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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2012

M.T.S. Harvard Divinity School, 2007

B.A. Colgate University, 2005

## **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Professor of Religion, UVM, August 2026 – present

Acting Chair of Religion, UVM, 2026-2027

Associate Professor of Religion, UVM, August 2019 – July 2026

Assistant Professor of Religion, UVM, August 2012 – July 2019

Director, Humanities Center, UVM, July 2022 – present

Associate Director, Humanities Center, UVM, March 2019 – June 2022

Director, Middle East Studies program, UVM, August 2016 – July 2019

Associate Director and FLAS Coordinator, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2010

## **RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP**

### ***Books***

Goodwin, Megan and Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst. *Religion Is Not Done With You: Or, the Hidden Power of Religion on Race, Maps, Bodies, and More*. (Boston: Beacon Press, November 2024).

Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. and Brannon Wheeler, eds. *Words of Experience: Translating Islam with Carl W. Ernst* (Sheffield, UK: Equinox Publishing, 2021).

Reviewed: *Journal of Sufi Studies* (2022; M. Nguyen); *The Muslim World Book Review* (2022; C. Mohamed); *Reading Religion* (2022; A. Z. Matvya); *Religious Studies Review* (2023; S. Rizvi); *Religion* (2023, J. M. Powers)

Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. *Indian Muslim Minorities and the 1857 Rebellion: Religion, Rebels and Jihad* (London and New York: I. B. Tauris, 2017; paperback, Bloomsbury 2020 [US edition]; paperback, Bloomsbury 2022 [India edition])

Reviewed: *Reading Religion* (2018, S. Griswold); *The Maydan* (2018, A. Amstutz); *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* (2018; M. Ali); *Journal of Islamic Studies* (2019, M. Pernau)

### ***Co-Edited Refereed Journal Volume***

Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. and Zahra M. S. Ayubi. *Shifting Boundaries: The Study of Islam in the Humanities*, special edition of *Muslim World*, Volume 106, Number 4 (October 2016).

### ***Refereed Journal Articles***

Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. “Walking through Pious Nationalisms: Remembering the Great Rebellion while Touring the First War of Indian Independence,” *ReOrient*. Vol. 9(2) (2025): 245-266. DOI: 10.13169/reorient.9.2.0003.

Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. “Survivals: The Stakes of Religious Literacy,” *Method and Theory in the*

- Study of Religion*. 34, 5 (2022): 435-445, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1163/15700682-bja10078>.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. "Job Ads Don't Add Up: Arabic + Middle East + Texts ≠ Islam," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. Volume 88, Issue 4 (December 2020): 915–946, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/lfaa058>.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R., "Locating Religion in South Asia: Islamicate Definitions and Categories," *Comparative Islamic Studies*, Volume 10, no. 2 (2017): 217-241.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. and Zahra M. S. Ayubi, "Shifting Boundaries: the Study of Islam in the Humanities," *Muslim World*, Volume 106, Number 4 (October 2016): 643-654.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. "A Muslim *Bhagavadgita*: 'Abd al-Rahman's Interpretive Translation and its Implications." *Journal of South Asian Religious History*. Vol 1 (2015): 1-29.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. "Space, Power, And Stories: Hagiography, Nationalist Discourse, and the Construction of Sacred Space at the Khwaja Sahib in Ajmer, India," *Symposia: The Graduate Student Journal of the Centre for the Study of Religion at the University of Toronto*. Volume 3, 1 (2011): 55-69. Available online: <http://symposia.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/symposia/article/view/14384>.

### **Refereed Chapters**

- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. "Who Gets to be Illiterate: Navigating Privilege, Fostering Religious Literacy and Creating Equity," in *Modeling Religious Pluralism: Cultivating Religious Equity in Today's World*, ed. Simran Jeet Singh (New York: Oxford University Press, 2026): 22-28.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. "Minoritization, Racialization, and Islam in Asia," in *Routledge Handbook of Islam in Asia*, ed. Chiara Formichi (London and New York: Routledge, 2021): 16-30.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. "Writing, Doing and Performing the Future of Islamic Studies: The Practical Example of Carl W. Ernst," in *Words of Experience: Translating Islam with Carl W. Ernst*, eds. Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst and Brannon Wheeler (Sheffield, UK: Equinox Publishing, 2021): 235-258.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. "Gender, Muslims, Islam, and Colonial India," in *Routledge Handbook of Islam and Gender*, ed. Justine Howe (London and New York: Routledge, 2020): 241-255.

