

# Munjed M. Murad

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*Curriculum Vitae* as of November, 2024

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## Education

### Harvard Divinity School

*Doctor of Theology* 2022

**Focus:** Comparative Religion

**Dissertation:** A Tale of Two Trees: Unveiling the Sacred Life of Nature in Islamic and Christian Traditions  
(*passed without corrections*)

### Yale School of the Environment

*Master of Environmental Management* 2012

**Focus:** Business and the Environment; Religion and Ecology

**Master's Thesis:** Nature as Revelatory: Traditional Portrayals of Nature as a Sacred Book

### The George Washington University School of Business

*Bachelor of Business Administration* 2010

**Dual Major:** Finance, International Business; **Minor:** International Affairs

**Senior Thesis:** Micro-Enterprise in the Arab Middle East

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## Scholarly Experience

### Appointments

#### Assistant Professorship

##### Johnson-Fry Assistant Professor of World Religions and Intercultural Studies

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

St. Paul, MN Jul. 2022 – Present

#### UTS Administrative Service

##### Director

Eco-Justice program

Jul. 2022 – Present

##### Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

Oct. 2024 – Present

**Committees:** Faculty Administration Committee Aug. 2024 – Present

Student Review and Policy July 2023 – Present

Institutional Review Board July 2022 – June 2023; Aug. 2024 – Present

Educational Assessment Committee July 2022 – Aug. 2024

Education Planning Committee July 2023 – Aug. 2024

## Courses

### United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, St. Paul, MN

#### Religions and Trees

Fall 2024

#### Applied Issues in Ecological Justice

Fall 2023, Fall 2024

#### The World's Religions

Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024

#### Introduction to the Quran

Summer 2024

#### Introduction to Religious Texts

Fall 2023, Summer 2024

#### Engaging a Multifaith World

Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Expt. Spring 2025

**Comparative Religious Ethics**  
*Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024*

**Religion and Nature**  
*Spring 2023, Expt. Summer 2025*

**Buddhist Scriptures**  
*Summer 2023, Expt. Summer 2025*

## Elsewhere

**Religion and the Environment**  
 University of Massachusetts Boston  
 Classics and Religious Studies Department and the  
 School for the Environment  
*Boston, MA Fall 2020, Fall 2024*

**Exploring the Quran**  
 University of Minnesota  
 College of Liberal Arts  
*Minneapolis, MN Spring 2024*

**Introduction to the World's Religions**  
 University of Mary Washington  
 Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion  
*Fredericksburg, VA Spring 2022*

**Religion and Ethics**  
 Virginia Commonwealth University  
 School of World Studies  
*Richmond, VA Fall 2021*

**Sufism**  
 Substitute taught in the second half of the semester  
 George Mason University  
 Department of Religious Studies  
*Fairfax, VA Spring 2024*

**Religion and the Environment**  
 University of Mary Washington  
 Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion  
 (Same as UMB Fall 2020 course)  
*Fredericksburg, VA Spring 2022*

**Religious Fundamentalism**  
 Lecturing as Khatib Scholar in the Khatib Program in  
 Religion and Dialogue  
 University of Mary Washington  
 Department of Classics, Philosophy, and Religion  
*Fredericksburg, VA Spring 2022*

## Teaching Fellowships

**Environment and Inequality**  
 Taught and led weekly discussion in this course taught  
 by Dr. Vivian Shaw  
 Awarded a Certificate of Distinction in Teaching  
 Harvard University  
*Cambridge, MA Spring 2021*

**Islamic Missions: Reforming Muslim South and  
 Southeast Asia**  
 Provided administrative support and helped facilitate  
 discussion in this course taught by Prof. Teren Sevea  
 Harvard Divinity School  
*Cambridge, MA Spring 2021*

**East Asian Religions: Tradition and Transformation**  
 Taught and led weekly discussion in this General  
 Education course taught by Prof. James Robson  
 Awarded a Certificate of Distinction in Teaching  
 Harvard University  
*Cambridge, MA Fall 2017, Fall 2019*

