

SYED RIZWAN ZAMIR

EDUCATION

- Aug 2004–Aug 2011 PhD in Religious Studies (University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia)
- ✚ Program: Islamic Scriptural Interpretation & Practice (SIP).
 - ✚ Dissertation: *Rethinking, Reconfiguring and Popularizing Islam: Religious Thought of a Contemporary Indian Shi'ite Scholar*
 - ✚ Advisors: Dr. Abdulaziz A. Sachedina & Dr. Peter W. Ochs
 - ✚ Completion Date: August 10, 2011.
- Jan 2002–Dec 2003 Bachelor of Arts (James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia)
- ✚ Major: Philosophy & Religion (Philosophy concentration);
 - ✚ Minors: English, Translation Studies
- Aug 1997–Aug 1999 Bachelor of Arts (University of Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan)
- ✚ Majors: Philosophy, Economics
 - ✚ Minor: Persian

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Aug 2012–present
(Courses Taught) Assistant Professor of Religion, Davidson College, NC. Courses:
- ✚ REL 165: Muslim-Americans (co-taught with Prof. Anne Wills)
 - ✚ REL 278: Islamic City: Muslim Society, Institutions and Culture
 - ✚ REL 496: Independent Study (C.S. Lewis)
 - ✚ REL 433: Art, Media, Technology & Religion (Seminar)
 - ✚ REL 401: Senior Colloquium
 - ✚ REL 272: Introduction to Islam (Reimagined as a fresh course)
 - ✚ REL 301: Perspectives in the Study of Religion
 - ✚ REL 476/176: Classics of Islamic Literature (Seminar)/ Literature of the Muslim World
 - ✚ REL 277: Islamic Mysticism (not to be confused with REL 377: Sufism)
 - ✚ REL 378: Islam in the Modern Age
 - ✚ REL 375: Islamic Visions of the End (previously Islamic Eschatology)
 - ✚ REL 376: Islamic Ethics (Reimagined as a fresh course)
 - ✚ REL 110: Aliens, Strangers and Zombies (with Prof. Trent Foley)
 - ✚ “Revolutions” Davidson’s Humanities Program (involved the whole year)
- 2017-2018
2010-2012
(Courses Taught) Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Davidson College, NC. Courses:
- ✚ REL 272: Introduction to Islam
 - ✚ REL 376: Islamic Ethics
 - ✚ REL 276: Sunni and Shiite Islam
 - ✚ REL 377: Sufism
- Independent
Studies & Theses Independent Studies and Theses Supervised
- ✚ Independent Studies: **CS Lewis** (Spring 2017); **Pakistan** (Fall 2018); **Punjab** (Fall

- 2018); **CS Lewis** (Spring 2019 – planned)
- Summer 2007 ✚ Directed three undergraduate honors' theses and a reader to at least five. Undergraduate course "Islam in the Modern Age" at the University of Virginia (UVA)
- Aug 2004-May 2009 Teaching Assistant, Department of Religious Studies, UVA.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

Publications:

- 2018 ✚ Translation: "Qur'anic Ta'wil: Comparing the Views of Ibn 'Arabi and Allamah Tabatabai" <https://bit.ly/2tLjX2t>
- ✚ Translation: "Qur'anic Biography of Imam Husayn: A Translation of Sayyidul 'Ulama's Husayn and the Qur'an" <https://bit.ly/2KqW22D>
- 2017 ✚ Peer-reviewed Journal Article (13200 words): "Rethinking the Academic Study of the 'Ulama Tradition" *Islamic Studies* Vol. 53, No. 3/4 (Autumn-Winter 2014), pp. 145-174.
- ✚ Book Chapter (13000 words): "Islam in South Asia" in *The Religions of India: A Microcosm of World's Religions*, ed. Tazim Kassam. New Delhi: Manohar Publishers & Distributors, pp. 127-168.
- 2016 ✚ Book Review: *The Night Journey and Ascension in Islam: The Reception of Religious Narrative in Sunni, Shi'i and Western Culture* by R.P. Buckley *Islamic Studies* 52, no. 2 (Summer 2013/1434): 221-226.
- 2015 ✚ Book review: *Between Heaven and Hell: Islam, Salvation and the Fate of Other* ed. Muhammad Hasan Khalil, *Review of Middle East Studies*, 49, no.1 (Summer 2015): 90-91.
- 2014 ✚ "Shi'ism." In *Worldmark Encyclopedia of World Religious Practices*, edited by Thomas Riggs. Detroit, MI: Gale, 2014. (6000 words)
- 2013 ✚ "Shi'ite Studies." In *Bloomsbury Companion to Islamic Studies*, edited by Dr. Clinton Bennett, 135-162. New York: Bloomsbury, 2013.
- ✚ Review of *Meaning of Mecca: The Politics of Pilgrimage in Early Islam*, by M. E. McMillan. *Review of Middle East Studies* 47, no. 1 (Summer 2013): 74-75.
- 2012 ✚ "Guilds." *Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought* edited by Gerhard Böwering et al., 209-210. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2012.
- 2011 ✚ "Tafisr al-Qur'an bi'l Qur'an: The Hermeneutics of Imitation and Adab in 'Ibn 'Arabi's Qur'anic Exegesis." *Islamic Studies* 50, no. 1 (Spring 2011): 5-23.
- 2010 ✚ "Descartes and Al-Ghazali: Doubt, Certitude and Light." *Islamic Studies* 49, no. 2 (Summer 2010): 219-251.
- 2009 ✚ Book Review: *On the Boundaries of Theological Tolerance*, by Sherman A. Jackson. *Islamic Studies* 48, no. 1 (Spring 2009): 122-129.
- ✚ "Educational Institutions." In *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*, edited by John L. Esposito. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.
- ✚ Numerous book reviews for *Virginia Quarterly Review* (VQR) including *Medieval Religion: New Approaches*, *Sufism: The Formative Period*, and *The Path of Muhammad: A Book on Islamic Morals & Ethics* by Imam Birgivi
- 2008 ✚ Seminar Report: *Muhammad Iqbal - A Contemporary* (An International Seminar to Commemorate Centenary of Iqbal's Stay in Europe (1905-08), University of Cambridge, UK, June 19-20, 2008)
- Accepted** ✚ Encyclopedia Entries: "Ayatullah 'Ali Naqī Naqvi" and "Shi'ism" the Islam

Section (ed. Dr. Zayn Kassam) of the *Encyclopedia of Indian Religions*.

Submitted & Under Review

- ✚ Peer-reviewed Journal Article (10000 words): “Surely in their Stories is a Lesson for People Who Understand: A Case for Muslim Narrative Ethics” Submitted to *Journal of Religious Ethics*

In Progress

- ✚ Introductory Textbook on Islamic Ethics. In conversation with Bloomsbury Academic that invited me to write this book. Will complete the proposal and chapter 1 by mid-July.
- ✚ Ω “Islamic History between the Ethical and the Mytho-Theological: A Contemporary Retelling of Islam’s Sacred Story” (have a draft of 9500 words, and currently considering various journals, especially *The Muslim World*, *Journal of Shi’a Islamic Studies* OR *Shii Studies Review*)
- ✚ Dissertation → Book: *Translating Islam in the 21st Century: A Shiite Response to the Modern Crisis of Religion* (Ω is a fresh essay which is integral to the manuscript. Lexington Books has expressed interest)
- ✚ Invited to write the foreword of an introductory textbook on Islamic philosophy titled *Muqadamma falsafa-i Islami* (in Urdu) by the seminary-scholar Maulana Hamid Raza Famil. It will be published in Pakistan by the *Hast-o-Neest Institute of Traditional Studies & Arts* (Lahore).
- ✚ Peer-reviewed Journal Article: “Ethics of Socialization as the Missing Religion: The Art of Living Together in the Religious Thought of Ashraf Ali Thānvī”
- ✚ Peer-reviewed Journal Article: “Sufi Reconciliation of the Sunni-Shi’ite Divide: Two Contemporary South Asian Articulations” (Prepared for *The Muslim World* - have a draft of 6000 words)
- ✚ Peer-Reviewed Journal Article: “The Venture of Engaging Islam in Post 9/11 America Liberal Arts”. The article is invited for a potential special issue of Wabash Center’s *Teaching Theology and Religion* - (at an early stage)
- ✚ Book Review: *The Shi’a in Modern South Asia: Religion, History and Politics* ed. Justin Jones and Ali Usman Qasmi for the *Journal of Shi’a Islamic Studies*
- ✚ Book Review: *The Islamic Lineage of American Literary Culture: Muslim Sources from the Revolution to Reconstruction*, for *Islamic Studies*