### **Podcast**

- Keeping it 101: A Killjoy's Introduction to Religion Podcast*, co-host and co-producer (with Megan Goodwin). <https://keepingit101.com>. January 2020 - present.  
biweekly episodes (95 as of December 2024); ~200,000 downloads (as of Nov 2024)

### **Review Essays**

- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. Review of Kecia Ali, *The Woman Question in Islamic Studies* (New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 2024), in *Religious Studies Review*. Forthcoming: 2026.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. Review of *Domestic Nationalism: Muslim Women, Health, and Modernity in Indonesia*, By Chiara Formichi, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Volume 94, Issue 2, June 2026, Pages 387–389, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/lfag029>
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. Review of Elizabeth Lhost, *Everyday Islamic Law and the Making of Modern South Asia*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2022. *The American Historical Review*, Volume 129, Issue 3, September 2024, Pages 1229–1230, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ahr/rhae208>.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. Review of Naved Bakali and Farid Hafez, eds., *The Rise of Global Islamophobia in the War on Terror: Coloniality, Race, and Islam*. Manchester University Press: 2022.

- Reading Religion*. June 29, 2023. <https://readingreligion.org/9781526161758/the-rise-of-global-islamophobia-in-the-war-on-terror/>.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. Review of Paul Hedges, *Religious Hatred: Prejudice, Islamophobia, and Antisemitism in Global Context*. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2021. *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. Volume 90, Issue 1, March 2022, pp. 308–311. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/lfac009>.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. Review of Margrit Pernau, *Emotions and Modernity in Colonial India: From Balance to Fervor*. Delhi: Oxford University Press, India, 2019. *The English Historical Review* ceac206, 16 September 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ehr/ceac206>.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. 2020. “*A Book of Conquest: The Chachnama and Muslim Origins in South Asia*. By Manan Ahmed Asif. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2016. 250 Pp. ISBN: 9780674660113 (Cloth).” *The Journal of Asian Studies* 79 (3). Cambridge University Press: 791–92. doi:10.1017/S0021911820001515.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. Review of Sohail Daulatzai and Junaid Rana, eds., *With Stones in our Hands: Writings on Muslims, Racism, and Empire*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 2018. *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*. September 17, 2018. <http://readingreligion.org/books/stones-our-hands>.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. Review of Rosemary R. Corbett, *Making Moderate Islam: Sufism, Service, and the “Ground Zero Mosque” Controversy*. Stanford University Press, 2016. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Volume 86, Issue 1, 5 (March 2018): 276–279. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jaarel/lfx068>.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. “The Politics of Reconstruction: A Review of *After World Religions*.” *Religious Studies Review*. 43.1 (2017): 39–42.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. Review of Lisa Balabanlilar, *Imperial Identity in the Mughal Empire: Memory and Dynastic Politics in Early Modern South and Central Asia*. London: I. B. Tauris, 2012, in the *International Journal for Middle East Studies*, Volume 45, Issue 03 (August 2013): 603–604.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. Review of Nyla Ali Khan, ed. *The Parchment of Kashmir: History, Society, and Polity*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012, in *The Journal of Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies*, NEW SERIES: Volume 1, N. 2, (Fall 2013): 111–112.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. Review of Sameetah Agha, Elizabeth Kolsky, and Nicholas B. Dirks, *Fringes of Empire: Peoples, Places, and Spaces in Colonial India*. *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 70:2 (2011): 602–604.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. Review of *Islam in South Asia in Practice*, ed. Barbara Metcalf. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2009, in *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, 41: 1 (February 2011): 176–178.

### ***Digital and Public-Facing Scholarship***

- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. and Megan Goodwin. “[All Aboard the Orphan Train!: How the U.S. adoption industry contributes to white Christian nationalism.](#)” *The Reveal*. February 5, 2025.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. and Megan Goodwin. “[Time Bandits: How Christianity Takes Your Time \(And What It’s Doing With It\).](#)” *Religion Dispatches*. December 17, 2024.
- Television interview. “[Religion Is Not Done With You, with co-author Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst.](#)” WCAX’s *Across the Fence*. December 16, 2024.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. “[Friendship, Sovereignty, and Translation.](#)” *Marginalia Review of Books*. December 5, 2024.

