

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE C.V.

A. **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

1. **PERSONAL**

Karen G. Ruffle	Department for the Study of Religion 329 Jackman Humanities Bldg 170 St. George Street Toronto, ON M5R 2M8 (647) 349-2933	Department of Historical Studies Erindale Hall 3359 Mississauga Road North Mississauga, ON L5L 1C6 (905) 569-4543
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2. **DEGREES**

PhD	2007	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
M.A.	2001	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
B.A.	1996	Middlebury College

“A Bride of One Night, a Widow Forever: Gender and Vernacularization in South Asian Shi’i Hagiography,” Carl W. Ernst (advisor)

3. **EMPLOYMENT**

Department of Historical Studies and Department of Religion
Associate Professor July 1, 2015 - present
Assistant Professor Appointed July 1, 2010-June 2015
Date of appointment to graduate school: July 1, 2010

Department of Religious Studies, Assistant Professor, University of Miami, May 2007-May 2010

M.Th. Programme in Islamic Studies, Henry Martyn Institute (Hyderabad, India), July-August 2006

Department of Religion, Visiting Lecturer, Middlebury College, January-February 2006

4. **HONOURS**

Honourary Fellow, The Shi’ah Institute (United Kingdom), January 2016 – present.
Cultural Research of the Year (Second Award), *Islamic Culture and Guidance Ministry of Iran*. Award for M.A. thesis, “‘Verses Dripping Blood’: A Study of the Religious Elements of Muhtasham Kashani’s *Karbala-nameh*” (2002).

5. **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

Professional memberships:

American Academy of Religion
Association for Asian Studies
International Society for Iranian Studies
Association for the Study of Persianate Societies

B. **ACADEMIC HISTORY**

6. A. **RESEARCH ENDEAVOURS**

I am currently working on my second monograph, *Everyday Shi'ism in South Asia*, solicited by and under contract with Wiley-Blackwell (Everyday Religion series). The manuscript is due to the press in December 2018.

B. **RESEARCH AWARDS** (grants, contracts, fellowships) during preceding 5 years including:

SSHRC Institutional Grant (SIG), 2016-2017, \$3970
American Academy of Religion, Individual Research Grant, 2016, \$3260 USD
SSHRC Institutional Grant (SIG), 2015-2016, \$1157
Jackman Humanities Institute, Faculty Research Fellowship, 2015 – 2016
John E. Sawyer Seminars in Comparative Study of Cultures, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 1/7/14 – 30/6/16 (Ajay Rao, Nhung Tuyet Tran, and Walid Saleh co-PIs), \$175,000 USD
Jackman Humanities Institute Program for the Arts Grant, 1/7/2014 – 30/4/2015 (Elsbeth Brown co-PI), \$5,310
Jackman Humanities Institute Working Group Grant, 1/7/2014 – 30/4/2015 (Ajay Rao, Walid Saleh, and Nhung Tuyet-Tran co-PIs), \$3,000
Association for the Study of Persianate Societies and Maulana Azad Urdu National University Visiting Scholar Fellowship, 1/12/14 – 31/5/15, \$5,000 USD
Jackman Humanities Institute Program for the Arts Grant 1/7/13 – 30/4/14 \$4,000 (Ajay Rao co-PI), \$4,000 + \$6,000 additional matching funds raised
SSHRC Insight Development Grant, 12/6/12 – 31/5/15, \$52,430
Jackman Humanities Institute Working Group Grant, 1/7/2012 – 30/4/2013 (Anver Emon and Amira Mittermaier co-PIs), \$2500
SSHRC Institutional Grant (SIG), 19/3/12, \$500

C. **SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL WORK***

7. **Refereed publications (list published work or work accepted for publication in chronological order).**

