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Education

- PhD, Philosophy of language, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, May 2013.
- MA, Philosophy, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2009.
- Diploma of high studies in philosophy, Damascus University, 2001.
- BA, Philosophy, Damascus University, 2000.

Publications:

Book publications:

- *On Pain and Suffering: a Qur'anic Perspective*. (Lanham: Lexington Books). Feb 7, 2022.
- *Decoding the Egalitarianism of the Qur'an: retrieving lost voices on gender*. (Lanham: Lexington Books), November 2021 paperback.
- *Decoding the Egalitarianism of the Qur'an: retrieving lost voices on gender*. (Lanham: Lexington Books), October 2019 hardcopy.

Peer review articles:

- “Niqula Ghabriyal, Abhath al-Mujtahidin” in *Christian-Muslim Relations*, vol. 18 The Ottoman Empire (1800-1914), (*Leiden: Brill*). Co-authored with Simon A. Wood, Classics and Religious Studies, 2021.
- “al-Tamimi l-Dari and Al-sayf al-saqil” in *Christian-Muslim Relations*, vol.18, (*Leiden: Brill*). Co-authored with Simon A. Wood, Classics and Religious Studies, 2021.
- Book review: *Arab cooking on a prairie Homestead and Recollections from a Syrian Pioneer*. In: *Great Plains Quarterly*. Lincoln: Center for Great Plains Studies. Vol: 38. No: 4. 2018.
- “The Queen of Sheba: Would rethinking the Quranic story support female public leadership In Islam?”. In: *Analyze: peer-reviewed international journal*. The Romanian Society for Feminist Analyses. Issue No: 7(21), 2016.
- “The Quranic story of Mary: Does rethinking the text support women prophethood?”. In: *Ar-Raniry: peer reviewed international journal of Islamic Studies*. The State Islamic University (UIN). Vol: 3. No: 1. 2016.
- “Scientific language credibility: a philosophical investigation”. In: *Dirasat Wa Abhath: an international peer reviewed research journal*. University of Djelfa. N: 20, Sep, 2015.
- “The individual-group transformation: a triple academic approach to understanding social human nature”. In: *Jil: an international peer reviewed journal*. Jil research center. ISSN 2311-5181. No: 11. September, 2015.
- “Defending backwards causation against the objection form the ignorance condition”. In: *Disputatio: an international peer reviewed journal of philosophy*. Philosophy center of the University of Lisbon. Vol: VI. No: 39. November, 2014.
- “Physicalism: a critical approach”. In: *Jil: an international peer reviewed journal*. Jil research center. ISSN 2311-5181. No: 3. October, 2014.
- “Psychological backwards causation”. In: *Al-Manarah: peer reviewed journal*. Al-al Bayt University. Vol: 20. No: 2. February, 2014.
- “Plato’s antifeminism: A new dualistic approach”. In: *E-logos*. ISSN 1211-0442. University of Economics. Prague. 2012.

- “Indexical Dependence”. In: *Dirasat Wa Abhath: an international peer reviewed research journal*. ISSN: 9751-1112. N: 12. University of Djelfa. Sep, 2013.

Languages:

Arabic (native)-English (fluent)

Employment:

- Currently an Associate Professor of Practice of Arabic language and culture, Department of Modern languages and literatures, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- Currently coordinator of the Arabic Studies Program, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- Honors Faculty Fellow, Faculty Lead, Honors World Leaders Track, UNL Honors Program, 2020.
- Assistant Professor of Practice of Arabic, Department of Modern languages and literatures, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2013- 2019.
- Global Studies Program Faculty, University of Nebraska- Lincoln 2017.
- Faculty and UNL Liaison for the Digital Islamic Studies Center (DISC), University of Michigan, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020.
- Partnership. First-Plymouth church at Lincoln- Nebraska as a teacher and worship guest leader for fall 2016.
- Women’s & Gender Studies program faculty, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2015.
- Appointed as a Graduate Faculty Associate, 2014.
- Guest teaching assistant at the University of Nebraska -Lincoln, Department of Classics and Religious Studies, Fall 2012-13 Second year Arabic 201, sec001.
- Graduate Teaching assistant at the University of Nebraska -Lincoln, Department of Classics and Religious Studies, 2012-13(World religions 108)
- Graduate teaching assistant at the University of Nebraska -Lincoln, Department of Classics and Religious Studies, 2011-12, (World religions 108, Judaism, Christianity and Islam 181)
- Graduate research assistant at the University of Nebraska, the Department of Religious &Classical Studies, 2010-2011
- Graduate assistant at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Philosophy Department, summer session of 2010.
- Graduate teaching assistant at Damascus University from 2005 to 2007.
- A teacher for philosophy at Damascus high schools from 2002 to 2005.

