

CURRICULUM VITAE

(Abridged Version)

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Education

- 2001 Ph.D., Religion, *Temple University*, Philadelphia, PA
- 1996 M.A., Religion, *Temple University*, Philadelphia, PA
- 1994 M.A., Religious Studies, *Hartford Seminary*, Hartford, CT
- 1991 M.A., Religious Education, *Unification Theological Seminary*, Barrytown, NY
- 1986 B.A., Liberal Arts, *St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi*, Delhi, India

Academic Experience

- Current (2002-) --Assistant Professor, Department of Theology, *Marquette University*
- 2007 (Sum) --Visiting Lecturer, Evangelische Theologie, *Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität-Frankfurt*
- 2006 (Spr) --Fulbright Lecturer, Faculty of Theology, *Muhammadiyah University, Malang*, Indonesia
- 2005 (Sum) --Visiting Lecturer, Institute on Culture, Religion and World Affairs, *Boston University*
- 2003 (Fall) --Adjunct Professor, *Saint Francis Seminary*
- 1998-2002 --Adjunct Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, *The College of New Jersey*
- 2000-2002 --Adjunct Professor, Department of Religion, *Temple University*
- 2001-2002 --Adjunct Professor, Department of Theology, *St. Joseph's University*
- 1995 (Sum) --Instructor, Department of Religion, *Temple University*

I. PUBLICATIONS

A. Books

- Editor, *A Muslim View of Christianity: Essays on Dialogue by Mahmoud Ayoub*. Editor. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2007, 264 pages.
- Co-editor with Bradford E. Hinze, *Herdeiros de Abraão: O futuro das relações entre muçulmanos, judeus e cristãos*. Co-edited with Bradford E. Hnize. São Paulo, Brazil: PAULUS, 2007, 192 pages (Portuguese translation of *Heirs of Abraham*).
- Editor, *Islam and Other Religions: Pathways to Dialogue. Essays in Honour of Mahmoud Ayoub*. Edited with an Introduction. London and New York: Routledge, 2006, 210 pages (Paperback edition released in 2008).
- Co-editor with Bradford E. Hinze, *Heirs of Abraham: The Future of Muslim, Jewish, and Christian Relations*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2005, 158 pages.

B. Journal Special Issue

- (INV) Editor, *Islam in Dialogue: Essays to Honour Professor Mahmoud Ayoub*, edited with an Introduction, Guest Editor of a special issue of Islam & Christian-Muslim Relations, (Birmingham, UK), Volume 15 (1) January 2004.