A. **Articles**

"Presence in Absence: The Formation of Reliquary Shi'ism in Qutb Shahi Hyderabad." *Material Religion: The Journal of Objects, Art, and Belief* 13:3 (September 2017): 329-353.
"Presence in Absence: Relics and Their Role in Haidarābādī Shī'ism." Special issue Hind-i Farsi, ed. by Firoozeh Papan-Matin (in Persian). *Iran Namag* 1:3 (Fall 2016): 178-195.
"Guises of the Protective Hand: The 'Alam and the 'Domestication' of Qutb Shahi Shi'ism," *South Asian Studies* 32:1 (2016); 54-67.
"Wounds of Devotion: Re-Conceiving *Mātam* in Shi'i Islam." *History of Religions* 55:2 (November 2015): 172-195.
"Islam: Saints and Sacred Geographies: South Asia." *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, edited by Suad Joseph. Leiden: Brill, 2015.
<http://www.paulyonline.brill.nl/entries/encyclopedia-of-women-and-islamic-cultures/islam-saints-and-sacred-geographies-south-asia-COM_002023>.
"An Even Better Creation: The Role of Adam and Eve in Shi'i Narratives about Fatimah al-Zahra." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 81:3 (September 2013): 791-813.
"Women's Religious Celebrations." *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women*, edited by Natana DeLong-Bas. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

- <<http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com/article/opr/t355/e0401>>
 “Women and Gender Themes in Shiite Devotional Literature.” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women*, edited by Natana DeLong-Bas. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.
 <<http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com/article/opr/t355/e0011>>
 “Muharram.” *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Islamic Studies*. Edited by Tamara Sonn. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.
<http://www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com>
 “Mut‘a.” *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Islamic Studies*. Edited by Tamara Sonn. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.
<http://www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com>
 “May You Learn from Their Model: The Exemplary Father-Daughter Relationship of Mohammad and Fatima in South Asian Shi‘ism.” *Journal of Persianate Studies* 4:1 (2011): 12-29.
 “May Fatimah Gather Our Tears: The Mystical and Intercessory Powers of Fatimah al-Zahra in Indo-Persian, Shi‘i Devotional Literature and Performance.” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* 30:3 (November 2010): 386-397.
 “Who Could Marry at a Time Like This? Debating the *Mehndi ki Majlis* in Hyderabad.” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* 29:3 (November 2009): 502-514.
 “‘Discovering’ the Gendered Dimensions of Shi‘ism: Recent Scholarship on Gender in Shi‘i Ritual.” *Contemporary Islam* 3 (2009): 167-176.
 “Curing Iranian Occidentosis: Jalal Al-e Ahmad’s Poly-Methodic Prescription.” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* 8:1 (Spring 2001), pp. 59-66.

B. Books and/or Chapters

- Everyday Shi‘ism in South Asia*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell (**forthcoming 2019**).
Gender, Sainthood, and Everyday Practice in South Asian Shi‘ism. Islamic Civilization and Muslim Networks Series. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2011. xvi + 222pp.
Paperback reprint: University of North Carolina Press (February 2014)
Indian Reprint: New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers (September 2013)
 Co-authored with Zulfikar Hirji. “Shi‘i Diasporas.” In *The Shi‘i World: Pathways in Tradition and Modernity*. Edited by Farhad Daftary, Shainool Jiwa and Aryn Sajoo, 326-348. Muslim Heritage Series. London: I.B. Tauris, 2015. 50% authorship.

8. Non-Refereed Publications (list as in 7 above).

- Review of S. Brent Plate, ed. Key Terms in Material Religion (London: Bloomsbury, 2015), *Asian Ethnology* 76:2 (2017): 411-413. Invited review.
 Review of Adam H. Becker, Revival and Awakening: American Evangelical Missionaries in Iran and the Origins of Assyrian Nationalism (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015), *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 85:3 (2017): 847-850. Invited review.
 Review of Pedram Khosronejad, ed., The Art and Material Culture of Iranian Shi‘ism: Iconography and Religious Devotion in Shi‘i Islam (London: I.B. Tauris, 2012); and Pedram Khosronejad, ed., Saints and Their Pilgrims in Iran in Neighbouring Countries (Wantage: Sean Kingston Publishers, 2012), *Material Religion* 11:2 (2015): 272-274. Invited review.
 Review of Najam Haider, The Origins of the Shī‘a: Identity, Ritual and Sacred Space in Eighth-Century Kūfa (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011), *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 135:1 (2015): 157-159. Invited review.
 Review of Afsar Mohammad, The Festival of Pirs: Popular Islam and Shared Devotion in South India (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013), *Anthropos* 110:1 (March 2015): 253-254. Invited review.
 Review of Shahzad Bashir, Sufi Bodies: Religion and Society in Medieval Islam (New York: Columbia University Press, 2011), *History of Religions* 54:1 (August 2014), 101-103. Invited review.

