim, Buddhist: Identity Issues and Cross-Communal Participation in Muharram Rituals in Leh Township, Ladakh,” 13th Annual South Asia Conference, University of California-Berkeley, February 15, 1998.

Chair, panel on “Popular Religious Practices and Issues of Identity in South Asia,” 13th Annual South Asia Conference, University of California-Berkeley, February 15, 1998.

“Emotion and Artform in Contemporary Shia Muslim Ritual,” conference on Emotion and Religious Discourse, Santa Clara University, May 1, 1998.

“Controversies Surrounding Shia Self-Mortification Practices in Leh Township, Ladakh,” 27th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 16, 1998.

“Transformations in Lamentation Ritual and the Internationalization of Shia Identity in the ‘Horse of Karbala’ Procession in Leh District, Ladakh,” 28th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 16, 1999.

“Horse of Karbala: Transformations in Shia Lamentation Ritual and Muslim-Buddhist Communal Relations on the Indo-Tibetan Frontier,” American Academy of Religion, Nashville, November 20, 2000.

“The Day of the Lion (Yawm-e Asad): Lamentation Ritual, Theological Controversies, and the Globalization of Shia Identity on the Indo-Pakistani Frontier,” Middle East Studies Association, San Francisco, November 19, 2001.

“Shia-Sunni Relations: Possibilities of Reconciliation,” The American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Islamabad, Pakistan, March 27, 2002.

Member of panel on “Strategic Implications of Ethical Asymmetry and Cultural Clashes,” 13th Annual Strategy Conference, Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA, April 11, 2002.

“Shia-Sunni Relations in Pakistan,” Islamic Studies Center, University of Peshawar, North-West Frontier Province, Pakistan, December 17, 2002.

“Muslim Communities in the United States Today,” American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Islamabad, Pakistan, December 18, 2002.

“Shia Muslims as a Minority Community in India and Pakistan,” American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies, University of Victoria, British Columbia, May 2, 2003.

“Muharram Rituals and Shia Communal Identity in India and Pakistan,” Third International Convention of Asia Scholars, Raffles City Convention Center, Singapore, August 20, 2003.

“Pakistani Reinterpretations of the Legacy of Prince Dara Shikoh,” Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, March 4, 2004.

“Divergent Models of Pluralism and Intolerance from the 17th Century: Pakistani Views of Prince Dara Shikoh and Emperor Aurangzeb.” American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Islamabad, Pakistan, March 25, 2004.

“Religious Ritual and Shia Muslim Communal Identity in Contemporary South Asia.” Lecture sponsored by the Sohaib & Sara Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, Stanford University, May 5, 2004.

“Karl Rahner’s Legacy and Prospects for Muslim-Christian Understanding.” Conference on “Rahner at the Pacific Rim: Cultural & Religious Pluralism and New Theological Challenges.” Santa Clara University, October 9, 2004.

“Pluralism, Communal Identity, and the Uses of Moghul History: Contemporary Pakistani Views of Dara Shikoh and Aurangzeb.” Middle East Studies Association Convention, San Francisco, November 21, 2004.

“Shia-Sunni Relations and Prospects for Sectarian Reconciliation.” University of Peshawar, North-West Frontier Province, Pakistan, December 16, 2005.

“Muslim Communities and Interfaith Dialogue in the US,” American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Islamabad, Punjab Province, Pakistan, December 19, 2005.

“The Field Trip and Its Role in Teaching Ritual,” the American Academy of Religion, Washington, DC, November 18, 2006.

“Flagellation Rituals and Communal Identity: Shia-Sunni Controversies in Pakistan and Their Implications for Sectarianism in the Islamic World,” 5th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts & Humanities, Honolulu, January 13, 2007.

“Notes from the Fortune-Telling Parrot: Folk Ritual and Islamist Revivalism in Contemporary Pakistan,” Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies & the Southwest Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Salt Lake City, September 21, 2007.

“Animals, World Religions, and Interfaith Environmentalism in Indonesia,” 7th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts & Humanities, Honolulu, January 11, 2009.