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Conferences Papers

2017

- ✚ Two Class-Lectures at the International Islamic University, Islamabad (Dec)
- ✚ “Sufi Mediation of Sunni-Shiite Divide: Two Articulations from Contemporary South Asia” at Annual South Asian Studies Conference, , Madison, Wisconsin
- ✚ “Ethics of Socialization as the Missing Religion: The Art of Living Together in the Religious Thought of Ashraf Ali Thānvī” at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics (SSME), New Orleans, Jan 2017.

2015

- ✚ Invited respondent to the “Performing Sufism” panel at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), Atlanta, November 2015.
- ✚ ““Surely in their Stories is a Lesson for People of Deep Intellect”: A Case for

- Islamic Narrative Ethics” at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics (SSME), Chicago, Jan 2015.
- ✚ Panel: “Teaching Islamic/Abrahamic Ethics” at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics (SSME), Chicago, Jan 2015.
- 2014 ✚ “The Academic Study of the ‘Ulama Tradition: A Critical Survey” at the *Islamicate Studies Symposium*, University of Chicago, October 2014.
- 2013 ✚ “Reviving a Lost Tradition of Islamic Ethical Reflection: The Case for Islamic Narrative Ethics” Panel: *The Use (and Abuse) of Texts for Ethics: A Comparative Conversation* at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), Baltimore, MD, Nov 2013.
- ✚ “Rethinking, Reconfiguring and Popularizing Islamic Tradition: Religious Career of a Contemporary South Asian Shī‘ī Mujtahid” at the panel *Grounded Voices: The ‘Ulama and their Discourses in South Asia* (32nd German Oriental Studies Conference [Deutscher Orientalistentag] Münster, Germany Sep 23-28, 2013)
- 2012 ✚ “The Missing Religion: Social Ethics in the Thought of Maulana Ashraf ‘Ali Thanvi” panel on *Islamic Philosophy, Theology and Ethics* (SECSOR Regional AAR, Atlanta, March 2-4, 2012)
- ✚ Panelist and session leader for “Scriptural Reasoning (Theme: *Idolatry*)” (AAR Mid-Atlantic Region Meeting, New Jersey, March 15–16, 2012)
- 2011 ✚ “Reforming Religious Preaching, Preaching Religious Reform: A Contemporary Shi‘ite Scholar’s Appropriation of the Karbala-Paradigm” (Panel on *Pious Publics/Critical Publics: Theologies of Self and State in Contemporary Islam* at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Nov 2011)
- 2010 ✚ Panel presenter: “Teaching Islam and Reliving Karbala: Ayatollah Naqvi’s appropriation of Karbala Symbolism” (Panel on *Islamic Preaching* at the Middle Eastern Studies Association’s Annual meeting, Nov 2010)
- 2008 ✚ “Toward an Islamic Liturgical Theology”, 5th UVA-Duke Colloquium, Feb 2010
- ✚ “Social Relevance of Sufism: Writings of a Sufi-Scholar” accepted for the AAR *Islam section* for the annual meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR) Atlanta, GA, Mar 2008) – was unable to attend due to family reasons
 - ✚ “Interpreting Karbala: The Relationship between Doctrinal Shi‘ism and Shi‘ite Mourning Rituals” accepted for presentation at the AAR *Islamic Studies Section* of the 2008 WECSOR conference at the Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, Mar, 2008) – was unable to attend due to family reasons
- 2006 ✚ International Conference: “The Realism-Antirealism Debate in the Philosophy of Science and the Question of the Unity of Knowledge” (Tehran: *First International Congress on the Dialogue Between Religion and Science*, May 2006)