C. Chapters in Books

- “Delhi’s Debates on ‘People of the Book’: Eclectic and Syncretistic Religious Movements in Late Medieval India.” In *The Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Heritage: Theological and Philosophical Explorations in the Abrahamic Traditions*. Ed. Richard C. Taylor and Irfan A. Omar. Under editorial review by Marquette University Press, 2010.
- (INV) “Rethinking Jihad: Maulana Wahiduddin Khan’s Theology of Nonviolence in Islam.” In *War and Reconciliation*. Ed. Joseph Runzo and Nancy Martin. Under editorial review by Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- (INV) “Reflecting Divine Light: al-Khidr as an Embodiment of God’s Mercy (*rahma*).” In *Gotteserlebnis und Gotteslehre in der christlichen und der islamischen Mystik im Orient*. Würzburg, Germany: Ergon-Verlag, 2009; *IN PRESS*.
- (INV) “World Interfaith Theology of Religious Pluralism: A Muslim Perspective.” In *Por los muchos caminos de Dios [Along the Many Ways of God]*. 5th vol. Ed. Jose Maria Vigil. Panama City: International Theological Commission of EATWOT- Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians, Quito (Equator) 2009; *IN PRESS*.
- (INV) “Dschihad und Gewalt im Koran: Zum Friedenspotenzial des Koran und in der Islamischen Tradition.” In *Das Friedenspotenzial von Religion*. Ed. Irene Dingel and Christiane Tietz (Veröffentlichungen des Instituts für Europäische Geschichte Mainz, Beiheft 78) Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2009, pp. 71-99.
- “Mahatma Gandhi and Wahiduddin Khan on Nonviolence and Jihad.” In *Justice and Mercy Will Kiss: Paths to Peace in a World of Many Faiths*. Ed. Michael K. Duffey and Deborah S. Nash. Milwaukee, WI: Marquette University Press, 2008, pp. 153-163.
- “Yisilanjiao yu Musilin zai Meiguo: 21-shiji li de tiaozhan he zhanwang” [Islam and Muslims in the United States: Challenges and Prospects in the 21st Century]. In *Zhongguo Huizu-xue [The Chinese Hui Nationality Studies]*. Trans. Zhang Zuotang and Yang Jun. Vol. 3. Ningxia, China: Ningxia University Center for the Study of Hui Nationality, 2008, pp. 200-210.
- (INV) “Inter-Religious Dialogue: A Muslim Perspective.” In *Daring to Embrace the Other: Franciscans and Muslims in Dialogue*. *Spirit and Life* series Vol. 12. St. Bonaventure, NY: The Franciscan Institute, 2008, pp. 113-122.
- (INV) “Islam.” In *The Hope of Liberation in World Religions*. Ed. Miguel A. De La Torre. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2008, pp. 91-112; 285-288.
- (INV) “Islam in Multi-Religious America: The ‘Least Well Known’ of all Religious Traditions.” In *Religious Pluralism in Democratic Societies: Challenges and Prospects for Southeast Asia, Europe, and the United States*. Ed. K. S. Nathan. Kuala Lumpur: Malaysian Association for American Studies and Konrad Adenauer Foundation, 2007, pp. 75-90.
- (INV) “Islamic Thought in Contemporary India: The Impact of Mawlana Wahiduddin Khan’s Al-Risala Movement.” In *Blackwell Companion to Contemporary Islamic Thought*. Ed. Ibrahim Abu-Rabi’. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2006, pp. 75-87.

- “Submitting to the Will of God: Jews, Christians, and Muslims Learning from Each Other.” In *Heirs of Abraham: The Future of Muslim, Jewish, and Christian Relations*. Ed. Bradford E. Hinze and Irfan A. Omar. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2005, pp. 125-141.
- (INV) “Secular India: Striving Towards a Pluralist Ethos.” In *Religions in Dialogue: From Theocracy to Democracy*. Ed. Alan Race & Ingrid Shafer. UK: Ashgate, 2002, pp. 139-154.

D. Articles

1. Refereed Journal Articles

- “Where the Two Oceans Meet: An Attempt at Hindu-Muslim Rapprochement in the Works of Dara Shikuh.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* (USA) Volume 44 (2), Spring 2009, pp. 303-314.
- “Towards an Islamic Theology of Nonviolence: A Critical Appraisal of Maulana Wahiduddin Khan’s View of Jihad.” *Vidyajyoti Journal of Theological Reflection* (India), Volume 72 (9), September 2008, pp. 671-80, and Volume 72 (10), October 2008, pp.751-58.
- “*Khiz̄r-i Rāh*-The Pre-Eminent Guide to Action in Muhammad Iqbal’s Thought.” *Islamic Studies* (Pakistan) Volume 43 (1), Spring 2004, pp. 39-50.
- “The Symbol of Immortality: Some Popular Images of Khidr in the Orient.” *Islamic Culture* (India), Volume 74 (3), July 2000, pp. 33-51.
- “Indian Muslims and the Search for Communal Harmony: Some Notes on Mawlana Wahiduddin Khan.” *Studies in Contemporary Islam* (USA), Volume 2 (1), Spring 2000, pp. 60-66.
- “Islam and the Other: The Ideal Vision of Mawlana Wahiduddin Khan.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* (USA), Volume 36 (3-4), Summer-Fall 1999, pp. 423-38.
- “The Islamic Concept of Time(lessness): Neo-traditionist Approach to Perennial Philosophy.” *Islam and the Modern Age* (India), Volume 26 (1), February 1995, pp. 1-18.
- “Khidr in the Islamic Tradition.” *The Muslim World* (USA), Volume 83 (3-4), July-October 1993, pp. 279-94.

