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EDUCATION

- 2010. Ph.D., History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2005. M.A., Asian Cultures and Languages, University of Texas at Austin
- 2003. B.A., History (highest honors), University of Texas at Austin
- 1996. M.E., Engineering Management, Dartmouth College
- 1994. B.S.E.E., Electrical Engineering (highest honors), University of Texas at Austin

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2018-Present. Associate Chair, Religious Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2018-Present. Graduate Studies Chair, Religious Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2016-Present. Associate Professor, Religious Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2014-2016. Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2010-2014. Assistant Professor, History, Southern Methodist University

GRANTS, AWARDS AND ACADEMIC HONORS (selected)

- 2019 Radhakrishnan Memorial Lecturer, All Souls College, University of Oxford
- 2018 Fellow of the Darrell K Royal Regents Professorship in Ethics and American Society, College of Liberal Arts, UT Austin
- 2018-2020 Faculty Fellow, Humanities Institute, UT Austin
- 2017 Grant for Conference in Pakistan in Collaboration with a Minority-Serving Institution, American Institute of Pakistan Studies
- 2017 Collaborative International Research Grant, American Academy of Religion
- 2016 Spring College Research Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, UT Austin
- 2015 Fellow, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Notre Dame (declined)
- 2015 Charles A. Ryskamp Research Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies (deferred till 2017-18)
- 2014 Honorable Mention, Bernard S. Cohn Book Prize, Association for Asian Studies
- 2013 Best First Book in the History of Religions, American Academy of Religion
- 2013 John F. Richards Prize in South Asian History, American Historical Association
- 2013-14 Research Fellowship, Department of Religious Studies, UT Austin
- 2013-14 Semester Research Grant, Dedman College, Southern Methodist University
- 2013-14 Member and Mellon Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (declined)
- 2013 Keynote Address, South Asia Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago
- 2012-13 Postdoctoral Fellowship for Transregional Research, Social Science Research Council
- 2012-13 Semester Research Grant, Dedman College, Southern Methodist University
- 2012 Summer Research Grant, Dedman College, Southern Methodist University
- 2011 Summer Research Grant, Dedman College, Southern Methodist University

2010 Finalist, Junior Fellow, Harvard Society of Fellows
 2009-10 Rackham Humanities Dissertation Fellowship, Michigan
 2008-09 Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship, American Institute of Pakistan Studies
 2008-09 Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellowship (declined)
 2008 Winter Janey & Melvin Lack Fellowship, Michigan (declined)
 2008 Winter Rackham Humanities Research Fellowship, Michigan
 2005-06 Rackham Regents Fellowship, Michigan
 2004-05 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, UT Austin
 2003-04 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, UT Austin
 1994-05 Phillip R. Jackson Fellowship, Dartmouth College

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS & TRANSLATED WORKS

2012. *The Millennial Sovereign: Sacred Kingship and Sainthood in Islam*. New York: Columbia University Press.

- Best First Book in the History of Religions Award, American Academy of Religion, 2013
- John F. Richards Prize in South Asian History, American Historical Association, 2013
- Honorable Mention, Bernard S. Cohn Prize, Association for Asian Studies, 2014

a. 2014. Paperback edition. New York: Columbia University Press.

b. 2017. South Asia edition. New Delhi: Primus Books.

2008. Al-e Ahmad, J., & Ghanoonparvar, M.R. (Ed.). *A Stone on a Grave*. (Azfar Moin, Trans. from Persian into English). Costa Mesa, CA: Mazda Publications.

EDITED JOURNAL FORUM

2016. Forum: Cosmos and Power: A Comparative Dialogue on Astrology, Divination and Politics in Pre-modern Eurasia. *Medieval History Journal*, 19:122-150.

JOURNAL ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

2019 (forthcoming) "Messianism and the Constitution of Pakistan." In David Gilmartin, Pamela Price, and Arild Engelsen Ruud (Eds.), *South Asian Sovereignty: The Conundrum of Worldly Power*. New Delhi: Routledge India.

2019 (forthcoming) "The Millennial and Saintly Sovereignty of Emperor Shah Jahan According to a Court Sufi: *The Mir'at al-Asrar (Mirror of Secrets)* of Shaykh 'Abd al-Rahman Chishti." In Hani Khafipour (Ed.), *Empires of the Near East and India: Sources for the Study of the Safavid, Ottoman, and Mughal Societies*. New York, NY: Columbia University Press.