- Podcast interview, “[Amplified: On Friendship and Religion with Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst and Megan Goodwin](#),” Hosted by Stacey Copeland. Amplified Podcast Network. February 28, 2024.
- Podcast interview, “[Masala Trails: Episode 3](#),” Ergo Studios. 10 August 2023.
- Podcast interview, “[EP 11: Inspirational Stories: Women in Podcasting](#),” *Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Podcast*, School of Philosophy, Theology, and Religion, University of Birmingham. Hosted by Yiqi Wang and Jasmeet Kaur. 2 May 2023.
- Podcast interview, “[Feel Good Academia](#)” with Jessica Albrecht and Leandro Wallace of *EnGender Conversations!* 6 July 2022.
- Interview with Simran Jeet Singh, “[Becoming Less Racist series](#),” *Religion News Service*. April 2021.
- Interview with Simran Jeet Singh, “Anti-Racism as Spiritual Practice,” Columbia University’s Office for Spiritual Life, November 12, 2020.
- Interview, Thurman Conversation Series on Racial Justice and Advocacy, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Lakewood, CO. Broadcast nationwide as part of Episcopal Church programming. November 5, 2020.
- Goodwin, Megan, and Ilyse R. Morgenstein Fuerst. “[How A Stars And Stripes Hijab On ‘Rupaul’s Drag Race’ Reveals America’s Troubling Relationship To Gender, Ethnicity And ‘That’ Religion](#),” *Religion Dispatches*. April 27, 2020.
- Podcast interview, *Religious Studies Project*. “Religious Literacy is Social Justice,” with David McConeghy <https://www.religiousstudiesproject.com/podcast/religious-literacy-is-social-justice/>. January 27, 2020.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. Outside Response. “‘Religion’ in Muslim Traditions Workshop,” *The Maydan*, an online publication of [Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies at George Mason University](#). August 1, 2019. <https://www.themaydan.com/2019/08/roundtable-religion-in-muslim-traditions-workshop-may-4-5-2019-williams-college/>
- Podcast interview, *ACMCU’s Building Bridges Podcast*, Georgetown University. <https://soundcloud.com/acmcu/building-bridges-dr-ilyse-morgenstein-fuerst>. July 9, 2019.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. “After the Rebellion: Religion, Rebels, and Jihad in South Asia,” *Humanities Futures*, online publication of Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University. <https://humanitiesfutures.org/papers/after-the-rebellion-religion-rebels-and-jihad-in-south-asia/>. February 18, 2019.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. Digital roundtable response to *The Skull of Alum Beg: the Life and Death of a Rebel of 1857*, by Kim Wagner (London: Oxford University Press, 2018) for *Chapati Mystery* (a South Asian studies scholarly blog). August 7, 2018. [http://www.chapatimystery.com/archives/optical\\_character\\_recognition/cm\\_roundtable\\_iii\\_the\\_skull\\_of\\_alum\\_bheg\\_morgenstein\\_fuerst.html](http://www.chapatimystery.com/archives/optical_character_recognition/cm_roundtable_iii_the_skull_of_alum_bheg_morgenstein_fuerst.html)
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. XQs (Ten Questions) Series, *Chapati Mystery* (a South Asian studies scholarly blog). Interview with Anmol Ghavri. July 17, 2018. [http://www.chapatimystery.com/archives/university/xqs/xqs\\_xiii\\_a\\_conversation\\_with\\_ilyse\\_morgenstein\\_fuerst.html](http://www.chapatimystery.com/archives/university/xqs/xqs_xiii_a_conversation_with_ilyse_morgenstein_fuerst.html)
- Podcast interview, *New Books Network*, with SherAli Tareen. April 17, 2018. <http://newbooksnetwork.com/ilyse-morgenstein-fuerst-indian-muslim-minorities-and-the-1857-rebellion-religion-rebels-and-jihad-i-b-tauris-2017/>
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. “Looking for Religion in South Asian Islamicate Sources,” *The Maydan*, an online publication of [Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies at George Mason University](#). December 18, 2017. <https://www.themaydan.com/2017/12/looking-religion-south-asian-islamicate-sources/>

- Interview with Troy Mikanovich, Assistant Editor, *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*. "Interview with Ilyse R. Morgenstein Fuerst, author of *Indian Muslim Minorities and the 1857 Rebellion*." November 2017.  
<http://readingreligion.org/content/interview-ilyse-r-morgenstein-fuerst-author-indian-muslim-minorities-and-1857-rebellion>.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. "Five Books I'm Recommending to All My Friends," *Political Theology Network*, "Books We Love" series. August 9, 2017. <https://politicaltheology.com/books-we-love-part-2-roberto-sirvent/>
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. "Tracking Hate: Islam and Race after the Presidential Election," *Religion & Politics*, a project of the John C. Danforth Center on Religion & Politics at Washington University in St. Louis. December 6, 2016.  
<http://religionandpolitics.org/2016/12/06/tracking-hate-islam-and-race-after-the-presidential-election/>
- What Is Islam?* Forum, *Marginalia Review of Books*, co-editor/co-author with Kristian Petersen. 6-part review series with critical introduction by Petersen and myself on Shahab Ahmed's *What is Islam? The Case for Being Islamic* (Princeton UP: 2015). Originally published August 19-26, 2016. Co-authored introduction here: <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/islam-forum-introduction/>
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. "Spinning but not Religious: Inside the New Economy of Spiritual Fitness," *Religion Dispatches*, June 14, 2016. <http://religiondispatches.org/spinning-but-not-religious-inside-the-new-economy-of-spiritual-fitness/>  
 Picked up and redistributed by AlterNet, June 18, 2016: <http://www.alternet.org/inside-new-economy-spiritual-fitness>
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. and Michael J. Altman. 5-part series on "Indian Summers," PBS Masterpiece Theater program (2015), in *Sacred Matters: Religious Currents in Culture*. Series accessible here: <https://scholarblogs.emory.edu/sacredmatters/tag/indian-summers/>
- Podcast interview, "New Directions in Religious Studies: Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst," with Kristian Petersen for *Marginalia Review of Books*. March 17, 2015.  
<http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/directions-in-the-study-of-religion-ilyse-morgenstein-fuerst/>
- Editor and author, Religion@UVM Blog. Author page:  
<http://blog.uvm.edu/religion/author/imorgens/>