**Performance, Tradition and Cultural Studies: An  
 Introduction to Folklore and Mythology**  
 Taught and led weekly discussion in this General  
 Education course taught by Prof. Stephen Mitchell  
 Awarded a Certificate of Distinction in Teaching  
 Harvard University  
*Cambridge, MA Fall 2018*

**Animals and the Unseen**  
 Provided administrative support and helped facilitate  
 discussion in this course taught by Prof. Teren Sevea  
 Harvard Divinity School  
*Cambridge, MA Spring 2021*

**Finding Beauty in a Broken World**  
 Provided administrative support, helped facilitate  
 discussion, and lectured in this environmental writing  
 course taught by Terry Tempest Williams  
 Harvard Divinity School  
*Cambridge, MA Spring 2019*

**Environmental Politics**  
 Taught and led weekly discussion in this course taught  
 by Prof. Sheila Jasanoff  
 Awarded a Certificate of Distinction in Teaching  
 Harvard University Center for the Environment  
*Cambridge, MA Fall 2018*

**Islam and Religious Diversity**  
 Provided administrative support in this course taught by  
 Dr. Nicholas J. Boylston  
 Harvard University  
*Cambridge, MA Spring 2018*

**The Tree at the Center of the World II**

Provided administrative support and lectured in this course taught by Prof. Kimberley C. Patton  
Harvard Divinity School  
Cambridge, MA Spring 2018

**Classical Chinese Political and Ethical Theory**

Taught and led weekly discussion in this General Education course taught by Prof. Michael Puett  
Awarded a Certificate of Distinction in Teaching  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, MA Fall 2017

**Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion**

Taught and led weekly discussion in this course taught by Prof. Giovanni Bazanna and Prof. Dan McKanan  
Harvard Divinity School  
Cambridge, MA Fall 2016

**The Tree at the Center of the World I**

Provided administrative support in this course taught by Prof. Kimberley C. Patton  
Harvard Divinity School  
Cambridge, MA Fall 2017

**Understanding Islam and Contemporary Muslim Societies**

Taught and led weekly discussion in this General Education course taught by Prof. Ali Asani  
Awarded a Certificate of Distinction in Teaching  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, MA Spring 2017

## Other Appointments

**Academic Coordinator**

Serving as lead writer and coordinator of academic matters, including the publication of white papers and organizing panels, interviews, and a conference in a project on Christianity, Islam, and the environment co-facilitated by Georgetown University and the Qatar Foundation.  
Washington, DC Jul. 2023 – Present

**Course Developer and Head Teaching Fellow**

Course titled “Scriptures in World Religions.” Co-developed the section “Islamic Scriptures” under the supervision of Prof. Dianne Moore and Prof. Ali Asani. Course developer throughout and Head Teaching Fellow from Nov. 2016 onward.  
Harvard Extension School  
Cambridge, MA Sept. 2015 – Aug. 2018

**Member of Editorial Board and Associate Producer**

For the podcast *Illuminations*, recipient of a Templeton Foundation grant. Co-producing an episode on extinction.  
Cambridge, MA Apr. 2021 – Apr. 2023

**Academic Chair**

Supervised all academic aspects of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Yale Critical Islamic Reflection Conference, titled “Inward and Outward Nature: An Islamic Portrayal of the Spirituality-Environment Nexus.”  
Yale University  
New Haven, CT Apr. 2011

## Publications

**Perceiving Nature: Rumi on Human Purpose and Cosmic Prayer**

\*A revised version of the essay published in Germany  
*I of the Heart: Texts and Studies in Honor of Seyyed Hossein Nasr*  
Series: *Islamic History and Civilization*  
Editors: Atif Khalil, Muhammad U. Faruque, and Mohammed Rustom  
Peer-Reviewed  
Brill  
Leiden, Netherlands Under Review