2019 (forthcoming). Millennial Sovereignty and the Mughal Dynasty. In Richard Eaton & Ramya Sreenivasan (Eds.), *Oxford Handbook of the Mughal World*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2019. The Politics of Saint Shrines in the Persianate Empires. In Abbas Amanat and Assef Ashraf (Eds.), *The Persianate World: Rethinking a Shared Sphere*. (105-124) Leiden: Brill.

2018. Obeying God, Obeying Men: The Feminist Discourse of Dr. Farhat Hashmi. In Manu

- Bhagavan & Syed Akbar Hyder (Eds.), *Hidden Histories: Religion and Reform in South Asia* (66-86). Delhi: Primus Books.
2018. The ‘Ulama’ as Ritual Specialists: Cosmic Knowledge and Political Rituals. In Armando Salvatore, Roberto Tottoli & Babak Rahimi (Eds.), *The Wiley-Blackwell History of Islam and Islamic Civilization* (377-392). Walden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.
2017. The ‘Millennium’ of 1857: The Last Performance of the Great Mughal. In Zvi Ben-Dor Benite, Stefanos Geroulanos, & Nicole Jerr (Eds.), *The Scaffolding of Sovereignty: Global and Aesthetic Perspectives on the History of a Concept* (322-339). New York, NY: Columbia University Press.
2015. Sovereign Violence: Temple Destruction in India and Shrine Desecration in Iran and Central Asia. *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 57(2), 467-496.
2015. Shah Isma‘il Comes to Herat: An Anecdote from Vasefi’s ‘Amazing Events’ (*Badayi‘ al-Vaqai‘*). In Behrad Aghaie & Mehdi Khorami (Eds.), *A Persian Mosaic: Essays on Persian Language, Literature and Film in Honor of M.R. Ghanoonparvar* (86-101). Bethesda, MD: Ibex Publishers.
2014. Akbar’s “Jesus” and Marlowe’s “Tamburlaine”: Strange Parallels of Early Modern Sacredness. *Fragments: Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Ancient and Medieval Pasts*, 3, 1–21.
2014. Messianism, Heresy, and Historical Narrative in Mughal India. In Orkhan Mir-Kasimov (Ed.), *Unity in Diversity: Mysticism, Messianism and the Construction of Religious Authority in Islam* (393–413). Leiden: Brill.
2013. Painted Rituals: The Sacred Art of Jahangir. In Sandria B. Freitag, David Gilmartin, & Usha Sanyal (Eds.), *Muslim Voices: Community and the Self in South Asia* (37-66). New Delhi: Yoda Press.
2012. Peering through the Cracks in the Baburnama: The Textured Lives of Mughal Sovereigns. *Indian Economic & Social History Review*, 49(4), 493-526.
2009. Challenging the Mughal Emperor: The Islamic Millennium according to ‘Abd al-Qadir Badayuni. In Barbara Metcalf (Ed.), *Islam in South Asia in Practice* (390–402). Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
2007. Partisan Dreams and Prophetic Visions: Shi‘i Critique in al-Mas‘ūdī’s History of the Abbasids. *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 127(4), 415-427.

REVIEW ARTICLES & INVITED COMMENTS

2017. Millennial Sovereignty, Total Religion, and Total Politics, *History and Theory*, 56: 1, 89-97.
2016. Cosmos and Power: A Comparative Dialogue on Astrology, Divination and Politics in Pre-Modern Eurasia. *Medieval History Journal*, 19 (1), 122-129.
2015. Sovereign Presence and Political Rituals in the Early Modern World. *Journal of Early Modern History*, 19, 563-569.
2014. Margins of Anxiety and Centers of Confidence. *South Asian History and Culture*, 5(4), 262–65. [Reprinted in 2015. In Neilesh Bose, (Ed.). *Culture and Power in South Asian Islam: Defying the Perpetual Exception* (129–32). London: Routledge.]

REFERENCE ARTICLES

- 2018 (forthcoming). Alfi Movements. In *Encyclopedia of Indian Religions*. New York: Springer.
2014. "Abū'l-Fazl." In *Encyclopedia of Renaissance Philosophy*, edited by Marco Sgarbi, 1-4. Cham: Springer International Publishing.
2013. Dabistan-i Madhahib. In *Encyclopedia of Islam*. (Vol. 3, pp. 72-73) Leiden: Brill.