Seminars & Workshops

- 2016 ✚ The Berlin Study Trip- The Holocaust and Representation led by Scott Denham and Roman Utkin (Feb 26-March 5)
- 2015 ✚ Participant in “The Thailand Seminar” through the ASIANETWORK (Thailand, June 11-July 3, 2015)
- 2013 ✚ AAR Workshop: *Teaching Islam* at the Annual Meeting (Baltimore 2013)
- 2012 ✚ ACS Teaching Workshop Trinity University (San Antonio June 3-8, 2013)

- ✚ Chair for the panel *Islam and Muslim Spaces* (SECSOR Regional AAR, Atlanta March 2-4, 2012)
- ✚ Teaching and Learning Conference at Elon University (August 2012)
- ✚ Attended “The Humanities and Technology Camp Piedmont (THATCamp)” hosted by Davidson College (May 5, 2012).
- ✚ Attended the Seminar on Reformed Theology at Davidson College (May 22-24, 2012 – presenters Dr. Doug Ottati and Rev. Rob Spach)
- ✚ AAR Workshop: *Rethinking Islamic Studies* (Atlanta, GA 2010)

Other Notable Meetings Attended

- ✚ Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics (Seattle, Jan 2014)
- ✚ Annual Meetings of SECSOR (Regional American Academy of Religion) in 2013, 2014 & 2015
- ✚ Annual Meetings of the “Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar” (SERMEISS, Oct 2012, 2013 & 2016)
- ✚ 44th Annual Conference on South Asia (Madison, Wisconsin, Oct 2015)
- ✚ *Festival of Faiths* in Louisville, KY (Theme: “Silence and Compassion”, 2013)

Other Professional Activities & Service

- 2017-Present ✚ Nominated and Elected to the Board of the Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics (SSME)
- 2018-Present ✚ VP-Elect of the American Academy of Religion, Southeast Region (SECSOR)
- 2016- Present ✚ On the International Advisory Board of the journal *Islamic Studies* published by Islamic Research Institute, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- 2015- Present ✚ On the International Advisory Board of the *Islamic Studies Journal* (in Urdu) *Bayān al-Hikmah* published by Institute of Islamic Studies, Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur, Pakistan.
- 2012-2015 ✚ Co-chair of the Study of Islam section of the American Academy of Religion, Southeast Region
- 2013-2016 ✚ On the Steering Committee of the “Sacred Texts and Ethics” (previously "Scriptural and Contextual Ethics") Group of the American Academy of Religion (appointed)
- 2014-2016 ✚ Elected to the Board of *Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar* (SERMEISS)
- ✚ Reviewed a completed book manuscript (Bloomsbury Academic, 2017) a book chapter for an edited volume (2010) and journal articles for various academic journals including *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, , *Islamic Studies*, *Journal for the Society of Christian Ethics*, *Journal for Religious Ethics*, and *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*.
- Fall '09 & Sum '11 ✚ Visiting Research Scholar at the Islamic Research Institute (IRI), Islamabad.
- Summer 2006 ✚ Visiting Research Scholar at Mofid University, Qom (Iran)
- Dec 2004-2011 ✚ Organizer and active participant of the Scriptural Reasoning Group (SR) sessions at the American Academy of Religion and the University of Virginia.
- Jan-June 2004 ✚ Coordinator to the *Illuminating Islam* Grant Project hosted by the James Madison University (JMU, VA) to raise awareness of Islam and Islamic cultures among JMU, Harrisonburg and Rockingham County’s community.