### ***Encyclopedia Articles***

- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. "al-Sa'di," "Ahmad Khan," and "al-Hamadhani." *Biographical Dictionary of Islamic Civilisation and Culture*, ed. Mustafa Shah. London: I. B. Tauris, 2021. ISBN: 1848853114.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. "Abū al-Faḍl" and "Nizām-ud-Dīn Awliyā." *Encyclopedia of Indian Religions*, Islam section ed. Zayn Kassam. New York: Springer Publishing, 2018. pp. 4-6 and 535-538.

### ***Refereed Conference Papers (solo authored unless noted)***

- Panelist. "The Woman Question in Islamic Studies." The Study of Islam Unit, Contemporary Islam Unit. American Academy of Religion. November 23, 2025.
- Panelist. "Podcasting, Religion, and Research." Academic Relations Committee, Committee on the Public Understanding of Religion, and Publications Committee. American Academy of Religion. November 23, 2024.

- Respondent. "Centering the Margins: (Re)negotiating Authority and Belonging in Islam." Contemporary Islam Unit. American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, TX. November 2023.
- Panelist. "Author Meets Critics Roundtable on SherAli Tareen's *Perilous Intimacies*." Religions in South Asia Unit. American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, TX. November 2023.
- Panelist. "Podcasting as Pedagogy." Teaching Religion Unit. American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, TX. November 2021. Digital due to COVID-19.
- "Muslims, Modernity, and Memorializations of the 1857 Indian Rebellion." Religions in South Asia Unit. American Academy of Religion. Boston, MA. November 2020. Digital due to COVID-19.
- "Made by Committee: How Academic Job Ads Reify and Shape Islamic Studies," Study of Islam Section. American Academy of Religion. Denver, CO. November 17, 2018.
- Panelist. "Author Meets Critics Roundtable on Irfan Ahmad's *Religion as Critique: Islamic Critical Thinking from Mecca to the Marketplace* (University of North Carolina Press, 2017)." Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit. American Academy of Religion. Denver, CO. November 17, 2018.
- "Indian Muslim Minorities, Minoritization, and Sir Syed Ahmed Khan," Third Annual South Asian Muslim Studies Association, Pre-Conference Session of Wisconsin-Madison South Asian Studies Conference, October 20, 2016.
- "The Mohammedan Rebellion': Islamic Threat in post-1857 Imperial India," Boston College Biennial History of Religion Conference. Boston, MA. April 2, 2016.
- "Defining Islam after the 1857 Sepoy Rebellion," Religion and Politics Section, Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group, Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group, and Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Group. American Academy of Religion. Atlanta, GA. November 22, 2015.
- "Is One an 'Islamicist' or a 'South Asianist?'" The Religion in South Asia Section, Study of Islam Section, Hinduism Group, Jain Studies Group, Sikh Studies Group. American Academy of Religion. San Diego, CA. November 23, 2014.
- "Muslim Subjects and Citizens: Discursive Ties, Lingering Orientalism, and Islamophobias." The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Islamophobia, "Latent and Manifest Islamophobia: Multimodal Engagements with the Production of Knowledge," Berkeley, CA, April 17-19, 2014.
- "South Asian Muslim Belonging: Orientalism, Race, Citizenship, and *Shari'ah*." Race and the South Asian Diaspora, The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual South Asian Literary Association Conference. Boston, MA. January 2, 2013.
- "Muslims as Possible 'Foreign Nationals': Lingering Orientalism, Citizenship, and Shari'ah." Study of Islam Section. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2012.
- "'Religion' and Intellectual Empires: Precolonial, South Asian Definitions and the Study of Religion." Religion and Colonialism Consultation. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2011.
- "The Sufi teachings of Krishna: 'Abd al-Rahman Chishti's interpretive translation of the *Bhagavadgita*." Comparative Studies in Religion Section. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2011.
- "Orientalism, Empires and Vocabulary: How Muslim Empires can inform 'Religion.'" South Asian Studies Association Fifth Annual Conference, Richmond, VA. April 9, 2011.
- "Religion, Islam, and Religious Studies: How South Asian Muslim Kings can help Broaden 'Religion' and Fix Eurocentric Definitions." Theory and Methods in Religion Section. Southeastern

Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. March 6, 2010.  
“The Ajmer Sharif: the relationship between space, history, and hagiography.” Study of Islam Section. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC. November 10, 2009.  
“Hagiography, Architecture, and History: an examination of the construction of sacred space at the Ajmer Sharif.” Study of Islam Section. Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Annual Conference, Greensboro, NC. March 14, 2009.