2. Refereed Review Essays

- Review Essay: “Religious Identities and the Contesting Civilizations of Contemporary India.” Review Essay of Gerald James Larson’s *India’s Agony Over Religion*. Co-authored with Douglas L. Berger. In *Journal of Dharma* (India) Volume 29 (1), January-March 2004, pp. 95-106.
- Review Essay: “Early Sufi Women.” Review Essay of Abu ‘Abd ar-Rahman As-Sulami’s, *Early Sufi Women (Dhikr an-niswa al-muta‘abbidat as-sufiyyat)* tr. Rkia E. Cornell. Co-authored with Ben Hardman. In *Domes: Digest of Middle East Studies* (USA), Volume 12 (2), Fall 2003, pp. 93-99.
- Review Essay: “Representation and Appropriation of the ‘Muslim Woman’ in the European Literary Imagination.” Review Essay of Mohja Kahf’s *Western Representations of the Muslim Woman: From Termagant to Odalisque*. Co-authored with Ben Hardman. In *The Muslim World* (USA), Volume 90 (3-4), Fall 2000, pp. 477-85.
- Review Essay: “The Need for a Sacred Science: An Intellectual Defense of the Tradition.” Review Essay of S. H. Nasr’s *The Need for a Sacred Science*. In *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* (USA), Volume 12 (2), June 1995, pp. 262-67.

E. Book Reviews in Refereed Journals

- Review of *Arguing the Just War in Islam* by John Kelsay, in *Modern Theology*; *IN PRESS*.
- Review of *A Shared World: Christians and Muslims in the Early Modern Mediterranean* by Molly Greene, in *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*; *IN PRESS*
- Review of *Contemporary Islam: Dynamic, not Static* by Abdul Aziz Said, et al, eds., in *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, Volume 19 (1), January 2008, pp. 136-38.
- Review of *Nature, Man and God in Medieval Islam: ‘Abd Allah Baydawi’s Text, Ṭawālī’ al-Anwār min Maṭālī’ al-Anzār, Along with Mahmud Isfahani’s Commentary, Maṭālī’ al-Anzār Sharḥ Ṭawālī’ al-Anwār*, (2 volumes) in *Theological Studies*, Volume 66 (4), December 2005, pp. 893-5.
- Review of *The Islamic Understanding of Death and Resurrection* by Jane Idleman Smith and Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Volume 73 (1), Spring 2005, pp. 279-81.
- Review of *Indian Muslims Since Independence* by Omar Khalidi in *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, Volume 40 (2), May 1999, pp. 303-5.
- Review of *Ibn Sina and Mysticism* by Shams Inati in *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 24 (2), April 1998, pp. 209-10.
- Review of *Three Messengers for One God* by Roger Arnaldez in *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, Volume 34 (1), Winter 1997, pp. 149-50.
- Review of *The Nearest in Affection: Towards a Christian Understanding of Islam* by Stuart Brown in *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, Volume 33 (2), Spring 1996, p. 260.
- Review of *Hindus and Others: The Question of Identity in India Today* by Gyanendra Pandey, ed. in *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, Volume 26 (1), January 1996, pp. 139-41.
- Review of *Maulana Azad* by Khaliq Ahmad Nizami in *The Muslim World*, Volume 85 (1-2) January-April 1995, p. 175.
- Review of *Guidelines for Dialogue Between Christians and Muslims* by Maurice Bormans, tr. R. Marston Speight, and *Striving Together: A Way Forward in Christian-Muslim Relations* by Charles Kimball in *Islam and the Modern Age*, Volume 24 (3), August 1993, pp. 238-40.
- Review of *Disorienting Encounters: Travels of a Moroccan Scholar in France in 1845-1846* by Susan G. Miller in *The Muslim World*, Volume 83 (1), January 1993, pp. 89-90.

II. PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

A. Refereed Paper Presentations

- 2008 --“Religious Selves, Secular Spaces: Muslim Personal Law in a Non-Muslim Milieu.” Paper presented at a panel on *Adoption of Muslim Personal Law for South Asian Muslims in the West*. 37th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 2008.
- “*Ijtihad* as Intellectual Jihad: Renewal of the ‘Spirit of Islam’ in Maulana Wahiduddin Khan’s Thought.” Paper presented at a panel on *Reopening the Gates of Ijtihad*. 25th Annual Conference of the American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies, College of William and Mary, Washington, DC, April 2008.

- 2007 --“New/Neo Muslims of the Al-Risala Movement.” Paper presented at a panel on *Decentering Study of Indian Muslims*. 36th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 2007.
- (INV) “Contextualizing Muslim Liberationist Struggle: Current Perspectives and Challenges.” Paper presented at a panel on *Are the Ethics Associated with Liberation Theology Still Alive and Relevant? An Interfaith Conversation*. 48th Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, Hyatt Regency, Dallas, TX, January 2007.
- 2006 --“Islam and Just War.” Paper presented at a panel on *Religion and ‘Just War’*. World Religions After September 11: A Global Congress, Montreal, Canada, September 2006.
- “Self Reform or Missionary Work?: The Al-Risala Movement’s ‘Moral Revolution’ of the 21st Century.” Paper presented at a panel on *Translocal Muslim Networks and Religious Mobilisation in South Asia (18th-21st Centuries)*. The 19th European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies, Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands, June 2006.
- 2005 --“Dara Shikoh’s Islamization of the Upanishads: An Exploration of the Qur’anic Notion of a ‘Book Kept Hidden’.” Paper presented at a panel on *Rough Waters Where Oceans Meet: Reassessing Dara’s Political and Intellectual Legacy*. 34th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, October 2005.
- “Gandhi’s Views of Islam: A Muslim Response.” Paper presented at a panel on *Gandhian Nonviolence: Hindu, Christian, and Islamic Perspectives*. Justice and Mercy Will Kiss: A Conference on the Vocation of Peacemaking in a World of Many Faiths Manresa Project, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, September 2005.
- 2004 --“Where the Two Oceans Meet: An Attempt at Hindu-Muslim Rapprochement in the Works of Dara Shikoh.” Paper presented at a panel on *Can Muslims Talk to Hindus? An Exploration of Islamic Categories for Hindu-Muslim Dialogue*. Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November 2004.
- (INV) “Enacting Peace: Muslim Voices for Nonviolence and Reconciliation.” Paper presented at a panel on *Religion in a World at War: The Transformation from Hate to Love of our ‘Enemies’*. 2004 Parliament of the World’s Religions, Barcelona, Spain, July 2004.
- “Dara Shikoh’s Intellectual and Mystical Vision and its Implications for Hindu-Muslim Relations.” Paper presented at a panel on *Translating Through Boundaries: An Attempt at Hindu-Muslim Rapprochement in the Works of Dara Shikoh*. Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, San Diego, CA, March 2004.
- 2003 --(INV) “Islam and Nonviolence.” Paper presented at the International Conference on World Peace, University of Gujarat, Ahmedabad, India, December 2003.
- “Conversion: A Roadblock to Inter-religious Unity?” Paper presented at a panel on *Religious Conversion: Meaning, Nation, and Transformation*. 32nd Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Milwaukee-Madison, WI, October 2003.
- 2002 --“Muslims as the ‘Other’ in Contemporary Hindu Nationalist Discourse.” Paper presented at a panel at the New York Conference on Asia, Skidmore College, NY, October 2002.
- 2001 --“Rethinking Jihad: Wahiduddin Khan’s Theology of Non-Violence.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, IL, March 2001.
- 2000 --(INV) “Secularism and Religious Activism in India: A Muslim Perspective.” Paper presented at the International Scholars Annual Dialogue, Jakarta, Indonesia, February 2000.
- 1997 --“The Unveiling of Mawdudi à la Wahiduddin Khan.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, November 1997.