**Love and the Cosmos: Rumi on Perceiving Love, Nature’s Animating Force**

*Harvard Divinity Bulletin*  
Spring/Summer 2024  
Harvard Divinity School  
Cambridge, MA May 2024

**The Western Orientation of Environmentalism in the Islamic World Today****Traditional Islamic Environmental Ethics**

*Oxford Handbook of Islamic Ethics*  
Editor: Mustafa Shah  
Peer-reviewed  
Oxford University Press  
Oxford, UK Under Review

**Perceiving Nature: Rumi on Human Purpose and Cosmic Prayer**

*Green Theology*  
Series: *Sapientia Islamica* Volume: 7  
Editor: Lejla Demiri, Mujadad Zaman, and Tim Winter  
Mohr Siebeck  
Tübingen, Germany May 2024

**Sufi Views of Nature**

Volume: *Handbook of Sufi Cosmology*

*Religion & Development*  
Vol. 2: 16-42  
Peer-reviewed  
Brill  
Berlin, Germany Sept. 2023

**Vicegerency and Nature: Ibn 'Arabī on Humanity's Existential Protection of the Environment**

\*A revised version of the essay published in London  
*Voices of Three Generations: Essays in Honor of Seyyed Hossein Nasr*  
Editors: Mohammad Faghfoory and Kathrine O'Brien  
Kazi Publications  
Chicago, IL, USA 2019

**Inner and Outer Nature: An Islamic Perspective on the Environmental Crisis**

\*A revised version of "Islamic Environmental Stewardship"  
*Journal of Islam and Science*  
Vol. 10 (Winter 2012), No. 2  
Peer-reviewed  
Sherwood Park, AB, Canada Feb. 2013

*Series: Brill Handbook of Sufi Studies*  
Editors: Alexander Knysh and Christian Lange  
Brill  
Leiden, Netherlands Dec. 2022

**Vicegerency and Nature**

*Critical Muslim*  
Vol. 19  
Open-review  
London, UK July 2016

**Islamic Environmental Stewardship: Nature and Science in the Light of Islamic Philosophy**

*The Union Seminary Quarterly Review*  
Science and Religion, Vol. 63: 1-2  
Peer-reviewed  
New York, NY, USA May 2011

## Peer-Reviewer

*Modern Theology* Oxford, UK and Malden, MA, USA 2024  
*Equinox Publishing, Global Philosophy Series* Sheffield, UK 2024  
*Journal of Interreligious Studies* Boston, MA, USA 2017, 2020, 2023  
*Journal of the Institute for Sufi Studies* Istanbul, Turkey 2022  
*Journal of Religion and Health* New York, NY, USA 2021  
*Journal of Islamic Ethics* Doha, Qatar 2020  
*Technology in Society* Amsterdam, Netherlands 2019  
*Islamic Studies* Islamabad, Pakistan 2019

## Presentations

### Conference Activity

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**Climate Science in Theological Education II**

Attendee of this conference as a co-recipient of a grant to incorporate climate science into curricula and programing at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities  
*Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion*  
*American Association for the Advancement of Science*  
Reisterstown, MD Aug. 2024

**Roundtable Discussion on Caner K. Dagli's "Metaphysical Institutions"**

Moderator of this book-review panel hosted by the Philosophy of Religion Unit

**Faith and Climate Change**

Participant in this two-day roundtable discussion on engaging Muslims, as well as religious peoples in general, in response to climate change.  
*Pardee Graduate School of Global Studies at Boston University and Oxford Center for Islamic Studies*  
Boston, MA Sept. 2024

**Roundtable Discussion of Mohammed Rustom's Inrushes of the Heart: The Sufi Philosophy of 'Ayn al-Qudāt**

Panelist on this book-review panel hosted by the Islamic Mysticism Unit  
*American Academy of Religion*  
Online June 2024

**Building Bridges Conference**

Invited participant in this Christian-Muslim conference, the theme of which is "Believers and Our Ethics in the Public Square: Christian and Muslim Perspectives"