“Shia-Sunni Relations in Pakistan and India: Challenges and Prospects for Reconciliation,” University of Edinburgh, March 19, 2009.

“Shia-Sunni Relations in Pakistan and India: Ideology, Ritual, and Communal Identity,” keynote address at the Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies & Cultures 1st Annual Student Conference, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, May 9, 2009.

“Muslim-Christian Cooperation on Wildlife Conservation and Deforestation Issues as a Response to the Threat of Communal Violence in Muslim Southeast Asia,” Xu-Ricci Institute, Fudan University, Shanghai, People’s Republic of China, conference title: “Is Asia Pacific?: Interreligious Encounters, Peace-Building, and Theological Inventiveness in Today’s Asia,” May 14, 2011.

4. Service to the University and the Community

a) Service to the University.

Departmental service:

Co-director, Religious Studies minors, 1997-2001.

Organizer of Religious Studies faculty lecture series (in which I arranged two campus-wide lectures per quarter by faculty colleagues; these lectures were intended for SCU undergraduates), 1997-2002.

Guest lecturer in Religious Studies colleagues’ classes, on topics including Islamic Christology, the Qur’an in relation to the Bible, medieval Islamic art and culture, and Shia Muslim ritual, 1997-present.

Faculty advisor, Theta Alpha Kappa (Religious Studies honor society), 1998-2003.

As a participant in the Department of Religious Studies Local Religions Project, I have developed contacts with members of the Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, Jain, and Sikh communities of the Bay Area, and I have led student groups on field visits to mosques and temples associated with these faiths. I have shared information from these visits with departmental colleagues who are also engaged in this project. 1997-present.

Arabic language tutor (I have taught informal groups of students on an occasional basis and have also offered Directed Readings courses in Arabic for individual students), 1998-present.

Member, Religious Studies Dept. Evaluation/Travel Committee, 2002-2006.

Mentor for Religious Studies adjunct lecturers, 2003-2006.

Chair, Buddhist Studies search committee, Fall 2004.

Member, Local Religion Project committee, 2006-2008.

Member, Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship Committee, 2007-2008.

Ad hoc member of Theology Endowed Chairs search committee; in this capacity I met with potential candidates at the American Academy of Religion convention, Washington, DC, November 2006.

Reader for Religious Studies Mackin Prize essay contest, April 2007.

Faculty instructor for SCU student Niki Simoncini's independent study/study abroad course, "Islamic life and traditions in India," Winter quarter 2007.

Arabic language instructor in a non-credit intermediate-level tutorial with SCU student Aida Woldu, Spring quarter 2007. The tutorial was held once a week.

Arabic language instructor in a non-credit advanced-level tutorial with SCU student Erika Hight, Winter quarter 2008. The tutorial was held once a week.

At the request of Robert Bozina, I served as instructor and advisor for Janene Lopez-Fairfield's RSOC 199 Directed Readings and Research Course on "Afro-Cuban Santeria," Spring 2008.

Reader for University Honors Program student Roujin Mozaffarimehr's thesis "Islam, the West, and Democratic Change in Contemporary Iran," Spring 2008.

Member, departmental sub-committee to evaluate the RS chair, February-March 2008.

Chair, Jewish Studies search committee, 2008-2009.

Reader for Political Science major Cally O'Brien's Honors thesis "Two Roads to Jihad," Spring 2009.

Member, Faculty Evaluation Committee, 2009-2010 (in this capacity I read and evaluated RS colleagues' Faculty Activity Reports).

Reader for Political Science major Jack Mahoney Honors thesis "Moses and the Pharaoh: Islam and Democratization in Indonesia," Spring 2010.

Reader for Religious Studies Mackin Prize papers, April 2010.

Chair, Religious Studies Teaching Committee, 2010-2011.

Member, Faculty Evaluation Committee, 2010-2011 (in this capacity I read and evaluated RS colleagues' Faculty Activity Reports).

Member, Religious Studies Curriculum Committee, 2010-2011.

Chair, Religious Studies Teaching Committee, 2011-2012.