- 1996 --“Islam and the Other: Wahiduddin Khan’s Perception of the Hindu-Muslim Dynamics in India Today.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, LA, November 1996.

B. Non-Refereed Paper Presentations

- 2009 --(INV) “‘A Common Word Between Us and You’: Significance and Implications of the Muslim Call to Dialogue and the Christian Response.” Paper presented at a panel on *A Common Word Between Us and You*. Milwaukee Muslim-Catholic Women’s Dialogue, Milwaukee, WI, May 21, 2009.
- (INV) “Peacemaking, Nonviolence and the Al-Risala Movement.” Presentation at the Center for Peacemaking, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, March 18, 2009.
- 2008 --(INV) “Religion and Secular Society: The Case of Islam.” Paper presented at a panel on *The Role of Religion in a Just and Sustainable World*. American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 1-3, 2008.
- (INV) “Reflecting Divine Light: al-Khidr as an Embodiment of God’s Mercy (*rahma*).” Paper presented at a Symposium on *Gotteserlebnis und Gotteslehre in der christlichen und der islamischen Mystik im Orient*. Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Göttingen, Germany, April 18-19, 2008.
- (INV) “The Qur’an on Love of God and Neighbor.” Paper presented at the Annual Sacred Scriptures conference on *What Our Sacred Scriptures say about Love of God and Neighbor*. Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 6, 2008.
- (INV) “Promoting ‘A Common Word’ for the Common Good.” Paper presented at the conference on *The Future of Christian-Muslim Relations: Where Do We Go From Here?* The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, March 2008.
- 2007 --(INV) “Qur’an: Islam’s Sacred Scripture.” Paper presented at the seminar on *Sacred Scriptures in the Abrahamic Religions*. Lutheran Campus Center and the Lubar Institute for the Study of Abrahamic Religions, Madison, WI, November 2007.
- (INV) “Jihad and Violence in the Qur’an: Potential for Peace in the Islamic Tradition.” Paper presented at a conference on *Das Friedenspotential von Religion / Religion’s Potential for Peace*, Institut für Europäische Geschichte and Johannes Gutenberg-Universität, Mainz, Germany, July 2007.
- (INV) “Seeking Justice without Violence: Christians and Muslims in a Globalized World,” and “Inter-religious Dialogue: A Muslim Perspective.” Seventh National Franciscan Forum, *Daring to Embrace the Other: Franciscans and Muslims in Dialogue*. Organized by The Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University, Franciscan Retreat Center, Colorado Springs, CO, June 2007.
- “Delhi’s Debates on ‘People of the Book’: Eclectic and Syncretistic Religious Movements in Late Medieval India.” Paper presented at a conference on *The Muslim, Jewish, Christian Heritage: Philosophical and Theological Explorations in the Abrahamic Heritage*, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, March 2007.
- 2006 --(INV) “The Ideology of Jihad: Radical Islamism in Indonesia,” and “Islam and Muslims in the United States.” Presentations at the Shihezi University, Xinjiang, P. R. China, December 2006.

- (INV) “Theories of Justice in Early Islam.” Presentation at a conference on *Justice in Evangelical Christian and Islamic Thought*, World Islamic Call Society, Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Chicago, November 2006.
- (INV) “Islam: A Globalized Threat?” Presentation at the research seminar on *Religion and Globalization: Friends or Foe? Religious Identity and Responsibility in a Globalized World*, Center for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, May 2006.
- “Islam and Pluralism: Contextual Debates in the Muslim World.” Department of Religion, Sunan Gunung Djati [State Islamic University], Bandung, Indonesia, May 2006.
- 2004 --(INV) “Compassion for Some, Neglect for Others: Can We Be Really Tolerant?” Presentation as part of a Global Ethics and Religion Forum panel on *Religious Tolerance in the Face of Terrorism*, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2004.
- (INV) “Islam and Human Rights.” Presentation at a panel on *How Can Humanity’s Religious Traditions Enrich Human Rights Discourse?* 2004 Parliament of the World’s Religions, Barcelona, Spain, July 2004.
- 2003 --(INV) “World Peace Through Dialogue.” Plenary address at the International Conference on World Peace, University of Gujarat, Ahmedabad, India, December 2003.
- 2001 --“The Re-writing of Muslim History in South Asia: A Response.” Respondent for a panel on the *Rewriting of Muslim History in South Asia*. Annual Meeting of the New York Conference on Asian Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, October 2001.
- 1997 --“Knowledge: The Khidrian Way,” Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science/Institute of Global Cultural Studies, Binghamton, NY, October 1997.
- (INV) “Non-Violence in the Qur’an.” Paper presented at the symposium on *Islam and Nonviolence* Non-Violence International, American University, Washington, DC, February 1997.
- 1996 --“The Concept of Time in Neo-Traditionist-Islamic Philosophy.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science/Institute of Global Cultural Studies, Binghamton, NY, October 1996.