**Communal &
Public
Engagements**
2002-Present

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- ✚ Numerous presentations on Islam and Muslim cultures at churches, synagogues, cultural centers, Islamic centers, classrooms, and local interfaith groups since 2002 till the present.
- ✚ *Baytunur Trust and Hast-o-Neest Institute of Traditional Studies and Arts, Lahore, Pakistan (www.hastoneest.com):*
 - ❖ Advisor (2007–2011 & Dec 2015–Present)
 - ❖ Conceptualized and Organized the Annual *Baytunur Colloquium Series* “The Relationship between Religion and Culture”. Also, presented the paper, “Politicization of Muslim Women in Islamic Societies: Competing Notions of Freedom and Justice”.
 - ❖ Organized and Moderated the *Baytunur Colloquium* “Islam and Science: Setting the Terms of the Debate”. Also presented the paper, “Muslim Responses to Modern Science” (Lahore, Summer 2007)
 - ❖ Member of the core team that conceptualized a biographical documentary “*Ka al-Yaqut*” on the Prophet of Islam
 - ❖ Member of the core team that has set up branches of the Institute in provincial and State Capitals, ie., Karachi and Islamabad.
 - ❖ Member of the core team that envisioned and setup *Hast-o-Neest’s* publication house and its editorial team.
 - ❖ Member of the core team that is deliberating a diploma program in traditional arts and sciences in Lahore
 - ❖ Helped instituting the process to initiate the Institute’s Newsletter
 - ❖ Weekly Skype Lectures & Text Study (July- October)
 - ❖ Sufi Mediation of the Sunni-Shiite Divide (Karachi)
 - ❖ Open Discussion and Q & A session on Sunni-Shiite Divide (Lahore)
 - ❖ Text-Study of *Ādāb al-mu’āsharat* (Islamabad & Lahore)
- 2008
- 2007
- 2009 -2010
- 2016-Present
- 2018
- 2017
- 2016
 - ✚ DavidsonLearns: Scheduled to teach five weekly sessions on Islamic Ethics
 - ✚ DavidsonLearns: Taught five weekly sessions on Islamic Mysticism
 - ✚ In conversation with Books@Work (<https://www.booksatwork.org/>) for potential book club style reading sessions with adult audience.
 - ✚ “Islam in the 21st Century” at Baileys Glen Adult Community (November 16, 2016)
- 2015
 - ✚ “Islam the Religion: What do They Believe?” Winthrop University (Feb 2016)
 - ✚ Campus Visit (Nov 10): Monmouth College, Illinois for the *Vocation* series. The visit involved a public lecture, “Curiosity and Vocation” in front of the complete Freshman class, conversation with the chaplain office and Religious Studies faculty regarding vocation in non-Christian contexts, and open discussion with students and faculty on pluralism, multiculturalism and religion.
 - ✚ Lunch discussion on Islam with retired pastors at the Davidson College Presbyterian Church (DCPC, July 27, 2015)
 - ✚ Class Guest Lecture: “Islam from a Shiite Point of View” (Guilford College)
 - ✚ Public Lecture: “Can Religion and Science Co-Exist? An Islamic Perspective” at Temple Beth El, Charlotte (March 10, 2015)
- 2014
 - ✚ Public Lecture: “Reliving Karbala: Memory, Remembrance and