Member, Faculty Evaluation Committee, 2011-2012 (in this capacity I read and evaluated RS colleagues' Faculty Activity Reports).

University service:

Member, NEH Summer Stipend Grant Review Committee, Fall 2001, Fall 2002, Fall 2006.

Travel to Antioch College's Buddhist Studies program in Bodh Gaya, India, for the purpose of evaluating this program and facilitating affiliation with Santa Clara University's Office of International Programs, September 2004.

Member, Sabbatical application review committee, October 2006-August 2007.

Evaluator of Arabic-language teaching-assistant candidates for the Fulbright FLTA (Foreign Language Teaching Assistant) program, March 2006, March 2007, April 2008. I have done this at the request of SCU's Dept. of Modern Languages and Literatures.

President's Speaker Series: Ayaan Hirsi Ali, April 19, 2007 (the event was cancelled the day of the event). I initiated contact with Ayaan Hirsi Ali, secured her agreement to speak at SCU, and obtained co-sponsorship and funding from the Markkula Center, the Ignatian Center, the Department of Religious Studies, and the President's Speaker Series.

Director, interdisciplinary minor program in Arabic, Islamic, and Middle Eastern Studies (AIMES), Fall 2007-present. As founding director I drafted the initial proposal for the program. Additionally, I advise AIMES students and evaluate their transcripts, organize meetings of AIMES faculty, administer the program budget, and organize events co-sponsored by AIMES and other programs and departments on campus. Among the most notable events I have helped to arrange in my capacity as AIMES director are the following:

---SCU campus visit by Musharraf Ali Farooqi, who spoke on "Heroes, Dragons, Demons: The Adventures of Amir Hamza and the Islamic Storytelling Tradition," May 19, 2008. I initiated contact with Mr. Farooqi, secured his agreement to speak at SCU, and obtained co-sponsorship from SCU's Medieval & Renaissance Studies Program, AIMES, and the Departments of Religious Studies, English, and History.

---Israeli-Palestinian Reconciliation Week, Mission Church, SCU, May 22, 2008. I met with student members of the organizing committee to discuss the shape of the event and suggest Arabic texts to be recited from the Qur'an.

---SCU campus visit by Prof. Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na'im, Professor of Law at Emory University, who spoke on "Islam, the State, and Human Rights: Refining the Terms of Inquiry," April 22, 2009. I initiated contact with Prof. An-Na'im, secured his agreement

to speak at SCU, and obtained co-sponsorship and funding from the Ignatian Center, the Markkula Center, SCU's Law School, AIMES, and the Dept. of Religious Studies. With the help of RS administrative assistant Timothy Harden, I also arranged dinners and receptions to give SCU students and faculty colleagues the opportunity to meet Prof. An-Na'im.

Facilitator, Islamic Studies Pathway for the new SCU Core Curriculum, Winter 2009-present.

I have offered presentations on my field research to the university community at large and to students in the courses of faculty colleagues. Following is a selection:
"Buddhist Art and Buddhist Politics in India and Sri Lanka Today," (co-sponsored by the Office of Housing & Residence Life and the Department of Religious Studies), November 17, 1998.

"Religious Processions Along the Mountains of the Indian-Tibetan Frontier," (co-sponsored by the Office of Housing & Residence Life and the Department of Religious Studies), April 21, 1999.

"Ritual Practices and Popular Piety Among Muslim Communities of Southern Egypt," (sponsored by the Bannan Institute for Jesuit Education and Christian Values), May 18, 1999.

"An Introduction to pharaonic Egypt," followed by a tour of the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum for Alpha Community and the Residential Learning Community of Santa Clara University, September 23, 2000.

Teach-in on the topic of Islam in the aftermath of 9/11 (lecture plus question-and-answer session), Student Planning Day, Santa Clara University, October 3, 2001.

Presentation on "The Many Interpretations of Jihad," as part of Prof. Catherine Bell's course on "Religion and Violence," Dept. of Religious Studies, SCU, May 23, 2002. The presentation entailed a lecture open to the public followed by a seminar-style meeting with students enrolled in Prof. Bell's course.

