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Education:

- University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, 2014 - present. Ph.D. Candidate, Religion in the Americas and Global Islamic Studies.
- Concordia University, Irvine, CA, 2014. M.A. Theology and Culture (May, 2014).
- Concordia University, Irvine, CA, 2007. B.A. Christian Education Leadership & Theological Studies (May, 2007).

Professional Employment:

- Program Coordinator, Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere, University of Florida. Gainesville, FL. February 2018 - present.
- Digital Humanities Specialist, University of Florida — Religion Department. Gainesville, FL. February 2015 - present.
- LINC Houston, LINC Bible Institute, Director. Houston, TX. September 2010 - November 2012.
- Laidlaw College, Adjunct Instructor. Palmerston North, New Zealand. January 2008 - December 2008.

Publications:

Books

Forthcoming: *Between Al-Andalus and the Americas. Introducing the Latinx Muslim World.*
London: Hurst Publishing/Oxford University Press, Spring 2019.

A Sacred Duty: A Christian's Friendly Study of the World's Religions. Palmerston North, New Zealand: Lutheran Support Ministries, February 2009.

Editorial Work

Section Editor, "Judaism and Islam in Latin America," *Encyclopedia of Religion in Latin America*, ed. by Henri Gooren, (Berlin: Springer References, 2019).

Encyclopedia Articles:

Multiple entries for "Judaism and Islam in Latin America," *Encyclopedia of Religion in Latin America*, ed. by Henri Gooren, (Berlin: Springer References, 2019).

“Introduction to the Sociology of Religion,” Gale Researcher: Sociology (February 2017).

“The Global Justice Movement,” Gale Researcher: Sociology (February 2017).

“Christianity in the U.S.,” Gale Researcher: Sociology (January 2017).

“World Religions II: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,” Gale Researcher: Sociology (January 2017).

Journal Publications

In review: “The ‘Global War on Terror’ & the Tenuous Public Space of Muslims in Latin America and the Caribbean,” *Hamsa Journal of Judaic and Islamic Studies*, no. 6 (2019).

“The Study of Islam and Muslim Communities in Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Americas: the State of the Field,” *International Journal of Latin American Religions*, (May 8, 2017): 57-76.

“Somalis as Samaritans: A Case Study of Christian-Muslim conflict in eastern Africa among evangelical Kenyan Christians,” *Journal of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, (Vol. 28, no. 1 — Spring 2017): 69-84.

“Globalizing the Study of American Islam: Approaches to the field through the lens of globalization theory,” *University of Waikato Islamic Studies Review*, (Vol 2, no. 2 — Fall 2016): 27-49.

“Review essay: ‘What Hath Cassettes to do with Christianity? Instagram with Islam?’” *African Studies Quarterly*, (Vol. 16, Issue 2 — March 2016).

“Islam en Español: The narratives, demographics, & reversion pathways of Latina/o Muslims in the U.S.,” *University of Waikato Islamic Studies Review*, (Vol 1, no. 2 — Fall 2015): 35-54.

“Building bridges: Toward constructing a Christian foundation for inter-religious relationships in the shift from religious privilege to spiritual plurality,” *Missio Apostolica*, (Fall/Winter 2014).

Book Chapters

Forthcoming: "The Idea of a Global Hero: Global Heroism as a Discursive Tradition?," Heroism as a Global Phenomenon in Popular Culture, eds. Barbara Korte and Simon Wendt, Routledge, 2019.

Forthcoming: "Latina/o Muslims 'Like' One Another: Building Community & Seeking Reform through the Navigation of Tensions on Facebook," *Toward an Anthropology of Religion & Apps*, ed. Jacqueline Fewkes, 2019.

Forthcoming: "Disciples of the New Digital Religions: Or, How to Make Your 'Fake' Religion Real," in *Believing in Bits: Digital Media and the Supernatural*, ed. by Simone Natale and Diana Pasulka, Oxford University Press, 2019.