- Commemoration” at the *2014 Imam Hussain Day Conference* at a Shiite Center in New Jersey (Nov 9, 2014)
- ✚ Skype Lecture “Sayyidul 'Ulama and the Modern Crisis of Religion” at the Grand International Seminar on Sayyidul 'Ulama Ayatullah Ali Naqi Naqvi, Lucknow, India (April 2014)
 - ✚ Campus Visit (Spring 2014): Centenary College, Louisiana for the *Religion Matters* series. The visit involved a public lecture, “Idolatry, Multiculturalism and Pluralism: A Qur'anic Reading”, three class guest-lectures and scheduled meetings with student groups
- 2013
- ✚ “The Shi‘ī Intellectual Tradition of South Asia” at the 2013 Annual Conference of the *Ahl al-Bayt Forum*, venue Baitul ‘Ilm, Chicago, Aug 29-31.
 - ✚ Public Lecture “Idolatry, Multiculturalism and Pluralism” at Warren-Wilson College (Oct 2012)
- 2012
- ✚ Class Guest Lectures “Typology of Islamic Spirituality” Warren-Wilson College (Oct 2012)
 - ✚ Three-part lecture series on Sunni and Shi‘ite Islam at Davidson College Presbyterian Church (Apr-May 2012)
 - ✚ Lecture “Sacred History of Islam” at the United Methodist Church in Davidson (March).
 - ✚ “Who May Rule? Ayatullah ‘Ali Naqi Naqvi and Contemporary Shi‘ite Political Thought” and “Ecology in Contemporary Islamic Thought: A Survey” (Warren-Wilson College, Feb 2012)
 - ✚ Six-lecture series on Introduction to Islam at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Huntersville NC (Jan-Feb 2012)
 - ✚ “The Islamic Myth: Islamic Theology and Prophetic History” (University of Dayton, Jan 2012)
 - ✚ “Detached Cooperation: A Contemporary Indian Shi‘ite Scholar’s Political Thought and its Relevance Today” (University of Dayton, Jan 2012)
 - ✚ Lecture: “Introduction to Islam” in St. Alban’s Church in Davidson
 - ✚ Guest Lecture: “Conceptions of War and Peace in Islamic Thought” (College of William and Mary, Mar 15, 2010)
- 2010
- ✚ Public Lecture: “Contours of Sacred Space and Sacred Time within the Islamic Cosmos” (Towson University, Feb 2010)
 - ✚ Guest Lecture: “Islamic Conceptions of the Relationship between Individual and Community” (UVA, Business Ethics Course Feb 2010)
- 2009
- ✚ Public lecture: “Western Scholarship on Contemporary Islamic Intellectual History: A Critical Survey” (Islamic Research Institute, Islamabad, Dec 2009)
 - ✚ Public lecture: “The Politicization of Muslim Women in the Muslim World: Competing Conceptions of Freedom and Justice” (Lahore: Seminar on Religion and Culture, Aug 2009)
- 2008
- ✚ Public lecture: “Muslims Responses to Western Science and Technology” (University of Texas, Austin, Nov 2008)
 - ✚ Guest Lecture: “Issues in Qur’anic Hermeneutics: Ancient and Modern” (University of Texas, Austin, Oct 2008)
 - ✚ Guest Lecture: “Religion and Politics in Pakistan: An Historical Overview” (UVA, Introduction to Islam course, 2008)
- 2006
- ✚ Guest Lecture: “Gender Relations in the Light of Sufi Metaphysics and Cosmology” (UVA, Women in Islam course, Mar 2006)
- 2005
- ✚ Public Presentation: “The Wisdom Tradition in Urdu Poetry” on Pakistan Day

- 2004 ✚ Celebrations (James Madison University, Fall 2005)
- ✚ “Foundations of Islamic Art and Spirituality” (James Madison University, Spring 2004)
- 2003 ✚ “Translations of Qur’an into English: A Historical Overview” (James Madison University) – Spring 2003

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COLLEGE**

Leadership &
Service

- ✚ Co-convenor of the “Breadth Team” for Davidson College’s Strategic Plan for 2050.
- ✚ Member of the 4-person team of the Religious Studies department that is reimagining the future of the department.
- ✚ Co-Chair of NOAH (Academic Year 2014-2015)
- ✚ Faculty Advisor to the Muslim Students Association (2014-2015)
- ✚ Advised 8 freshmen advisees & four religion majors.
- ✚ College Committees: “Religious and Campus Life”, “Student Conduct Council” & International Education Committee

Panelist-Speaker

- ✚ Panelist Humor & ... Series: “It’s Funny Because It’s True: Humor in Punjabi Theatre and Culture” (Fall 2014)
- ✚ Panelist for Davidson Open House (Sep 30, 2016)
- ✚ *Veritas Forum*: “Can We Coexist?” Co-speaker with David Skeel (Davidson College, Oct 21, 2013)
- ✚ Guest Lecture: "Islamic Perspectives on Higher Education" *Reformed Theology Seminar* (May 2013)
- ✚ Decision Davidson Lecture “Sunni and Shiite Islam” April 13, 2013
- ✚ “Reflections on the Ground Zero Mosque Controversy” for Dean Rusk Breakfast Series (Davidson College, Sep 7, 2010)
- ✚ “Two Poles of Shiite Femininity” (Women and Gender in Islam – instructor: Dr. Hadia Mubarak) – Fall 2015