REVIEWS OF SCHOLARLY BOOKS

2014. Review of *Sultans of the South: Arts of India's Deccan Courts, 1323-1687*, by Navina Najat Haidar & Marika Sardar (Eds.). *English Historical Review*, 129(540), 1190–1193.
2014. Review of *Ruby in the Dust: Poetry and History in Padmavat by the South Asian Sufi Poet Muhammad Jayasi*, by Thomas De Bruijn. *Religious Studies Review*, 40(2), 116–117.
2014. Review of *Secularizing Islamists? Jama'at-e-Islami and Jama'at-ud-da'wa in Urban Pakistan*, by Humeira Iqtidar. *Religious Studies Review*, 40(1), 57.
2013. Review of *The Quest for a Universal Science: The Occult Philosophy of Sa'in al-Din Turka Isfahani (1369-1432) and Intellectual Millenarianism in Early Timurid Iran*, by Matthew S. Melvin-Koushki. *Dissertation Reviews*. Available online, <http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/2426>.
2012. Review of *Bombay Islam: The Religious Economy of the West Indian Ocean, 1840-1915*, by Nile Green. *Religious Studies Review*, 38(4), 256.

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

2019. (Forthcoming). Radhakrishnan Memorial Lectures, All Souls College, Oxford University, May.
2019. "Saint Shrines and Sovereignty in Pakistan." Workshop: Religion and its Others: Power, Sovereignty, and Politics in Indian Religions Past and Present. Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, CANADA. March 15.
2018. (Forthcoming). Panelist, "Anand Taneja's Jinnealogy: Time, Islam, and Ecological Thought in the Medieval Ruins of Delhi." Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO. November 20.
2018. "The Mughal Policy of "Peace with All" Religions (Sulh-i Kull): History and Pre-History." Dhar India Studies Program, Indiana University. September 13.
2018. "Charisma, Cult, and Law: How Muslim Kings made Sacred Pacts with Pagans." Conference: Sovereignty, Religion, and Secularism: Interrogating the Foundations of Polity. Chair of the Interfaculty Program in Religious Studies, LMU-Munich. July 11-13.
2018. Mahmud's Sacrifice: How a Muslim Iconoclast made Peace with Hindus." Conference: What is Islam: Conventional Views and Contemporary Perspectives. Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies, George Mason University. April 11.
2017. "Muslim Kingship and Religious Tolerance: A Comparative and Historical Look at the

- Mughal Policy of “Peace with All” (Sulh-i Kull) Religions,” Conference: Die Macht des Herrschers (The Power of the Ruler), Bonn University, Nov 23-25.
2017. Chair and Discussant, “Fashioning Philosopher-Kings in the Post-Mongol Persian Cosmopolis, 13th-19th Centuries,” Middle East Studies Association, Nov 20.
2017. Dissertation Workshop, Medieval and Early Modern Studies, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, September 27.
2017. Workshop: Sovereignty, Religion, and Secularism: Interrogating the Foundations of Polity, Chair of the Interfaculty Program in Religious Studies at Ludwig-Maximilians-University, September 8-10.
2017. “Why did Muslim Kings Worship the Sun? Islam and Cosmotheism,” Nodes, Networks, Orders: Three Global History Workshops on Transformative Connectivity, *Itinerario* 40th anniversary, University of Leiden, Netherlands, Apr 20-22.
2017. Panelist, “The Chinese Spinoza in Malebranche: A Metaphysical Battle against Immanent Causation,” *Fragments: Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Ancient and Medieval Pasts*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, Apr 17.
2017. Panelist, “How to Convert your Dissertation into a Book,” Habib University, Karachi, Pakistan, Mar 17.
2017. “Painted Miracles: A Conversation about Mughal Art,” Department of Social Sciences, Institute of Business Administration, University of Karachi, Karachi, Pakistan, Mar 8.
2017. “Islam after the Mongols: Saints, Shrines, and the Stars,” Seattle Art Museum’s Gardner Center for Asian Art and Ideas, Feb 4.
2017. “The Imperial Saint Shrine: A Connected History of Mashhad and Ajmer,” South Asia Center, University of Washington-Seattle, Feb 3.
2017. Panelist, “Islamic Occultism in Theory & Practice,” Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford, Jan.
2016. Panel Discussant, “The Occult Challenge to Islamic Mysticism,” Annual Meeting, San Antonio, American Academy of Religion, Nov.
2016. “Sovereignty and Sainthood: The Politics of Saint Shrines in the Mughal, Safavid, and Ottoman Empires,” Habib University, Karachi, Pakistan. Aug.
2016. “Why did Muslim Kings Worship the Sun? Islam and Cosmotheism.” Conference on “Histories of Darkness and Light,” Institute for Historical Studies, UT Austin. Ap.
2016. Lecture and Workshop on “Islamic Kingship and Legitimacy.” Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. Tokyo, Japan. Mar.
2016. “When Saints Became Kings: The Case of Mashhad and Ajmer.” South Asia Seminar Series, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ. Mar.
2016. “The Politics of Saint Shrines in the Persianate Empires.” Empires Workshop, history Department, Yale University, CT. Mar.
2016. “Cosmos and Power: Astrology, Divination, and Politics in Pre-Modern Eurasia.” Workshop on Divination in Islamic Art, Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford, Jan.
2015. “Saint Shrines as Objects of Imperial Veneration and Desecration in the Post-Mongol Empires.” Political Theologies of Medieval and Early Modern Islam. Department of

