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Curriculum vitae

John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics
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EDUCATION

- 2019 Ph.D., Religious Studies Boston, MA
Boston University
Dissertation Advisor: Kecia Ali
- 2017- Visiting Postgraduate Student, Islamic Studies Edinburgh, UK
2018 University of Edinburgh
- 2017 Graduate Certificate, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Boston, MA
Boston University
- 2012 A.M., Islamic Studies St. Louis, MO
Washington University in Saint Louis
- 2010 B.A., Religion and Biology (double major), with honors Bethlehem, PA
Lehigh University

EMPLOYMENT

- 2019- Assistant Professor of Religion and Politics
John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics
Washington University in Saint Louis

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Authorizing Women: Islamic Authority at the Women's Mosque of America (manuscript in preparation)

Muslim Women's Religious Leadership: Authority in Europe and North America, co-edited with Giulia Liberatore. (volume in preparation)

Scholarly Articles

"Reading the Qur'an in English: Cultivating Interpretive Authority at the Women's Mosque of America,"
Journal of the American Academy of Religion (accepted).

"Religion," *Keywords for Gender and Sexuality Studies*, NYU Press. (article manuscript in preparation)

2016, “ISIL and the (Im)permissibility of Jihad and Hijrah: Western Muslims between Text and Context,” with Evan Anhorn in *Mizan*, vol. 1, no. 1, *The Islamic State in Historical and Comparative Perspective*.

Book Reviews

Asma Uddin, “When Islam is Not a Religion,” in *American Religion*. (forthcoming)

2015, Rachel Sturman, “The Government of Social Life in Colonial India: Liberalism, Religious Law and Women’s Rights,” in *Journal of Law and Religion*, vol. 30, no. 1, pp. 170-72.

2014, Susan Spector, “Women in Classical Islamic Law: A Survey of the Sources,” in *Religion and Gender*, vol. 4, no. 1, pp. 40-42.

Public Essays

2020 “Beyond Bernie: Where Do American Muslim Voters Go From Here?” *Religion & Politics*, April 7: <https://religionandpolitics.org/2020/04/14/beyond-bernie-where-do-american-muslim-voters-go-from-here/>

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2020-22 Young Scholars in American Religion Program, Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis (Lilly Endowment Inc.)

2018-19 Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Women’s Studies Fellow

2018-19 American Association for University Women Dissertation Fellowship (declined)

2015 Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Arabic in Rabat, Morocco

2014 US Department of State Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) for Arabic in Amman, Jordan

2010 Theta Alpha Kappa National Honor Society for Religious Studies/Theology

2010 Lehigh University Religion Studies Departmental Honors

INVITED TALKS

2020 Guest speaker, Rocky Mountain American Religion Seminar. Zoom, November 19.

2018 Guest Lecture, “Sunnis, Sunnism, and Mosques” Islam course, Department of Religious Studies at University of Colorado-Boulder, Boulder, CO. October 23.

2017 Guest Lecture, “Authenticity, Authority, and American Mosque Culture,” Islam course, Department of Religious Studies at University of Colorado-Boulder, Boulder, CO. October 26.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

- 2019 Presenter, Religion and Politics Unit, “Towards a Collective American Muslim Consciousness: Building Multiracial Community at the Women’s Mosque of America,” American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Diego, CA. November 23–26.
- 2018 Presenter, Women and Religion Unit, “Muslim Women’s Religious Authority and the Women’s Mosque of America: Beyond Islamic Legal Debates on Ritual Leadership,” American Academy of Religion (AAR), Denver, CO. November 17-20.
- 2018 Presenter, Contemporary Islam Unit, American Muslim Ethics: Between Lived Experience and Textual Authority Panel, “Beyond Vulnerable Bodies: Sexual Violence in the American Muslim Context,” American Academy of Religion (AAR), Denver, CO. November 17-20.
- 2018 Co-Organizer, International Conference on Muslim Women’s Religious Leadership and Authority in Europe and North America, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK, September 13-14.
- 2018 Presenter, “Female Religious Authority and the Women’s Mosque of America,” Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Tacoma, WA, May 12.
- 2018 Presenter, Islamic Law and Sexuality Workshop, “Re-conceptualizing Sexual Violence in the American Muslim Context,” University of Exeter, UK, January 10.
- 2017 Presenter, Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit, “Islamophobia & Anti-Semitism in America: Comparing Intersectional & Single- Issue Models of Interfaith Alliances,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA. November 20.
- 2017 Presenter, Reformulations of Religious Authority in Diasporic Contexts Panel, “Gender, Race, and Scripture at the Women’s Mosque of America,” British Association for Islamic Studies (BRAIS), University of Chester, UK, April 13.
- 2016 Presenter, Women of Color, Scholarship, and Activism Group, “Rethinking Interpretative Authority: The Women’s Mosque of America,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November 19.
- 2015 Panel Chair, Islamic Studies Panel, New England & Canadian Maritime Regional American Academy of Religion, Boston College, April 2.
- 2015 Co-Presenter, “The (Im)permissibility of Jihad and Hijrah: Western Muslims between Text and Context,” Global Halal Conference, Michigan State University, February 20.
- 2012 Presenter, “The Status of Women in the Hadith,” IIIT Summer Scholars Conference, July 16.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Washington University in Saint Louis, St. Louis, MO

- 2021 Muslims in the Media and Popular Culture (Spring)
- 2021 Between Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr.: Race, Religion, and the Politics of Freedom (Spring, co-taught with Lerone Martin)
- 2020 Islam, Gender, Sexuality (Fall)
- 2020 Islamophobia and US Politics (Fall)
- 2020 Islam in America (Spring)
- 2020 Religion and Race in the United States (Spring)
- 2011 Introduction to Religious Traditions: Judaism Christianity Islam, Teaching Fellow (Fall)
- 2010 Introduction to Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Teaching Fellow (Fall)

Boston University, Boston, MA

- 2016 Western Religions: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Teaching Fellow (Spring)
- 2015 Women and Religion, Teaching Fellow (Fall)
- 2014-2015 Writing Center, Graduate Writing Consultant and ESL Tutor (Fall and Spring)

LANGUAGES

Arabic (Advanced), French (Proficient reading), Bengali (Fluent speaking)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Religious Studies Advisory Board, Washington University in St. Louis, 2020-
Institute on Teaching and Learning Interfaith Excellence, Washington University in St. Louis,
2020-2022. (Grant from the Institute for Interfaith Excellence and Interfaith Youth Core)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion (AAR)
British Association of Islamic Studies (BRAIS)

References available upon request.