- “We Are all Pilgrims: Exploring Spirits and Selves with Iranian Women in a Damascus Shrine.” In *Love and Pomegranates: Artists and Wayfarers on Iran*. Meghan Nutall Sayres, ed., 176-178. Santa Ana, CA: Nortia Press, 2013.
- “Islam: Beliefs and Practices.” *South Asian Religions: Tradition and Today*. Karen Pechilis and Selva Raj, eds., 193-221. New York: Routledge, 2012.
- Review of Anna Bigelow, *Sharing the Sacred: Practicing Pluralism in Muslim North India* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009). *Religion* 41:2 (2011): 285-288.
- “Karbala in the Indo-Persian Imaginaire: The Marriage of Qasem and Fatimah Kubra in Mir ‘Alam’s *Dah Majlis*.” *Islam in the Indo-Iranian World during the Modern Epoch, 1500-1900*. Fabrizio Speziale and Denis Hermann, eds., 181-200. Berlin: Klaus Schwarz Publishers, 2010.
- Review of Robert Rozehnal, *Islamic Sufism Unbound: Politics and Piety in Twenty-First Century Pakistan* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), *Religion* 39:3 (September 2009): 306-307.
- Review of Anna Suvorova, *Muslim Saints of South Asia: The Eleventh to Fifteenth Centuries* (London: Routledge Curzon, [1999] 2004), *Journal of Asian Studies* 65:2 (May 2006): 450-452.
- Review of Azadeh Kian-Thiébaud, *Les Femmes Iraniennes entre État et Famille* (Paris: Maissonneuve et Larose, 2002), *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 38:1 (February 2006): 144-146.
- Review of Shemeem Burney Abbas, *The Female Voice in Sufi Ritual* (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2002), *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies* 1:3 (Fall 2005): 133-139.
- “Writing Muharram: The Influence of Mulla Husain Va‘ez Kashefi and Mohtasham Kashani on the Development of Shi‘i Devotionalism in the Medieval Deccan.” *A Thousand Laurels—Dr. Sadiq Naqvi: Studies on Medieval India with Special Reference to Deccan*. Hyderabad: Osmania University, 2005. Pp. 334-345.
- “‘Ali b. Abi Talib.” *Holy People of the World*. Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2004.
- “Fatima Ma‘suma.” *Holy People of the World*. Santa Barbara: ABC-Clio, 2004.
- Review of Richard Foltz, *Mughal India and Central Asia* (Karachi: Oxford University Press, 1998), *International Journal of Hindu Studies* 5:2 (August 2001): 206-208.

9. Manuscripts/publications, etc. in preparation and submitted to publishers but not yet accepted.

- “Making Shi‘ism an Indian Religion: A Perspective from the Qutb Shahi Deccan.” Submitted to *ReOrient: Journal of Critical Muslim Studies* (April 2018).

10. Papers presented at meetings and symposia.

- “Sensational Muharram in *Ḥadiqat-e Salāṭīn*: Sensory Aesthetics in a Qutb Shahi Manuscript.” Association for the Study of Persianate Societies Biennial Convention, Tblisi, Georgia (March 18, 2018). **Refereed.**
- “Making a Second Karbala.” Panel on *Reimagining the Indian Ocean World*. Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference, Toronto, ON (March 17, 2017). **Invited and Refereed.**
- “Haptic Piety: The Aesthetics of Visual Presence in Absence in Qutb Shahi ‘*Alams*.” Panel on *New Directions in South Asian Art*. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX (November 22, 2016). **Invited and Refereed.**
- “Building the City of Hyder: The Multiple Languages of Qutb Shahi Religious Architecture in Hyderabad.” Muslim Thought and Practice in South Asia: Perspectives within and between History and Religious Studies Workshop, Boston University (October 27-28, 2016). **Invited.**
- “Guises of the Protective Hand: The ‘*Alam* and the ‘Domestication of Qutb Shahi Shi‘ism.” Workshop on *Trace/Index/Imprint*, University of Toronto (April 16, 2016). **Invited.**
- “Sensate Devotion: Invoking the ‘*Alam* in Qutb Shahi Somatic Shi‘ism.” American Academy