- History, University of California, Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara, CA. October.
2015. "Sacred Kingship and Ritual Violence: A Comparison across Islam and Hinduism." Asian Studies Colloquium, Michigan State University. East Lansing, MI. September.
2015. "Hermes and the 'Great Light': Wisdom of the Ancients in Timurid Sacred Kingship." *Memories of Kings: Kingship in the Religious Imaginings of Asia*. Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität. Munich, Germany. May.
2015. Panelist, "Traveling Texts and Mobile Scholars," *The Many Histories of the Present: Pasts and Possibilities in the Muslim World*, Department of Anthropology, Duke University. Durham, NC. April.
2015. "Why Mughal Kings Venerated the Sun: Messianic Peace and Cosmotheism in Islam." *Early Modern Apocalypticism*. Department of Romance Languages, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. April.
2015. "Akbar's 'Jesus' and Marlowe's 'Tamburlaine': Strange Parallels of Early Modern Sacredness." South Asia Program Seminar Series. Cornell University. Ithaca, NY. April.
2015. "The Caliph versus the Saint: Sovereignty in Islam in Early Modern Times." Center for Regional Studies, United States Naval Academy. Annapolis, MD. February.
2015. "Sovereign Violence: Temple Desecration in India and Shrine Destruction in Iran and Central Asia." Vanderbilt History Seminar. Vanderbilt University. Nashville, TN. January.
2015. Panelist, "The Millennial Sovereign: Sacred Kingship and Sainthood in Islam by A. Azfar Moin: Discussion of the 2013 John F. Richards Prize Winning Book," Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association. New York, NY. January.
2014. "Why Muslim Kings Worshipped the Sun: Islam and Cosmotheism." *Beyond Political Theology?: Authority, Community, and the Absolute*. The Working Group on Political Theology, The Neubauer Collegium, The University of Chicago. Chicago, IL. December.
2014. "Kingship and Ritual Violence: Comparisons and Connections between Islam and Hinduism." Colloquium in Religious Studies. Stanford University. Stanford, CA. Nov.
2014. "The Politics of Shrines in Mughal, Safavid, and Ottoman Empires." *Safavid-Ottoman Relations*. Department of History, Indiana University. Bloomington, IN. Oct.
2014. "From 'Confessional Ambiguity' to the 'Imperial Shrines' of Safavid Iran and Mughal India." *Confessional Ambiguity, 'Alid Loyalty, and Tashayyu' Hasan in the 13th to 16th Century Nile to Oxus Region*. Pembroke College, Oxford University. Oxford, United Kingdom. Sep.
2014. "A Connected History of Timurid Era Destruction of Shrines and Temples." *Emotion and Subjectivity in the Art and Architecture of Early Modern Muslim Empires*. History of Art Department, Yale University. New Haven, CT. May.
2014. "The Crown of Dreams: Azfar Moin in Conversation with Kamran Asdar." *The Second Floor (T2F)*. Karachi, Pakistan. Jan.
2013. "Saint Shrines as Sites of Imperial Performance: A Comparison of Safavid Iran and Mughal India." *Burdick-Vary Symposium*. Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin, Madison. Madison, WI. Oct.
2013. "Akbar's 'Jesus' and Marlowe's 'Tamburlaine': Strange Parallels of Early Modern Sacredness." Keynote Address, South Asia Graduate Student Conference. University of Chicago. Chicago, IL. Apr.

