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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 EXPERIENCE

University of Vermont

Associate Professor of Religion, August 2019 – present

Assistant Professor of Religion, August 2012 – July 2019

Courses Offered: Introducing Islam; Comparative Religion; Introducing Hinduism; Islam & Modernity; Interpretation of Religion; Studies in Hindu Tradition; Islam & Race; Religion & Empire; Practicum in Religion

Associate Director, Humanities Center, March 2019 – present

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

Professional Development

[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

Blackboard Jungle 10 Symposium, UVM, March 30-31, 2017

International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), Islamic Studies Junior Faculty Workshop, Herndon, VA, May 25-26, 2016

Designing for Learning Program, Center for Teaching and Learning, UVM, Fall 2016

First-Year Writing Institute, May 19-21, 2014, Writing in the Disciplines Program, UVM

“Rethinking Islamic Studies” preconference workshops, American Academy of Religion, 2011, 2012

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Teaching Fellow, August 2010 - May 2012

Courses Offered: Space, Place and Religion; Love and Devotion in South Asian Literature; Modern Muslim Literatures; Islam and Islamic Art in South Asia

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

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Books

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])

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)

Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. and Brannon Wheeler, eds. *Words of Experience: Translating Islam with Carl W. Ernst* (Sheffield, UK: Equinox Publishing, anticipated 2020).

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. “Job Ads Don’t Add Up: Arabic + Middle East + Text ≠ Islam,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. (forthcoming; anticipated December 2020)
- 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 Religions 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>.

Invited Chapters and Articles

- 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, anticipated 2021)
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. “Gender, Colonialism, and the Representation of Muslims/Islam,” in *Routledge Handbook of Islam and Gender*, ed. Justine Howe (London and New York: Routledge, anticipated 2020).
- 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, anticipated 2020).

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.

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, forthcoming.
- Morgenstein Fuerst, Ilyse R. “Abū al-Fadl” 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.

Review Essays

- 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* (anticipated 2021).
- 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

- 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. 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
- 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
- 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 Islamic 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-islamic-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/>

Refereed Conference Papers (solo authored unless noted)

- “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.
- Panelist. “Podcasting as Pedagogy.” Teaching Religion Unit. American Academy of Religion. Boston, MA. November 2020. Deferred till 2021 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, Lingered Orientalism, and Islamophobias.” The 5th 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 13th Annual South Asian Literary Association Conference. Boston, MA. January 2, 2013.
- “Muslims as Possible ‘Foreign Nationals’: Lingered 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.

Honors and Awards

Gates Lecturer, Grinnell College, 2020-2021.

(typically entails 2 formal talks, 2 class visits, and 1 colloquia on campus; due to COVID-19 10 separate events will be scheduled throughout the academic year digitally)

Invited Papers and Presentations (solo authored unless noted)

- “Racialization, Minoritization, and South Asian Islam,” Exeter University (UK) and Habib University (Pakistan) global digital lecture series, “Islam After Colonialism.” February 2021.
- “Podcasting, Public Scholarship, and Killing Joy: Keeping It 101,” with Megan Goodwin. University of Toronto, “Religion in the Public Sphere” series. March 11, 2021.
- “Religious Literacy is Social Justice,” Vermont Humanities Council, “First Wednesdays Series.” February 2020.
- “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.
- “Hooked Noses, Legal Religions, and Subhuman Citizens: Islamophobic and Antisemitisms,” Grinnell College Gates Lecture. October 2020. Postponed due to COVID-19; digital event planned for Spring 2021.
- “Thinking Religion, Rebellion, and Holy War,” Grinnell College Gates Lecture. October 2020. *Rescheduled due to COVID-19; digital event planned for 2021.
- “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.
- Keynote speaker. “March!: A Celebration of Leaders in Gender Equity,” Student Government Association and UVM Women’s Center. UVM. March 16, 2020. *Postponed due to COVID-19 global pandemic.
- “Islam, Muslim, Race, and Gender in *Homefire*,” guest lecture in Penny Evan’s CLAS 096: The Mask of Dionsys: 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:
- “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 one 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

[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

Kroepsch-Maurice Excellence in Teaching Award [Winner](#), Assoc. Prof., UVM (2020)

[Tim Shiner Ally Award](#), The Mosaic Center for Students of Color, UVM (2017)

[Kroepsch-Maurice Excellence in Teaching Award](#), UVM (nominated 2015, 2018, 2020)

“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)

SERVICE

Academic Community

Co-chair, Study of Islam Section, American Academy of Religion (elected term: 2018 – 2023)
Steering Committee, Member, Study of Islam Section, American Academy of Religion (elected term:
2014 – 2018)

Islam co-editor, [Religion Compass](#) (2017 – present)

Modern Islam editor, [Marginalia Review of Books](#) (2015 – 2017)

[Mizan](#) Project and Journal, advisory board member (2016 – present)

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)

Cambridge University Press (2019)

New York University Press (2019)

Culture & Religion (2020)

Grant referee, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2020

University of Vermont

Associate Director, Humanities Center, March 2019 – present

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)

Admitted Student Days, Majors Fair, and Open House Events, ongoing

Relevant Community Outreach

Friends of Indian Music and Dance, Executive Board Member, Fall 2012 – Spring 2017
“Islam: An Overview,” Ohavi Zedek Synagogue’s Lunch & Learn Series. Burlington, VT.
September 2016.
“Islam 101: A Crash Course in 3 Sessions,” Instructor. Ohavi Zedek Synagogue’s Adult Education
Program. Burlington, VT. September-October 2014. Forthcoming Spring 2016.
Reading and Discussion Scholar, Muslim Journeys Literary Reflections project, co-sponsored by the
National Endowment for the Humanities and American Libraries Association, and facilitated
by the Vermont Humanities Council. 2013-2014.
Public Lectures on Islam, St. Paul’s Church, Burlington, VT. November 17, 2013; December 6,
2015.
Life of Muhammad Documentary Discussion, Panelist, Fletcher Free Public Library, Burlington, VT.
October 1, 2013.
“Reconciling Religion and Sexuality,” Invited Panelist, Southeast Regional Unity Conference, UNC-
Chapel Hill. April 2, 2011.

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