

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Special Fields

History of Religions, South Asian Religions, Islamic & Interfaith Studies

Education

- 2011 Certificate of Completion, "Women in South Asian Muslim Societies,"
American Institute of Indian Studies, *University of Chicago*, Chicago, IL
- 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
- 1986 B.A., Liberal Arts, *St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi*, Delhi, India

Academic Positions

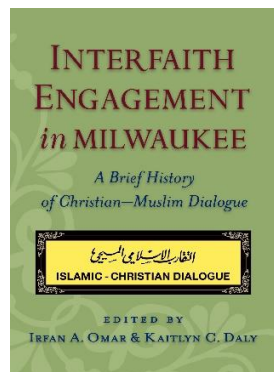
- 2010-- --Associate Professor, Department of Theology, *Marquette University*
- 2018-- --Honorary Affiliate, Middle East Studies Prog, *Univ of Wisconsin-Madison*
- 2014-- --Affiliated Faculty, Center for South Asia, *University of Wisconsin-Madison*
- 2002-2010 --Assistant Professor, Department of Theology, *Marquette University*
- 2007 (Sum) --Visiting Lecturer, Fachbereich Ev. Theologie, *J. W. Goethe-Universität*,
Frankfurt, Germany
- 2006 (Spr) --Fulbright Lecturer, Faculty of Theology, *Muhammadiyah University*, Malang,
Indonesia
- 2005 (Sum) --Visiting Lecturer, Institute on Culture, Religion & World Affairs, *Boston University*

Administrative Experience

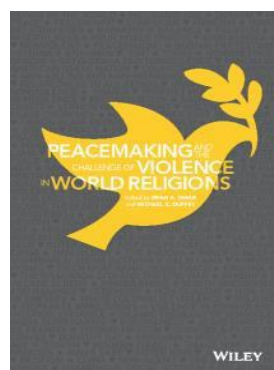
- 2014-2015 --Director of Assessment, Dept. of Theology, *Marquette University*
- 2013-2014 --Assistant Chair, Department of Theology, *Marquette University*

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

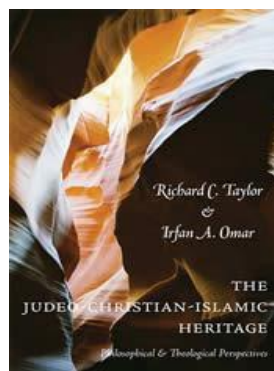
Books



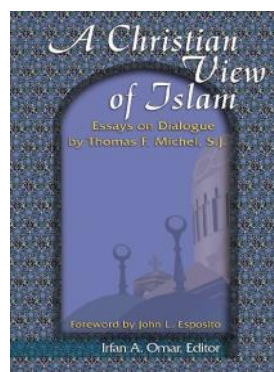
Interfaith Engagement in Milwaukee: A Brief History of Christian—Muslim Dialogue. Co-edited with Kaitlyn C. Daly. Milwaukee, WI: Marquette University Press, 2020, 374 pages



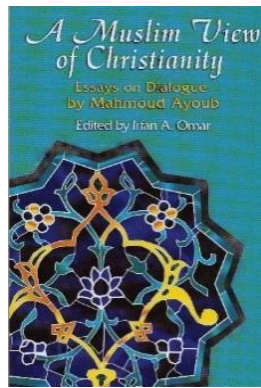
Peacemaking and the Challenge of Violence in World Religions. Co-edited with Michael K. Duffey. Oxford, UK: Wiley Blackwell, 2015, 256 pages.



The Judeo-Christian-Islamic Heritage: Philosophical and Theological Perspectives. Co-edited with Richard C. Taylor. Milwaukee, WI: Marquette University Press, 2012, 324+ pages.



A Christian View of Islam: Essays on Dialogue by Thomas F. Michel, S.J. Edited with an Introduction. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2010, 214+ pages.



