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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2012-present Associate Professor, Departments of American and Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers University, New Brunswick
- 2015-2016 NEH Scholar-in-Residence, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture
- 2011-2012 Lecturer, American Studies and Humanities Division, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2009-2011 University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California, Santa Cruz, American Studies.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2009
- M.A. Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2003
- M.F.A. Creative Writing, Mills College, 2001
- B.A. Double Major, English and Ethnic Studies (Honors), University of California, Berkeley, 1998

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Islam in America; U.S. Muslim women; Race and Ethnicity in the U.S.; African American Islam; Islam and gender; Islamic feminism; Black/Third World/Women of Color Feminisms; Muslim American/Islamic Anglophone literature and culture; Asian American religions; African American religions; South Asian and Arab American history and culture; multiethnic US literature.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Being Muslim: A Cultural History of Women of Color in American Islam (New York University Press, 2018)

Book Chapters

"Raising Muslim American Girls: Women of Color Legacies in U.S. American Islam." *With Stones in Our Hands: Reflections on Muslims, Race, and U.S. Empire*, ed. Sohail Daulautzai and Junaid Rana (University of Minnesota Press, 2018), pp. 326-335.

"Islam in the Arts in the USA." *Routledge Handbook of Islam in the West*, ed. Roberto Tottoli (Routledge Press, 2014), pp. 320-333.

“Cultural and Literary Production of Muslim America.” *The Cambridge Companion to American Islam*, ed. Omid Safi and Juliane Hammer (Cambridge University Press, 2013), pp. 279-298.

Refereed Journal Articles

“Introduction: Asian American Religions in a Globalized World” (w/ Khyati Joshi). *Amerasia Journal*: 40:1 (2014): vii-xx.

“‘A Space for the Spiritual’: A Roundtable on Race, Gender, and Islam in the United States” (w/Evelyn Alsultany, Su’ad Abdul Khabeer, and Maryam Kashani). *Amerasia Journal*: 40:1 (2014): 17-33.

“Common Cause: On the Black-Immigrant Debate and Constructing the Muslim American.” *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion* 2, no. 8 (2011): 1-39.

“Chadors, Feminists, Terror: The Racial Politics of U.S. Media Representations of the 1979 Iranian Women’s Movement.” *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*: 637, no. 1 (2011): 112-140.

Other Publications

“Why Do You Study Islam?»: Religion, Blackness, and the Limits of Asian American Studies.” *CUNY Forum, Special Issue on Asian American Studies, the War on Terror, and the Changing University*, Summer 2017.

“Black American Women in the Ahmadiyya Movement of Islam.” February 24, 2016. *Sapelo Square*. Last Accessed December 15, 2016 at <https://sapelosquare.com/2016/02/24/profile-black-american-women-in-the-ahmadiyya-movement-of-islam/>

“Asian American Muslims.” *Asian American Religious Cultures*, ed. Jonathan H.X. Lee, Fumitaka Matsuoka, Ron Nakasone, and Edmond Yee (ABC-CLIO, 2015), pp. 95-98.

“Safe Harbors: On Raising Muslim American Girls.” American Studies Media Culture Blog, April 7, 2014. <https://americanstudiesmediacultureprogram.wordpress.com/2014/04/07/safe-harbors-on-raising-muslim-american-girls/>.

“Race, orthodoxy, and ‘Real’ Islam.” May 4, 2011. *The Immanent Frame*. Last accessed May 5, 2011 at: <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2011/05/04/race-orthodoxy-and-real-islam/>

“Muslim Women, Hip Hop, and Rap: United States of America.” *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*. General Editor Suad Joseph. Brill, 2011. Brill Online.

“A Tribe Called Quest” and “Mos Def.” *Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History*, Ed. Edward E. Curtis IV. (Facts on File, Inc., 2010).

Forthcoming

“Muslim Women in the Modern United States.” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*, (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2019).

“Amina Wadud.” *Oxford Bibliographies in Islamic Studies*, (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2019).