### ***Research Honors and Awards***

Fulbright U.S. Scholar, 2022-2023 (University of Birmingham, UK)  
[Gates Lecturer](#), Grinnell College, 2020-2021  
[Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion](#), American Academy of Religion (Nominations for 2021, 2022, 2024)  
[Powering Pluralism Network Cohort Member](#), [Inclusive America Project at the Aspen Institute](#), 2020  
Fellow, Summer Institute in Public Humanities, University of New Hampshire, June 2-8, 2019  
International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), Islamic Studies Junior Faculty Workshop, Herndon, VA, May 25-26, 2016

### ***Invited Papers and Presentations (solo authored unless noted)***

“Indian Muslims, Legal Racialization, and the Ongoing Impacts of 1857,” Indian Diaspora Washington, DC. May 3, 2025.  
Respondent. Being Jewish After the Destruction of Gaza with Peter Beinart. UVM. March 24, 2025.  
“Religion Is Not Done With You,” with Dr. Megan Goodwin. Stanford University. Zoom. February 25, 2025.  
[“Flight Risk: Surveillance, Security, and the Study of Religion,”](#) with Dr. Megan Goodwin. *Annual Impact of Religion Lecture*, North Carolina State University. Raleigh, NC. February 24, 2025.  
“Religion Is Not Done With You,” with Dr. Megan Goodwin. Fletcher Free Library. Burlington, VT. February 8, 2025.  
Panelist. “The State of Things: Israel/Palestine.” Office of the Provost. UVM. September 25, 2024.  
Panelist. “Teaching in Turbulent Times,” Center for Teaching and Learning, UVM. May 13, 2024.  
Panelist. “Teach In on Israel/Palestine: What Do You Mean By That?” Office of the Provost, Division of Diversity, Excellence, and Inclusion, and the UVM Interfaith Center. May 4, 2024.  
“Making Time: Calendars, Social Justice, and Religious Literacy,” [Public Philosophy Week](#). South Burlington Public Library, April 15, 2024.  
Wickenden Lecture. Miami University of Ohio. “Calendars and Privilege: How Race and Religion Take Your Time (and What They Are Doing with It).” With Dr. Megan Goodwin. April 2024.  
“Introducing Islam.” Osher Lifelong Institute (OLLI). UVM. February 14, 2024.  
Panelist. “Faculty Panel on the Ongoing Violence in Israel and Palestine.” UVM. December 6, 2023.  
[“Religion Is Always in the Room,”](#) Vermont Humanities, Snapshot series, Brownell Library and streaming, Essex Junction, VT. November 1, 2023.  
Fulbright Research Conference. “Imperial Pandemics: research to date.” Glasgow, Scotland. June 23, 2023.  
“Imperial Pandemics: Antisemitism, Islamophobia, and Racialized Religions,” Islamic Studies Seminar and School of Philosophy, Theology, and Religion Lecture Series. University of Birmingham. May 3, 2023.

Fulbright Research Conference. "Imperial Pandemics: an overview." Belfast, Northern Ireland. March 30, 2023.

"Flows of Hate: Islamophobia, Antisemitism, and South Asia," University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA. March 22, 2023.

"Imperial Pandemics: the Global Racialization of Religion," University College Cork, Study of Religions Research Seminar Series, Cork, Ireland. February 1, 2023.

"Religion Isn't Done With You," Scholar-Teacher Award Lecture, UVM College of Arts and Sciences, September 21, 2022.

Road Dog, Faith & Reproductive Justice and Dignity Cohort, Women's March and SaCReD, Auburn Seminary, 2022

"[Global 'Religion': Invention, Translation, Critique](#)," Workshop Participant. Part of the Luce/ACLS Program in Religion, Journalism, and International Affairs. Northwestern University. June 3, 2022.

"[Not Fit for Polite Company: Religion, Race, and Gender](#)," Keynote lecture for Wilkes University and King's College 2022 Women's and Gender Studies Conference. April 4, 2022.

"Minoritization, Racialization, and Islam in Asia," University of Florida, March 3, 2022.

"Thinking Race, Religion, and Gender: Muslim Women and Islamophobia," Vermont Humanities Council, "First Wednesday Series." January 5, 2022.

"[How to Keep it 101: Public Scholarship, Digital Media, and Religious Studies](#)," with Megan Goodwin. Center for Culture, Society, and Religion, Princeton University. October 7, 2021.

"[Keeping It 101: A Killjoy's Approach to Studying Religion](#)," with Megan Goodwin. Center for Culture, Society, and Religion, Princeton University. October 6, 2021.

"[Religion Out Loud: Humanities Research, Public Scholarship, and Why They're Harder Than They Look](#)," Ball State Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies Student Recognition Awards. Keynote speaker. Ball State University. April 16, 2021.