"Hero and/or Villain?: 'The 99,' mixed reception, & the politics of hybrid religious pop-culture production," *Muslim Superheroes: Comics, Islam, and Representation*, ed. by Martin Lund and A. David Lewis, ILEX Foundation, 2017: 170-191.

"American Islam: The study of American Islam from demographic & ethnographic perspectives," *Yearbook of International Religious Demography: 2016*, Brill Publishing, 2016: 129-137.

"Foreword" on religion and film culture, *Jesus Christ Movie Star*, by Ed McNulty, Read the Spirit Publishing, December 2015.

"Our Man in Havana: Turkey's alter-Islamist agenda in a global context," *Critical Muslim 16: Turkey*, London, UK: Hurst Publishers, December, 2015.

"Framework," *Greater Expectations: Succeed (and Stay Sane) in an On-Demand, All-Access, Always-On Age*. Claire Diaz-Ortiz. Ventura, CA: Barna Group FRAMES — Zondervan Publishing, 2013.

"Framework," *Schools in Crisis: They Need Your Help (Whether You Have Kids or Not)*. Nicole Baker Fulgham. Ventura, CA: Barna Group FRAMES — Zondervan Publishing, 2013.

"Framework," *Fighting For Peace: Your Role in a Culture Too Comfortable with Violence*. Carol Howard Merritt and Tyler Wigg-Stevenson. Ventura, CA: Barna Group FRAMES — Zondervan Publishing, 2013.

"Framework," *Becoming Home: Adoption, Foster Care, and Mentoring — Living Out God's Heart for Orphans*. Jedd Medefind. Ventura, CA: Barna Group FRAMES — Zondervan Publishing, 2013.

“Framework,” *Sacred Roots: Why the Church Still Matters*. Jon Tyson. Ventura, CA: Barna Group FRAMES — Zondervan Publishing, 2013.

Conference Papers

“Everyone Knows Salim: Palestinian Muslims and the Creation of a Muslim Counterpublic in Puerto Rico,” 56th Congreso Internacional de Americanistas, Salamanca, Spain, July 15-20, 2018.

“AmeRícan Muslims: Puerto Ricans, Global Islam, and Critical Cosmopolitanism,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, November 20, 2017.

“Complexity & hybridity in Muslim comics: The case of ‘The 99,’” at the International Conference on Heroism as a Global Phenomenon in Popular Culture, Freiburg, Germany September 28-30, 2017.

“The Fluid Dynamics of Puerto Rican Muslim Community,” Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Nassau, Bahamas, June 5-10, 2017.

“Like a river through rock: the dynamics of Puerto Rican Muslim migration to Central Florida,” The 6th Conference on Immigration to the US South "Immigrants Making an Impact: Challenges and Opportunities in the South and Nationwide,” University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, October 13 - 15, 2016.

“Youth, Islam, and the Construction of Religious Identities: A Case-Study among Puerto Rican Muslims,” Latin America Studies Association, New York City, NY, May 29, 2016.

“What does it mean to be a public intellectual in a religiously pluralistic world?” Jochum Chair Symposium — University of Valparaiso, Valparaiso, IN, February 18-19, 2016.

“Augmented religiosity — exploring religion & place through augmented reality,” THATCamp — AAR/SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 20, 2015.

“Dreams of al-Andalus: narratives of conversion and identity reconstruction among Latina/o Muslims in the U.S.” American Academy of Religion — Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR) Regional Meeting, Nashville, TN, March 6-8, 2015.

Book Reviews

“*Latino and Muslim in America*,” *Reading Religion*, (American Academy of Religion [AAR]), (July 2018).

“*The Bloomsbury Reader on Islam in the West*,” *Reading Religion*, (American Academy of Religion [AAR]), (December 2016).

“*Beyond Tradition, Beyond Invention; Cosmic Technologies and Creativity in Contemporary Afro-Cuban Religions*,” in *Revista Europea de Estudios Latinoamericanos y del Caribe*, (Amsterdam, Netherlands) (October 2016).

“*Regarding Muslims: From slavery to post-apartheid* by Gabeba Baderoon.” *Journal of Religion in Africa* (Brill Publications), (Winter 2016).