*American Academy of Religion*  
Online June 2024

**Islam, Christianity, and the Environmental Crisis II**

Participant in a panel hosted by Georgetown University and the Qatar Foundation  
*Georgetown University*  
Washington, DC June 2024

**Higher Aspirations of Higher Education**

Participant in this colloquium attended by the core faculty of the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities  
*United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities*  
Collegeville, MN May 2024

**Islam, Christianity, and the Environmental Crisis I**

Participant in a panel hosted by Georgetown University and the Qatar Foundation  
*Georgetown University Qatar*  
Doha, Qatar Nov. 2023

**Faculty moderator in a session on world religions**

Symposium Week  
*United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities*  
St. Paul, MN Oct. 2022

**Building Bridges Conference**

Invited participant in this Christian-Muslim seminar, the theme of which was mercy and grace  
*Georgetown University*  
Warrenton, VA June 2022

**Beyond the Europhone in Islamic and Comparative Studies**

Part of the session, "Book Reviews: 'Deep Knowledge' and 'Translating Wisdom,'" sponsored by the Comparative Studies in Religion Unit  
*American Academy of Religion*  
San Antonio, TX Nov. 2021

**Islamic Ethics and the Non-Human Other: The Religious Life of Nature in the *Sīrah* and the *Mathnawī***

Part of the seminar, "Reassembling Creation: Green Ethics and the Scholarly Disciplines in the Islamic Tradition"  
*Research Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics*  
Doha, Qatar Oct. 2021

**Developing/Discovering Theories for the Study of the Non-Human in Islam and Christianity**

Part of the session, "Religion and Nature," as part of the Annual Conference of the Society for Intercultural Philosophy  
*University of Tübingen*  
Tübingen, Germany Jun. 2021

**Two Trees and an Abrahamic Ecological Ethics**

Invited presenter on the panel "Graduate Research" at the workshop "Abrahamic Traditions &

*Georgetown University*  
Warrenton, VA June 2024

**Climate Science in Theological Education I**

Attendee of this conference, as well presenter, as a co-recipient of a grant to incorporate climate science into curricula and programing at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities  
*Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion*  
*American Association for the Advancement of Science*  
Online May 2024

**Deepening Our Roots and Engaging Our Differences**

Co-led a workshop on engaging interreligious diversity in this conference entitled "United Days"  
*United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities*  
St. Paul, MN May 2024

**Studying World Religions at a Christian Seminary**

United Days  
*United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities*  
St. Paul, MN May 2023

**Responding to Gabriella Boros' "Rage, Roots, & Stones"**

Symposium Week  
*United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities*  
St. Paul, MN Oct. 2022

**Love and the Cosmos: Rumi on Perceiving Love, Nature's Animating Force**

For the Inaugural Conference on Ecological Spiritualities  
*Harvard Divinity School*  
Cambridge, MA Apr. 2022

**The Life of Nature in the Qur'an and the *Mathnawī***

Part of the session, "Sufism, the Qur'an, and the Natural Environment," cosponsored by the Islamic Mysticism Unit and the Qur'an Unit  
*American Academy of Religion*  
San Antonio, TX Nov. 2021

**Islamic Environmentalism Today**

Public lecture as part of the panel "Environmentalism and the Ecological Question in the Islamic Moral Tradition," associated with the seminar "Reassembling Creation: Green Ethics and the Scholarly Disciplines in the Islamic Tradition"  
*Research Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics*  
Doha, Qatar Oct. 2021

**Other "Ecologies of Selves": Theories of the Runa in Studies of Islamic and Christian Views of Non-Human Selves**

Part of the session, "Indigenous Ecologies: Trees, Temples, Texts, and Sacred Territory in an Era of Climate Change," cosponsored by the Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit and the Religion and Ecology Unit  
*American Academy of Religion*  
Boston, MA Nov. 2020

**Perceiving Nature: Rumi on Humanity and Cosmic Worship**

Presenter on the panel "Spirituality and Wholeness"

