

LOCAL ISLAMIS

Research Service Learning: Scholarship with a Civic Mission

Stage One: Gateway Course

Franklin Center 016 A/B

Friday 1:15 to 4 p.m. (on days we have field visits)

2 to 4 p.m. (on days we have discussions)

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Active participation in class and attendance in field trips is the primary requirement. Appropriate clothing must be worn when visiting the mosques. This means: long sleeves and long pants or skirts. Women must bring some kind of head covering.

20% Completion of 20 hours of community service.

40% Completion of Course Readings

20% Weekly postings of “journal entries” on blackboard, 1 page, single spaced responses to the course readings or field experiences. These are due the Thursday BEFORE class. In addition, please read and respond to at least one of your colleagues’ postings (1/20— 4/7)

20% DUE March 11th: Take home midterm on course readings.

40% Research Project

10% DUE Feb 25th: First Report on Center Profile

10% DUE March 25th: Second Report on Center Profile & Discussion of Research Project

20% DUE Friday, April 15th & 22nd:

Class presentation of your project results (20 minutes) & submission of

1. write-up of your research, incorporating both field work and literature (8 pages)

OR

2. a comparable record in other media (film, video, photography, or web page).

PRINCIPAL TEXTS

Curtis, Edward. *Islam in Black America: Identity, Liberation, and Difference in African-American Islamic Thought*. Albany, NY: State University of New York, 2002.

Eck, Diana L. *A New Religious America: How a “Christian Country” Has Now Become the World’s Most Religiously Diverse Nation*. San Francisco: Harper, 2001.

Ernst, Carl. *Following Muhammad: Rethinking Islam in the Contemporary World*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2003.

Lawrence, Bruce B. *New Faiths, Old Fears: Muslims and Other Asian Immigrants in American Religious Life*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2002.

Malcolm X with Alex Haley. *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*. New York: Ballantine, 1973.

Safi, Omid, ed. *Progressive Muslims: On Justice, Gender, and Pluralism*. Oxford: One World, 2003.

SYLLABUS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14th INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM

READING

Ernst, Carl. *Following Muhammad: Rethinking Islam in the Contemporary World*.
Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2003.

FILM *The Living Islam* (BBC, 1993)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21th Eid al-Adha (or Eid al-Kabir), Feast of the Sacrifice

FIELD VISIT

Islamic Center in Raleigh
3020 Ligon Street
Raleigh, NC 27607
<http://www.islam1.org/>

OR 7:30 a.m. Dorton Arena at State
Fairgrounds in Raleigh
1025 Blue Ridge Boulevard 27607

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25th ORIENTATION SESSION

Al-Iman School
3020 Ligon Street
Raleigh, NC 27607
<http://www.islam1.org/>

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28th ISLAM IN AMERICA

READINGS

Eck, Diana L. *A New Religious America: How a "Christian Country" Has Now Become the World's Most Religiously Diverse Nation*. San Francisco: Harper, 2001.

Chapter One: Introduction to a New America

Chapter Two: From Many, One

Chapter Five: American Muslims: Cousins and Strangers

Chapter Six: Afraid of Ourselves

Chapter Seven: A New Multireligious America

Wadud, Amina. "American Muslim Identity: Race and Ethnicity in Progressive Islam."

Progressive Muslims: On Justice, Gender, and Pluralism. Ed. Omid Safi. Oxford: One World, 2003: 270-286.

FILM *Muslims in America: Islam in Exile* (Films for the Humanities, 2003)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4th IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

Facilitator: Sheikh Jaafar Muhibbullah

Present your own family's immigrant experience— interview your family and relatives and discuss the challenges they faced in coming to the United States

READINGS

Lawrence, Bruce B. *New Faiths, Old Fears: Muslims and Other Asian Immigrants in American Religious Life*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2002.

Chapter Two: Civil Society and Immigrants

Chapter Three: New Immigrants as Pariahs

Ong, Aihwa. "Cultural Citizenship as Subject-Making: Immigrants Negotiate Racial and Cultural Boundaries in the United States." *Current Anthropology* 37. 5 (1996): 737-62.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11th

MEET AT NOON.

Facilitator: Sheikh Jaafar Muhibbullah

FIELD VISIT

Islamic Ahl ul-Bayt Association of the Triangle (IABAT)

1725 Carpenter Fletcher Road, Suite 301 & 302

Durham, NC 27713

<http://www.iabat.org>

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18^h

AFRICAN AMERICAN ISLAM

Facilitator: Professor Edward Curtis, Religious Studies, UNC Chapel Hill

READINGS

Curtis, Edward. *Islam in Black America: Identity, Liberation, and Difference in African-American Islamic Thought*. Albany, NY: State University of New York, 2002.

Introduction.