III. TEACHING DATA

A. Courses Taught

- 2002-present *Marquette University*
- THEO 4540 “Hinduism, Yoga, and Buddhism”
 - THEO 4530 “Islam, Faith and Practice”
 - THEO 8550 “Christians and Muslims in Dialogue” (graduate level-team taught)
 - THEO 4510 “Survey of World Religions”
 - THEO 4420 “Theology, Violence, and Nonviolence”
 - THEO 164 “Islamic Theological and Philosophical Thought” (team taught)
 - THEO 185 “Introduction to Islam”

B. Doctoral Qualifying Exams, Dissertations and Master’s Theses

1. Doctoral Qualifying Exams’ Boards:

- October 10, 2008 – Helga Kesler
- September 30, 2005 – Richard Hanson
- September 16, 2005 – Maura Hearnden

2. Doctoral Dissertation Boards:

- May 7, 2008 – Marinus Chijioke Iwuchukwu, *The Catholic Church in Dialogue with Non-Christian Faith Traditions: Engaging Jacques Dupuis’ Model of Religious Pluralism with Walter Ong’s Concept of Dialogic Openness in Media Society*
- December 5, 2007 – Richard Hanson, *Self-Identity in Comparative Theology: The Functional Importance of Charles Taylor’s Concept of Self for a Theology of Religions*. Second Reader
- October 27, 2006 – Terrence J. Rynne, *Rethinking Christian Salvation in the Light of Gandhi’s Satyagraha*
- March 15, 2005 – Cyril Orji, *The Significance of Bernard Lonergan’s Work on Bias for the Ethnic and Religious Conflicts in Africa*

3. Master’s Theses:

- September 2002 -- Maura Hearnden, *Ambassador for the Word: Mary as a Bridge for Dialogue between Catholicism and Islam*. External Reader

IV. INVITED TALKS

- “Christian-Muslim Dialogue – Goals and Obstacles: A Response.” Participant in a panel at the 3rd Evangelical Christian-Muslim Dialogue, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, April 16-19, 2009.
- “Misconceptions of the Middle East and Islam.” Participant in a panel discussion, organized by Abbotsford Hall, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, February 12, 2009.
- “Faith and its Impact on Teaching and Research.” Participant in Faculty Commons Panel Discussion; organized by Manresa Project, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, February 5, 2009.
- “Islam and Culture.” Participant in a panel discussion hosted by Muslim Student Association, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, January 20, 2009.
- “Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations.” Talk at Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary, Nashotah, WI, December 10, 2008.
- “Tragedy in Mumbai: How does it Affect you?” Facilitated a discussion amongst students on their reactions to the terror attacks in India; organized by the Indian Student Association, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, December 4, 2008.