"Indonesia's Buddhist Heritage and the Question of Indonesian National Identity" (sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies), October 22, 2003.

Presentation on "The Bhagavad-Gita and the Variable Uses of Scripture from a Comparative Perspective" for Prof. Pauline Lee's Asian Religions class, November 12, 2003.

Lectures on Islam for cadets in the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program, Santa Clara University, January 8, 2004, January 9, 2004, January 14, 2004, and April 26, 2005.

Lecture on "Islamic Theological Responses to the December 2004 Tsunami," for the Ethics at Noon panel "Is God Unjust? The Tsunami and the Book of Job," April 6, 2005.

Lecture and discussion on Khaled Hosseini's novel "The Kite Runner" for Orradre Library's Book of the Quarter series, January 25, 2006.

Lecture on "Buddhist Pilgrimage to Borobudur and Muslim-Buddhist Relations on the Island of Java," for the Local Religion Project's panel "The Hajj in Comparative Perspective: Pilgrimage Around the Globe," February 9, 2006.

Lecture and discussion on "Blasphemy, Freedom of Expression, and the Danish Cartoons," the Religious Studies Club, February 27, 2006.

Invited participant in discussion of inter-religious dialogue and Benedict XVI's Regensburg speech, Theological Ethics Reading Group, December 4, 2006.

Invited participant in discussion of Christian-Muslim relations in Pakistan and elsewhere in the Islamic world, Theological Ethics Reading Group, January 24, 2007.

Gave introduction and led discussion of the film Kingdom of Heaven for the Medieval/Renaissance Studies Program, February 8, 2007.

Met with Karen Peterson-Iyer (Program specialist in healthcare and ethics, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics) at her request, to discuss ethical concerns and health issues among Muslims of the San Francisco Bay Area, February 27, 2007.

Presentation on "Shia-Sunni Relations and Shia Theological Interpretations of the Battle of Karbala," for Prof. James Bennett's RSOC 009H (Ways of Understanding Religion) course, February 28, 2007.

Meeting with members of local Muslim community organizations to discuss their concerns about Ayaan Hirsi Ali's SCU lecture, March 21, 2007.

Presentation for the panel "Ayaan Hirsi Ali and the Film 'Submission': The Koran, the Status of Women, and Tolerance," Ethics at Noon series, April 16, 2007.

Taught a one-day course, "Religion and Ritual in Ancient Egypt and the San Jose Rosicrucian Museum," for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, June 13, 2007.

Presentation on "The Qur'an and the Life of the Prophet Muhammad," for two sections of Prof. Cory Wade's English 12 (Western Culture: Literature) course, January 10, 2008.

Taught a 5-session course, "An Introduction to Islam," for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, April-May 2008.

Presentation on “The Islamic Jesus, Interfaith Dialogue, and the Developing World,” for Prof. Teresia Hinga’s TESP 184 (Jesus Across Cultures) course, May 27, 2008.

Presentation on “The Emergence of the Shia,” for Prof. James Bennett’s RSOC 09 Honors (Ways of Understanding Religion) course, May 28, 2008.

Presentation on “Islam and the Question of Islamic Militancy,” for the cadets in Santa Clara University’s ROTC program, June 3, 2008.

Taught a 5-session course, “Shia Islam,” for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, September-October 2008.

Guest lecturer in Prof. Janet Giddings’s SCTR 19 “Religions of the Book” course; topic: “Islamic Ethics Concerning Animals and the Environment,” November 4, 2008.

Guest lecturer in Prof. Salvatore Tassone’s SCTR 19 “Religions of the Book” course; topic: “The Qur’an and the Islamic Jesus,” February 20, 2009.

Guest lecturer in Prof. Keith Warner’s TESP 152 “Faith, Ethics & Biodiversity” course; topic: “Islam and the Environment—field experience from Muslim Southeast Asia: ProFauna Indonesia,” April 27, 2009. In addition, I made myself available to meet with some of Prof. Warner’s students as they prepared presentations on Islam and environmental issues.