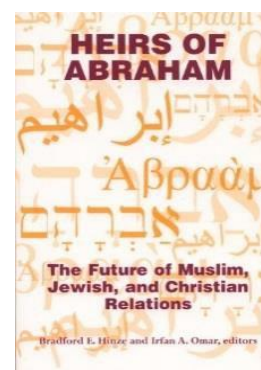
A Muslim View of Christianity: Essays on Dialogue by Mahmoud Ayoub. Edited volume. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2007, 264+ pages.



Herdeiros de Abraão: O futuro das relações entre muçulmanos, judeus e cristãos. Co-edited with Bradford E. Hinze. São Paulo, Brasil: PAULUS, 2007, 192+ pages (Portuguese translation of *Heirs of Abraham*).



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.



Heirs of Abraham: The Future of Muslim, Jewish, and Christian Relations. Co-edited with Bradford E. Hinze. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2005, 158+ pages.

Book Chapters

- “An Overview of Interfaith Engagement in Milwaukee” (co-authored with Kaitlyn C. Daly). In *Interfaith Engagement in Milwaukee: A Brief History of Christian—Muslim Dialogue*. Co-edited with Kaitlyn C. Daly. Milwaukee, WI: Marquette University Press, 2020, pp. 251-337.
- (INV) “Islam and Inter-Religious Dialogue: A Muslim Perspective.” In *St. Francis and the Sultan, 1219-2019: A Commemorative Booklet*. Ed. Michael Calabria, OFM. Cincinnati, OH: Franciscan Media, 2019, pp. 50-71; Spanish trans: “Islam y diálogo interreligioso: Una perspectiva desde el Islam.” *San Francisco y el Sultán, 1219-2019: Libro conmemorativo*, pp. 55-76; Italian trans: “L’Islam e il dialogo interreligioso: una visione musulmana.” *San Francesco e il Sultano, 1219-2019: Un libretto commemorativo*, pp. 53-76.
- (INV) “Qur’an Upholds Plurality as the Will of God.” In *Seeking Communion: A Collection of Conversations*. Ed. Joseph Victor Edwin, S.J. Delhi: ISPCK/Hyderabad: Henry Martyn Institute, 2018, pp. 1-11.
- “Jihad and Nonviolence in the Islamic Tradition.” In *Peacemaking and the Challenge of Violence in World Religions*. Ed. Irfan A. Omar and Michael K. Duffey. Oxford, UK: Wiley Blackwell, 2015, pp. 9-40.
- “Delhi’s Debates on *Ahl-i Kitāb*: Dara Shikuh’s Islamization of the Upanishads.” In *The Judeo-Christian-Islamic Heritage: Philosophical and Theological Perspectives*. Ed. Richard C. Taylor and Irfan A. Omar. Milwaukee, WI: Marquette University Press, 2012, pp. 89-109.
- (INV) “Teologia interconfessional mundial do pluralismo religioso: uma perspectiva musulmana.” In *POR UMA TEOLOGIA PLANETARIA*. Ed. Jose Maria Vigil. Sao Paulo: Paulinas/ASETT EATWOT, 2011, pp. 163-171.
- (INV) “Reflecting Divine Light: al-Khidr as an Embodiment of God’s Mercy (*rahma*).” In *Gotteseerlebnis und Gotteslehre: Christliche und islamische Mystik im Orient*. Ed. Martin Tamcke. Wiesbaden, Germany: Harrassowitz-Verlag, 2010, pp. 167-180.

- “Building a ‘Community of Witness’: Father Thomas Michel, S.J. on Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations.” In *A Christian View of Islam: Essays on Dialogue by Father Thomas F. Michel, S.J.* Ed. Irfan A. Omar. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2010, pp. 1-6.
- (INV) “World Interfaith Theology of Religious Pluralism: A Muslim Perspective.” In *Toward a Planetary Theology, Along the Many Paths of God.* Montreal: Dunamis, 2010, pp. 106-111.
- (INV) “Teología mundial inter-creyente del pluralismo religioso: Una perspectiva musulmana.” In *Por los muchos caminos de Dios. Vol. 5 of Hacia una teología planetaria.* Ed. José María Vigil. Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians. Quito, Ecuador, Abya Yala, 2010, pp. 108-113.
- (INV) “Dschihad und Gewalt im Koran: Zum Friedenspotenzial des Koran und in der Islamischen Tradition.” Tr. Markus Wriedt. In *Das Friedenspotenzial von Religion.* Ed. Irene Dingel and Christiane Tietz. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2009, pp. 71-99.

