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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Religious Studies, Islam in Global Context Track, School of Historical, Philosophical and Religious Studies, Arizona State University, 2018

Dissertation Title: “Guantánamo: The Amen Temple of Empire”

B.A. in English Literature, History Minor, Arabic Studies, Islamic Studies Certificate Graduated summa cum laude, Arizona State University, 2008.

Teaching:

Northern Arizona University, Lecturer, Department of Comparative Cultural Studies

Courses Taught:

REL 150: *Religions of the World* Honors

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REL 151: *What is Religion?*

REL 285: *Religion and Society: Ritual and Magic*

REL 221: *Intro to Christianity* (Global)

REL 231: *Intro to Islam*

CCS 250: *Islam and Popular Culture*

HUM 352: *Perspectives on Western Humanities II* “Witchcraft & Heresy”

HUM 375: *Women in American Arts & Culture*

HUM 382: *World Perspectives in Humanities* “Imaging and Re-imagining Cuba”

HUM 382: *World Perspectives in Humanities* “Islam in Global Perspective”

Arizona State University (Instructor) Faculty Affiliate

Courses Taught:

REL 202: *Religion and Popular Culture*

REL 205: *Life, Sex and Death*

REL 321: *Religion in America*

REL 365: *Islamic Civilization*

REL 366/HST 339: *Islam in the Modern World*

REL 381: *Religion and Moral Issues*

REL 390: *Women, Gender, and Religion*
REL 374: *Witchcraft and Heresy in Europe*

Publications: Book Chapter

Diana Murtaugh Coleman, "The Amen Temple," in *Guantánamo and the Empire of Freedom*, Don E. Walicek and Jessica Adams, eds. Palgrave Macmillan (2017)
<https://www.springer.com/cn/book/9783319622675#reviews>

Articles

Diana Murtaugh Coleman, "Suspended in al Barzakh," *Sargasso: A Journal of Caribbean Literature, Language & Culture*. Published Fall 2024.

Diana Murtaugh Coleman, "After the Bay: A Phobia of Hope," invited for special issue of *Sargasso: A Journal of Caribbean Literature, Language & Culture* "Guantánamo: What's Next?" Published Fall 2019.

Diana Murtaugh Coleman, "El Sur También Existe," *Cultural Dynamics* "Epistemologies of Militarization in the Global South" Published Fall 2019.

Mark Woodward, Mariani Yahya, Inayah Rohmaniyah, Diana Murtaugh Coleman, Chris Lundry, Ali Amin, "The Islamic Defenders Front: Demonization, Violence and the State in Indonesia," *Contemporary Islam*, Online first, December 2013. <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11562-013-0288-1>

Mark Woodward, Mariani Yahya, Inayah Rohmaniyah, Diana Murtaugh Coleman, Ali Amin, and Chris Lundry, "Hate Speech and the Islamic Defenders Front," Report 1203, *COMOPS*, Center for Strategic Communication, Arizona State University, September 9, 2012.
https://www.academia.edu/4439583/Hate_Speech_and_the_Indonesian_Islamic_Defenders_Front

Mark Woodward, Inayah Rohmaniyah, Ali Amin, Samsul Ma'arif, Diana Murtaugh Coleman and Muhammad Sani Umar, "Ordering what is right, forbidding what is wrong: two faces of Hadhrami dakwah in contemporary Indonesia," *Review of Indonesian and Malaysian Affairs* vol. 46 no. 2 (2012) pp. 105-46. https://www.academia.edu/4439444/Ordering_what_is_right_forbidding_what_is_wrong_two_faces_of_Hadhrami_dakwah_in_contemporary_Indonesia

Woodward, Mark, Inayah Rohmaniyah, Ali Amin and Diana Coleman, "Muslim Education, Celebrating Islam and Having Fun as Counter-Radicalization Strategies in Indonesia," *Perspectives on Terrorism*. October 2010 Volume IV, Issue 4.
<http://www.terrorismanalysts.com/pt/index.php/pot/article/view/114/232>