As the director of AIMES (SCU’s interdisciplinary program in Arabic, Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies), I have edited and circulated an AIMES newsletter on an occasional basis (at least one issue annually) since the Fall 2009 academic quarter.

Member, NEH Summer Stipend Grant Review Committee, Fall 2009.

At the invitation of ROTC executive officer Captain Vincent Mucker, I gave a presentation to SCU’s ROTC cadets. Topic: “An introduction to Islam and Islamic cultures of the Middle East,” September 30, 2009.

In conjunction with colleague Prof. Akiba Lerner, I helped arrange an AIMES-cosponsored lecture by Dr. Aaron J. Hahn Tapper. Topic: “Friends and Foes: The Complexities of Jewish-Muslim Relations in the United States,” November 4, 2009.

Member, Cultures & Ideas 1 & 2 Faculty Core Curriculum Committee, 2010-2012.

Guest lecturer for the students in San Filippo campus residence. Topic: “Muslim-Christian relations and the personal experiences of a Christian scholar in the field of Islamic studies,” January 14, 2010.

Guest lecturer for Prof. John Hawley’s “Cultures & Ideas I” course. Topic: “Islam, the Crusades, and the Grail: Points of Christian-Muslim Encounter,” January 20, 2010.

In conjunction with Prof. Akiba Lerner, I helped arrange a campus presentation by Akiva Tor, Consul General of Israel. Topic: "Israeli-Palestinian Peace-Making in the Middle East Today," February 3, 2010.

In conjunction with Prof. Akiba Lerner, I helped arrange Prof. Ron E. Hassner's AIMES-cosponsored lecture entitled "For Heaven's Sake: Sacred Space and Conflict in Jerusalem," February 10, 2010.

Guest lecturer for Prof. Teresia Hinga's TESP 184 "Jesus Across Cultures" course. Topic: "Muslim perceptions of Jesus and the status of Muslim-Christian relations in Pakistan today," March 1, 2010.

Meeting and consultation with students concerning their projects for Prof. Boo Riley's RSOC 009 "Ways of Understanding Religion" course, March 8, 2010. Topic: "Muslim-Christian relations and Middle Eastern Muslim perceptions of Christianity and the USA."

In conjunction with Prof. Jason Smick, I helped arrange Prof. Peter Ochs's AIMES-cosponsored visit to campus, April 13-15, 2010. Subject: "Scriptural Reasoning and Abrahamic Traditions."

Guest lecturer for Prof. Keith Warner's TESP 152 Environmental Ethics course. Topic: "Environmental ethics, Islam, and Islamic views of animals and the natural world," April 28, 2010.

Guest lecturer for Prof. John Hawley's Cultures & Ideas I course. Topic: "Islam, the Crusades, and the Grail: Points of Christian-Muslim Encounter," September 22, 2010.

Guest lecturer for the Loyola Residential Learning Community. Topic: "Flooding and the Current Humanitarian Crisis in Pakistan," October 5, 2010.

Guest lecturer for Prof. Michael Castori's SCTR 19 ("Religions of the Book") course. Topic: "Forms of Mystical Devotionalism in the Contemporary Muslim World," November 15, 2010.

Guest lecturer for Prof. Jason Smick's RSOC 9 ("Ways of Understanding Religion") course. Topic: "The Historical Origins of Islam," February 7, 2011.

In my capacity as director of AIMES, I took the lead in arranging an event on campus in conjunction with the Burmese American Democratic Alliance and the Burmese American Women's Alliance. Title of event: "The Ongoing Call for Democracy in Burma," February 15, 2011.

Guest lecturer for SCU's ROTC program. Topic: "Sources of Sectarian Tensions in Contemporary Muslim Societies," February 23, 2011.

Guest lecturer in Prof. Jim Bennett's RSOC 9H "Ways of Understanding Religion" course; topic: "Sunni-Shia Relations in Light of the Killing of Bin Laden," May 2, 2011.

Guest lecturer in Prof. Michael Castori's SCTR 19 "Religions of the Book" course; topic: "The Origins of Sufism," May 23, 2011.