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, & AWARDS

New Jersey Council for the Humanities Public Scholar, 2017-2019
Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, NEH Fellowship, 2015-2016.
Institute for Research on Women Seminar Fellowship, Rutgers-New Brunswick, 2014-2015
University of California President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2009-2011
Ethnic Studies Department Block Grant Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 2008
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of California, Berkeley, 2008
Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowship, Dissertation-Year Award, 2006-2007
Graduate Opportunity Dissertation-Year Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 2005-2006
Graduate Division Conference Travel Grant, University of California, Berkeley, 2005
Ethnic Studies Department Block Grant Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 2005
Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 2004-2005
Graduate Opportunity Program (GOP) Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 2000-2004
The Place for Writers Fellowship, Mills College, 1999-2001

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Summit Public Library, “Islam in/and America,” Summit, NJ—May 8, 2018.
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, “Being Muslim: A Cultural History of Women of Color in American Islam,” Chapel Hill, NC—April 24, 2018.
George Mason University, Ali Vural AK Center for Global Islamic Studies, “Racism, Racialization and African American Islam in the Americas” Conference, “Finding Florence: Black American Women in the Ahmadiyya Movement, 1920-1923,” Fairfax, VA—April 12, 2018.
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Humanities Speaker Series, “Being Muslim: Women of Color in American Islam.” Corpus Christi, TX—March 22, 2018.
Springpoint Senior Living Center, “Women, Feminism, and Islam.” Princeton, NJ—March 13, 2018.
New York Theatre Workshop, “Life on the Hyphen: A Roundtable on Hammaad Chaudry’s ‘An Ordinary Muslim’.” New York, NY—March 3, 2018.
Montville Public Library, “Islam in/and America.” Montville, NJ—January 24, 2018.
Colorado College, First Mondays Lecture Series, “Being Muslim: Women of Color in American Islam.” Colorado Springs, CO—October 23, 2017.
University of Michigan, “Four American Moslem Ladies: A Cultural History of Women of Color in American Islam.” Ann Arbor, MI—September 19, 2017.
Princeton University, “A Seat at the Table: Conversations on AAPI Representation and Civic Engagement.” Princeton, NJ—April 28, 2017.
Princeton University, “Covering Islam and Muslims: A Workshop for Journalists.” Princeton, NJ—April 23, 2017.
Michigan State University, Islam, Muslims, and Contemporary U.S. Politics Conference, “A Third Language: Women of Color Feminism and American Islam.” East Lansing, MI—April 13, 2017.
Michigan State University, Muslim Mental Health Conference, “A Brief History of U.S. Muslim Women.” East Lansing, MI—April 13, 2017.

Rutgers University-New Brunswick, “Muslims in America: A Conversation.” New Brunswick, NJ—March 1, 2017.

Rutgers University-New Brunswick, Institute for Research on Women, “Teach-In on Gender and Social Justice after the Election.” New Brunswick, NJ, January 19, 2017.

Princeton University, “Muslims and the U.S. Elections.” Princeton, NJ—October 18, 2016.

New York Public Library, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, “Women Speak About Malcolm X.” New York, NY—May 19, 2016

Boston College, Diversity Challenge Symposium, “Gendering American Islam: U.S. Muslim Women and the Question of Race.” Boston, MA—October 24, 2015.

University of California, Riverside, Humanitarian Ethnic, Religious Affinities and the Politics of Dissent Symposium, “Religious Rhetorics, Raced Movements.” Riverside, CA—October 2, 2015.

George Washington University, NEH Summer Institute: American Muslims: History, Culture, and Politics. “Insurgent Traditions: U.S. Muslim Cultural Production in the 20th-21st Centuries.” Washington, D.C.—July 23, 2015.

Luther College, Sihler Lecture (Keynote), “Somewhere in America: Exploring the 20th-21st Century Musical and Cultural Expressions of U.S. Muslim Women.” Decorah, IA—April 9, 2015.

City University of New York (CUNY), Asian American Research Institute, “Four American Moslem Ladies: Intersectional Insurgencies in Early American Islam.” New York, NY—November 14, 2014.

Muslim Anti-Racism Collaborative (MuslimARC), “#BeingAsianMuslim.” Online Panel and Discussion—May 19, 2014

University of Pennsylvania, Asian American Studies Across the Disciplines Series, “Race-ing Islam.” Philadelphia, PA—April 1, 2013.

Northwestern University, Muslim Cultural Students Association, “The Racialization of Islam.” Evanston, IL—February 19, 2013

St. John’s University, Muslim Student Association, “Islam in America: The African American Experience.” New York, NY—February 12, 2013.

Rutgers University, Muslim Students Association, “Muslim Anti-Racism.” New Brunswick, NJ—September 27, 2012.

University of California, Irvine, Department of Asian American Studies, “Race and the Making of Muslim America.” Irvine, CA—April 14, 2011.

University of California, Davis, Cultural Studies Winter Colloquium Series, “A Part of Islam: Race, Gender, and the Making of Muslim America.” Davis, CA—March 3, 2011.

Stanford University, The Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies Lecture and Workshop, “Love For All Hatred For None: The Transnational Blackness of African American Ahmadi Muslim Women.” Palo Alto, CA—December 2, 2010.