Academic grants & Awards

- College of Arts and Sciences Research Impact and Engagement Grant. Fall 2021. \$5000
- UNL Center for Transformative Teaching Pedagogic Intervention Grant. \$1000 for ARAB 391: *Global Islam: Current Debates* new course and curriculum development. Fall 2021.
- UNL/DMLL summer research grant. \$500 for ARAB 391 *Global Islam: Current Debates* new course and curriculum development. Fall 2021.
- Collage of Arts and Sciences Engagement Award for 2021.
- Grant from University of Michigan. Mellon Foundation Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum project (DISC) to support UNL's Arabic Studies *Neighbors* interfaith talk series, January, 2021. \$750
- Interpreting Muslim Tradition: Struggle for Democracy, Gender Equality, and Minority Protection. UNK, UNL, UNO Grant proposal. CO-PI, 2021.
- Forcibly Removed: Workshop and Symposia on the Lived Experiences of Displaced Persons. UNK, UNL, UNO Grant. CO-PI, \$150,000, 2020-2021.
- Grant from University of Michigan. Mellon Foundation Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum project (DISC) to support the Big Arabic Day, March 5th, 2020.
- "Forcibly removed: Homeland Detachments of International and Indigenous Refugees". UNL-UNK collaboration initiative, CO-PI, \$ 20,000, 2019
- Grant from University of Michigan. Mellon Foundation Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum project (DISC), fall 2019 and spring \$26,733, 2019-2020.
- Grant from Middle East learning and cultural center (MELCC): Ames, Iowa to support the Big Arabic Day 2019.
- Grant from the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission to the U.S: Fairfax, Virginia to support the Big Arabic Day, 2019. \$650
- Grant from University of Michigan. Mellon Foundation Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum project (DISC), spring, 2019. \$15,843
- ENHANCE College of Arts and sciences award for research, scholarship, and creative activities, spring 2018.\$5000
- Grant from University of Michigan. Mellon Foundation Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum project (DISC), spring, 2018.\$10,000
- UNL peer review project fellowship, faculty development program, 2016-2017. \$1000. A link to the project portfolio: <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/prtunl/30>
- UNL Certificate of recognition for contributions to students, UNL parents association, 2017.
- UNL Certificate of recognition for contributions to students, UNL parents association, 2016.
- UNL peer review project fellowship, faculty development program, 2015-2016. \$500. A link to the project portfolio: <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/prtunl/18/>
- UNL parents' association grant to support events at UNL, spring 2015. \$150

- UNL Convocations Committee award for funding a guest speaker, fall 2014-2015. \$750
- UNL peer review project fellowship, faculty development program, 2014-2015. \$500. A link to the project portfolio:
<http://courseportfolio.org/peer/pages/index.jsp?what=portfolioObjectD&portfolioObjectId=510>
- Pennsylvania STARTALK Fellowship for teachers of Arabic: A Professional Development Program for Teachers (Arabic), STARTALK Arabic Academy at Penn State, The training was covered by a fellowship that also covered ARAB 497G, Section 601: teaching Arabic, Pennsylvania, May 21 to July 21, 2014.
- UNL parents association grant to support events at UNL, spring 2014.
- UNL Certificate of recognition for contributions to students, UNL parents association, 2013.
- UNL Convocations Committee award for funding a guest speaker, fall 2013-2014. \$750
- Nominated for the outstanding graduate teaching assistant award by the department of Classics and Religious studies ,University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the year 2012-13
- Damascus University scholarship for graduate study abroad, 2009.
- The Fulbright scholarship for the Master's degree, 2007.
- Al Basel award for Academic Excellency for the year 1998,(Damascus University)
- Al Basel award for Academic Excellency for the year 1997,(Damascus University)

Committees:

- Women and Gender Studies Advisory Board, 2020-2021.
- Honors Program Advisory Council, 2020-2021.
- UNL Spiritual well-being team. 2019-2020 (Invited by Assistant Vice Chancellor Jake Johnson).
- DMLL Salary Merit Advisory Committee 2020-2021.
- DMLL Scholarship Committee, 2019-2021.
- UNL Modern languages search committee, spring 2017.
- DMLL Curriculum committee, 2015-2017.
- UNL Modern Languages search committee, 2015-2016.
- UNL Classics & Religious Studies search committee, 2015-2016.
- E.N.Thompson Forum on World Issues program committee, 2015-2018.
- Dirasat wa abhath, scientific committee, an international peer reviewed research journal, University of Djelfa, Algeria.
- DMLL Curriculum committee, 2013-2015

Service and student supervision:

- Arabic program coordinator since 2013
- Honors undergraduate contract adviser. "The Qur'an and Domestic Violence". By Zuha Qadeer, 2021.
- Honors undergraduate contract adviser. "Diverse Voices from Lincoln" by Sarah Lies, fall 2020.
- Honors undergraduate contract adviser. "Arabic Proverbs in American Pop Culture" by Anne Goodman, summer 2020.
- Honors undergraduate contract adviser. "The extremist ideology of the Taliban: was it really born in Afghanistan?" by Liam McChristian, spring 2020.
- Honors undergraduate contract adviser. An Arabic audio book project by Tasneem Ali, fall 2019.
- Fulbright international teaching assistant of Arabic supervisor for the years 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020.
- UCARE team project: "Common Threads, Common Stories, and Common Dream: Documenting Nebraska stories of immigrant success". Supervised by three DMLL faculty: Dr. Christina Brantner, Dr. Isabel Velázquez and Dr. Abla Hasan and included the student team: Briseyda Ceballos-Cornejo, Baraeera Iqbal and Lindsey LaBrie. Spring 2018.
- Honors undergraduate contract adviser. "Omani perceptions of America: survey research and analysis". Michael Mason. Spring 2018.
- Honors undergraduate contract adviser. "A Tale of Two Women: A new analysis of El-Saadawi's "Woman at Point Zero". Katharine Meegan. Spring 2018
- Honors undergraduate contract adviser. "When Muhammad Ali Said No!" Leenah Bouzid. Fall 2017.
- Honors undergraduate contract adviser. "An Exploration of Arabic Women in their Voice". Celie Knudsen, Fall 2017.
- Honors undergraduate contract adviser. "A linguistic investigation of Arabic dialects". Michael Mason. Spring 2017.
- Honors undergraduate contract adviser. "Exploring the concept of Hijab in Islam". Leenah Bouzid. Spring 2017.
- Honors undergraduate contract adviser. "An analysis of weekly discussions covering culture, global history and current world events". Paige DeDecker. Spring, 2016.

Service, university involvement and community outreach:

- Coordinator. The big Arabic Day 2022. On pain and suffering: a new book reading. March 10, 2022.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8n1f4NxmXw&list=PLszC_yqXETVjs7MhaBluh8hfSOKs_NSK9&index=22
- Coordinator and moderator of *Global Islam: Current Debates* talk series for fall 2021. With support from DMLL and UNL Center for Transformative Teaching Pedagogic Intervention. This talk series included:

Thursday November 18, 2021. On Apocalypse and Violence. An interview with Dr. Ross Moret (Florida State University) on his 2008 paper Potential for Apocalypse: Violence and Eschatology in the Israel-Palestine Conflict.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TPaTzbZjR8&t=158s>

Thursday November 11, 2021. On Angels in Islam. An interview with Dr. Dr. Stephen R. Burge (Senior Research Associate in the Qur'anic Studies Unit at the Institute of Ismaili Studies/UK).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OHNTGMZRThs&t=127s>

Thursday November 4, 2021. On Noah in the Qur'an. An interview with Dr. AbdelMadjid Ben Habib (Tlemcen University/ Algeria).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7gFYF9D7E0&t=107s>

Tuesday October 26, 2021. Does Islam encourage violence? An interview with Amal Allam.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WrmLoasiCpQ&t=18s>