Chapter 5: "Islamic Universalism, Black Particularism, & the Dual Identity of Malcolm X"

Chapter 7: "Toward an Islam for One People and Many"

Malcolm X with Alex Haley. *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*. New York: Ballantine, 1973.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25th

DUE: FIRST REPORT ON CENTER PROFILE

Facilitator: Usep 'Abd al-Matin, PhD candidate, Religion Department

FIELD VISITS

Masjid Tawheed wa Sunnah

2611 Durham-Chapel Hill

Boulevard

Durham, NC 27707

www.daruahlilathar.com/

Ar-Razzaq Islamic Center

Imam Said Abdul-Salaam

1009 West Chapel Hill Street

Durham, NC 27701

Jamaat Ibad Ar-Rahman

3034 Fayetteville Street

Durham, NC 27702

FRIDAY, MARCH 4th

MOSQUE AND SCHOOL

READINGS

Metcalf, Barbara D., ed. *Making Muslim Space in North America and Europe*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996.

<http://www.netlibrary.com>

Read "Introduction: Sacred Words, Sanctioned Practice, New Communities" pp. 1-27

Choose one or two essays from the book and prepare to present them to the class. Focus especially on the concept of communal space and how it is presented. Relate this to your own fieldwork and experience and, if possible, draw comparisons and contrasts.

Hermansen, Marcia. "Identity Islam and Muslim Youth Cultures in America." *Progressive Muslims: On Justice, Gender, and Pluralism*. Ed. Omid Safi. Oxford: One World, 2003: 306-320.

Badr, Hoda. "Al-Noor Mosque: Strength Through Unity." *Religion and the New Immigrants*. Eds. Helen R. Ebaugh and J.S. Chafetz. New York: Altamira Press, 2000: 193-228.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11th

DUE: Take home MIDTERM.

MUSLIM WOMEN

Women Activists: Chyrel Boutrid, Debbie Jaunich, Fatima Khan

READINGS

- Blige, B. and Barbara Aswad. "Introduction." *Family and Gender Among American Muslims: Issues Facing Middle Eastern Immigrants and Their Descendants*. Eds. B. Blige and Barbara Aswad. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1996.
- Haddad, Yvonne and Jane Smith. "Islamic Values among American Muslims." *Family and Gender among American Muslims: Issues Facing Middle Eastern Immigrants and Their Descendants*. Eds. B. Blige and Barbara Aswad. Philadelphia: Temple University, 1996.
- Webb, Gisela. *Windows of Faith: Muslim Women Scholar-activists in North America*. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2000.
- Introduction: "May Muslim Women Speak for Themselves, Please?"

<p>FRIDAY, MARCH 18th ;SPRING BREAK!</p>

FRIDAY, MARCH 25th

DUE: SECOND REPORT ON CENTER PROFILE & DISCUSSION OF RESEARCH PROJECT

SUFISM

Facilitator: Professor Canguzel Zulfikar, History, UNC Chapel Hill

READINGS

Ernst, Carl. *The Shambala Guide to Sufism*. Cambridge: Shambala, 1997. Each of you will choose a chapter to present on (the previous week).

MONDAY, MARCH 28th at 9 p.m.

Sohbet: Spiritual Discourse

Unity Center for Peace

8800 Sewell Road (and High School Road)

Chapel Hill, NC 27516

<http://www.unitychapelhill.org/>

THURSDAY, MARCH 31st at 9 p.m.

Zikr: Ceremony of Remembrance

Unity Center for Peace

FRIDAY, APRIL 1st

INTERFAITH

Facilitator: Amy Nelson

READINGS

Eck, Diana and the Pluralism Project. *On Common Ground: World Religions in America*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1997. Selections.

Hussain, Amir. "Muslims, Pluralism, and Interfaith Dialogue." *Progressive Muslims: On Justice, Gender, and Pluralism*. Ed. Omid Safi. Oxford: One World Press, 2002.

Lawrence, Bruce B. *New Faiths, Old Fears: Muslims and Other Asian Immigrants in American Religious Life*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2002.

Chapter Five: "Reimagining Religious Pluralism"

FRIDAY, APRIL 8th

CONDUCTING FIELD WORK

READINGS

- Cassell, Joan and Sue-Ellen Jacobs, eds. *Handbook on Ethical Issues in Anthropology*. Washington, D.C.: American Anthropological Association Publication, 1987.
<<http://www.aaanet.org/committees/ethics/toc.htm>>.
- Emerson, Robert, Rachel Fretz, and Linda Shaw. *Writing Ethnographic Fieldnotes*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1995.
- Geertz, Clifford. "'Thick Description: Toward an Interpretive Theory of Culture.'" *Contemporary Field Research*. Ed. Robert Emerson. Boston: Little, Brown, and Company, 1983.
- Levy, Robert I and Douglas Hollan. *Handbook of Methods in Cultural Anthropology*. Eds. H. Russell Bernard. Walnut Creek: Altamira Press, 1998.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15th and FRIDAY, APRIL 23rd

DUE: FINAL PRESENTATIONS & FINAL PROJECTS

THEMATIC BIBLIOGRAPHY & ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Introduction to ISLAM

- Ernst, Carl. *Following Muhammad: Rethinking Islam in the Contemporary World*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2003.
- Esposito, John. *Islam: The Straight Path*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1991.
- Rahman, Fazlur. *Islam*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1979.
- , *Islam and Modernity: Transformation of an Intellectual Tradition*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1984.