- “Christians and Muslims in Dialogue: Challenges and Prospects in the 21st Century.” Talk at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Brookfield, WI, November 9, 2008.
- “Promoting Religious Tolerance in Milwaukee: The Experience of the Muslim Community.” Panel presentation in a State Department sponsored workshop held at the Diederich College of Communication, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, October 10, 2008.
- “Integral Value of Aesthetics in the Use of the Qur’an.” Presentation at the *Lunchtime Learning* lecture series at the Haggerty Museum of Art, Marquette University, Milwaukee, October 9, 2008.
- “Islam in the Twenty-first Century,” and “Islam and Interfaith Dialogue.” Two talks given at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Milwaukee, WI, May 2008.
- “Muslims and Christians in a Violent World: A Shared Responsibility Towards Creating Sustainable Peace.” Talk at Vidyajyoti College of Theology, Delhi, India, January 2008.
- “Education and Humility.” Talk at the 15th Inter-school Debate Competition, Fatehpuri Muslim Senior Secondary School, Delhi, India, January 2008.
- “Islam and Christianity.” Talk at Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary, Nashotah, WI, December 2007.
- “Islam and Christianity between Conflict and Collaboration.” Talk at Straz Residence Hall, Marquette University, October 2007.
- “Recent Interfaith Activities at Marquette.” Presentation to the National Jesuit Advisory Board on Interreligious Dialogue and Relations - Jesuit Conference, Marquette University, October 2007.
- “Post 9/11 Islam in the United States,” and “Sufism.” Two talks at the Evangelische Theologie, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Germany, July 2007.
- “The Fulbright Experience.” Brown Bag Lunch program, Marquette University Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP), April, 2007.
- “Islam and Nonviolence: Are they compatible?” Justice Teach-In, Marquette University Student Government (MUSG), Marquette University, September 2006.
- “Recognizing the Humanity of the Other as a Basis for Interfaith Dialogue.” Response to keynote address by Prof. Willem Bijlefeld at the conference on *Christians and Muslims Together: Owning our Pasts - Visioning the Future*, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC), Chicago, September 2006.
- “Islam, Pluralism, and Nonviolence.” Discussion leader for the Faculty Seminar. Pusat Studi Islam dan Filsafat (PSIF) [Center for the Study of Islam and Philosophy]. Muhammadiyah University Malang, Malang, Indonesia, February-June 2006.
- “Islam and the West: Muslims in the 21st Century.” Department for the Study of Islam and Muhammadiyah Movement, Muhammadiyah University Malang, Indonesia, June 2006.
- “Approaches to the Study of Islam/Islamic Studies.” Presentation at the Faculty of Islamic Studies, Muhammadiyah University Malang, Malang, Indonesia, April 2006.
- “Islam in Dialogue with Other Religions on Contemporary Issues.” Presentation at IAIN Sunan Ampel [State Islamic University], Surabaya, Indonesia, April 2006.
- “Interfaith Dialogue: A Brief History of Growth and Recent Developments.” Shorewood Men’s Club, Shorewood, WI, January 2006.

- “Earthquake in Kashmir: Relief Efforts, Religious Politics and the Hope for a Better Future.” Presentation at a panel on *South Asian Earthquake Awareness*, Muslim Students Association, Marquette University, November 2005.
- “Islam and Globalization.” A series of five lectures at Boston University’s Summer Seminar. Institute on Culture, Religion, and World Affairs, Boston, MA, June 2005.
- “Tsunami: Where was God? A Muslim Perspective.” Presentation at Baylor University’s Center for American and Jewish Studies. Baylor University, Waco, TX, January 2005.
- “Islam: Beliefs and Practice.” Talk given at Marquette Law School as part of a panel on *Being Middle Eastern and Muslim in United States*. Marquette University, April 2004.
- “Islam and Democracy: Are They Compatible?” Presentation at a panel on *Democracy, Islam and the Question of Iraq*. Dept. of Political Science and Arab and Muslim Students Associations, Marquette University, April 2004.
- “Islam and Muslims.” Talk at Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary, Nashotah, WI, December 2003.
- “Biblical Figures in the Qur’an.” Presentation at the Biblical Colloquium, Department of Theology, Marquette University, Milwaukee, December 2003.
- “Al-Khidr – The Prophet of Islam.” Islamic Society of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, September 2003.
- “Islam and its Relationship with Christianity,” Priests’ Day Lecture at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, September 2003.
- “Macedonian Christians and Muslims in Dialogue.” Presentation at the Faculty Colloquium, Department of Theology, Marquette University, Milwaukee, February 2003.
- “Islam and the Abrahamic Heritage.” Talk at the University Lake School, Hartland, WI, January 2003.
- “Confidence Building Between the Churches and Religious Communities in Macedonia Through Dialogue.” Participated in the International Scholars Annual Dialogue, Global Dialogue Institute, Skopje, Macedonia, May 2002.