Book Reviews

Book Review of Kahn, Hilary E. and Pennington, Rosemary, Eds. *On Islam: Muslims and the Media*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2018. AAR's *Reading Religion*
<http://readingreligion.org/books/islam-0>

Book Review of Radovic, Milja. *Film, Religion and Activist Citizens: An Ontology of Transformative Acts*. Routledge: New York and London, 2017. AAR's *Reading Religion* <http://readingreligion.org/books/film-religion-and-activist-citizens>

Encyclopedia Articles

"Muamar Qaddafi." *Oxford Dictionary of African Biography*, Ed. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. New York: Oxford, 2011.

"Guantanamo Bay." *The Encyclopedia of Muslim American History*. Ed. Edward E. Curtis IV. New York: Facts on File, 2010.

"Funerals." *The Encyclopedia of Muslim American History*. Ed. Edward E. Curtis IV. New York: Facts on File, 2010.

Conference and Public Presentations

Presented "Guantanamo Bay Camps: Specters and Futures" Northern Arizona University. Liberal Arts Room 120, March 5, 2025. Sponsored by the Martin Springer Institute, Latin American Studies Program, and the Department of Comparative Cultural Studies.

Presented "I Pity the Country, I Pity the State." Karl Franzens-Universitat Graz/University of Graz Center for Inter-American Studies Second Conference "Camps, Carceral Imaginaries & Critical Interventions." May 30-June 2, 2024. <https://campsconference-graz.com/conference-program/>

Presented "Climate Disaster, Militarism, and Displacement in the Americas." Coconino Center for the Arts, Flagstaff, Arizona. November 9, 2023. <https://coconinoarts.org/exhibitions/tom-kiefer-el-sueno-americano/>

Presented "Citizens in al-Barzakh." Karl Franzens-Universitat Graz/University of Graz Center for Inter-American Studies Conference "Camps, (In)Justices, and Solidarity in the Americas," January 28-30, 2022. www.camps2022.com

Presented (virtually) at the 7th World Parliament of Science, Religion and Philosophy at MIT World Peace University, Pune, India on Oct. 4, 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f330-gSZXDk>

Presented "Righteousness, Resentment, and Religion in this Time of Plague" AAR Western Region Annual Meeting, March 21, 2021 online.

Presented Film Introduction, *Embrace of the Serpent*, Ciro Guerra, Colombia, 125 minutes, 2015. Latin American Film Series, Northern Arizona University, October 10, 2019.

Presented Film Introduction, *Clandestine Childhood*, Benjamin Ávila. Argentina/Spain/Brazil, 110 minutes, 2013. Latin American Film Series, Northern Arizona University, September 20, 2018. <https://nau.edu/ccs/film-series/>

Presented "After the Bay: A Phobia of Hope," for Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Panel: "The U.S. Naval Base at Guantánamo: Freedom, Emancipation, Possibility" Habana Libre Hotel, Havana, Cuba, June 4-8, 2018.

“Presented Re-membering Torture: A Conversation with Shahla Talebi and Diana Coleman,” D- Sign Working Group on the Global South & Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University FHI Conference Room C107, March 26, 2018.

Presented “Guantánamo 2.0: Bad Dudes and Ideological Production in the Trump Era” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion [SSSR] Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. Marriott Wardman Park, Session H-5, Saturday, October 14, 2017.

Invited Speaker, “Archipelagic Anxieties: Sectarian Tensions in Indonesia” Conference and workshop “Sectarianism, Identity, and Conflict in Islamic Contexts: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives” Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies, George Mason University, April 15-17, 2016. Honorarium \$500 and expenses.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7qGNx3Qw8ck&t=137s>

Invited Speaker, Parliamentary Meeting for Shaker Aamer, House of Commons, Westminster, London, UK June 17, 2014. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5jG_IDEzU4

Presented “Sounding the Unethical: Listening at Guantánamo,” The War on Terror, Guantánamo Public Memory Project, Phoenix Public Library, November 13, 2013.
https://www.academia.edu/4446699/Sounding_the_Unethical_Listening_at_Guantanamo