"[Convocation](#)" and Gates Lecture. Keynote speaker for Gates Lecturer Award. Grinnell College, April 8, 2021.

"[Public Humanities, Public Jokes: An Interview with the Killjoys Behind Hit Podcast Keeping It 101](#)," with Megan Goodwin and J. Barton Smith. University of Toronto, "Religion in the Public Sphere" series. March 11, 2021.

"March!: A Celebration of Leaders in Gender Equity," Student Government Association and UVM Women's Center. Keynote speaker. UVM. March 11, 2021.

"[Religious Literacy is Social Justice](#)," Vermont Humanities Council, "First Wednesdays Series." March 3, 2021.

"[Racialization, Minoritization, and South Asian Islam](#)," Exeter University (UK) and Habib University (Pakistan) global digital lecture series, "[Islam After Colonialism](#)." February 2021.

"It Doesn't Ad(d) Up: Academic Hiring, Racialized Bias, and the Future of Islamic Studies," Keynote lecture. North American Association of Islamic and Muslim Studies (NAAIMS), 2020 Conference: "The Future of Islamic Studies." Held digitally due to the COVID-19 pandemic. December 2020.

Invited participant and cohort member, "Mapping the Field(s) of Religious Literacy Today," Inclusive America Project: Powering Pluralism Network. Aspen Institute. September 23-October 21, 2020.

"Religion, Rebels, and Jihad: After 1857," South Asian Studies Workshop. Dartmouth College, April 22, 2020. \*Rescheduled due to COVID-19: [digital event held September 29, 2020](#).

"Doing Islamic Studies Out Loud: Public Scholarship, Sensitive Topics, and Trolls," Society of Fellows. Dartmouth College, April 23, 2020. \*Rescheduled due to COVID-19: digital event held September 30, 2020.

“Islam, Muslim, Race, and Gender in *Homefire*,” guest lecture in Penny Evan’s CLAS 096: The Mask of Dionysus: Greek Tragedy. February 27, 2020.

“Introducing Islam in an Age of Islamophobia,” OLLI, UVM. October 23, 2019.

“Islam 201: Islam, Muslims, and Gender,” Interfaith Center, UVM. September 18, 2019.

“Religion, Rebels, and Jihad: Or, How Islam Is Racialized,” Honors College Plenary Address, UVM. April 3, 2019.

“After 1857: Religion, Rebels, and Jihad in South Asia,” Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University. March 24, 2019. Video available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4Ekali4hdU&feature=youtu.be>

“Historical Expiration Dates and the Construction of (Religious) Authority,” The Fragmentation of Religious Authority in Muslim South Asia: An International Workshop. Indiana University – New Delhi Gateway Office. New Delhi, India. January 19, 2019.

Workshop panelist, “Religious Authority and South Asian Islam,” Indiana University. Bloomington, IN. October 12, 2018.

“After the Rebellion: Religion, Rebels, and Jihad,” keynote for Critical Islamic Studies Working Group at Duke University, as part of the “Humanities Futures” program (sponsored by Duke University’s Franklin Humanities Institute with support from the Mellon Foundation). Durham, NC. September 6, 2018. Video available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rry1VQqCsdM&feature=youtu.be>

Keynote Address, “Islam 102: a follow-up,” Ben and Jerry’s Corporate Headquarters. As part of Diversity, Inclusion, and Learning programming. South Burlington, VT. Forthcoming: Summer 2018.

“Islam 101 for Staff,” diversity event for Student Financial Services, UVM. May 16, 2018.

“Preparing for Class Discussion on Sensitive Topics,” UVM, Center for Teaching and Learning, April 13, 2018.

“Religion, Rebels, and Jihad in India: What We Learn from Religious Studies,” keynote address, Norwich University. Northfield, VT. April 9, 2018.

Panelist, “Being Brown: Race, Religion, and Violence in Trump’s America,” New York University, NYU Center for Religion and Media. New York, NY. March 8, 2018. <https://wp.nyu.edu/crm/event/2018/3/8/being-brown-race-religion-and-violence-in-trumps-america/>

“Religion, Rebels, and Jihad: Or, How Islam Is Racialized,” Honors College Plenary Address, UVM. January 17, 2018.

Respondent, panel entitled “Islamic South Asia: Text, Interpretation, and Resistance,” Study of Islam Section. American Academy of Religion. Boston, MA. November 21, 2017.

Panelist, Religion and Media Workshop, “Between Fake News and Natural Media,” American Academy of Religion. Boston, MA. November 17, 2017.

“Islam 101: The Basics & How they Relate to Life at UVM,” event for UVM staff and faculty. Sponsored by the Center for Cultural Pluralism, Interfaith Center, The Mosaic Center for Students of Color, Office of International Education, Professional Development and Training. April 6, 2017.

Keynote Address, “Islam 101,” Ben and Jerry’s Corporate Headquarters. As part of Diversity, Inclusion, and Learning programming. South Burlington, VT. March 24, 2017.