- of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (November 21, 2015). **Refereed.**
- “Material Subversions: Somatic Shi‘ism and the Development of a Deccani ‘Grammar of Tradition during the Qutb Shahi Dynasty.” Fourth Annual Aga Khan Symposium, “Politics of Time, Material Culture, and Islamic Religiosity,” Middle East Studies, Brown University, Providence, RI (April 24, 2015). **Invited**
 - “A Death Never-ending: Theoretical Reflections on the Ritualized Recurrence of Imam Husain’s Becoming and Death in Shi‘ism.” 10th International Society for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference, Montréal, PQ (August 2014). **Refereed**
 - “Meditations on a Water-Skin: Liṅgāyat Influences on the Development of Somatic Ritual in Deccani Shi‘ism.” Conference on Genres of the Imagine: How Creativity Mediates Islam through Local Vernaculars. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (February 2014). **Refereed**
 - Panel respondent, “Media of Muslim Public Morality.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD (November 2013). **Refereed and Invited**
 - “May the Margins Be the Center: Re-Centering Marginalized Practices in Islamic Studies.” Presentation with Vernon Schubel for the pre-conference workshop on *Rethinking Islamic Studies: Performance and Practice in Islamic Experience*. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (November 2012). **Invited**
 - Panel Participant, “Everyday Islam and Ethnographic Methodologies.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (November 2012). **Refereed**
 - “Bodies of Pleasure: Re-Conceiving *Matam* in South Asian Shi‘ism.” Aesthetics in Contemporary Muslim Worlds, University of Bergen, Norway (October 2012). **Invited**
 - Panel Respondent, “Islamic-Asian Dialogues.” Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON (March 2012). **Refereed**
 - Panel Respondent, “Islamic Marriage.” Near and Middle Eastern Studies Graduate Student Association Symposium, University of Toronto (March 2012). **Invited**
 - “Bodies of Pleasure: The Self-Sacrificing Body in Shi‘i Islam.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (November 2011). **Refereed**
 - “Bleeding the Tree in the Garden of Eden: The Construction of the Shi‘i Body through Discourse of Exceptional Difference.” Paper presented at the pre-conference workshop on *Rethinking Islamic Studies: Gender, Sexuality, and the Body in Islamic Texts*. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (November 2011). **Invited**
 - “On the Beauty of Religious Pain.” Centre for the Study of Religion *Annual Graduate Symposium on “The Beauty of Religion,”* University of Toronto (April 2011). **Invited**
 - “The Radiant: The Intercessory-Mystical Light of Fatimah al-Zahra in Shi‘i Traditions.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (October 2010). **Refereed**
 - “Umm Abiha: Fatimah al-Zahra as the Mother of Prophecy and the Imamate.” Middle East Studies Association, Boston, MA (November 2009). **Refereed**
 - “Umm Abiha: The Pre-Eternal, Eschatological Roles of Fatimah as the Mother of Prophecy and the Imamate in Indo-Persian Shi‘ism.” Fourth Biennial Convention, Association for the Study of Persianate Societies, Lahore, Pakistan (February 2009). **Refereed**
 - “The Gatherer of Tears and Avenger at the Day of Judgment: Fatimah Zahra in Indo-Persian, Shi‘i Devotional Literature and Performance.” Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI (October 2008). **Refereed**
 - “Imitable Exemplars: How Texts and Ritual Performance Commemorating the Ahl-e Bait Constructs Idealized South Asian Shi‘i Selves.” North Carolina Center for South Asian Studies, *Material Objects and Performance Events Workshop*, Durham, NC (August 2008). **Invited**
 - “May Fatimah Gather Our Tears: The Mystical and Intercessory Powers of Fatimah Zahra in Indo-Persian, Shi‘i Devotional Literature and Performance.” *Symposium on Medieval Islamic Mysticism and History in Indo-Persian Cultures*, Seattle, WA (January 2008). **Invited**
 - “The Saddest Story Ever Told: The Women of Karbala as Epic Heroines in South Asian Shi‘i Devotional Literature and Performance.” Middle East Studies Association, Montréal, PQ (November 2007). **Refereed**
 - “Karbala in the Indo-Persian Imaginaire: The Marriage of Qasem and Fatimah Kubra in Mir ‘Alam’s *Dah Majlis*,” *Intellectual Relations and the Renewal of Religious Thought in Iran and*