Presented “Gloss and Mirrors: Casing the English Defence League and Front Pembala Islam,” Lampu Merapi: Center for the Study of Islam and Tolerance International Seminar, State Islamic University Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. September 30, 2013. <https://soundcloud.com/diana-murtaugh-coleman/september-30-2013-10-31-07-am>

Presented “(Dis)closing Guantánamo Bay Prison and other Exceptional Spaces, Center for Religious and Cultural Studies, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, September 11, 2013.
<http://icrs.ugm.ac.id/phocadownload/nltr/ICRS-20140609-471159531ab10552vol.2.pdf>

Presented “Seductive Narratives: Fetishizing 9/11 in the Decade(s) After,” AAR Western Region, Arizona State University, March 11, 2013.

Presented “The Ummah at Guantánamo: A Community Apart,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion [SSSR] Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, November 9-11, 2012.

Presented “Into the Mystic: Devotional Music in Islam.” AAR WECSOR Conference, Santa Clara, March 24-26, 2012.

Presented “A Sovereign Shackling.” AAR WECSOR Conference, Whittier College, March 26-28, 2011.

Presented “Cages Within: Facing the Other at Guantanamo Bay,” 2nd International Conference on Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, November 26 - 28, 2010.

Presented “Confronting Text: Reading Anti-Yahudi Discourse in Indonesia.” Jewish Studies Student Recognition Event, University Club, ASU, April 28, 2010.

Presented "Guantanamo: A Sovereign Shackling," Religious Studies Faculty Forum, ASU, March 4, 2010.

Presented "Work in Progress-Guantanamo," IHR Cluster: Religion, Gender, and Reform, Arizona State University. February 19, 2010.

Panel Chair, "Contemporary Arab Contribution to Literary Discourse." Congress of the International Association for Intercultural Discourse UNESCO, Paris, France. March 26, 2009.

Presented "Rues et Places: Muslim Identity Asserted in the Parisian Public Space." AAR WECSOR Conference, Santa Clara. March 22, 2009.

Additional Conferences, Seminars, Exhibitions, Actions in the field

Attendee, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO., November 17- 20, 2018.

"Rally to Fight Poverty, not the Poor," Poor Peoples Campaign, Washington, D.C., (Rode the bus from Greensboro, N.C. to Washington, D.C. with members of Beloved Community, UNCG graduate students, and The Homeless Union) June 23, 2018.

Attendee, North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture, Public Hearing, Raleigh Convention Center, Raleigh, N.C. November 30-Dec. 1, 2017.

Memphis Women's March, Shelby County D'Army Bailey Courthouse to the National Civil Rights Museum. Memphis, TN, March 17, 2017.

A World Beyond War: Public Meeting with David Swanson and Ben Griffin, UK Stop the War Coalition, Conway Hall, London, July 2, 2014.

"Independence from America" NSA RFA Menwith Hill, Caroline Hughes, Professor of Conflict Resolution and Peace; David Swanson, World Beyond War, Annie Machon, Former MI 5 and Whistleblower, Lindis Percy, C.A.A.B. July 4, 2014.

Attendee, "Ethics of Representation," Guantánamo Public Memory Project in collaboration with University Brighton Masters students. "Artists and Activists brought together to discuss ideas, plans, proposals and actions." June 30, 2014.

People's Assembly March against Austerity, London, June 21, 2014.

Attendee, "Research and the Relations between Prisons and Detention," *ESRC Seminar Series: Exploring Everyday Practice and Resistance in Immigration Detention*. University of Birmingham, June 20, 2014.

Attendee, "Religious Diversity and Tolerance in Europe and Turkey," London School of Economics, Contemporary Turkish Studies, June 6, 2014.

Amnesty International US National Meeting and Human Rights Conference, Chicago, April 4-6, 2014.