Environmental Change”  
*The Abrahamic Initiative*  
 Rhodes, Greece Jun. 2019

**Human Purpose and Cosmic Worship: Rumi on the Spiritual Life of the Apparently Inanimate**

Invited presenter on the panel “‘Mother Nature’: Poetics of Self in Nature” at “‘Green Theology’: Emerging 21<sup>st</sup> Century Muslim and Christian Discourses on Ecology,” hosted at Trinity Hall of Cambridge University  
*Cambridge Muslim College, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, University of St Andrews, St. Andrew’s Biblical Theological Institute*  
 Cambridge, UK Mar. 2019

**The Philosophical Value of Rumi**

Presenter on the panel “Encounters of Falsafa and Sufism in the Persianate world, 1200-1900”  
*Middle East Studies Association Conference*  
 San Antonio, TX Nov. 2018

**Religious Identities in Transition**

Invited as a participant in the third year of this tri-annual conference on Jewish, Christian, and Islamic perspectives on religious identity  
*Shalom Hartman Institute of North America*  
 Jerusalem May 2018

**Religious Identity**

Invited as a participant in the second year of this tri-annual conference on Jewish, Christian, and Islamic perspectives on religious identity  
*Shalom Hartman Institute of North America*  
 Palisades, NY Mar. 2017

**Religion and the Environmental Humanities**

Panelist at this faculty workshop on the environmental humanities hosted by The Harvard Global Initiative  
*Harvard University*  
 Cambridge, MA Sept. 2016

**Religious Identity in a Context of Secularism and Extremism**

Invited as a participant in the first year of this tri-annual conference on Jewish, Christian, and Islamic perspectives on its topic  
*Shalom Hartman Institute of North America*  
 Palisades, NY May 2016

**Islam and Nature Today: Insight into Traditional Discernment**

Panelist in the session, “Ecologists and Faith & Justice Communities: A Journey from Antagonism to Earth Stewardship Partnerships for the Next Century,” at the conference “Ecological Science at the Frontier: Celebrating ESA’s Centennial”  
*Ecological Society of America*  
 Baltimore, MD Aug. 2015

**Solar Water Heating for Universities and Colleges:**

at the Fordham Theology Graduate Conference 2019  
 — Life in the Anthropocene: Theology and the Environment  
*Fordham University*  
 New York, NY Apr. 2019

**A View of the Whole: Navigating the Artificial and the Natural in Islamic Architecture**

Presenter on the panel “Building a Compassionate Environment” at the Faith in Design conference  
*The Graduate School of Design at Harvard University*  
 Cambridge, MA Mar. 2019

**Origen and the Personhood of Natural Phenomena**

Presenter at the Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies  
*The Hellenic College and Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology*  
 Brookline, MA Apr. 2018

**The Quran, Rumi, and Nature**

Presenter at the St. Francis Forum and the Spirit of Assisi Symposium hosted by Interfaith Power and Light, Our Lady of the Angels Province: Franciscan Friars Conventual, and the Franciscan Action Network  
*Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Ministry*  
 Ellicott City, MD Apr. 2018

**Islam and Ecology**

Panelist for a roundtable discussion titled “Emerging Voices” at the conference “Religion, Ecology and Our Planetary Future” and hosted by the Center for the Study of World Religions  
*Harvard University*  
 Cambridge, MA Oct. 2016

**The Cosmos as a Tree: A Quranic and Natural Commentary on the Cosmos**

Invited as a lecturer in this conference, titled “Sacred Texts and Human Contexts: Nature and Environment in World Religions.”  
*Nazareth College and Hobart and William Smith Colleges*  
 Geneva, NY May 2016

**Islamic Responses to the Papal Encyclical**

Panelist at the event, “An Integral Ecology: Capitalism, Environments and the Encyclical,” hosted by Harvard Divinity School Catholics  
*Harvard Divinity School*  
 Cambridge, MA Oct. 2015