2013. "War in the Age of Saints: The Politics of Shrine Desecration in Central Asia, Iran, and Central Asia." Postdoctoral Fellows Workshop. Social Science Research Council. San Diego, CA. Mar.
2013. "The Millennial Sovereign: Sacred Kingship and Sainthood in Islam." Department of History, University of California, Berkeley. Berkeley, CA. Feb.
2013. "The Millennial Sovereign: Sacred Kingship and Sainthood in Islam." Department of History, University of Washington. Seattle, WA. Jan.
2013. "The Millennial Sovereign: Sacred Kingship and Sainthood in Mughal India." Department of History, Boston University. Boston, MA. Jan.
2012. "The Monarch as Saint: A Connected History of Safavid Iran and Mughal India." Center for Middle Eastern Studies, The University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX. Nov.
2012. "The Throne of Time: Safavid Messianism and Mughal Sacred Kingship." Institute of Ismaili Studies. London, United Kingdom. Nov.
2012. "Sainthood as a Foundation for Muslim Kingship: The Case of Sixteenth-Century India and Iran." Early Modern Seminar. University of Oxford. Oxford, United Kingdom. Oct.
2012. "Ritual Processes of Sacred Kingship in Early Modern Islam: A Developmental View." Religion and Political Authority in the Pre-Modern World—Global *Comparisons*, Ertegun House, University of Oxford. Oxford, United Kingdom. Oct.
2012. "Shrine Desecration in Iran and Temple Desecration in India, a Framework for Comparison." South Asia Seminar Series. University of Chicago. Chicago, IL. May.
2012. Panelist, "Mosque-to-Temple and Temple-to-Mosque: Conversions in Medieval and Modern Deccan" & "Materializing Difference: Social Change in the South Indian Iron Age," Symposium on Archaeology in South Asia: Recent Excavations and Reinterpretations. South Asia Institute, The University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX. Apr.
2012. "Pakistan and US Relations: A Historical View." Godbey Lecture Series. Southern Methodist University. Dallas, TX. Mar.
2011. "Pre- and Post-9/11 Pakistan." Chairman's Session Program. Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations (DFCR). Dallas, TX. Nov.
2011. "Kingship and Sufism in the Mughal Empire." Social Science Program. Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (SZABIST). Karachi, Pakistan. Aug.
2011. Panelist, "The Most Dangerous Place in The World? Historical Reflections on the Islamic Republic of Pakistan" & "Islam, Islamists, and Democracy in India," Margins and Centers in South Asian Islam: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry, University of North Texas. Denton, TX. Mar.
2010. "Muslim Kingship in Early Modern Iran and India: A Heretical Mode of Legitimacy?" Messianism and Normativity in the Late Medieval and Modern Persianate World: Themes and Sources. Freie Universität. Berlin, Germany. Sep.
2009. "Painted Rituals: Space and Symbol in Jahangiri Art." Muslim Voices: Traditions and Contexts. Center for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. Sep.
2009. "The Age of *Sahib Qirani*: The Sacred Shadow of Timur." Institute of Historical Studies, The University of Texas. Austin, TX. Apr.
2008. "Kingship, Messianism and Popular Culture in the Early Modern Islamic World." South Asia Institute, The University of Texas. Austin, TX. Apr.