Panelist, Blackboard Jungle Symposium, “Blackboard Jungle at 10: Cultivating Space for Learning in Turbulent Times,” Panel titled: The Trump Presidency on Campus: Religion, Gender, and Law,” March 31, 2017. <http://www.uvm.edu/~ues/blackboardjungle10/paneli.html>

Panelist, “What the US Stands to Lose in Alienating its Muslim and Mexican Allies,” Interdisciplinary Panel (organized by UVM’s History Department). UVM. February 7, 2017.

“Religion and Violence: Key Terms,” Skype interview in “REL 120: What’s God Got to Do with It? Introduction to the Study of Religion.” Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY. December 2, 2016.

“Early American Islam, Race, and Power,” Trinity University. San Antonio, TX. November 22, 2016.

“What is Islam? Who are Muslims?” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of the Lamoille Valley, Stowe, VT. September 2016.

“Cultural Appropriation on Campus,” UVM Student Alumni Association. April 13, 2016.

“Islam: A Crash Course,” UVM Foundation. February 12, 2016.

Respondent, panel entitled “Boundaries, Borders, Crossings,” Study of Islam Section. American Academy of Religion. Atlanta, GA. November 21, 2015.

Panelist, “Twitter Tips for Scholars,” Department of Communications, University of Vermont. November 7, 2015.

Speaker and Panelist, “Hate Speech on Campus: Islam, Othering, and Constructing Communities,” a response to anti-Islam, anti-Muslim flyers distributed on UVM and Saint Michael’s College campuses. Saint Michael’s College. Colchester, VT. November 3, 2015.

Speaker and Panelist, “Free Speech Rights: France as a case in point,” a response to *Charlie Hebdo*. UVM. February 12, 2015.

“Hunter, Khan, and the Making of a Muslim Minority: An Approach to Writing Religious History,” Religion Club. UVM. February 18, 2015.

“Crash Course: Islam,” Presentation for UVM Staff, via the Divisional Diversity Council and Assistant Dean of Policy, Conduct, & Climate. February 10, 2015.

“Muslim Subjects and Citizens: Discursive Ties, Lingering Orientalism, and Islamophobias,” Faculty Colloquia, Religion Department, UVM. April 23, 2014.

Panelist, *The Story of the Jews* Documentary Discussion. Co-organized event between Vermont Public Television and the Department of Religion. UVM. April 24, 2014.

“Navigating Graduate School Applications,” Religion Club, University of Vermont. (recurring event: held Spring 2013 and 2014, Fall 2015)

“Hindu Love Poetry,” Religion Club. UVM. October 25, 2012.

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Humanities Initiatives Grant, Co-PI (PI: Thomas Borchert; co-PI Vicki Brennan), 2026: “Religion in Vermont: Religion, Secularism, and Civic Belonging” (AA-309309)

The Peter J. Seybolt Faculty Fund in Asian Studies, UVM, 2024

Fullbright US Scholar Award, UK, 2022-2023

Luce-American Academy of Religion (AAR) Advancing Public Scholarship Grant, PI: “Keeping *Keeping It 101: A Killjoy’s Introduction to Religion* Accessible,” 2022-2023

Member Researcher, “Re-envisioning the role of the Humanities Center,” Mellon Foundation. PI: Dr. Ulka Anjaria (Brandeis University), 2022-2023

REACH Grant Program, PI: “Expanding Public Humanities with *Keeping it 101*,” UVM, 2022-2023

Public Humanities Fellow, PI, “Keeping It 101: A Killjoy’s Introduction to Religion Podcast: Accessibility, Expansion, and Development,” UVM, 2021-2022

[New England Humanities Consortium Research Seed Grant](#), PI, “Maintaining Accessibility and Developing Resources for *Keeping It 101: A Killjoy’s Introduction to Religion* Podcast,” 2020-2021

The Peter J. Seybolt Faculty Fund in Asian Studies, UVM, 2018-2019

Whiting Foundation Public Engagement Fellowship (UVM Nominee; National Finalist, 2017)

Small Grants Award, College of Arts and Sciences, UVM, April 2016  
 The Peter J. Seybolt Faculty Fund in Asian Studies, UVM, 2014-2015  
 Lattie F. Coor Award, UVM, 2014-2015  
 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 2014 (UVM Nominee)  
 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2012-2013 (declined)  
 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute, “The Cultural and Historical Development of Modern India,” Delhi, Agra and Varanasi, India, July 2011  
 Selva J. Raj Endowed International Dissertation Research Fellowship, The American Academy of Religion, 2010  
 Critical Language Scholarship (Persian), Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), Dushanbe, Tajikistan, Summer 2008