**Spiritual and Sustainable: Religion Responds to Climate Change**

Interviewed as a panelist in this conference at the Harvard Divinity School  
 Cambridge, MA Nov. 2014

**Interfaith Environmental Panel**

**Meeting a Need for Cost-Effective Green Technologies**

Researched and co-wrote this paper, presented at the Solar 2013 conference, as an analyst for Perennial Energy Consulting  
*American Solar Energy Society*  
*Baltimore, MD April 2013*

**The Integration of an Islamic Environmentalism in Holistic Models of Sustainability**

Co-presented a poster at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual International Sustainable Development Research Conference. Hosted by the Earth Institute  
*Columbia University*  
*New York, NY May 2011*

Panelist in an event hosted by the Yale Student Environmental Coalition as part of a series "Judaism and Environmental Ethics"  
*Yale University*  
*New Haven, CT Feb. 2012*

**Earth Day 2010 – U.S.A. & Morocco**

Speaker in this digital video conference hosted by the Department of State in its headquarters  
*Department of State*  
*Washington, DC Apr. 2010*

Other Lectures

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**Major Themes in Discourses on Christianity, Islam, and the Environment**

Leading discussion for undergraduate students.  
*University of Lethbridge*  
*Lethbridge, AB, Canada Expt. Nov. 2024*

**A Journey into Religious Studies**

As part of a lunch series titled "RELI Deli", a conversation with student on my journey into the academic study of religion.  
*Department of Religious Studies at George Mason University*  
*Fairfax, VA Oct. 2024*

**The Cosmos in Light of the Sacred: Islamic Views of the Natural Environment**

The Annual Ziffren Endowed Lecture  
*The George Washington University Department of Religion*  
*Washington, DC Feb. 2024*

**Eid al-Fitr**

Lecture for Muslim prisoners  
*MN Correctional Facility Lino Lakes*  
*Lino Lakes, MN Apr. 2023*

**Loving God and the Neighbor**

Keynote speech on religion and ecology at the seminary's spring term convocation  
*United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities*  
*St. Paul, MN Feb. 2023*

**Sufism and the Meaning of Being Human**

For the Department of Religious Studies  
*Carleton College*  
*Northfield, MN Feb. 2022*

**The Environmental Crisis and the Islamic World**

**Themes in the Sufi Contemplation of Nature**

Lecture for undergraduate students.  
*University of Lethbridge*  
*Lethbridge, AB, Canada Expt. Nov. 2024*

**Response to "Hope through Tears"**

Respondent to Dr. Kiara Jorgenson's lecture, "Hope through Tears," which is to be delivered as part of the bi-annual Picard Lecture on Environmental Theology and Ethics.  
*United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities*  
*St. Paul, MN Expt. Oct. 2024*

**The Sacred Cosmos: Islamic Views of Nature**

Lecture in the *Khalifa Conversations* series  
*Green Muslims and Green Ramadan*  
*Alexandria, VA Aug. 2024*

**Interreligious Dialogue and Inclusivism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

*Dakota Unitarian Universalist Church*  
*St. Paul, MN Sept. 2023*

**Response to *The Ashburnham Pentateuch and Its Contexts***

Panelist in a discussion concerning Dr. Jennifer Awes Freeman's book, *The Ashburnham Pentateuch and Its Contexts*  
*United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities*  
*St. Paul, MN Mar. 2023*

**Rinaldo**

Panelist discussing interreligious issues in the opera *Rinaldo* prior to its showing in Minnesota  
*Minnesota Opera*  
*St. Paul, MN Oct. 2022*

**Angels in Sufi Cosmology**

Guest lecturer for Prof. Kimberley C. Patton's course "Angels"  
*Harvard University*  
*Cambridge, MA Apr. 2021*

**Revisiting the Dominion Narrative**

Guest lecturer for Mr. Currim Suteria's course, "Spatial Design and Enquiry: The Inner Garden, the Outer Garden"  
*Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture*  
*Karachi, Pakistan Mar. 2021*