Journal Articles

- (REF) “*Ijtihād* as Intellectual *Jihād*: Renewal of the ‘Spirit of Islam’ in Maulana Wahiduddin Khan’s Thought.” *Journal of the Henry Martyn Institute (India)* vol. 37, 1 (January-June 2018): pp. 1-16.
- (REF) “Sayyidina ‘Īsā: Jesus in the Eyes of a Muslim.” *Bulletin of Ecumenical Theology (Nigeria)* vol. 27 (2015): pp. 8-47.
- (INV) “Keeping Shari‘ah and Reclaiming Jihad,” *Political Theology (USA)* vol. 12, 5 (October 2011): pp. 706-712.
- (REF) “Where the Two Oceans Meet: An Attempt at Hindu-Muslim Rapprochement in the Works of Dara Shikuh.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies (USA)* vol. 44, 2 (Spring 2009): pp. 303-314.

Book Reviews

- (REF) Review of *Freedom in the Arab World: Concepts and Ideologies in Arabic Thought in the Nineteenth Century* by Wael Abu-'Uksa, in *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (IJMES), vol. 50, 3 (2018): pp. 604-606.
- (REF) Review of *Religion as Critique: Islamic Critical Thinking from Mecca to the Marketplace* by Irfan Ahmad, in *Maydan*, an online journal of the Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies at George Mason University, published online: May 30, 2018. <https://www.themaydan.com/2018/05/book-review-religion-critique-islamic-critical-thinking-mecca-marketplace-irfan-ahmad-reviewed-irfan-omar/>
- (REF) Review of *Unsettling Sikh and Muslim Conflict* by Katy Sian, in *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, vol. 26, 4 (2015): pp. 527-529 (online publication date: July 17, 2015).
- (REF) Review of *Mawlana Mawdudi and Political Islam: Authority and the Islamic State*, by Roy Jackson, in *Contemporary Islam*, vol. 9, 2 (2015): pp. 223-225. (online publication date: September 8, 2013).
- (REF) Review of *Islam's Jesus* by Zeki Saritoprak, in *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, vol. 49, 4 (2014): pp. 673-674.
- (REF) Review of *Becoming American? The Forging of Arab and Muslim Identity in Pluralist America* by Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad, in *Journal of Islamic Studies*, vol. 25, 3 (2014): pp. 389-391.
- (REF) Review of *The Book of Ascension to the Essential Truths of Sufism. Mi'rāj al-tashawwuf ilā ḥaqā'iq al-taṣawwuf* by Aḥmad ibn 'Ajība. Tr. and annotated by Mohamed Fouad Aresmouk and Michael Abdurrahman Fitzgerald, in *Journal of Sufi Studies*, vol. 2, 2 (2013): pp. 217-220.
- (REF) Review of *Arguing the Just War in Islam* by John Kelsay, in *Modern Theology*, vol. 26, 1 (2010): pp. 173-176.
- (REF) Review of *A Shared World: Christians and Muslims in the Early Modern Mediterranean* by Molly Greene, in *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, vol. 20, 4 (2009): pp. 482-483.