Tuesday October 12, 2012. Predestination, destiny and Allah's knowledge. An interview with Dr. Omar Ramahi (Waterloo University / Canada) on his book: Muslim's greatest challenge.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ehJI_keHVTI

Thursday October 7, 2021. Islamic theology on the problem of evil. An interview with Dr. Nasrin Rouzati (Manhattan Collage) about her paper: Evil and Human Suffering in Islamic Thought—Towards a Mystical Theodicy 2018.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgH5P2rNm0k>

Tuesday October 5, 2021. On pain and Suffering. An interview with Sayyid Mohammad Baqir Kashmiri. Vice Chairman of I.M.A.M. and Representative of Jurist.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4hlxu2pqMa0&t=116s>

Thursday Sep 30, 2021. On Pluralism in Islam. An interview with Dr. Mohammed Hashas(Luiss University/Italy) about his (2021) edited book: Pluralism in Islamic Contexts - Ethics, Politics and Modern Challenges.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdFrdKGG3vc&t=8s>

Tuesday Sep 28, 2021. On Divided Loyalties. An interview with Prof. Joe Weber. Nebraska University by Dr. Abba Hasan.

Thursday Sep 23, 2021. On the Sound of Satan. An interview with Dr. Göran Larsson(University of Gothenburg) about his (2012) paper The Sound of Satan: Different Aspects of Whispering in Islamic theology by Dr. Abba Hasan

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYJtIxx8E_k&t=33s

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Thursday Sep 9, 2021. In search for Muhammad. An interview with Dr. Mun'im Sirry (University of Notre Dame) about his new book Controversies over Islamic Origins by Dr. Abba Hasan (Nebraska University)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZlbsrXdbHA4&t=173s>

- Coordinator of the Big Arabic Day 2021. Virtual Tour Of The Arab World: Students panel discussion. Moderated by Sarah Lies. Sponsored by the Department of Modern languages at UNL, The Honors Program and MENA Student Association. April 20, 2021.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s018-hOgf2U>

- Coordinator and moderator of *Neighbors* interfaith talk series, spring 2021. Sponsored by Digital Islamic Studies shared curriculum. Michigan University/Mellon Foundation, Honors program at UNL, Department of Modern Languages at UNL and Classics and Religious Studies at UNL. This zoom talk series include the following events:

Thursday Feb 11, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. central. What everyone should know about Islam. A conversation with Dr. Omar M.Ramahi. University of Waterloo, Canada.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSVD_Z4IZXo&t=432s

Thursday February 18, 4:000 to 5:30 p.m. central. What everyone should know about Buddhism. A conversation with Dr. Yaroslav Komarovski. University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mI9jH4Q5VU>

Thursday March 25, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. central. What everyone should know about Christianity. A conversation with Rev. Dr. Jim Keck. First-Plymouth.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9m-QCe4bJs&t=270s>

Thursday April 15, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. What everyone should know about Judaism. A conversation with Dr. Caryn Tamber-Rosenau. University of Houston.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nnrLZwb99oE>

Thursday April 29, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. What everyone should know about the Bahá'í Faith. A conversation with Prof. Brian Lepard. University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_mC5epRsLc&t=183s

- Coordinator and moderator of *Eish and Malh*: talk series, fall 2020. Sponsored by Modern languages and Honors programs. The talk series included the following events:

9/8/2020. Prof. Lory Janelle Dance. Associate Director of the Institute for Ethnic Studies. *Forcibly Removed: on the Lived Experiences of Displaced Persons*

9/22/2020. Nizar Abdullah Younis Zhaiya. 20 years of extensive experience translating for immigrants. *Refugees in a variety of settings throughout Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska (USA)*.

10/27/2020. Prof. Loukia K. Sarroub, Ph. D. Graduate Programs Chair, Department of Teaching, Learning & Teacher Education. *Understanding the intersections of literacies, religion, and public schooling for displaced, immigrant, and refugee children youth and their families*

11/10/2020. Julie Uribe, a UNL faculty and an Emmy Award-winning producer/more than 25 years of experience in the television industry. *We are Nebraska*

11/17/2020. Abdulameer Waly: Author of Coffin Taxi. 2019. *On the displacement of the Kurdish Nation*

- The Big Arabic Day 2020. The Arabic studies program: education beyond classroom walls. Event coordinator. Speaker: Evan Murphy, DISC program coordinator, Michigan University, March 5th, 2020. A link to the event:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4BtY5DcVmk&t=574s>
- Arab, Muslim and refugee community forum. Belmont recreation center, January 25th, 2020. UNL sponsored event. Event coordinator and moderator.
- “*Les Femme du Maroc, #25, A & B (The Women of Morocco)*”, collaborative podcast with Katie Anania, Assistant Professor of art history, UNL School of art, art history and design and the Sheldon’s education department Sep, 2019.