- Muslim India in the Modern Period*, Tehran, Iran (June 2007). **Invited**
- “The Saddest Story Ever Told: Shi’ite Women’s Devotional Literature and Performance.” *Marketing Muslim Women Workshop*, Duke University, Durham, NC (April 2007). **Invited**
 - “A ‘Good Woman’ Embodied: Constructing Fatima Kubra as an Idealized Indian Shi’a Muslim Bride/Widow.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (November 2006). **Refereed**
 - “Who Could Marry at a Time Like This?: Debating the *Mehndi ki Majlis* in Hyderabad, India.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (November 2006). **Refereed**
 - “A ‘Good Woman’ Embodied: Constructing Fatima Kubra as an Idealized Indian Shi’i Muslim Bride/Widow.” Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI (October 2006). **Refereed**
 - “Take Me to Karbala: Hazrat Zaynab bint ‘Ali and the Shi’i Community of Remembrance,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (November 2003). **Refereed**
 - “Setting Fire to the World: Experiencing Hazrat Zaynab bint ‘Ali in Muhtasham Kashani’s *Karbala-nameh*.” Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (May 2003). **Refereed**
 - “Bringing the Message to the People: Zaynab’s Religious, Political, and Didactic Roles in Muhtasham Kashani’s Religious *Marthiya*.” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR), Atlanta, GA (March 2002). **Refereed**
 - “Teaching World Religions Using a Polythetic Method: An Alternative Mode of Comparison.” North Carolina Religious Studies Association, Wilson, NC (October 2001). **Refereed**
 - “Iranian Occidentosis and a Return to Shi’i Iranianness.” North Carolina Religious Studies Association (NCRSA), Chapel Hill, NC (October 2000). **Refereed**
 - “Reconsidering the Persian Religious *Marthiya*.” Southeast Regional Middle East Studies Seminar (SERMEISS), Clemson, SC (March 2000). **Refereed**

11. **Invited Lectures and Presentations at Meetings and Symposia**

- Distinguished Guest and respondent, E-Kitab. Urdu Language and Culture: Contemporary Global Issues, National Council for the Promotion of Urdu Language, New Delhi, India (March 24-26, 2018). **Invited.**
- “Making Shi’ism an Indian Religion: A Perspective from the 17th Century Deccan.” Questioning South Asia Conference, Habib University, Karachi, Pakistan (February 2, 2018). **Invited.**
- Panel Discussant: “Future of South Asian Studies and Research.” Questioning South Asia Conference, Habib University, Karachi, Pakistan (February 1, 2018). **Invited.**
- “Savoring Karbala: Sensory Aesthetics in Muharram Material and Ritual Practice in Hyderabad.” Comparative Muslim Studies Program, Cornell University (September 1, 2016). **Invited.**
- Keynote Lecture Discussant, “The Idols of ISIS,” Robert H. N. Ho Family Foundation (UTSC), the Institute of Islamic Studies, the Department of Sociology (UTSC), and Department of Art (St. George Campus), University of Toronto at Scarborough, October 2, 2015.
- Roundtable Participant, “Religious Materiality in the Indian Ocean World,” Sawyer Seminar on *Religious Materiality in the Indian Ocean World, 1300-1800*, University of Toronto, September 18, 2015.

D. **LIST OF COURSES** (in preceding 5 years)

12. **Please see attached syllabi for all courses marked with a *.**

A. **Undergraduate courses taught**

RLG499H5F Research Opportunity Program: Somatic Shi’ism: The Body in Deccani Ritual and Material Practice

RLG450H5S	Ritual, Material Practice, and the Senses in South Asian Islam (Winter 2017)
RLG361H5F	Encounters between Indo-Islamic and Hindu Cultures (Fall 2016)
RLG2015H5F	Introduction to South Asian Religions (Fall 2016)
RLG462H5F	Sex and Gender in South Asian Religions (Fall 2014)
RLG 314H5F	Gender Issues in Religion (Fall 2010; Fall 2014)
RLG449H5F	Islamic Sexualities (Fall 2012; Winter 2014)
WGS450H5F	Theories of Sexuality (Fall 2010)
WGS200Y	Introduction to Theories of Women and Gender Studies (Winter 2011; Winter 2012; AY 2012-2013; Fall 2013; Fall 2014)
WGS370H5F	OnLove: Gender, Sexuality, and Identity (Fall 2013)
WGS410H5S	Independent Study: Intersectional Analysis of Empowerment and Oppression of Massage Parlour Attendants and (Sex) Work (Winter 2014)