“*Forbidden Passages: Muslims and Moriscos in Colonial Spanish America*,” *Reading Religion*, (American Academy of Religion [AAR]), (August 26, 2016).

“*The Virgin of Guadalupe and the Conversos: Uncovering Hidden Influences from Spain to Mexico*, by Marie Theresa-Hernández,” *Religious Studies Review* (Rice University, Houston, TX. Wiley) (Summer 2016).

“*Islam and the Americas*, ed. by Aisha Khan,” *Religious Studies Review* (Rice University, Houston, TX. Wiley) (September 2015).

“*Muslim Portraits: The Anti-Apartheid Struggle*, by Goolam Vahed.” *Journal of Islamic Studies* (University of Cape Town, South Africa) (Spring/Summer, 2015).

“*The Study of Religion: An Introduction to Key Ideas and Methods*, 2nd Edition. By George Chrystides and Ron Greaves,” *Alternative Spirituality & Religion Review*, (March, 2015).

“*The New Shape of World Christianity: How American Experience Reflects Global Faith* by Mark A. Noll” in *Concordia Journal*, (Spring 2015).

Published Essays

“How an ancient Islamic festival became uniquely Caribbean,” *The Los Angeles Times*, September 19, 2018.

“Explaining the Muslim pilgrimage of hajj,” *Newsweek*, August 30, 2017.

“Why Muslims celebrate Eid twice a year: 6 questions answered,” *The Conversation*, August 28, 2017.

“On Eid 2017, A Peek Into the Lives of Puerto Rico’s Muslims,” *Salon*, June 27, 2017.

“The Sunni-Shia Divide: Explained,” *The Conversation*, May 25, 2017.

“How ISIS continues to justify its use of human shields,” *HuffPost*, May 18, 2017.

“What Does God Require of Us Amid Rising Islamophobia?,” *Sojourners Magazine*, February 8, 2017.

“The two questions neither political convention is asking,” *Sojourners Magazine*, July 2016.

“The Interplay of Religion and Popular Culture in Contemporary America,” *Religious Studies Project*, March 12, 2016

“Inscribing pilgrimage on my body — one pilgrim’s story of religious body art,” *Dialog Magazine*, March 2016.

“It’s time we change the way we talk about Islam,” *The Daily Dot*, February 3, 2016.

“Coming to terms with Islam’s contradictions,” *The Huffington Post*, November 16, 2015.

“Human consciousness and human reality,” *Religious Studies Project*, September 24, 2015.

“A ‘radical’ response to Islamophobia,” *Sojourners*, August 2015.

“The Christian cross, Texan identity, and ‘Tex-ianity.’” *Sacred Matters*. Emory University, August 26, 2014.

“Slenderman: Internet Fiction with Murderous Implications?” *Sightings*. University of Chicago, Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion. Chicago, IL. July 3, 2014.

“Selling Scientology at the Super Bowl,” *Sightings*. University of Chicago, Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion. Chicago, IL. February 20, 2014.

“Latino Muslims emerging in news, academia.” *Sightings*. University of Chicago, Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion. Chicago, IL. October 31, 2013.

“The Catholic Church and Technology: The Case of the Confession App.” *Sightings*. University of Chicago, Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion. Chicago, IL, May 26, 2011.

Awards and Honors:

Finalist, Religion News Association, Best News Analysis, 2016.

Graduate Student Paper Award, 1st place, Religion Department, University of Florida, 2016 —
“Our man in Havana.”

Evangelical Press Association, 3rd Place — Student Writer of the Year, for “A ‘Radical’ Response to Islamophobia,” *Sojourners Magazine*, 2016.

Finalist, Religion Newswriters Association, Best News Analysis, 2015.

Graduate Student Paper Award, 1st place, Religion Department, University of Florida, 2015 — “Dreams of al-Andalus: narratives of conversion and identity reconstruction among Latina/o Muslims in the U.S.”

Summa Cum Laude, Concordia University Irvine, 2007 & 2014.