"Austerity, Injustice and the Power of Protest" Defend the Right to Protest National Conference, University of London Union, October 27, 2013.

No Glory in War Launch and Concert, “Remembering World War I: Campaigning for Peace in Words and Music.” St. James Church, Piccadilly, October 25, 2013.

Attendee, *Doctors of the Dark Side*, Film showing and discussion panel, University College London, Institute for Human Rights, University College London, October 29, 2013.

Attendee, “Cultures of Memory Symposium” University College London and York St. John October 16-19, 2013. <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/anthropology/anthropology-news/cultures-of-memory>

Attendee, “Agama dan Televisi di Indonesia: Etika Dan Problematika Dakwahtainment,” [Religion and Television in Indonesia: Ethics and Problems of Religious Outreach Entertainment] Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS) at Gadjah Mada University and Fakultas Dakwah Dan Komunikasi UIN Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta, Indonesia October 9, 2013.

Attendee, Empowering Local Leaders for Social Actions, Sebelas Maret University, Surakarta, Indonesia August 20, 2013.

Service

2025 Reviewer Undergraduate Research Symposium Reviewer
2024-present Chair, Cline Lecture Committee
2023-present Inclusive Perspective Committee (Indigenous Peoples subcommittee)
2022-present Interns to Scholars Faculty Mentor
2022 Diversity Curriculum Committee member
2021/22 Chair of the University Undergraduate Committee
2021-present CCS Internship Coordinator
2020-23 University Undergraduate Committee member
2019-2021 Coordinator of REL 150: Religions of the World (First Year Learning Initiatives) NAU
2021 Adjudicator Undergraduate Research Symposium
2020 & 2021 Adjudicator HURA Grant Applications
2021 Adjudicator Undergraduate Research Symposium

Awards

NAU College of Arts and Letters Teacher of the Year 2024/25
Finalist for NAU Undergraduate Research Mentor 2024/25
Funded research intern through the Office of Undergraduate Research 2023/24; 2024/25; and 2025/26
SHPRS Travel Award
ASU Graduate College Travel Award
ASU University Graduate Fellowship (Spring/Summer)
ASU Graduate Education Dissertation Fellowship Award
Richard E. Wentz Graduate Fellowship in Religious Studies
Cabot Family Scholarship
Jewish Studies ASU
Henry Luce Fellowship, Yogyakarta, Indonesia
Graduate Research Assistantship (stipend, tuition, healthcare) CSRC

Education-Other

ACUE Effective Teaching Practices (25 modules)
Certificate, National Center for the Humanities Webinar on Ukraine (3.5 hours studying primary documents & 1.5 hours with content expert)
Certificate, National Center for the Humanities Webinar Teaching through Latin America (3.5 hours studying primary documents & 1.5 hours with content expert)
ACUE (10 modules) Equitable Teaching for Inclusive Learning Microcredential
Master Class in Online Teaching ASU
Equity and Inclusion Teaching Seminar 2022 (\$2000 stipend)
Teaching the Arab Israeli Conflict and Peace Process, Martin Springer Institute, NAU (\$300 stipend)
Comprehensive Immigration Law Certificate CLINIC
Fundamentals of Immigration Law Certificate CLINIC
Legal Observer Training National Lawyers Guild
Int Humanitarian Law Workshop ASU College of Law
Kingian Nonviolence Workshop, CSRC, ASU
Palliative Care Fellowship, Hospice of the Valley & Beatitudes
Luce Fellowship Exchange UGM, Yogyakarta, Indonesia (Travel, housing, tuition, and monthly stipend)
Wisma Bahasa Language School Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Foreign Languages:

Arabic
French
Spanish
Bahasa Indonesian/Malay

References:

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Dr. Shahla Talebi, Associate Professor, School of Historical, Religious and Philosophical Studies, Arizona State University, Shahla.talebi@asu.edu

Dr. Tracy Fessenden, Steve and Margaret Forster Professor School of Religious Studies, Historical, Religious and Philosophical Studies, Arizona State University, tracy.fessenden@asu.edu