B. Graduate courses taught

RLG2008HS	Sex, Gender, Body in Religion (Winter 2011)
RLG3590HS	Islamic Sexualities [also taught as RLG416] (Winter 2012)
RLG3720HS	Sex and Gender in South Asian Religions (Winter 2013)
RLG1502HS	Directed Readings: Sex and Gender in Mughal India (Winter 2013)
RLG1501HF	Directed Readings: Feminist and Gender Theory in Islamic Studies (Fall 2013)
RLG1501HF	Directed Readings: Queer Theory and/in Religious Studies (Fall 2013)
RLG2073HS	Que(e)rying Religion (Winter 2014)
RLG3544HF	Islamicate Material Cultures (Fall 2014; Fall 2016)
RLG1501HS	Directed Readings: Queer Theory and Thecla (Winter 2015)
RLG1501HS	Directed Readings: Shi'i Material Culture (Winter 2018)*

C. Student Supervisory Committees/advising Doctoral Supervision

Doctoral Committee Member

Usman Hamid, "The Pilgrimage of the Heart: The Making of Local Islam in Sultanate and Mughal India," Supervisory committee member. Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations (2013 – present).

Shaftolu Gulamdov, "Nasir-i Khusraw and the Hagiographical Tradition of the Ismailis of Badakhshan." Supervisory committee member. Department for the Study of Religion (2015 – April 6, 2018: successful defense of dissertation).

Edith Szanto, "Following Sayyida Zaynab: Twelver Shi'i Women's Piety in Modern Syria." Department of Religion. Supervisory committee member (January 2011-September 5, 2012).

M.A. Supervision

Fizza Joffrey, "*Matam* (Self-Flagellation) in Western Scholarship." Department for the Study of Religion (September 2017 - present).

Mehreen Zahra Jiwan, "The Smell of His Dust: Olfactory Associations with the Grave of Ḥusayn b. Ali in a 10th Century Ziyara Manual." Department for the Study of Religion (September 2017 - present).

Mohammad Nabeel Jafri, "Rehan Azmi's 'Ek ānsū mein Karbalā': Mythologizing History,

Historicizing Myth.” Department for the Study of Religion (September 2017 - present).

Graduate Fellows

Arun Brahmhatt, Department for the Study of Religion, Sawyer Seminar Graduate Fellow (October 2014 – May 2016).

Candis Haak, Department of Anthropology, Sawyer Seminar Graduate Fellow (October 2014 – May 2016).

Postdoctoral Fellow

Dr. Owen Cornwall, “Alexander and the Astrolabe in India: Imagining Universality in the New Persian Cosmopolis,” Sawyer Seminar Postdoctoral Fellow (July 2015 – June 2016, co-supervisor with Ajay Rao).

D. Other teaching and lectures given (in preceding 5 years)

- Interview with AVA Diplomatic (Iran), published September 30, 2015. <http://avadiplomatic.com/en/archive/6855>
- Guest instructor, “Contemporary Expressions of Shi‘i Islam,” Institute of Ismaili Studies Summer Programme in Islam, York University, Toronto, ON (14 August 2014).
- “Lives of Relics in South Asian Shi‘ism.” Department for the Study of Religion Faculty Colloquium, University of Toronto (January 2014).
- “The Role of Ladies in Karbala from Lady Fatima Az-Zahra to Lady Zaynab.” Invited public lecture at Payam-e Aman Shi‘a Association for Imam Husain Day, Somerset, NJ (8 December 2013).
- “Islamic Heritage in the Deccan.” Nordic Centre in India/Contemporary India Program, University of Hyderabad (22 July 2013).
- “The Intellectual Impact of Dr. Sadiq Naqvi on the Study of South Asian Shi‘ism.” Invited public lecture for Hyderabad Shi‘a association, Bloomfield, IL (12 May 2013)
- “Presence in Absence: Relics and Their Role in Haidarabadi Shi‘ism.” Iranian Studies Seminar Series, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Toronto (February 2013)
- “Wounds of Devotion: Re-Conceiving *Matam* in Shi‘i Islam.” Department of Historical Studies Research Roundtable, UTM (February 2013)
- “May You Learn from Their Model: The Exemplary Father-Daughter Relationship of Muhammad and Fatima in South Asian Shi‘ism.” Jackman Humanities Institute Islamic Studies Working Group, University of Toronto (March 2011)
- Department of Near and Middle Eastern Studies Crossing Boundaries Series, book launch and discussion of *Gender, Sainthood, and Everyday Practice in South Asian Shi‘ism* (9 March 2011)

E. ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

13. A. Department and University Service.

- Mentor (pre-tenure), Carrie Fulton, Department of Historical Studies (2017 – present).
- Chair, Research Committee, Department of Historical Studies, UTM (2016 –).
- Reviewer, Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar Competition, Jackman Humanities Institute (February 2017).
- Research Committee Member, Promotion and Tenure Review for Kyle Smith (2016 – 2017).
- Dean’s Representative, Global South Sociology Search, Department of Sociology, UTM (Fall 2016).