SELECT PAPER/PANEL PRESENTATIONS

- (REF) “Religion as Critique: Abū al-‘Alā’ al-Ma‘arrī’s *Risālat al-Ghufrān* on Life and the Hereafter.” Paper presented at the [International Congress on Medieval Studies](#), Kalamazoo, MI, May 9-10, 2019.
- (REF) “Muslim Views of Moses and Khidr in the Context of Q. 18:60-82.” Paper presented at a panel on *The Biblical Figures Outside the Bible in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* at the [Annual Conference of the European Academy of Religion \(EUARE\)](#), Bologna, Italy, March 4-7, 2019.
- (INV) “Dara Shikoh’s Legacy: The Promise and perils of Interfaith Dialogue.” [Pratidhwani workshop](#), University of Delhi, New Delhi, India, April 23, 2018.
- (REF) “Al-Ghazālī’s Views of Knowledge as Analogous to the Khidrīan Trope.” Paper presented at the conference on [Human Knowing in the Medieval Arabic and Latin Traditions](#). Faculté des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines, Université Cadi Ayyad, Marrakech, Morocco, March 15-16, 2018.
- (REF) “Creating a Culture of Dialogue on Marquette Campus: Challenges and Future Prospects.” Panel presentation at a panel on *Islam, Interfaith Dialogue and Jesuit Universities* at the AJCU Conference on [Commitment to Justice in Jesuit Higher Education](#). Seattle University, Seattle, WA, August 10-14, 2017.
- (INV) “Dara Shikoh’s Passion for Hindu-Muslim Dialogue.” Paper presented at the [International Conference on Dara Shikoh: Reclaiming Spiritual Legacy of India](#). Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, India, April 27-28, 2017.
- (REF) “Sir Syed Ahmad Khan and the Religious ‘Other’.” Paper presented at the Preconference on *Modernity and Tradition in South Asian Muslim Thought*. [45th Annual Conference on South Asia](#), Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI, October 20-23, 2016.
- (INV) “Ijtihad as Intellectual Jihad: Renewal of the ‘Spirit of Islam’ in Maulana Wahiduddin Khan’s Thought.” Paper presented at a panel on *Spiritual Jihad in Modern Times*. [Nursi Conference on ‘Spiritual Jihad: A Path for the 21st Century’](#). John Carroll University, Cleveland, OH, November 13-14, 2015.

- (REF) "Da'wah Activism Among the Followers of the Al-Risala Movement."
The 44th Annual Conference on South Asia, Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI, October 23-25, 2015.
- (INV) "Comparative Theology and Scholarship at Marquette." Presentation at a panel on *Comparative Theology* at the conference on Islam at Jesuit Colleges and Universities in the United States. University of San Francisco (USF), San Francisco, CA, April 11-12, 2015.
- (REF) "Wahhabism, 'Group Memory,' and Indian Muslim Views of the Other."
Paper presented at a panel on *Delimitations and Particularities of the Muslim Worldview: Middle Eastern Ideals and South Asian Realities* at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS), Chicago, IL, March 25-27, 2015.
- (INV) "The Idea of the Holy in Islam: A Dialogue with Rudolf Otto." Paper presented at the conference on *The Holy in a Pluralistic World: Rudolf Otto's Legacy in the Twenty-First Century*, UW Lubar Institute for the Study of the Abrahamic Religions, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, November 5-6, 2014.
- (REF) "Neo-Muslims and the Global Outreach of the Al-Risala Movement."
Paper presented at a panel on *Learning to Be Muslim* at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR), Indianapolis, IN, October 31-November 2, 2014.
- (REF) "Dynamics of Being in the Great War: Indian Muslim Soldiers' View of the 'Other'." Paper presented at a panel on *India and the Great War* at the 23rd European Conference on South Asian Studies (ECSAS), University of Zurich, Switzerland, July 23-26, 2014.
- (REF) "Hermeneutics of Inter-religious Engagement: Dara Shikuh's 'Islamic' View of the Other." Paper presented at a panel on *Asian and Comparative Philosophy* at the 88th Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (APA), Pacific Division, San Diego, CA, April 17-19, 2014.