- Supervisor of UNL Arabic Facebook page
- Supervisor of UNL Arabic Instagram page.
- Event coordinator, “*women in Qur’an: a conversation with leading Muslim women from Lincoln*” panel discussion, coordinated by UNL Arabic Studies Program and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, St. Marks on the Campus Episcopal Church April 11, 2019.
- The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Course: “*Women in the Qur’an*”: 19451CR. Term 4: March 25-May 4, 2019 at St. Marks on the Campus Episcopal Church.
- Event coordinator and panel discussion moderator. The Big Arabic Day 2019: the annual day of the Arabic studies program. Panel discussion: “Arabic language: guidance on effective learning” March 7th, 2019. A link to the panel is here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bTsfg0zKKY>
- Event coordinator and a panelist, “The other in me”, the Big Arabic Day, April 12, 2018. A link to the panel is here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jig9NAxVEUg>
- Event coordinator and panel discussion moderator, “The Four Hijabs”, the Big Arabic Day, Feb 23, 2017.
A link to the panel discussion is here: <https://youtu.be/LCTBH7chSc0>
- Coordinated an Arabian movie night, “The message”, UNL/LCTL international film festival, East campus, animal science A132, October 25.
- Proposed “*The Arabian Caravan*” a study abroad program to Morocco, summer 2017. Approved.
- Proposed and supervised UNL “SAWA” program: a peer conversation program for advanced students of Arabic, fall 2016.
- Coordinator and panel discussion moderator, “Women in Religion, “The big Arabic day”, March 3, 2016.
- Coordinator of “The big Arabic day at UNL”, March 16, 2015. “Muslims and the Making of America”, Guest speaker, Prof. Amir Hussain.
- Started and supervised the Arabic conversation table at UNL, fall 2013 until now. Read about the Arabic table here: http://www.dailynebraskan.com/arts_and_entertainment/arabic-conversation-tables-connect-language-culture/article_dbdbddd4-4e8e-11e4-a465-001a4bcf6878.html

<http://cojmc.unl.edu/mosaic/2016/05/12/arabic-conversation-tables-debunk-stereotypes/>
- Established and supervised the Arabic writing center at UNL, fall 2103 until now.

- Organized the Arabic cultural event, held fall 2013 December 2.
- Coordinator of “The big Arabic day at UNL”, March 31, Panel discussion: The Arab spring. Prof. Robinson Glenn and Prof. Simon Wood, 2014.
- Introduced Minor in Arabic Studies to UNL, Fall 2014.

Arabic program development and teaching innovation:

- Proposed and developed the curriculum for all online asynchronous Arabic instruction for ARAB 101 and ARAB102. Instruction started by fall 2021.
- Proposed and developed the curriculum for intensive summer Arabic all online. This intensive curriculum provides one year of Arabic in 10 weeks. The intensive program offered ARAB 101 and ARAB 102. Instruction started by summer 2020.
- Proposed ARAB 391: Global Islam: Current Debates to be offered for fall 2021 with support from DMLL and UNL Center for Transformative Teaching Pedagogic Intervention.
- Proposed ARAB 306 as a Digital Islamic Studies Course DISC. Through this partnership with DISC Nebraska’s “Women in the Qur’an” was offered to Rutgers, Penn State and Maryland Universities. See <https://sites.lsa.umich.edu/digitalislam/>
- Proposed ARAB 306 “Women in the Qur’an” as the first course taught at UNL through Nebraska’s Global Virtual Project. This course was offered by spring 2018 jointly with Nizwa University in Oman.
- Proposed ARAB 306 (ACE 9): “*Women in the Qur’an*” to be taught for the first time at UNL. Approved
- Proposed ARAB 288 (ACE 9): “*Exploring love, sexuality and femininity in the history of Arabic culture*” to be taught for the first time at UNL. Approved
- Proposal of Minor in Arabic studies. Submitted by spring 2014. Approved and considered by fall 2014-2015.
- A proposal to introduce third year Arabic to UNL: ARAB 303 and ARAB 304 (Advanced Arabic). Submitted spring 2014. Approved by fall 2014-2015.