2007. Panelist, "Historiography and History-Writing Across the Early-Modern World," Topographies of Violence. Eisenberg Institute of Historical Studies, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI. Oct.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2016. "The Ruin of Islam or Renaissance? Ibn Taymiyya versus Ibn 'Arabi in Post-Mongol Muslim Empires." The Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. Seattle, WA. Apr.
2014. "The Messianism of Muslim Kings and its Impact on Islam in Early Modern Times." Comparative Studies in Religion Panel on "Comparative Messianism and the Political," Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Diego, CA. November 2014.
2014. "Akbar's "Jesus" and Marlowe's "Tamburlaine": Strange Parallels of Early Modern Sacredness." Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America. New York, NY. Mar.
2012. "Temple Desecration in India, Shrine Destruction in Iran: A Framework for Comparison." The Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin, Madison. Madison, WI. Oct.
2012. "Indo-Persian Kingship in Practice: A Heretical Mode of Legitimacy." Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. Toronto, Canada. Mar.
2012. "Between Iranian Saints and Mongol Kings: The Sacred Modes of Mughal Kingship." Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association. Chicago, IL. Jan.
2011. "The Safavid Perspective on Mughal India: A Reassessment." The Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin. Madison, WI. Oct.
2011. "Talismanic Art and the Making of Mughal Kingship." Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies. Honolulu, HI. Apr.
2010. "Should the Crown have Twelve Points or Seven? The Safavid Origins of the Mughal Royal Cult." Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association. San Diego, CA. Nov.
2010. "The Age of Sahib Qirani: Messianic Kingship in Early Modern India and Iran." Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association. San Diego, CA. Jan.
2009. "Should the Crown have Twelve Points or Seven? The Safavid Origins of the Mughal Royal Cult." Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin, Madison. Madison, WI. Oct.
2007. "Emperor Akbar and his Historian Bada'uni: Messianism, Heresy and Historical Narrative in Mughal India." Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association. Montreal, Canada. Nov.
2007. "The Millennium in Mughal India: Bada'uni's History Reconsidered." Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin, Madison. Madison, WI. Oct.
2006. "Arguing about the Millennium: Nurbakhsh, a Central Asian Messiah in Mughal India." Annual Meeting of the Central Eurasian Studies Society. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Ann Arbor, MI. Sep.
2006. "Heretical Monarchs and Reincarnated Messiahs: Interpreting Islamic Orthodoxy in Mughal India." 3rd Annual Graduate Islamic Studies Conference, Duke University.

Durham, NC. Apr.

2006. "Imperial Imaginings and Millenarian Polemic in Mughal India: Bada'uni's Historiography Reconsidered." Southern Asia Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago. Chicago. IL. Feb.
2004. "The Dream in Islamic Historiography: Decoding Political and Moral Commentary in al-Mas'ūdī's History of the Abbasids." Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association. San Francisco, CA. Nov.

ADVISING AND STUDENT-RELATED SERVICE

University of Texas at Austin

Doctoral Dissertation Committee

Alexander Kreger, Religious Studies, 2016-Present (Advisor)
Sigrid Kjaer, Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, 2017-Present (Co-Advisor).
Benjamin Cox, Religious Studies, 2015-Present (Member).
Jason Roberts, Germanic Studies, 2017 (Member).
Christine Baker, History, 2013 (Member).

Doctoral Qualifying Examinations Committee

Alexander Kreger, Religious Studies, 2019
Josefrayn Sanchez-Perry, Religious Studies, 2019
Jeffrey Wilson, Religious Studies, 2019
Nathan Leach, Religious Studies, 2018
Jin Young Kim, Religious Studies, 2017
Brad King, Religious Studies, 2016

MA Thesis Colloquium Committee

Ann Merkle, Art History, 2015 (Member).

Masters Committees

Christian Pye, Middle Eastern Studies, 2018-19 (Chair).
Davis Petit, Middle Eastern Studies, 2015 (Chair).
Willis Cummings, Middle Eastern Studies, 2015 (Reader).
Ann Merkle, Art History, 2015 (Reader).

BA Thesis

Ayesha Akbar, Government, 2014 (Reader).
Samuel Huckleberry, Middle Eastern Studies, 2015-16 (Reader).
Tori Pell, BA, Religious Studies, 2015-16 (Reader).

Southern Methodist University

BA Distinction Thesis

Peter Finnerty, History, 2011. (Reader).

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Departmental Service

Graduate Admissions and Fellowships Committee, 2014-15
Committee for Reorganization of Graduate Student Areas, 2015
Graduate Student Workshop on Job Applications, 2015
Panel Respondent on “Heroes,” Building Bad: The Construction of “Evil” in Religious Discourse,
Graduate Committee for the Study of Religion, 2015.
Organizer, Transcultural Lenses on Islam Symposium, 2014.