V. OTHER SCHOLARLY AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Organized a public lecture “Visual Cultures of World Religions” by visiting scholar Prof. Dr. Bärbel Beinhauer-Köhler from Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität, Frankfurt, Germany, April 2009.
- Served as a member of the Advisory Board of the Damietta Project: A Documentary on Christian-Muslim Interaction. A Video production of Franciscan Communications, 2008-09.
- Served as member of the planning committee to organize a major workshop on “Teaching About Islam: Pedagogical Resources and Perspectives,” Marquette University, 2008-09, headed by Kathleen Cepelka (Assoc. Dean, College of Education).
- Served as member of the “Committee on Muslim Student Life at MU,” Marquette University, 2008-09, headed by Stephanie Russell (Director, Office of Mission and Identity).
- Co-organized a student conference on “Exploring the Abrahamic Heritage: A One-Day Undergraduate Conference on the Importance of Philosophical and Theological Developments in Medieval Islam, Christianity and Judaism,” Marquette University, April 2008, with Richard Taylor and Owen Goldin (Philosophy Department).

- Interviewed on “Christian-Muslim Dialogue,” by *Voice of America/Urdu*, Washington, D.C., March 2008 (broadcast in March 2008).
- On-camera Interview for the documentary “Milwaukee’s Muslim Faithful,” Produced by *Milwaukee Public Television (MPTV)*, Milwaukee, December 2007 (broadcast in April 2008).
- Interviewed on “Jihad” by the *American Catholic Radio*, www.FranciscanRadio.org (broadcast in October 2007).
- Co-organized a public lecture delivered by Dr. Shalahuddin Kafrawi on “Islam and Multiculturalism: Are they Compatible?,” Marquette University, April 2007, with Richard Taylor.
- Co-organized a major conference on “The Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Heritage: Philosophical and Theological Explorations in the Abrahamic Traditions,” Marquette University, March 2007, with Richard Taylor.
- Co-organized a public lecture by Fr. Thomas Michel, S.J., “Contemporary Muslim Peace Movements: A Dynamic Alternative to Violence,” Marquette University, February 2007, with Richard Taylor.
- Served as Consultant to an international conference on “World’s Religions After September 11: A Global Congress,” Montreal, September 2006.
- Developed a new undergraduate course on “Islamic Theology and Philosophy,” Marquette University, with Richard Taylor, which was later team-taught by us in the spring 2007.
- Served as member of the Planning Committee for a major conference organized by the Manresa Project on “Justice and Mercy Will Kiss: A Conference on the Vocation of Peacemaking in a World of Many Faiths,” Marquette University, September 2005.
- On-camera Interview for the documentary “Decoding the Past: Secrets of the Koran,” Produced by *Towers Media* for the History Channel, Milwaukee, September 2005 (broadcast in March 2006).
- Co-organized “Paths to Understanding Lecture” by Dr. Nomanul Haq on “Islam, Secularism & State,” Marquette University, April 2005, with Jame Schaefer (Theology Department).
- Organized a symposium on “Peace Service in the Abrahamic Traditions: An Interfaith Symposium,” Marquette University, October 2004, co-sponsored by Global Peace Services, USA.
- Co-organized three public lectures on “Collaboration of Civilizations Among the Abrahamic Faiths,” Marquette University, March-April 2004, with Bradford E. Hinze (Theology Department).
- On-camera Interview for the documentary “Global Voices for Human Rights,” Produced by *Global Ethics and Religion Forum*, Barcelona, Spain, July 2004.
- On-camera Interview for the documentary “Patterns for Peace: India as a Model for Peace in a Multi-Religious Society,” Produced by *Global Ethics and Religion Forum*, New Delhi, India, December 2003.