Islam in America

- Barkan, Elliott R. "Race, Religion, and Nationality in American Society: A Model of Ethnicity—From Contact to Assimilation." *Journal of American Ethnic History* 14, 2 (1995): 38-76.
- Eck, Diana L. *A New Religious America: How a "Christian Country" Has Now Become the World's Most Religiously Diverse Nation*. San Francisco: Harper, 2001.
- Haddad, Yvonne, ed. *Muslims of America*. New York: Oxford, 1991.
- and Jane Smith, eds. *Mission to America: Five Islamic Sectarian Communities in North America*. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 1993.
- , eds. *Muslim Communities in North America*. Albany, NY: State University of New York, 1994.
- Leonard, Karen. *Muslims in the United States: The State of Research*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2003.
- Wadud, Amina. "American Muslim Identity: Race and Ethnicity in Progressive Islam." *Progressive Muslims: On Justice, Gender, and Pluralism*. Ed. Omid Safi. Oxford: One World Press, 2003.
- Waugh, Earl W. et al. *The Muslim Community in North America*. Edmonton: University of Alberta Press, 1983.

Immigrant Communities

Abraham, Sameer Y. and Nabeel Abraham, eds. *The Arab World and Arab-Americans: Understanding a Neglected Minority*. Detroit: Wayne State University, Center for Urban Studies, 1981.

Kivisto, Peter. "Religion and the New Immigrants." *A Future for Religion? New Paradigms for Social Analysis*. Newbury Park, CA: Sage, 1992.

Lawrence, Bruce B. *New Faiths, Old Fears: Muslims and Other Asian Immigrants in American Religious Life*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2002.

Naff, Alixa. *Becoming American: The Early Arab Immigrant Experience*. Carbondale, IL: Southern Illinois University Press, 1985.

Ong, Aihwa. "Cultural Citizenship as Subject-Making: Immigrants Negotiate Racial and Cultural Boundaries in the United States." *Current Anthropology* 37. 5 (1996): 737-62.

Ueda, Reed. *Postwar Immigrant America: A Social History*. Boston: St. Martin's Press, 1994.

Williams, Raymond. *Religions of Immigrants from India and Pakistan: New Threads in the American Tapestry*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1988.

African American Islam

Curtis, Edward. *Islam in Black America: Identity, Liberation, and Difference in African-American Islamic Thought*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2002.

Malcolm X with Alex Haley. *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*. New York: Ballantine, 1973.

McCloud, Amina Beverly. *African American Islam*. New York: Routledge, 1995.

Rouse, Carolyn Moxley. *Engaged Surrender: African American Women and Islam*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2004.

Turner, Richard Brent. *Islam in the African-American Experience*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1997.

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Barazangi, Nimat Hafez, ed. *Taqwa, Issues of Islamic Education in the United States*. Special issue of *Religion and Education* 25, 1/2 (winter 1998).

Hermansen, Marcia. "Identity Islam and Muslim Youth Cultures in America." *Progressive Muslims: On Justice, Gender, and Pluralism*. Ed. Omid Safi. Oxford: One World Press, 2003: 306-320.

Maira, Sunaina. "Henna and Hip Hop: The Politics of Cultural Production and the Work of Cultural Studies." *Journal of Asian American Studies* 3.3 (October 2000): 329-69.

Metcalf, Barbara D., ed. *Making Muslim Space in North America and Europe*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996.

Starrett, Gregory. *Putting Islam to Work: Education, Politics, and Religious Transformation*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998.

Waugh, Earle H. "The Imam in the New World: Models and Modifications." *Transitions and Transformations in the History of Religions*. Ed. F.E. Reynolds. Leiden: EJ Brill, 1980.

Interfaith and Pluralism

Eck, Diana and the Pluralism Project. *On Common Ground: World Religions in America*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1997.

Glazer, Nathan. *American Judaism*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1989.

Handy, Robert T. *A Christian America: Protestant Hopes and Historical Realities*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1971.

Herberg, Will. *Protestant, Catholic, Jew: An Essay in American Religious Sociology*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1983.

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Islamic Feminism

Ahmad, Leila. *Women and Gender in Islam*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992.

Blige, B. and Barbara Aswad. "Introduction." *Family and Gender among American Muslims: Issues Facing Middle Eastern Immigrants and Their Descendants*. Eds. B. Blige and Barbara Aswad. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1996.

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Hoodfar, Homa. *The Muslim Veil in North America: Issues and Debates*. Toronto: Women's Press, 2003.

Khan, Shahnaz. *Muslim Women: Crafting a North American Identity*. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2000.

Stowasser, Barbara. "Religious Ideology, Women, and the Family: The Islamic Paradigm." *Islamic Impulse*. Ed. Barbara Stowasser. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 1987.

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Yamani, Mai, ed. *Feminism and Islam: Legal and Literary Perspectives*. New York: New York University Press, 1996.

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DeWalt, Kathleen and Billie R. "Participant Observation." *Handbook of Methods in Cultural Anthropology*. Eds. H. Russell Bernard. Walnut Creek: Altamira Press, 1998.

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