Panelist for the SCU Faculty Development event "Pedagogy in Perspective: Engaging Student Learners Across the Curriculum," October 4, 2011.

Service to the profession:

At the request of Concordia University, I evaluated assistant professor Lynda Clarke's application for promotion and tenure in Concordia's Department of Religion, December, 2002.

Served as manuscript reviewer for an article on "The Mourning of History and the History of Mourning: Karbala Commemoration Rituals and Communal Identity in Shiite Islam," for the journal Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East, ed. Kamran Aghaie (University of Texas at Austin), September 2003.

At the request of Boston University, I evaluated assistant professor Frank Korom's application for promotion and tenure in BU's Department of Religion, October 2003.

Read and evaluated a book proposal (Selva J. Raj, ed., South Asian Religions: Belief Systems and Practices), at the request of Routledge Publishing, January 2007.

Read and evaluated applications for Franklin Research Grants, at the request of the American Philosophical Society, January-February 2008, November 2008, and January-February 2009.

Read and evaluated a book manuscript (Paul Heck, Islam: On Common Ground), at the request of Georgetown University Press, July 2008.

Read and evaluated a book manuscript (Karen Ruffle, Imitable Exemplars: Gender and Vernacular in South Asian Shia Hagiography), at the request of the University of North Carolina Press, March 2009.

Read and evaluated a book proposal (Jens Kreinath, ed., Readings in the Anthropology of Islam) at the request of Routledge Publishing, April 2009.

Wrote an endorsement/dust jacket blurb for Ulrich Marzolph, ed., The Arabian Nights in Transnational Perspective (Wayne State University Press, 2007).

Wrote an endorsement/dust jacket blurb for James Wilce, Crying Shame: Metaculture, Modernity, and the Exaggerated Death of Lament (Wiley-Blackwell, 2008).

Wrote an evaluation of Sabereh Kashi's proposed film project on contemporary Shia ritual (film title: "The Mourners and Me") for the National Endowment for the Humanities, August 26, 2010.

At the request of Indiana University, I evaluated associate professor Frances Trix's application for promotion to the rank of full professor in Indiana University's Departments of Anthropology and Linguistics, July 2010.

Read and evaluated applications for Franklin Research Grants, at the request of the American Philosophical Society, February 2010 and December 2010.

Read and evaluated the manuscript of an article entitled "The Sufi Jesus: A Thematic Approach to the Sufi Reading of Jesus" at the request of the editors of the Journal of Religious History (University of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia), March 2011.

At the request of Francesco Pistocchini, editor of the Italian Jesuit magazine Popoli, I wrote a brief analysis of the ideology of sectarian violence in Pakistan; these comments were quoted and incorporated into Pistocchini's article "Pakistan: Perché I Sufi Sotto Attacco?" ("Pakistan: Why are the Sufis under Attack?"), published online April 26, 2011

(www.popoli.info/EasyNe2/Primo_piano/Pakistan_perche_i_sufi_sotto_attacco.aspx).

Read and evaluated a book proposal (Richard C. Martin, An Introduction to Islam: A 21st-Century Interpretation), at the request of Wadsworth Publishing, August 2011.

Community Service.

Volunteer worker at a leatherback sea turtle conservation project sponsored by Earthwatch, Playa Grande, Costa Rica, December 2006.

At the request of the Shia Association of the Bay Area, I wrote a letter to the US visa/immigration service on behalf of Maulana Abedi, the Shia Association's imam/religious minister, February 22, 2007.

Reader for SCU alumna Huda al-Marashi's manuscript memoir on "Growing Up Shia," August 2007.

Volunteer worker at a wildlife rescue center operated by ProFauna Indonesia, Petungsewu, East Java, Indonesia, October-November 2007.

Member, ProFauna Indonesia Advisory Board, November 2007-present.

At the request of members of the Jain Center of Northern California, I wrote a letter to the US immigration/visa service on behalf of Jayesh K. Khona, the *pujari* (ritual specialist) of the Jain temple in Milpitas, February 7, 2009.