- (INV) “Muslim Journeys American Stories: A Response.” Panel Discussion of Eboo Patel’s *Acts of Faith*. [University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee](#), AGS Library, Milwaukee, WI. January 29, 2014.
- (REF) “Indian Muslim Soldiers’ Religious Responses to the Great War.” Paper presented at a panel on *India and the Great War*. [42nd Annual Conference on South Asia](#), Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 17-20, 2013.
- “Muslims and Others: Realizing the Dialogical Imperative.” Paper presented at a conference on *Engaging Islam and Muslims: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, March 19-20, 2013.
- (REF) “Ethics of Nonviolence: An Islamic Response to Injustice.” Paper presented at the *International Conference on Knowledge, Reality, and Value*, [Society for Indian Philosophy and Religion](#), Vedic Village, Kolkata, India, January 3-5, 2013.
- “Making Peace with the Self: Approaches to Interfaith Dialogue.” Paper presented at the conference on *Living in Peace and Harmony in a Multicultural World: The Risale-i Nur Perspective*, Center for Arabic and African Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, February 1-2, 2012.
- (REF) “Reading Damascus Sermon in the 21st Century: Journeying into the Faith of the Other as a Means to Self-realization.” Paper presented at the conference on *Challenges to Contemporary Islam: The Muslim World 100 Years after Said Nursi’s Damascus Sermon*. John Carroll University, Cleveland, OH, October 24-25, 2011.
- (REF) “The Reception of al-Ghazali’s Thought in the West and its Implications for Interreligious Dialogue.” Paper presented at the [International Symposium on Al-Ghazali and the Modern Age](#). Faculty of Divinity, Suleyman Demirel University, Isparta, Turkey, May 12-14, 2011.

INVITED TALKS

- “Re-framing Peace: Muslim Stories of Peacemaking for the 21st Century.”
Keynote delivered at the conference on *The Abode of Peace: Spirituality and Harmony in Islam*. Center for Middle Eastern & North African Studies (CMENAS), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, March 21, 2019.
- “Understanding Jihad and Practicing Peace: A Muslim Theology of Nonviolence.” Public presentation at the *International Seminar on Peace Education*. State University of North Sumatera (UIN) Medan, Indonesia, November 29, 2018.
- “Al-Khidr: Between the (Qur’anic) Text and the (Mystical) Tradition.” *Middle Eastern Studies Program (MESP) Lecture Series*. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, November 19, 2018.
- “One God, One Humanity: A Muslim Response to Religious Prejudice.”
Plenary presentation at the Annual Meeting of the *National Catholic-Muslim Dialogue*. Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL, March 7-8, 2018.
- “The Oneness of God and the Diversity of Religions.” Lecture Presentations organized by the *Jay Phillips Center for Interfaith Learning* at the Islamic Center of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, and St. John’s University, Collegeville, MN, October 2-3, 2017.
- “Christian-Muslim Relations in Historical Perspective.” Lecture presentation at the ‘Faith Forum’ organized by the Church of the Gesu, Milwaukee, WI, September 25, 2016.
- “Gandhi’s View of Jihad and Its Implications for Hindu-Muslim Relations.”
Lecture presentation at the Department of Gandhian Thought and Ramalingam Philosophy, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, India, March 15, 2016.
- “Jihad and Satyagraha in a Comparative Perspective.” Lecture presentation at the Department of Gandhian Studies, Gandhigram Rural University, Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu, India, March 14, 2016.

- “Sayidina Īsā: Jesus in the Eyes of a Muslim.” Lecture presentation at the 2014 Symposium on Interreligious Dialogue, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, September 24, 2014.
- “Hermeneutics of Inter-religious Engagement: Dara Shikuh’s ‘Islamic’ View of the Other.” Lecture presentation at the Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, April 3, 2014.
- “The Imperative of Interfaith Dialogue: A Muslim Perspective.” Lecture presentation at MUIS (Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura) Academy, Singapore, January 12, 2013.
- “Islam and Interfaith Dialogue: The Quranic Imperative.” Lecture presentation, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, February 22, 2012.
- “An Agenda for Peace: Said Nursi and Wahiduddin Khan in Comparative Perspective.” Lecture presentation at the conference on *Said Nursi in the 21st Century*, Al-Huda Islamic University, Kerala, India, January 29, 2012.