Class Guest
Lectures

- ✚ “Islam in China” for Rachel Pang’s Chinese Religions Course (Spring 2015)
- ✚ Humanities Lecture "Islam and the West" (Spring 2014 & Spring 2015) & lead discussion section of Dr. Burkhard Henke (Spring 2015)
- ✚ Catherine Slawy-Sutton's class "Q&A on Islam" (Oct 3 2014)
- ✚ Douglas Ottati's class titled "Ecology in Contemporary Muslim Thought" (Spring 2014)
- ✚ Andrew Lustig's class titled "Islamic Views on Death and Afterlife" (Spring 2014)
- ✚ Rob Spach’s Writing Class “Islamic Theology and the Religious Other” (Davidson, Fall 2012 & Fall 2010)

Events Helped
Organize

- ✚ Co-organizer with Dean Rusk Program, colleagues in South Asian Studies and South Asian Studies Association for the fall 2018 Dean Rusk Focus initiative themed “India and Beyond: Societies and Cultures of South Asia”. There are over 16 events planned for the semester.
- ✚ Primary Organizer of Religion Department’s annual Otts-Maloney Lecture Series for 2017.
- ✚ Dr. Samer al-Saber “Dear Albert” (Apr 1, 2015)
- ✚ Dr. Ebrahim Moosa’s visit to Davidson (Fall 2014). He spoke in my class.

- ✚ Prof. Seyyed H. Nasr “Islam and the Modern World” (Nov 14, 2013)
- ✚ Prof. Richard Bulliet’s visit to Davidson (Spring 2013). He spoke in my class.
- ✚ Hakim Ilyas Kashani “Traditional Islamic Healing and Practice” (Sep 2011)
- ✚ Prof. Abdulaziz Sachedina, “Islamic Biomedical Ethics” (Apr 2011)
- ✚ Dr. Waleed El-Ansary, “Islamic Economics and the Current Financial and Environmental Crisis” (Mar 2011)
- ✚ Presented and led the workshop “Scriptural Reasoning as a Model for Interfaith Dialogue” (in collaboration with the Chaplain’s Office, Fall 2011)
- ✚ Artist: Latif Bolat, “A Night of Turkish Sufi Mystic Poetry, Music and Images” (Fall 2014 & Nov 10th 2010). He also spoke in my class in his 2010 visit.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE







1997 – 1999	✚ Chartered Accountancy Foundation Part I & II (CA-Intermediate) from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan.
1999 – 2000	✚ Certificate from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, United Kingdom.
Jun 1999 – Aug 2001	✚ Internship at PricewaterhouseCoopers International (A. F. Ferguson & Co.), Pakistan. Worked on audit, tax, accounting and financial management review assignments for more than 15 organizations including public and private sectors, educational institutions, Government offices, and NGOs etc.
Jan 2004 – June 2004	✚ Developed Accounting system and maintained complete accounting records for organizers of International University Teaching Conference (IUT Conference) held in Sweden in June 2003 through the Office of International Programs, James Madison University.

LANGUAGES

- ✚ Urdu: Native Speaker
- ✚ Punjabi: Native Speaker
- ✚ Arabic: Advanced reader
- ✚ Persian: Advanced reader

AWARDS RECEIVED

2015	✚ Participant of Mellon Foundation funded “The Thailand Seminar” (June 11-July 3) through the ASIANETWORK along with 10 other colleagues from various liberal arts college in the US. Details can be found at: http://www.asianetwork.org/2014/02/anfep-summer-2015-thailand-overview/
2015	✚ Course Development Grant from the <i>Center for Teaching and Learning</i> (CTL), for developing courses “Art, Media, Technology and Religion” and “Islamic City: Muslim Society, Institutions and Culture” (both are offered in 2016-17 academic year).
2012 & 2013	✚ Davidson College Nominee for the NEH Summer Stipend
2012	✚ Faculty Study and Research (FS&R) Summer Grant
2005, 2007 & 2009	✚ Summer Fellowship for Language Instruction (SFLI)

2008-09	 Bryant Fellowship
2008-09	 Marchant Fellowship
2007-08	 Kyle Fellowship
2007-08	 DuPont Fellowship
2008	 Huskey Travel Award
2002 and 2003	 Warren W. Hobbie Scholarship, James Madison University Foundation