### **TEACHING HONORS AND RECOGNITION**

Outstanding Advisor Award, University of Vermont (2026)  
 Scholar-Teacher Award, College of Arts and Sciences, UVM (2022)  
 Kroepsch-Maurice Excellence in Teaching Award Winner, Assoc. Prof., UVM (2020; nominated 2015, 2018, 2020)  
Tim Shiner Ally Award, The Mosaic Center for Students of Color, UVM (2017)  
 “Faculty Feature: Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst,” Digital short highlighting my use of Twitter in the classroom, published by UVM: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uvoXhJVp9GA>  
 Peer Recognition Teaching Award, Department of Religious Studies and Center for Faculty Excellence, UNC-Chapel Hill (2011)

### **PODCASTING AWARDS AND HONORS**

ShePodcasts. Bloom Awards. Nominated in categories: best hosts; news; social justice themed. 2024.  
 Amplify Podcast Network (sponsored by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada), Sustain stream for scholarly podcasts, 2023-2024  
 Wilbur Award of Merit, Religion Communications Council, 2023 (for *Keeping it 101*’s “History of the World Religions”)

### **SERVICE**

#### ***Academic Community***

Board of Directors Member, Vermont Humanities (2025 - )  
 Grant Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities (2024-2025)  
 Consortium of Humanities Centers and Institutes (CHCI), Mentor (2024 - )  
 Advisory Board, member, Religious Studies News, American Academy of Religion (2024 - )  
 Co-chair, Study of Islam Section, American Academy of Religion (elected term: 2017 – 2021)  
 Steering Committee, Member, Study of Islam Section, American Academy of Religion (elected term: 2014 – 2017)  
 Islam co-editor, Religion Compass (2017 – 2022)  
 Advisory Board, member, Mizan Project and Journal (2016 – 2021)  
 Modern Islam editor, Marginalia Review of Books (2015 – 2017)  
 Conference Organizer, “Translating Islam,” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, October 5-8, 2017.  
 Conference Organizer, “Shifting Boundaries: Islam and the Humanities,” University of Vermont, April 11-12, 2015.  
 Manuscript referee:

*Religion Compass* (2014, 2016)  
*Comparative Islamic Studies* (2017)  
*Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (2017, 2020, 2022)  
 Cambridge University Press (2019)  
 New York University Press (2019)  
*Culture & Religion* (2020)  
 Harvard University Press (2021)  
 University of North Carolina Press (2022)  
 Routledge (2022)  
*History and Anthropology* (2023)  
*International Journal of Islam in Asia* (2023)  
 New England Humanities Consortium, Board Member, 2022 – present  
 Grant referee, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2020  
 Comprehensive Exam Committee (Yasmine Flodin-Ali, 2021; UNC-Chapel Hill)  
 Doctoral Dissertation Committees (Yasmine Flodin-Ali, UNC-Chapel Hill; Cheryl Carmi, UVM)

### ***University of Vermont***

DCIP Intern Advisor, 2024-2025; 2026-2026; 2026-2027  
 Henderson-Harris Fellowship Search Chair, 2023-2024  
 Faculty Senator, College of Arts and Sciences, Spring 2023  
 Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion Revision Committee, Religion Department, 2020-2021  
 Director, Middle East Studies Program, August 2016 – July 2019  
 Core Curriculum Task Force, College of Arts and Sciences, 2018-2019  
 Dean's Task Force for First-Year Advising, College of Arts and Sciences, Spring 2018  
 Organizer, Islam in Global Contexts 4-part speaker series, AY 2016-2017  
 Faculty Internship Coordinator, College of Arts and Sciences, 2015 – 2016  
 Peter J. Seybolt Faculty Fund in Asian Studies Award Committee, Spring 2015, Fall 2020  
 Religion Club faculty advisor, Fall 2014 – Spring 2017  
 Religion@UVM blog administrator, editor, and author, Spring 2014 – present  
 Seed Award Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Fall 2014 – Fall 2015  
 Small Grants Awards Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Fall 2014 – Fall 2015  
 Interdisciplinary Experiential Engagement Award Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Fall 2014 – Fall 2015  
 Faculty Senator, College of Arts and Sciences, Spring 2013  
 Faculty Research Support Awards (FRSA) Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Fall 2012 – Fall 2015  
 Lattie F. Coor Awards for the Humanities and Fine Arts Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 2012 – 2013  
 Curriculum Committee, Department of Religion, Fall 2012 – present  
 Assessment Committee, Department of Religion, Fall 2015 – present  
 Honors Theses, committee member/chair (Katharine Longfellow, 2013; Michael Eaton, 2014; Akriti Bhargava, 2016; Isabel Handanos, 2018; Veronica Davis, 2018; Margaret Bennett, 2019; Bella Brooks, 2021; Kate Bentz, 2024)  
 Admitted Student Days, Majors Fair, and Open House Events, ongoing

### **RELEVANT LANGUAGES**

Persian, Sanskrit, Hindi, Urdu, German (reading), and French (reading)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Academy of Religion

South Asian Muslim Studies Association

South Asian Literary Association

American Association of University Professors

United Academics