University of California, Santa Cruz, Center for Cultural Studies Winter Colloquium Series “A Part of Islam: Recovering Race and Gender in Muslim America.” Santa Cruz, CA—February 3, 2010.

Columbia University, Islam in/and America Symposium: Theories, Methods, and Future Research, “Common Cause: On the Black-Immigrant Debate and Constructing the Muslim American.” New York, NY—January 15, 2010.

University of California, Berkeley, Department of Ethnic Studies, Spring Lecture Series, “*New Muslim Cook*: Exploring Race and Faith in the Contemporary Cultures of American Islam.” Berkeley, CA—April 20, 2009.

- University of California, Berkeley, Asian American Studies 20A, "History of Asians in the U.S." "Contemporary Issues and Debates in Asian American Studies." Berkeley, CA—December 4, 2008
- Diasporic Counterpoint: Africans, Asians, and the Americas Symposium, Northwestern University, "Not Without My Radical Fundamentalist Islamic Burqas: Race, Feminism, and the Neo-Orientalization of America's Islam." Evanston, IL—April 21, 2007
- Chinese Historical Society American Lecture Series—Impact on the Music Industry: Perpetuation of Stereotypes Through Lyrics, Sound, and Imagery, "Orientalism and Hip Hop." San Francisco, CA—November 2003.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- American Academy of Religion (AAR) Conference, "Muslims and Contemporary American Politics." Boston, MA—November 20, 2017.
- American Studies Association (ASA) Conference, "Trump/Towers: A Roundtable on Teaching 9/11 and the War on Terror in Our Moment." Chicago, IL—November 11, 2017.
- Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Conference, "After the Critical Ethnic Studies Turn." Miami, FL—April 29, 2016.
- American Studies Association (ASA) Conference, "There Is Here: Transnational Archives, Comparative Futures." Los Angeles—November 7, 2014
- Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Conference, "Asian American Religions in a Globalized World: An *Amerasia* Roundtable." San Francisco, CA—April 18, 2014
- Critical Ethnic Studies and the Future of Genocide Conference, University of Illinois, Chicago, "The Politics of Prayer." Chicago, IL—September 20, 2013
- Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Conference, "Violence against Asian American Religious Communities Roundtable." Seattle, WA—April 20, 2013
- American Studies Association (ASA) Conference, "Comparing Islam?: Theorizing Difference in Muslim America." San Juan, Puerto Rico—November 18, 2012
- Critical Ethnic Studies and the Future of Genocide Conference, University of California, Riverside, "Love for All Hatred for None": The Transnational Blackness of African American Ahmadi Muslim Women." Riverside, CA—March 11, 2011
- American Studies Association (ASA) Conference, "A Part of Islam: Recovering Race and Gender in Muslim America." San Antonio, TX—November 20, 2010
- Asian Pacific Americans and Religious Research Initiative (APARRI) Conference, "Faith Matters: Religious Practitioners and/in Asian American Studies: A Roundtable" Chicago, IL—August 6, 2010
- Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Conference, "So You May Come To Know One Another": Theorizing Black-Immigrant Difference in Muslim America." Austin, TX—April 10, 2010
- Islam and the Media Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, "Feminists, Chadors, Terror: U.S. Media Constructions of the 1979 Iranian Women's Movement." Boulder, CO—January 8, 2010
- Islam and the Media Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, "Critical Refractions: An Interdisciplinary Response to Jennifer Maytorena Taylor's *New Muslim Cool*." Boulder, CO—January 8, 2010

Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Conference, “Believing Women in Muslim American Literature: Race, Gender, Faith, and Diaspora in Mohja Kahf’s *Girl in a Tangerine Scarf*.” Honolulu, HI—April 24, 2009

American Studies Association (ASA) Conference, “Race, Orientalism, and the Post-9/11 Cinema of Recuperation.” Albuquerque, NM—October 17, 2008

Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Conference, “Burqas and Terrorists: Race and the American Orientalization of Islam.” New York, NY—April 7, 2007

American Studies Association (ASA) Conference, “The Crash of Civilizations: Race, Redemption, and Islam in Paul Haggis’ *Crash*.” Washington D.C.—November 4, 2005

Asian Pacific Americans and Religious Research Initiative (APARRI) Conference, “The Orientalist Instance: Race-ing Islam in Asian America.” Chicago, IL—August 5, 2005

Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Conference, “The Orientalist Instance: Race-ing Islam in Asian America.” Los Angeles, CA—April 22, 2005

American Studies Association (ASA) Conference, “The Orientalist Instance: Bikinis and Burqas in a Time of War.” Atlanta, GA—November 11, 2004

Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Conference, “Orientalism’s Travels: A White Woman, A Black Woman, and the (un)Veiling of Islam.” Boston, MA—March 26, 2004