University and Local Service

Panelist, Symposium on the Study of Religion in a Public University, Religious Studies 10th
Anniversary, Feb 17, 2017.
LBJ “Blending Cultures” Curriculum Planning Workshop, Spring 2017
Faculty Advisory Council, South Asia Institute, Spring 2017
Chair, Islamic Studies Initiative, 2016-17
Islamic Studies Research Cluster Planning Committee, 2015
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Selection Committee, South Asia
Institute, 2015
Guest lecture, R S 383C Religion and Empire, Prof. Graber, 2015.
“Dr. Stephennie Mulder’s *The Shrines of the ‘Alids in Medieval Syria.*” Introduction and
comment presented at a reading with Department of Art History & the Visual Arts Center and
the Fine Arts Library, 2015.
“From ‘Confessional Ambiguity’ to the ‘Imperial Shrines’ of Safavid Iran and Mughal India.”
South Asian Institute Seminar Series, 2014.
Guest lecture, MES 342.24 Sufism & Islamic Mysticism, Prof Hyder, 2014.
Guest lecture, MES 301K Introduction to the Middle East: Religion, Culture, & History, Prof.
Spellberg, 2014.
Guest lecture, MES 385.3 Islamic Historiography, Prof. Spellberg, 2014.
Organizer, Cities, Courts, and Saints: The Muslim Cultures of South Asia, South Asia Research
and Information Institute and the Asian Studies Program, Southern Methodist University,
Dallas, TX, 2012.

Professional Service

Bernad S. Cohn Book Prize Committee, Association for Asian Studies, 2017-19
Editorial Board Member, *Modern Asian Studies*, 2017-Present
Editorial Board Member, *Fragments: Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of Ancient and
Medieval Pasts*, 2016-Present
Editorial Board Member, *Pakistan Journal of Historical Studies*, 2014-Present.
Co-Organizer, Conference on “Order beyond the Borders: Sovereignty and Citizenship in Asia
and the Indian Ocean World,” Habib University, Karachi, Pakistan, March 16-18, 2017.
Editorial Board Member, *Sagar: A Sought Asia Research Journal*, 2014-Present.
Organizer, Panel on “The Mughal Empire: New Debates, Part 1: The Mughal Imperial Imaginary
between Soldiers and Scribes,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association,
Chicago, IL, 2012.
Organizer, Panel on “The Mughal Empire: New Debates, Part 2: The Performance of Sovereignty
in the Mughal Empire: New Comparisons and Contexts,” Annual Meeting of the American
Historical Association, Chicago, IL, 2012.
Organizer, Panel on “Early Modern Muslim Empires in Comparative Perspective: Mughals,
Safavids, Ottomans,” Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, San Diego,
CA, 2010.

Organizer, Panel on “Persianate Memoir, Painting, and Hagiography: The New Cultural Imagination of Early Modern India and Iran,” Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, San Diego, CA, 2010.

Academic Consultant, “Power and Protection: Art and the Supernatural in the Islamic World.” project supervised by Francesca Leoni, Yousef Jameel Curator of Islamic Art, Ashmolean Museum and the Leverhume Trust, University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom, 2015-2017.

External Promotion and Tenure Reviewer, 2017.

Peer Reviewer for Presses and Journals (ad hoc since 2007):

Presses:

- Yale University Press
- Columbia University Press
- Oxford University Press
- Cambridge University Press
- The Royal Asiatic Society
- I.B.Tauris
- Indiana University Press
- Edinburgh University Press

Journals:

- Comparative Studies in Society and History
- Modern Asian Studies
- Indian Economic and Social History Review
- Journal of the American Academy of Religion
- History of Religions
- Comparative Islamic Studies
- Iranian Studies
- Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society
- Cultural & Social History
- Journal of Islamic Studies
- Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient
- Journal of Persianate Studies
- Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History
- Journal of South Asian Intellectual History

Professional Memberships (ad hoc since 2005)

American Academy of Religion

American Institute for Pakistan Studies

Association for Asian Studies

American Historical Association

Middle East Studies Association

Renaissance Society of America

Languages

Urdu (native), English (native), Arabic (advanced), Persian (advanced), French (intermediate)