- Search Committee Member, South Asian Religions Search, Department of Historical Studies (2016-2017).
- Committee Member, Religion in the Public Sphere, Department for the Study of Religion (2016-2017).
- Search Committee Member, Women and Gender Studies Search, Department of Historical Studies (2014 – 2015).
- Organized public lecture by Dr. Mazher Hussain, Director of COVA, “Women, Youth and Children as a Catalyst for Social Change,” Department of Historical Studies and Centre for South Asian Civilizations (6 November 2014).
- Steering Committee Member, Elements Experiment, Department for the Study of Religion (2014 – 2015).
- Co-Leader, Jackman Humanities Institute Working Group, “Religious Materiality in the Indian Ocean World, 1300-1800,” (2014 – 2015).
- Jackman Humanities Institute Arts Program, “Gender in Wonderland: Zackary Drucker & Rhys Ernst on the Art and Play of Gender in “Relationship” and She Gone Rogue,” co-organized with Elspeth Brown (Artist lecture and Q&A at UTM and Workshop at UTSG with Rhys Ernst and Zackary Drucker, week of 3 November 2014).
- Jackman Humanities Institute Arts Series, “Exchanging Glances” Imag(in)ing Hindu-Muslim Visual Pieties in the Deccan,” co-organized with Ajay Rao (series of 4 lectures and workshops at UTM and UTSG during 2013-2014 academic year).
- Organized workshop on “The Materialities of South Asian Islamic Manuscripts,” Department of Historical Studies and Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, co-organized with Ajay Rao (27 March 2014).
- Organized roundtable discussion, “Forced (Un)Veiling: Questioning Multiculturalism and Accommodation in Relation to the Quebec Charter of Values and the Legal Case of N.S.,” Department of Historical Studies (14 November 2013).
- Religion in the Public Sphere Public Forum and Community Research Workshop on “Religion, Sexual Diversity and South Asian Youth Culture in the GTA,” co-organized with Amanda Goodman (26-27 September 2013).
- Member, Student Experience Committee, Department of Historical Studies (2013 – 2014)
- Member, Elements Experiment Steering Committee (2014 – present).
- Evaluator, University of Toronto National Scholarship Program (Winter 2013).
- Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Historical Studies (Winter 2013).
- Search Committee Member, Women and Gender Studies Search, Department of Historical Studies (2013).
- Member, Graduate Admissions and Awards Committee, Department of Religion (2012 – 2013).
- Member, Teaching Excellence Committee, Department of Historical Studies (2011 – 2012; 2013 – 2014).
- Member, *Prandium* journal advisory board (2012).
- Co-Leader, Jackman Humanities Institute Islamic Studies Working Group (March 2011 – 2013).
- Board Member, Women and Gender Studies Program (2010 – present).
- Member, Teaching Excellence and Student Experience Committee, Department of Historical Studies (2010 – 2011).
- Member, Intellectual Community Committee, Department of Historical Studies (2010 – 2011).
- Search Committee Member, History of Christianity Search, Department of Historical Studies (Fall 2010).

B. Positions held and service on committees and organizations outside the University of scholarly and academic significance.

- Steering Committee Member, Religion in South Asia (RISA), American Academy of Religion (2017-).
- Editorial Advisory Board Member, Muslim South Asia: Texts, Spaces, Practices Series, Gorgias Press (Spring 2018 – present).
- External Assessor, Tenure Review (Hindi Urdu), University of Utah (2017)
- Co-Editor, Religion and Society Series (with Gustavo Benavides, Frank Korom, and Kocku von Stuckrad), De Gruyter Press (2017 – present). I reviewed manuscripts for the series in 2017.
- Doctoral Awards National Committee 2A, SSHRC (2012 – 2013; 2013 – 2014; 2014 - 2015).
- Steering Committee member, Contemporary Islam Group, American Academy of Religion (2011 – 2013).
- Editorial Board Member: The Shi'ah Heritage of South Asia; *Re:locations: Journal of the Asia Pacific World*
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