#### **Rumi and the Spiritual Life of Nature**

Guest lecturer for Prof. Mohammed Rustom's course "The Sufi Metaphysics of Nature"  
*Institute for Sufi Studies at Üsküdar University*  
*Istanbul, Turkey Jan. 2021*

#### **Rumi on Nature as Animate**

Lecturer at the World Religions Café at the Center for the Study of World Religions  
*Harvard University*  
*Cambridge, MA Jan. 2019*

#### **Nature Theophanic**

Lecturer at the World Religions Café at the Center for the Study of World Religions  
*Harvard University*  
*Cambridge, MA Nov. 2017*

#### **Pilgrimage in Islam**

Panelist at this event hosted by the Junior Fellowship of Melissa Coles at the Center for the Study of World Religions  
*Harvard University*  
*Cambridge, MA Oct. 2016*

#### **Living the Dream: Ibn Arabi on Transcending and Interpreting Life**

Lecturer at the World Religions Café at the Center for the Study of World Religions  
*Harvard University*  
*Cambridge, MA Dec. 2015*

#### **Islam Facing the Climate Crisis**

Guest lecturer in Prof. Chris Queen's course, "World Religions Face the Climate Crisis"  
*Harvard Extension School*  
*Cambridge, MA April 2015*

#### **Seeing God Everywhere**

Lecturer at the World Religions Café at the Center for the Study of World Religions  
*Harvard University*  
*Cambridge, MA March 2015*

#### **The Environment as an Educational Instrument**

Invited speaker at the interfaith event, "Interfaith Workshop: Greening our Sacred Grounds"  
*The International Cultural Center*  
*Montgomery Village, MD Feb. 2014*

#### **Environmental Professional Work**

Presenter at the ADAMS Youth Career Conference  
*ADAMS*  
*Sterling, VA June 2013*

#### **Islam and Ecology**

Guest lecturer in Prof. Hodayra Ziad's introductory course to Islam  
*Andover Newton Theological School and Hebrew College*

Guest lecturer for Dr. Muhammad U. Faruque's course "Religion, Climate Change, and the Environment"  
*University of Cincinnati*  
*Cincinnati, OH Feb. 2021*

#### **The Animate and Islam**

Invited speaker in the "Animism" series  
*The Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard University*  
*Cambridge, MA Feb. 2020*

#### **Origen and Rumi on the Personhood of Nature**

Presenter at the Comparative Religion Colloquium  
*Harvard University*  
*Cambridge, MA Feb. 2018*

#### **On Beauty**

Lecturer at the World Religions Café at the Center for the Study of World Religions  
*Harvard University*  
*Cambridge, MA Apr. 2017*

#### **Islamic Metaphysics and the Book of Nature**

Guest lecturer in a class of Prof. Yazilmiwati Yaacob at Sunway University as part of my fellowship with Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia at Sunway University and the Asia Center at Harvard University  
*Sunway University*  
*Subang Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia Aug. 2016*

#### **Dreams in the Islamic Tradition**

Guest presenter in Prof. Kimberley Patton's course, "Dreams and the Dreaming"  
*Harvard University*  
*Cambridge, MA Dec. 2015*

#### **Christians and Muslims in Jordan Today**

Guest Lecturer at Prof. James Skedros' course "Early Christianity and Islam"  
*Hellenic College Holy Cross*  
*Brookline, MA Apr. 2015*

#### **Islam and the Environment**

Guest lecturer in Yousef Casewit's course, "Contemporary Approaches to Islamic Law"  
*New York University*  
*New York, NY April 2014*

#### **Islam and Conservation**

Guest lecturer in Prof. Sylvia Vitazkova's course "Conservation, Sustainability, and Spirituality in Action"  
*George Mason University*  
*Fairfax, VA Oct. 2013*

#### **The Environment and Religion**

Lecturer in this event, part of a nation-wide series on "Science and Religion" hosted by Project Nur  
*Hobart and William Smith Colleges*  
*Geneva, NY Feb. 2013*