Following is a selection of the various public and off-campus lectures, consultations, and interviews, both in the USA and abroad, that I have offered in recent years:

“Imam Husain ki Shahadat us ka Matlab kya hai” (What is the Significance of the Imam Husain’s Martyrdom?), (delivered in Urdu), Shia Matam Serai, Leh, Ladakh (Jammu & Kashmir, India), May 28, 1996. (This is one of several presentations that I have offered at Shia Muslim places of worship at the invitation of religious leaders in India.)

“Shia Muharram Rituals in Chicago and Ladakh: a Comparison,” radio interview broadcast from Leh, Ladakh (Jammu & Kashmir) on All-India Radio, May 29, 1996.

“Islam, Judaism, and Christianity: Possibilities for Interfaith Dialogue,” Madonna della Strada Chapel, Loyola University, Chicago, Ignatius Loyola Day, October 1, 1996.

“Qurban-e Hazrat ‘Isa aur Hazrat Imam Husain ki Shahadat” (The Sacrifice of Jesus and the Martyrdom of the Imam Husain), (delivered in Urdu), Shia Matam Serai, Leh, Ladakh (Jammu & Kashmir, India), May 17, 1997.

“An Introduction to the Islamic Religion,” St. Ignatius Preparatory School, San Francisco, November 12, 1997.

“Being Shia and Being American,” Pomona Shia Muslim Congregation and As-Sadiq Foundation, Pomona, CA, December 13, 1997.

“Islamic Theology and the Question of Universal Salvation,” Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos, August 16, 1998.

“God as Seen in Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism,” Ministry Enrichment Program, Office of Pastoral Ministry, Diocese of San Jose, January 21, 1999.

“Hazrat Husain ki Shahadat aur Hazrat ‘Isa ka Qurban: eik Muqabelah” (A Comparison of the Martyrdom of Husain and the Sacrifice of Jesus), (delivered in Urdu), Chushot Yoghma Matam Serai, Ladakh, August 8, 1999.

Chair, panel entitled “East Meets West...Spiritually,” College of Notre Dame, Belmont, CA, Faculty/Alumni Reunion, October 3, 1999 (in addition to chairing the panel, I also offered an introductory speech prior to the other participants’ presentations).

“Interfaith Rapprochement Between the Sunni and Shia Denominations in Islam: Lessons from Protestant-Catholic Experience,” Islamic Research Association/Shia Association of the Bay Area, San Jose, June 25, 2000.

“The Arabian Nights and its Influence on Modern Literature in Western Culture and the Arab World,” interview recorded at KQED Radio, San Francisco, August 7, 2000, and presented by the Canadian Public Radio System in February 2001 as part of a program on the Arabian Nights and its cultural legacy.

“Horse of Karbala: Shia Muslim Religious Processions on the Indo-Tibetan Frontier,” Harvard Travelers Club, Boston, MA, December 12, 2000.

“An Introduction to the Sufi Mystical Tradition in Egypt,” Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, San Jose, CA, June 6, 2001.

“Various Understandings of Pharaoh Akhenaten from Antiquity to the Present,” Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, San Jose, CA, June 13, 2001.

“Current Issues in the Islamic World in the Context of the Recent Terrorist Attacks,” Georgetown University Alumni Association, Los Angeles, CA, September 21, 2001.

Five radio-broadcast lectures on the topic of “Islamic History in the Context of September 11,” followed by question-and-answer sessions with listeners, KPCC (National Public Radio affiliate, Pasadena, CA, 89.3 FM), September 28-November 1, 2001.

Workshop on “Islam and Interfaith Dialogue,” Archdiocese of San Jose, November 29, 2001.

“Religious Rituals and Political Views Among Shia Muslim Communities of South Asia,” as part of a course entitled “The Setting of the Post-9/11 Conflict: Afghanistan and its Neighbors,” University of California-Berkeley, February 13, 2002.

“Shia-Sunni Relations in Pakistan and Their Implications for Reconciliation and Interfaith Relations in the Bay Area,” Shia Association of the Bay Area, San Jose, April 18, 2002.