SELECT COURSES

2002-present Marquette University

- THEO 2951 “Faith, Nonviolence & Peacebuilding” (India - *study abroad*)
- THEO 1001 “Introduction to Theology” (*inter-religious component, team-taught*)
- THEO 4951 “Islam and the West: Islamic Culture” (Morocco - *study abroad*)
- THEO 3350 “Christian—Muslim Dialogue”
- THEO 2500 “Theology, Violence, and Nonviolence in World Religions”
- THEO 4390 “Introduction to Islamic Studies” (*inter-disciplinary, team-taught*)
- THEO 4540 “Hinduism, Yoga, and Buddhism”
- THEO 4530 “Islam, Faith and Practice”
- THEO 8550 “Christians and Muslims in Dialogue” (*graduate*)
- THEO 4510 “Survey of World Religions”
- THEO 164 “Islamic Theological and Philosophical Thought” (*team taught*)

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- 2012- *Society of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion* (SRER)
2012-2014 *Society of Asian and Comparative Philosophy* (SACP)
2010-2012 *American Institute for Maghreb Studies* (AIMS)
2006-2012 *European Association for South Asian Studies* (EASAS)
2002- *South Asian Muslim Studies Association* (SAMSA)
--since 2003 Member of Executive Board
--2009-2012 President
1996- *Association for Asian Studies* (AAS) (w/lapses)

EDITORIAL BOARDS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- 2019- Member, Advisory Board, [İslami Araştırmalar](#)
2010- Member, Editorial Board, [Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion](#)
2004- Associate Editor, [Journal of Ecumenical Studies](#)

ACADEMIC PEER REVIEW AFFILIATIONS

Peer reviewed manuscripts for:

- *Comparative Islamic Studies*
- *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* (every year since 2002)
- *The Journal of Moral Education*
- *Journal of Muslim Philanthropy & Civil Society*
- *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion* (every year since 2011)
- *The Journal of Religion*
- *Theological Studies*
- Fortress Press
- E. J. Brill
- Pluto Press
- State University of New York (SUNY) Press
- Oxford University Press
- Rowman & Littlefield Publishers
- University of Toronto Press

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Participated as member of National Catholic-Muslim Dialogue, co-sponsored by United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), Catholic Theological Union, Chicago, IL, March 25-26, 2019.
- Organized an Interfaith Symposium on “Encountering the Religious Other: What Lessons Have We Learned?” Co-sponsored by Marquette University Center for Peacemaking and Campus Ministry. Marquette University, WI, April 30, 2018.
- Co-organized an Interdisciplinary conference on “Christian—Muslim Relations in America Today,” with Richard Taylor & Phillip Naylor. Marquette University, March 27-29, 2017.
- Outside Reviewer of Promotion and Tenure file of Dr. Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College, Spring 2017.
- Participated in the National Catholic-Muslim Dialogue, co-sponsored by United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), University of San Diego, San Diego CA, February 17-18, 2016.
- Participated in an online panel discussion on the documentary “Waking in Oak Creek.” Milwaukee Public Television (MPTV), Milwaukee, WI, August 4, 2014.
- Outside Reviewer of Promotion and Tenure file of Dr. Fatima Imam, Lake Forest College, Fall 2013.
- Participated in the Midwest Catholic-Muslim Dialogue – co-sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), John Carroll University, Cleveland OH, October 28-30, 2013.

- Co-organized a symposium on “Peacemaking and Nonviolence in World Religions,” with Michael Duffey and the Center for Peacemaking, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, October 3, 2013.
- Co-organized an Interdisciplinary conference on “Engaging Islam and Muslims-Multidisciplinary Perspectives,” with Richard Taylor & Phillip Naylor. Marquette University, March 19-20, 2013.
- Reviewed applications for Fulbright Student grants (Jordan and Oman) as part of the National Screening Committee (NSC), for the Institute of International Education (IIE), Chicago, IL, December 12-13, 2012.
- Co-organized an Interfaith panel discussion on “Working Together Against Violence: The Contribution of Religious Communities to Social Harmony,” Marquette University, November 27, 2012.
- Participated in the Midwest Catholic-Muslim Dialogue – National Plenary, co-sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), Catholic Theological Union, Chicago IL, October 3-5, 2012.
- Participated in the Faculty Development Workshop on “Women in South Asian Islamic Societies.” Organized by University of Chicago Southern Asia Language and Area Center (SALAC) and the American Institute of Indian Studies, University of Chicago, December 2, 2011.