#### **The Hermeneutics of Scripture in Nature**

Keynote speaker at the Harvard Islamic Society Spring Dinner  
*Harvard University*



Andover, MA Jan. 2013

Cambridge, MA Apr. 2012

## Awards and Fellowships

### **Climate Science in Theological Education Grant**

Co-recipient of a grant of \$15,000 to incorporate climate science into curricula and programing at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities  
*Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion*  
*American Association for the Advancement of Science*  
2024 – 2025

### **Certificate of Distinction in Teaching**

Six times awarded as a teaching fellow for the courses "Environment and Inequality," "East Asian Religions: Traditions and Transformations," "Environmental Politics," "Performance, Tradition and Cultural Studies: An Introduction to Folklore and Mythology," "Classical Chinese Ethical and Political Theory," and "Understanding Islam and Muslim Societies" in the spring of 2021, spring of 2019, fall of 2018, (also) fall of 2018, fall of 2017, and spring of 2017 semesters, respectively.  
*Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning at Harvard University* 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021

### **Dean's Dissertation Fellowship**

Fellowship award for dissertation work for one year.  
*Harvard Divinity School* 2019 – 2020

### **MESA Student Travel Grant**

Award to cover expenses for attending and presenting at the 2019 Middle East Studies Association conference in San Antonio, Texas.  
*MESA* 2019

### **Jeffrey Cheah Travel Fund for Southeast Asia Studies**

Grant for summer research in Indonesia  
*Asia Center at Harvard University* 2016

### **Andrew Sabin International Environmental Fellowship**

Award to compensate for tuition expenses incurred at Yale University  
*Tropical Resources Institute at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies* 2011 – 2012

### **Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies Scholarship**

Scholarship to compensate for tuition expenses incurred at Yale University  
*Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (Now Yale School of the Environment)* 2010 – 2012

### **Consortium on Faculty Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship**

Offered a postdoctoral fellowship at the Religious Studies Department, but declined for a professorial position elsewhere.  
*Colgate College* 2022 – 2023

### **Clarence G. Campbell Scholarship**

Award for tuition expenses incurred at Harvard University  
*Harvard Divinity School* 2016 – 2021

### **Hub Foundation Scholarship**

Award for contribution to Islamic studies  
*Hub Foundation* 2019

### **Ezra F. Vogel Fund**

Grant for summer research in Jakarta, Indonesia.  
*Asia Center at Harvard University* 2018

### **Center for the Study of World Religions Junior Fellowship**

Award for and the facilitation of a Junior Fellowship project: lecture-series titled "Religion and Nature"  
*Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard University* 2014 – 2015

### **Edward Armbrrecht Fund**

Grant for summer research in Amman, Jordan  
*Career Development Office at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies* 2011

## Professional Affiliations

Member, Advisory Board, Encountering Islam Initiative, University of St. Thomas  
Advisor and Board Member, Journal of Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies  
Advisor, Advisory Group, Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology  
Member, American Academy of Religion  
Member, Society for Biblical Literature

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## Other Employed Experience

**Yale Child Study Center**  
Research Assistant (Arabic Linguist)  
*New Haven, CT 2012 – 2013*

**Urban Resources Initiative**  
Planting Crew Trainer  
*New Haven, CT 2010 – 2011*

**The Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature**  
Outreach Intern  
*Amman, Jordan 2009*

**Procurial Consulting**  
Marketing Intern  
*Washington, DC 2006 – 2007*

**Perennial Energy Consulting**  
Part-Time Analyst  
*Washington, DC 2012 – 2013*

**Student Conservation Association**  
Public Outreach Intern  
*Arlington, VA 2009 – 2010*

**National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce**  
Research Associate  
*Washington, DC 2008*

**George Washington University Police Department**  
Community Service Aide  
*Washington, DC 2005 – 2007*

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## Additional Information

**Languages**                      *Fluency:* Arabic and English  
*Reading Knowledge:* Classical Greek, French, and Persian

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