Best Online Religion Section: 3rd place — “Houston Belief,” Religion Newswriters Association, 2011.

Outstanding Senior, School of Theology, Concordia University Irvine, 2007.

1st Place, Presidential Showcase of Undergraduate Research. “The Poor You Will Always Have With You?: A Survey and Evaluation of Contemporary Christian Approaches to Poverty Alleviation,” Concordia University Irvine, 2007.

Theta Alpha Kappa (ΘAK), National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology, 2006.

Omicron Delta Kappa, National Leadership Honor Society, 2006.

Honor’s School Associate, Concordia University Irvine, 2003-2006.

Grants and Fellowships:

Spalding Trust Grant, 2018-2019. £1,500 toward the completion of dissertation manuscript.

Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory (HASTAC), HASTAC Scholar, 2015-2019. Up to \$7,000/year.

Graduate School Fellow, University of Florida: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. 2014-2018. \$12,000/year, TA-ship, & tuition waiver.

Invited Talks:

“Theology and Anthropology in Tension and Practice,” Oregon District Conference, Bend, OR: April 17-19, 2018.

- “American Muslim World(s): Islam & Muslim Communities in Latin America & the Caribbean,” Florida International University, November 7, 2017.
- “Changing the conversation around Christian-Muslim relations,” Camp Arcadia Dean & Lecture Series, Arcadia, MI, August 12-18, 2017.
- “Islam & Muslim Communities in the Caribbean,” Florida Caribbean Students Association Inc., 43rd Annual Conference, Gainesville, FL, March 25, 2017.
- “Islam & the Christian Liberal Arts University,” Presidential Inauguration Town Hall, Concordia University New York, Bronxville, NY, October 23, 2016.
- “Religion in the Balkans,” Mostar Summer Youth Program (MSYP), Mostar, Bosnia, July 5, 2016.
- “Religion beyond religion: augmented reality and hyper-real religion,” Davis Lecture Series, Shenandoah University, VA, March 22, 2016.
- “Mapping religious studies in a digital age,” Faculty workshop, Shenandoah University, VA, March 23, 2016.
- “Muslims, Media, & (Mis)Representation,” Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc., Gainesville, FL. January 25, 2016.
- “Welcoming Diversity: A Community Action Forum against Islamophobia and Intolerance,” The Thomas Center, Gainesville, FL. January 20, 2016.
- “Faith Goes Pop: Sighting and interpreting the interplay between religion and pop culture,” Santa Fe College, Gainesville, FL. June 16, 2015.
- “Buffet-style Religion: Picking our way through the contemporary spread of spiritualities.” Concordia University of Texas. Austin, TX. April 10, 2015.

Conference Activity:

- “Risky Business: Public Scholarship & Blogging as an Academic,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 20, 2016.
- “Three Critical Questions for Public Scholarship in Islamic Studies,” Re-Thinking Islamic Studies Group Workshop, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 16, 2016.

“Islamophobia in Focus: Muslims and the Media,” Religion News Association Conference, Silver Spring, MD, September 22, 2016

“Winks and twitches, likes and comments: approaching thick description in digital ethnography,” THATCamp Gainesville, FL, April 23, 2016.

“Conversations in American Islam,” Panel Participant, American Academy of Religion — Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion (SECSOR) Regional Meeting, Nashville, TN, March 6, 2015.

“Sacred Duty: Understanding and Responding to the World’s Religions.” Lutheran Hour Ministries SENT Conference. Detroit, MI. July 2014.

“That they might feel their way: Redemptive analogies in cross-cultural ministry” ISM Inc. National Conference Keynote Address. St. Louis, MO. May 2014.

“Latina/o Religious Trends: Embracing a New Pope; Challenging Tradition.” Panel Moderator. Religion Newswriters Association 64th Annual Conference. Austin, TX. September 2013.

Campus or Departmental Talks:

“Islam across the Americas,” Religion in Latin America — Guest Lecture, University of Florida, November 16, 2016.

“Tweeting religion: putting social media to work in religious studies,” University of Florida, April 12, 2016.