Crossing Borders: Citizenship, Social Justice, and the Crossroads of Culture Conference, “Orientalism’s Travels: A White Woman, A Black Woman, and the (un)Veiling of Islam.” San Diego, CA—March 5, 2004

American Studies Association (ASA) Conference, “From Coolies to Courvoisier: A Brief Look Into All This Oriental Trouble.” Hartford, CT—October 18, 2003

Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Conference, “Unveiling Empire: American Imperialism and the Discourse of the Veil.” San Francisco, CA—May 8, 2003

Crossing Borders, Shaping Identities: New Directions in Ethnic Studies Conference University of Southern California, “From Coolies to Courvoisier: A Brief Look Into All This Oriental Trouble.” Los Angeles, CA—March 15, 2003

COURSES TAUGHT

- Islam in/and America, Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum (DISC), Four-campus course-share between Rutgers-New Brunswick, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, University of Maryland-College Park, and University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- Islam in/and America, Rutgers-New Brunswick
- Introduction to Social Justice, Rutgers-New Brunswick
- Race and Ethnicity in the U.S., Rutgers-New Brunswick
- Feminist Methodologies (Graduate Seminar), Rutgers-New Brunswick
- Introduction to American Studies, Rutgers-New Brunswick
- Critical Feminist Investigations, Rutgers-New Brunswick
- Race, Gender, & Islam in the United States, UC Santa Cruz, Spring 2012
- Key Concepts in American Studies, UC Santa Cruz, Fall 2011 & Spring 2012
- Core Seminar, “Imagining Justice Past and Present,” UC Santa Cruz, Fall 2011
- Chinese American Literature, UC Berkeley, Spring 2009
- History of Asians in the United States, UC Berkeley, Spring 2003 & Fall 2008
- Asian American Literature, UC Berkeley, Summer 2007 & Fall 2007

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2018-present Departmental Representative, New Brunswick Faculty Council, Rutgers-New Brunswick
- 2016-2017 Faculty Search Committee, American Studies, Rutgers-New Brunswick
- 2016-present Executive Board, Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers-New Brunswick
- 2016-present Curriculum Committee, Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers-New Brunswick
- 2014-present Advisor, Muslim Anti-Racism Collaborative (MuslimARC)
- 2013-present Member, President's Diversity Council, Rutgers-New Brunswick
- 2013-present Coordinator, Social Justice Minor, Department of Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers-New Brunswick
- 2014-2015 Graduate Student Admissions Committee, Women's and Gender Studies
- 2013-2014 Director, Women of Color Scholar's Initiative (WoCSCI), Rutgers-New Brunswick
- 2014 Organizer, "New Directions in the Study of Gender and Islam" Symposium, Institute of Research on Women, Rutgers-New Brunswick.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2015-present External Reviewer, *The Scholar and Feminist Online*
- 2014-present External Reviewer, *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*
- 2012-present Managing Board Member, Asian Pacific American Religions Research Institute (APARRI)
- 2010-2011 Planning Committee Member, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies Program, UC Santa Cruz
- 2004 Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Admissions Committee, Ethnic Studies Department, UC Berkeley
- 2001-2005 Representative, Student Association of Graduates in Ethnic Studies (SAGES), UC Berkeley

STUDENT MENTORING AND ADVISING

Undergraduate Senior Thesis Advisees

- Amy Clark, "Queer Newark" (Senior Honors Thesis, American Studies, 2017)
- Rashmee Kumar, "Becoming Chloe Silverado: Deconstructing 'White' South Asian American Femininity in *The Mindy Project*" (Senior Honors Thesis, Journalism and Media Studies, Rutgers, 2014)
- Gabrielle Rossi, "Politics, Picketing, and Prison: Alice Paul and the Plight of Women's Suffrage in the United States" (Senior Honors Thesis, Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers, 2014).
- Lai Wo, "Fashioning Agency in the Global Apparel Industry: Garment Work in the Factory and Fashion Blog" (Senior Honor Thesis, Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers, 2014)

MA Advisees

- Jasleen Singh, (Women's and Gender Studies, 2017)
- Intimaa Alsdudi (Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers, 2015)
- Joss Greene (Masters Practicum, Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers, 2014)

Doctoral Advisees

- Donna Auston (Anthropology, Rutgers, ABD)
- JB Brager (Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers, ABD)
- Che Gossett (Women's and Gender Studies)
- Lindsey Whitmore (Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers, ABD)
- Louise Tam (Women's and Gender Studies, Rutgers, ABD)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Studies Association

Asian Pacific American Religions Research Institute

Association of Asian American Studies

Modern Language Association