Invited lectures& Talks:

- Invited virtual lecture: What does it mean to read the Qur’an as a woman? Radboud University – Nijmegen – The Netherlands. April 28, 2022.

- Invited virtual lecture: Marriage in the Qur'an. Hastings College. Texas. April 25, 2022.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j04caafYZMI&t=28s>
- Invited virtual talk: the 2022 American College Personnel Association International Colloquium session "Intersecting identities of international faculty: challenges and well-being". A panel hosted by Commission for Global Dimensions of Student Development. April 15, 2022.
- Invited guest speaker. Dr. Max Mueller (Classics and Religious Studies). Nebraska University. See a link to the lecture: Why does not God stop evil people? A new book reading. March 31, 2022.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=moEzRSkCICY&t=751s>
- Gender Equity Conference: Globalizing Gender Equity Panel. Panel presentation. Nebraska University. November 11, 2021.
https://www.dailynebraskan.com/news/gender-is-one-aspect-of-a-whole-identity-a-look-at-2021-gender-equity-conference/article_3f8d17e6-4359-11ec-a689-0b82942374ac.html
- "Decoding the Egalitarianism of the Qur'an" an invited book reading event. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Monday Sep 13, 2021.
- "Truth about 4:34 -- The Quran's Most Controversial & Misunderstood Verse". The Women's Mosque of America (Located in Los Angeles, CA). Friday, July 30th, 2021. A link to the talk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQN7Zl-pnsI>
- The Queen of Sheba in Muslim tradition. An invited zoom lecture. University of Houston. Texas. 6/28/2021.
- Role of Islam in Moroccan culture. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Invited Talk. 4/14/2021.
- Rethinking (Q: 4:34): Ending 14 centuries of domestic violence held in the name of Islam. Kansas University MSA. Invited talk. 3/8/2021.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uoEIXE-Bxa0>
- Culture and COVID-19 in an international comparative context. Panel discussion. Wesleyan University, Nebraska. Feb23, 2021.

https://nebrwesleyan.digication.com/culture_covid_conversation/culture-and-covid-19-in-an-international-compara-1

- “Quran’s most controversial 4:34: a new interpretation”, DISC supplementary invited talk, Penn-State University, State-College, March 2, 2020.
- Worship and wisdom. Invited talk. “Five myths about Islam” First Plymouth Church. Sep 4th, 2019. A link to the talk : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVuhwBJPKwU>
- “Teaching Islam vs. preaching Islam in the classroom: how to teach an ideology-free course on Religion”, DISC supplementary invited talk, Rutgers University, Digital Islamic curriculum, Rutgers University. New Brunswick, New Jersey April 11, 2019. A link to the lecture: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzPIFcE-Vy4&t=582s>
- DISC Round Table discussion, Mellon Foundation Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum, Chicago, May10, 2018.
- “The Lost Gender Egalitarian Voice of the Qur’an”. Invited Talk. Digital Islamic curriculum, Rutgers University. New Brunswick, New Jersey, Feb 19, 2018.
- “The Muslim Ban: Patriotism or Xenophobia”. Featured Guest. UNL Ethics Center. Lincoln. January 24, 2018.
- “Faith and Feminism”. Panel discussion. Wesleyan University. Lincoln. October 24, 2017.
- "Between Allah and Me (and Everyone Else)". A film screening and a panel discussion. The Mary Riepma Ross Media Center. Sep, 2017.
- “Understanding Islam: what it's like to be Muslim in the Midwest”. An invited talk. Hastings College, French Memorial Chapel. Hastings. April 28, 2017.
A link to the talk is here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edTiKUM7g-Q&t=1375s>
- “A reading and a reflection from the Story of Mary in the Quran”. An invited talk. Saint Paul United Methodist Church. Lincoln. April, 18, 2017.