“Issues and ethics surrounding the coverage of Islam,” Journalism Ethics — Guest Lecture, University of Florida, November 9, 2015.

“Encounters with Māori religion & culture,” Indigenous Religions of the World — Guest Lecture, University of Florida, October 27, 2015.

“Blogging like an academic,” Digital Humanities Seminars, University of Florida, September 24, 2015, February 1, 2017.

“Somalis as Samaritans: Kenyan Evangelical Christians and the reimagining of Christian-Muslim conflict in East Africa.” Islam in African Working Group, Center for African Studies, University of Florida, February 10, 2015.

“The Rise of Islamism: Al-Banna, Mawdudi, and ‘Muslim Brotherhood-ness.’” Global Islam — University of Florida Religion Department, Gainesville, FL, November 12, 2014.

“Islam en Español: the narratives, demographics, conversion causeways, and conditions for community cohesion of Latina/o Muslims in the U.S.” Concordia University Irvine, CA, December 2, 2014.

“Islam in the Americas: Approaches to the field.” Religion in the Americas, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, November 18, 2014.

“Decolonizing Methodologies: Consideration subaltern research theory, methods.” Religion in the Americas, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, September 20, 2014.

Teaching Experience:

Instructor

- “Cultural Anthropology,” Concordia St. Louis (Summer 2019).
- “Introduction to Islam” (ONLINE) University of Florida (Fall 2017, Summer 2018).
- “American Religious History,” (ONLINE) University of Florida (Spring 2018).
- “Islam, Christianity, & Religious Pluralism,” Concordia Lutheran Seminary (Winter 2018).
- “Christian-Muslim Relations: Past and Present,” Concordia College, Bronxville, NY (Fall 2017).
- “Islam in the Americas,” University of Florida (Spring 2017).
- “The God Beat: Religion & the News,” University of Florida (Spring 2016).
- “World Religions: Introduction,” LINC Bible Institute, Houston, TX (Fall 2010).
- “History of Christian Hermeneutics,” Laidlaw College, Palmerston North, New Zealand (Spring 2008).
- “Introduction to Hermeneutics,” Laidlaw College, Palmerston North, New Zealand (Fall 2008).

Teaching Assistant

- “Religion, Medicine, and Healing,” University of Florida (Summer 2017).
- “Introduction to Islam,” University of Florida (Fall 2015).
- “Religion and Science,” University of Florida (Spring 2015).
- “American Religious History,” University of Florida (Fall 2014, Fall 2016).

Digital Humanities Projects:

- *Mapping the Mosques of Latin America & the Caribbean* (projected completion - Spring 2019) — This project is in conjunction with the Hurst/Oxford University Press book *Between Al-Andalus and the Americas: An Introduction to Islam & Muslim Communities in Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Latinx U.S.A.* Using Google Maps, this project seeks to locate all of the established mosques in Latin America, the Caribbean, and the

Latinx U.S. Originally compiled by me, I have expanded it to receive crowd-sourced feedback via social media and other digital portals from Muslims, academics, and journalists across the hemisphere. Website URL forthcoming.

- *Insta2WorldReligions* (Spring 2018) — This is the first introduction to world religions course offering on Instagram. In an effort to expand religious literacy, this project uses pictures, videos, stories, and blog posts to teach students and the wider public about major religious traditions around the globe including Hindu traditions, Judaism, Islam, indigenous religious traditions, and more. To date there have been up to 300 students “enrolled” (following) and 90,000 impressions on the posts. www.instagram.com/insta2worldreligions
- *Religion in the News Blog* (ongoing) — A weekly wrap-up of the major religion news stories as a way to share the relevance of religious studies in the contemporary world. Hosted at religion.ufl.edu.
- “*Gods of Gainesville*” Website (Spring 2016) — As part of the “Religion and the News” course offered with the Department of Religion at UF and the College of Journalism and Communications the students prepared visual reports on various houses of worship and devotion across Gainesville. Locations included Christian churches, local mosques, a Buddhist mediation center, and a New Age temple. The website has since been taken down.
- *Religion@UF ARC* (2015-2016) — This project sought to map out significant sites with “religion angles” on the University of Florida campus and make the stories available via augmented reality apps. Sites included Lake Alice, which was a possible location for Timucuan religious rites, Heavener Hall where there is a Bible verse inscribed, religious symbols on the chemistry building, and the plaque dedicated to the International Society for Krishna Consciousness’ (ISKCON) “Krishna Lunch” offerings. This project was developed in coordination with TRACE and the UF Department of English’s Augmented Reality Criticisms (ARCs) project.

