

Education:

Ph.D., Emory University Expected: December 2012
Graduate Division of Religion: West and South Asian Religions
Certificate in Women's Studies
Dissertation: *Piety in Practice: Seeking Out Religious Authority in Rural Bangladesh*

Master of Arts, Indiana University August 2007
Religious Studies Department
Specialization in Islam, anthropology of religion
Thesis: *The Spirit or the Letter?: A Comparison of Muslim Family Law Reform in India and Bangladesh*

Bachelor of Arts, DePauw University May 2002
Major: Religious Studies and History; Minor: Economics
Thesis: *Politics of Religious Conversion: Pakistani Justifications for War against the Bengali Muslims*

Academic Employment:

Visiting Scholar/Teaching Fellow, DePauw University, 2010-2012
Co-teacher, DePauw University, Spring 2011, Fall 2003
Course: *Genesis and Gender*

Graduate Assistant, Ethics and Servant Leadership (EASL) program, Summer 2010
~ Supervisor for students interning in Atlanta-based organizations

Research Assistant, Emory Law School, December 2007-December 2008
~Research and editing for volume on religion and rights of the child (under Martha Fineman, director of the Feminism and Legal Theory Project)

Teaching Associate, Emory University, Fall 2007, *Asian Religious Traditions*
Teaching Assistant, Emory University, 2010, 2006-2007
Courses: *Qur'an; Osama bin Ladin seminar; Orientalism seminar*

Assistant Instructor, Indiana University, 2003-2004
Courses: *Religions of the West; Jesus in Popular Culture*

Research Assistant, Dr. Abdullahi An-Na'im, Emory University, Fall 2005
~Research and editing of manuscript on Islam and secularism

Awards Received:

Charlotte Newcombe (Woodrow Wilson Foundation) Dissertation Writing Fellowship (2010-11)

American Association for University Women (AAUW) American Dissertation Fellowship (2010-11, declined for Charlotte Newcombe)

Fulbright-IIIE for research in Bangladesh (2008-09)

American Institute of Bangladesh Studies, Junior Fellowship (2009-10)

Institute for Comparative and International Studies Graduate Fellowship, Emory University (2007-2008)

Emory Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship (in addition to Emory graduate fellowship, 5 years)

FLAS award for study of Urdu (summer 2006)
American Institute of Indian Studies, Academic Year Fellowship (2004-2005)
FLAS award for study of Bengali (summer 2003, 2004)
Religious Studies Fellowship, Indiana University (2002-03)
Phi Beta Kappa, DePauw (2002); summa cum laude, DePauw (2002)

Other Employment:

Intern, Democracy and Governance Cluster, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)-Bangladesh, April 2009-September 2009
Program Assistant, Center for Torture and Trauma Survivors (CTTS), August-November 2007
Researcher, CTTS, summer 2007
~funded by the Center for Ethics and the Strategic Initiative for “Religion and the Human Spirit,” Emory University

Publications:

“Women and Law in Bangladesh,” in *Islam in the Modern World*, edited by Jeffrey T. Kenney and Ebrahim Moosa. Routledge: forthcoming spring 2012.
“Islamic Law in Bangladesh,” in *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Law*, edited by J.A. Brown. Oxford: forthcoming.

Conference Papers:

“Legal Anthropology and the study of Islamic Law: Theoretical and Methodological Considerations” – *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, October 2010*
“The Construction of Religious Authority in Rural Bangladesh” – *Annual South Asia Conference, October 2010*
“The ‘Hungry Tide’: Salish and the Arbitration of Land Cases” – *European Conference on Modern South Asia Studies, July 2010*
“Justice in the Delta: Bangladeshi Orphans in Context and Conflict” – *South And South East Asian Association for the Study of Religion and Culture, June 2009*
“Law Outside the State: Religion, Culture, and Village Courts in Bangladesh” – *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2007*
“God’s Soldiers: Religion, Globalization, and Resistance to the ‘New World Order’ in Bangladesh” – *Islamic Studies Conference, Spring 2007 (Emory University)*

Guest Lectures:

Workshop on Professional Development for Winter Term/Global Service Trips, DePauw University, Civic, Global, and Professional Opportunities (Nov. 2011)
Introduction to Women’s Studies, DePauw University, *Women in Islam* (April 2011)

Introduction to India, Indiana University, *Muslims in South Asia* (March 2011)
Monthly Lecture, Asiatic Society Bangladesh: *Religious Authority and Dispute Resolution* (March 2010)
Women and Islam course, Spelman College: *Amina Wadud and the Gender Jihad; Qur'an and Woman and Amina Wadud* (Spring 2008)
Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Islam course, Emory University: *Veiling in Muslim Cultures* (Fall 2007)
Religion and Film course, Emory University: *The Religious and Cultural Aspects of "Matir Moina"* (Spring 2006)
Evening at Emory, World Religions course: *Islam* (Fall 2006)

Research Experience:

participant-observation and interviews conducted in Bangladesh for dissertation research (October 2008-March 2010)

interviews and case studies at Center for Torture and Trauma Survivors (summer 2007)

course in Fieldwork Methods: used participant-observation, life-history interviewing, and snowball sampling techniques to write short ethnographies

interviews conducted in Bengali in two villages in West Bengal (2004-2005)

participant-observation and interviews conducted in Char Fasson, Bangladesh, site of dissertation work (August 2004, May 2005, January 2008)

Languages:

Bengali: near native fluency, four years of study plus fieldwork
Modern Standard Arabic: research reading proficiency, four years
Urdu: intermediate, one year
German: reading proficiency

Service:

Fulbright Selection Committee, DePauw University, Fall 2010, 2011
Volunteer for *Raksha*: Atlanta organization providing services to South Asian families suffering domestic abuse

Professional Organizations, Associations:

American Academy of Religion (since 2003)
Law and Society Association (since 2008)
Association for Asian Studies
Women Scholars Network in Religious Studies
Society for the Anthropology of Religion

References

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