- “World Religions Panel: Wisdom from Diverse Voices”. Panel discussion. Heckman Auditorium. Doane College. Crete. April 6, 2017.
A link to the panel is here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJ8cQmT_ZSk&t=1544s
- “Strength in Solidarity”. Keynote speaker. Women’s Week 2017: The 11th annual Women’s History Month Banquet, The University of Nebraska Women’s Center. Champion's Club. March 15, 2017.
- “Syrian conflict and refugee crisis”. An invited talk. UNL Global studies Global Café .Nebraska union. Colonial A. January 26, 2017.
- “The meanings of gratitude”. Keynote speaker. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. South Street Temple. November 20, 2016.
- “The Muslim Jesus”. An invited lecture. First- Plymouth. Nov 13, 2016.
- “Women in the Quran”. An invited lecture. First- Plymouth: Mayflower Hall. October 29, 2016.
- “Embrace diversity”. Panel discussion. Bryan Health College. Lincoln. October 24, 2016.
- “What is the Quran?” An invited lecture. First- Plymouth: Mayflower Hall. September 28, 2016.
- “Women in the Middle East: Hopes and challenges”. Women's Salad Supper. First-Plymouth. June 15, 2016.
- “The Muslim Mary”. An invited talk. First-Plymouth. June 12, 2016.
- “How do we get to Haven?” An invited talk. First-Plymouth East at Kloefkorn Elementary. June 12, 2016
- “Women in Islam”. Nebraska citizens for science. Saint. Paul Church. April 21, 2016.

- “Symposium: Understanding and Embracing Individuals from the Middle East”. Unitarian Church. Lincoln. March 17, 2016.
- “Identifying Stereotypes”. Keynote speaker. Doan Collage. Multicultural Support Services Crete. March 14, 2016
- “Women issues in the Arabic culture”. Heartland Association: Nebraska Conference. United Church of Christ. Spring meeting. March 13, 2016.
- “Puddin”. Panel discussion. Child hunger in the community. The Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film. March 12, 2016.
- “The Quran”. First Lutheran Church. Lincoln. Feb 9, 2016.
- “A Syrian Immigrant's Experience”. The Faith Coalition of Lancaster County. The community heath endowment. Lincoln. Feb, 2016.
- “Syria: An ongoing journey into the unknown”. Featured discussion leader. UNL Ethics Center. Gaughan Multicultural Center. Jan 20, 2016.
- “The Syrian Crisis”. St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Lincoln. Dec, 2015.
- “Syria and ISIS: The Human Cost”. Panel discussion. UNL: Nebraska Union Auditorium. Dec, 2015.
- “Perspectives in Feminism”. Panel discussion. Wesleyan University. Nov 19, 2015.
- “Syria: ways to help”. An invited talk. St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. Lincoln, Nov 15 2015.
- “On Muslim Christian relations”. An invited talk. Vine Congregational United Church of Christ. Lincoln. Nov 11, 2015.
- “Refugee Migration Crisis”. Panel discussion. Union college. Sep 24, 2015.

- “Jesus: A symposium”. Panel discussion. Doan College (school of graduate professional studies). July 16, 2015.
- “Islam and Christianity”. An invited talk. First-Plymouth East. June 28, 2015.
- “Religions' Attitude towards the Material World”. Panel discussion. Union College. Ortner Center. April 6, 2015.
- “Women of the Middle East”. Panel discussion. UNL women Center. March 17th, 2015.
- “Women in Religion”. Panel discussion. Union College. Ortner Center. Feb 9, 2015.
- “Women in religion”. Panel discussion. UNL women Center. March 17th, 2014
- “How can I find God?” Symposium. Doane College. Lincoln. 2012.
- “God, the Qur'an and the Prophet”. Symposium. Doane College .Lincoln. 2012

Professional conferences, workshops, panels and paper presentations:

- The University of Manchester, Pacifism and Nonviolence in Contemporary Islam international conference, paper presentation, “*kufr* from a pure Qur’anic perspective: A hermeneutical investigation”, May 17, 2022.
- Midwest American Academy of Religion AAR 2022 Annual Conference, paper presentation in ISLAM: Studies in the Qur'an and Early Islam: “A Divine Mission: Not Exile” March 3, 2022.
- Midwest American Academy of Religion AAR 2022 Annual Conference, moderator of ISLAM: Studies in Classical and Medieval Islam. March 3, 2022.
- Faith in the Story: Trialogues for Enhancing Religious Literacy. Workshop sponsored and funded by the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations and the Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion in Notre Dame’s Keough School of Global Affairs. Paper