Research Experience:

Theology Department Assistant, Concordia University Irvine, January 2006 - June 2007:

Assisted the theology department with library services, grading papers, editing publications such as *Theologia et Apologia: Essays in Reformation Theology and its Defense Presented to Rod Rosenblatt* (ed. Steven P. Mueller) and *Called to Believe, Teach, and Confess: An Introduction to Doctrinal Theology* (ed. Steven P. Mueller), and with research projects.

Service to Profession/Organization:

- Religion News Foundation, Board of Directors, Vice-chair. August 2015 - present.
- Religion News Association, Board of Directors, Treasurer. March 2015 - present.
- Planning Committee, THATCamp News, January 2018-April 2018.
- Religion News Service, Board of Managers, Member. August 2016 - May 2018.
- Planning Committee, THATCamp AAR/SBL 2016, September - November 2016.
- Religion News Service, Managing Board, Treasurer. September 2016 - present.
- Graduate Faculty Liaison, Religion Graduate Student Association (RGSA), University of Florida Religion Department. 2016-2017 Academic Year.
- Handa Fellowship Mentor, Religion Newswriters Association, 2015-2016.
- Vice President, Religion Graduate Student Association (RGSA), University of Florida Religion Department. 2015-2016 Academic Year.
- Planning Committee, THATCamp Gainesville 2016, September 2015-April 2016.
- Religion News Association, Strategic Planning Committee. September 2014-September 2015.
- Religion News Association, Conference Committee. October 2012 - September 2013.
- Religion News Service (RNS) Freelance Correspondent. September 2013-February 2015.
- Publisher's Weekly. New York. November 2011-Present. Book Reviewer: Christianity, global Islam, political Islam, religion and popular culture, evangelicalism, emergent Christianity, global Christianity, politics, & social issues.

Media Coverage:

- "Nabeel Qureshi, who shared conversion from Islam to Christianity, dies at 34," *Religion News Service*, September 18, 2017.
- "Hola, Allah: Welcome to the Country's Only Latino Mosque, Right Here In Houston," *Houstonia Magazine*, May 25, 2017.
- "HBO's 'Westworld': Robot sex and the nature of the soul," *Religion News Service*, December 2, 2016.
- "Latino Muslims at country's first Spanish-speaking mosque: 'Islam changed my life'" *The Guardian*, May 9, 2016.
- "How American Muslims can overcome their public relations crisis," *Deseret News National*, January 2, 2016.
- "There is something about Mary," *The Washington Post*. December 23, 2015.
- "5Q+1 Interview: Religion and the news," *GetReligion*. November 9, 2015.
- "A Practical Guide to Islam," *The Spiritual Howcast*. Invited guest. July 6, 2015.
- "Christianity and the world's religions," *Reconnect Podcast*. Invited guest. July 5, 2015.
- "'The Jim Gaffigan Show' mixes comic's humor with religion," *Religion News Service*. Commentary, June 11, 2015.
- "Iraq, ISIS, and Islam." Haven Radio. Invited guest. August 22, 2014.
- "Latina/o Ministry in the 21st Century: An conversation between Andres Zelaya and Ken Chitwood." ELM Radio. KKHT 100.7fm. Houston, TX. November 25, 2012.