“The Many Interpretations of Jihad,” as part of Prof. Catherine Bell’s course “Religion and Violence,” Department of Religious Studies, Santa Clara University, May 23, 2002. The presentation included a lecture open to the public as well as a seminar-style meeting with students enrolled in the course.

“Qur’anic Scripture and Women’s Issues in Islamic Society,” as part of the Father Francis L. Markey 2002 Summer Lecture Series, sponsored by the Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries, Santa Clara University, June 26, 2002.

“Diaspora South Asian Communities in California’s Bay Area,” Colgate University San Francisco Study Group, San Francisco, October 29, 2003.

Telephone interview with New York Times reporter Daniel J. Wakin to provide him with background information for his article "In New Jersey, Shia Finds Its Voice: Teenager Wins Acclaim for Holy Recitations," The New York Times, April 10, 2004, p.A14.

April 15-22, 2004: Consultant for Elinor Drucker Rahmani, an immigration attorney in New York City representing a Pakistani Shia Muslim. I provided background information on the religious persecution of Shia Muslims in Pakistan to help adjudicate her client's request for asylum in the USA.

Lecture on "Islam and Interfaith Dialogue," St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Los Altos, October 3, 2004.

"The Danish Cartoons Controversy": KPCC (Los Angeles-area National Public Radio affiliate) radio interview, February 8, 2006.

"Interfaith Reconciliation and the Shia Muslim Tradition," presentation given at the Imam Husain Peace Day Walk, City Hall Plaza, San Jose, CA, January 27, 2007.

"Jesus as Viewed in Islam and Christianity: Implications for Muslim-Christian Relations," Saint Joseph's Church, Capitola, CA, October 2, 2007.

"Perspectives Offered by World Religious Traditions on Animals and the Environment," presentation given at ProFauna Indonesia's wildlife rescue center, Petungsewu, East Java, Indonesia, November 7, 2007.

"Bay Area Muslims and the Challenge of Religious Pluralism," presentation given at the Imam Husain Peace Day Walk, City Hall Plaza, San Jose, CA, January 13, 2008.

Telephone interview with Raphael Satter of the London branch of the Associated Press, in which I provided background information for a news article about a Shia Muslim in the United Kingdom who had been convicted of abuse for coercing a child to participate in self-flagellation rituals during the annual Shia Ashura lamentation ceremonies in honor of the Imam Husain and the Karbala Martyrs, August 27, 2008.

"A Comparison of Catholic Christian and Shia Muslim Spirituality," St. Joseph's Church, Capitola, CA, September 30, 2008.

"The Islamic Jesus," First Congregational Church of San Jose, November 9, 2008.

"The Rise of Sunni-Shia Sectarianism," First Congregational Church of San Jose, November 16, 2008.

"An Introduction to Islamic Sectarian Issues in Iraq and Pakistan," US Air Force ROTC program, San Jose State University, March 5, 2009.

In conjunction with the publication of an article that I wrote for Tikkun magazine, I participated in a “Tikkun Phone Forum” with Tikkun managing editor David Belden and various readers and subscribers to Tikkun, on the topic of “Sunni-Shia sectarianism and competition for the leadership of global Islam,” January 11, 2010.

Presentation given at the Shia Association of the Bay Area, San Jose, CA, on the topic “Interfaith perspectives on the death of the Imam Husain ibn ‘Ali” (presentation given in Arabic), January 21, 2010.

5. Prizes, awards, or recognition of service contributions.

“Public Intellectual Award,” presented by Santa Clara University’s College of Arts and Sciences, September 17, 2002. Citation: “In recognition of the effective, far-reaching, and timely use of scholarly expertise to address issues of major public concern in a way that promotes reasoned analysis and humane understanding.”

In December 2005 I was presented with a plaque by the Department of History at the University of Peshawar, North-West Frontier Province, Pakistan, as a token of appreciation for my presentation on “Shia-Sunni Relations and Prospects for Sectarian Reconciliation.”

Brutocao Award for Teaching Excellence, presented by Santa Clara University, September 2008.