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- International Qur'anic Studies Association Conference, Qur'an in Contact: Plurality of Views from Other Traditions, Disciplines and Peripheries, Giorgio La Pira Library, Palermo, Italy, "The most controversial verse in the Qur'an: A new interpretation", July 10, 2021.
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- Summer Institute for Scholars: Approaches to Islamic Studies in North American Universities. The International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT). "*Teaching the Qur'an as a gender egalitarian book: Does the answer lie in the hermeneutical approach?*" Paper presentation. Virginia. July 10-14, 2018.
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- ACTFL 4 day OPI assessment workshop (28 hours of professional development). University of Chicago Language Center. December 10-14, 2016.
- Fall Teaching and learning Symposium. Presentation: Scholarship of teaching and Learning: course design and the peer review of teaching project. Nebraska Innovation Campus. October 7, 2016.
- Midwest Heritage Language Summit: Fostering the Languages of Your Community. Teaching Quran as literature: Poster presentation. Michigan State University. April 23, 2016.
- Online collaborative institutional training imitative (CITI training certificate). CITI Human Research program. January / 8/ 2016.
- Creating a Culture of Success. Symposium. University of Nebraska- Lincoln. East Campus. Nov12, 2015.
- The 20th annual fall campus wide workshop for Graduate Teaching assistants, University of Nebraska UNL, Lincoln, August 17, 2010.
- Chambers philosophy conference at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Epistemic Modals. April 16&18 2010.
- Power communication with Nero linguistic planning (NLP) workshop. Southeast community College. Lincoln-Nebraska. February 18, 2010.
- Emotional freedom techniques (EFT) workshop. Southeast community College. Lincoln-Nebraska. January 28, 2010.
- The Fulbright Reentry workshop. Washington DC. March19, 2009.

- International teaching assistants' workshop at the University of Nebraska –Lincoln. The institute for international teaching assistants. August 12, 2008.

Courses I have taught at UNL:

- RELG 181 Judaism, Christianity and Islam
- ARAB 101 Beginning Arabic 1
- ARAB102 Beginning Arabic 2
- ARAB 101 Beginning Arabic 1 intensive 5 week summer session (in person)
- ARAB 102 Beginning Arabic 2 intensive 5 week summer session (in person)
- ARAB 101 Beginning Arabic 1 intensive 5 week summer session (online)
- ARAB 102 Beginning Arabic 2 intensive 5 week summer session (online)
- MODL 491 Advanced Arabic through media and culture
- ARAB 201 Second year Arabic 1
- ARAB 202 Second year Arabic 2
- ARAB 303 Advanced third year Arabic 1
- ARAB 304 Advanced third year Arabic 2
- MODL398 Independent Study: "Arab women writers"
- MODL298 Special topics: Exploring love, sexuality and femininity in the History of Arabic culture
- MODL398 Independent study: "Readings in Arabic literature"
- MODL 398 Women in the Qur'an
- ARAB 288 Exploring love, sexuality and femininity in the History of the Arabic culture.
- ARAB 306 Women the in Qur'an
- RELG/ENG 342 The Qur'an.
- ARAB 306 "Women in the Qur'an" as the first course taught at UNL through Nebraska's Global Virtual Project. This course was offered by spring 2018 jointly with Nizwa University in Oman. The project is supported by the Aspen Institute's Stevens Initiative and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. A link to the course <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=znRATczGelk>
- ARAB 306 " Women in the Qur'an" as the first UNL Digital Islamic shared curriculum (DISC) course offered by UNL through DISC and received by Rutgers University, Spring 2018 and Spring 2019.This course was also received by Penn State University by Spring 2020.
- WMNS 250 Sex and Gender around the Globe. Both in-Persona and online.
- Honors 102 H "The science of you".
- ARAB 391 Global Islam: Current Debates.
- ARAB 396 Independent study: Stories in the Qur'an.

- ARAB 396 Independent study: Themes in the Qur'an.
- Honors MODL 189 H "Arab intellectuals on love and gender" ACE 5. A link to a video <https://mediahub.unl.edu/media/12744>

Media Coverage:

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