Selected Non-Academic Publications:

- “Clearing up misconceptions about Sharia Law,” *The Gainesville Sun*, April 9, 2016.
- “Should we be comparing the Bible and the Quran?,” *The Daily Dot*, December 10, 2015.
- “Understanding Islam and the death penalty,” *The Daily Dot*, November 24, 2015.
- “Coming to terms with Islam’s contradictions,” *The Huffington Post*, November 16, 2015.
- “The news that matters to Muslims should matter to us all,” *IslamiCommentary*, September 23, 2015.
- “Why ISIS Vandals Destroy Ancient Temples at Palmyra and Bel,” *Newsweek*, August 31, 2015.
- “#AddAFemaleReciter Campaign Seeks Inclusion for Female Voices in Qur’an Recitation,” *The Washington Post*, June 29, 2015.
- “‘Radical Muslim’ clothing line attempts to shatter stereotypes,” *The Washington Post*, April 13, 2015.
- “The Quran in Conversation: hearing diverse voices in American Islam,” *IslamiCommentary*, February 9, 2015.
- “How a novel can help us navigate religious, ethnic, tension in Europe,” *IslamiCommentary*, January 8, 2015.
- “Can Christians celebrate Diwali? Indian leaders disagree.” *Deseret News National*, November 14, 2014.
- “The lonely jihadi: why Westerners join ISIS.” *Sojourners*, September 26, 2014.
- “Quran Challenge Aims to Go Viral,” *Washington Post*, September 22, 2014.
- “Targeted Islamic outreach to Hispanics achieving results,” *Religion News Service*, February 28, 2014.
- “Iraqi refugee works to make life safer for secular humanists,” *Religion News Service*, December 3, 2013.
- “Long an oasis of Christian-Muslim calm, Kenya may see more strife.” *Washington Post*, Washington D.C., October 8, 2013.
- “Scot McKnight: Bible Politics.” *Publisher’s Weekly*. Chicago, IL. October 7, 2013.
- “Skeptics wonder if ex-clergy should lead atheist movements,” *Washington Post*, Washington D.C., October 2, 2013.
- “Tattooed Traditionalist: Pastrix Nadia Bolz-Weber has a new book.” *Publisher’s Weekly*. Chicago, IL. July 25, 2013.
- “Pomp and pageantry: hallmarks of Marwari wedding.” *HUM Magazine*, Houston, TX. January 10, 2013.
- “Mission-shaped architecture.” *The Living Church*. Milwaukee, WI. December 21, 2012.
- “Hindu importer: more than ‘selling someone’s god.’” *Houston Chronicle*. Houston, TX, December 7, 2012.
- “The Sunday before the election.” *Religion & Politics*, November 5, 2012.
- “‘Eid Mobile’ aims to mainstream Muslim holiday.” *Houston Chronicle*. Houston, TX, August 17, 2012.
- “Houston’s Hispanic imam bridges cultures.” *Houston Chronicle*. Houston, TX, July 6, 2012.

- “Film captures slice of Mexican history, quest for freedom.” *Houston Chronicle*. Houston, TX, June 1, 2012.
- “Pastor wants you to look good.” *Real Clear Religion*, May 15, 2012.
- “English Musical Play ‘Ek’ Brings Shirdi Sai Baba to Stage.” *IndoAmerican News*. Houston, TX, May 4, 2012.
- “Death, Design, Hope in Faith.” *Houston Chronicle*. Houston, TX August 26, 2011.
- “Out in Timbuktu: The State of the Church.” *The Olive Tree*. Palmerston North, New Zealand, September 2008.

Languages:

- Greek (Koine), translation competency.
- Spanish, C1.
- German, B2.
- Arabic, A2.

Professional Memberships & Fellowships:

- Mizan Project, Member, 2017.
- American Anthropological Association, Student Member. 2017.
- Religion Research Association, Student Member. 2017.
- Caribbean Studies Association, Student Member. 2017.
- Center for Global Islamic Studies, Graduate Student Fellow. 2015.
- Latin American Studies Association, Student Member. 2015.
- Associate Research Member, University of Waikato Islamic Studies Group (UWISG). 2014.
- American Academy of Religion, Student Member. 2014.
- Religion News Association, Academic Member. 2011.
- Theta Alpha Kappa Religious Studies Honors Society, Alumni Member. 2007.