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Employment

- 2020-2025** Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, (Acting Chair January-June 2018, 15 May-30 June 2019).
- 1992-** Professor of Anthropology (2008-); Associate Professor of Anthropology (1998-2008); Assistant Professor of Anthropology (1992-1998), University of North Carolina at Charlotte.
- 1984-1991** Lecturer (1991), Acting Instructor (1991-92), Teaching Assistant (1984-89), Stanford University.

Education

- 1991** Ph.D. in Anthropology, Stanford University.
- 1985** Master of Arts in Anthropology, Stanford University.
- 1983** Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in Anthropology, Northwestern University (4-year B.A./M.A. Program). B.A. with Highest Distinction; Departmental Honors; Phi Beta Kappa.

Publications: Books

- 2020** *The Jewish Question Again*. Joyce Dalsheim and Gregory Starrett, eds. Chicago: Prickly Paradigm Press.
- 2007** *Teaching Islam: Textbooks and Religion in the Middle East*, Eleanor Doumato and Gregory Starrett, eds. Boulder, CO, and London: Lynne Rienner Publishers.
- 1998** *Putting Islam to Work: Education, Politics, and Religious Transformation in Egypt*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Publications: Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- Under Review** “Temporal Imaginaries of American Fascism,” with Joyce Dalsheim. In *Rethinking Fascism*, ed. Sabine Teryngel and Maddalena Cammelli, full ms, under review at Berghahn Books March 2024.
- 2021** “Everything Possible and Nothing True: Notes on the Capitol Insurrection,” Gregory Starrett and Joyce Dalsheim. *Anthropology Today* 37(2): 26-30.
- 2020** “Introduction: The Jewish Question, Again,” Joyce Dalsheim and Gregory Starrett, in Dalsheim and Starrett, eds.
- 2020** “On Being Always Already Unprepared for the Present,” Gregory Starrett and Joyce Dalsheim, in Dalsheim and Starrett, eds.
- 2019** “Time and the Spectral Other: Demonstrating Against Unite the Right 2,” Gregory Starrett and Joyce Dalsheim. *Anthropology Today* 35(1): 7-11.
- 2011** “Schools, Skills, and Morals in the Contemporary Middle East,” Fida Adely and Gregory Starrett. Chapter 21 in Bradley A. U. Levinson and Mica Pollack, eds., *A Companion to the Anthropology of Education*. NY: Blackwell, pp. 349-367.
- 2010** “The Varieties of Secular Experience,” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 52(3):626-651.
- 2009** “Islam and the Politics of Enchantment,” *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 15(1): S222-S240 (special issue on “Islam, Politics, and Modernity,” edited by Benjamin Soares and Filippo Osella). The issue was subsequently published in book form as *Islam, Politics, Anthropology* (Royal Anthropological Institute and Wiley-Blackwell, 2010), pp. 213-230.
- 2008** “Institutionalizing Charisma: Comparative Perspectives on the Promise of Higher Education,” in Christopher Davidson and Peter Mackenzie Smith, eds., *University Education in the GCC States: Alternative Approaches to Building Economies, Societies and Nations*. London: Saki Books, pp. 73-91.
- 2008** “When Theory is Data: Coming to Terms with ‘Culture’ as a Way of Life,” in Melissa J. Brown, ed., *Explaining Culture Scientifically*. University of Washington Press, pp. 264-285.
- 2008** “Authentication and Affect: Why the Turks Don’t Like Enchanted Counterpublics,” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 50(4):1036-1046.
- 2007** “Textbook Islam, Nation Building, and the Question of Violence,” Gregory Starrett and Eleanor Doumato. Pp. 1-26 in Doumato and Starrett, eds., 2007.

- 2007** "Textbook Meanings and the Power of Interpretation." Pp. 215-231 in Doumato and Starrett, eds, 2007.
- 2007** "Conclusion: Tailor-Made Islam," Eleanor Doumato and Gregory Starrett. Pp. 233-238 in Doumato and Starrett 2007.
- 2006** "The American Interest in Islamic Schooling: A Misplaced Emphasis?" *Middle East Policy*, vol. XIII, no. 1 (Spring), pp. 120-131.
- 2004** "Islam after Empire: Turkey and the Arab Middle East," chapter 2 in Michael Feener, ed., *Islam in World Cultures: Comparative Perspectives*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, pp. 41-74.
- 2003** "Violence and the Rhetoric of Images," *Cultural Anthropology* 18(3):398-428.
- 2003** "Muslim Identities and the Great Chain of Buying," in Dale F. Eickelman and Jon Anderson, eds., *New Media and the Muslim World: The Emerging Public Sphere*, 2nd edition. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, pp. 80-101.
- 1999** "Who Put the 'Secular' in 'Secular State'?" *The Brown Journal of World Affairs*, vol. VI, Issue 1 (Winter/Spring), pp. 147-162.
- 1997** "The Anthropology of Islam," in Steven Glazier, ed., *Anthropology of Religion: A Handbook*. Westport, CT and London: Greenwood Press, pp. 279-303.
- 1996** "The Margins of Print: Children's Religious Literature in Egypt," *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* (incorporating *Man*), N.S., 2(1):117-139.
- 1995** "The Hexis of Interpretation: Islam and the Body in the Egyptian Popular School," *American Ethnologist* 22(4):953-969.
- 1995** "Signposts Along the Road: Monumental Public Writing in Egypt," *Anthropology Today* 11(4):8-13.
- 1995** "The Political Economy of Religious Commodities in Cairo," *American Anthropologist* 97(1):51-68.

Book Manuscripts in Preparation

- n.d.** *Dialectic of Environment: Contemporary Fascist Ontologies*, proposal for Prickly Paradigm Press. With Joyce Dalsheim.
- n.d.** *The Long Shadow of Totemism: Anthropologies of the Secular*. Book prospectus in preparation, solicited by Cornell University Press.

Invited Lectures, Conferences, and Workshops

- 2025** Panelist, *American Fascism: Revisiting January 6*, Zoom roundtable sponsored by the Society for Cultural Anthropology as part of their SCA Fridays series, 31 January.
- 2024** Participant, [*Researching Radicalism: A Workshop in Theory and Method*](#), Northeastern University, Boston, 22-23 March.
- 2021** “Against ‘Magical Thinking’,” delivered to the UNC Charlotte Department of Religious Studies, 15 March.
- 2018** “Why Again? Why Now? On Being Always Already Unprepared for the Present,” with Joyce Dalsheim. Presented at the workshop *The Jewish Question Again*, symposium sponsored by the Society for the Humanities, Cornell University, 18 March.
- 2018** “Orientalism and the Jewish Question,” with Joyce Dalsheim. Presented to the Israel Studies Program, SUNY Binghamton, 15 March.
- 2016** “We Have Never Been Muslim: (Quasi-) Object Lessons from a Transregional Field.” Keynote address for the conference *Transnational/Transregional Encounters: Religious Education and Islamic Popular Culture in Asia and the Middle East*, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany, 26 May.
- 2015** Invited comments on Shervin Malakzadeh's manuscript *Schooled to Obey, Learning to Protest*, at the Junior Scholars Book Development Workshop of the Project on Middle East Political Science. Sponsored by the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University, and the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University. Princeton, 13 November.
- 2015** “Materiality as Mediation,” presented at the workshop on *The Materiality of the Qur'an*, inaugural event for the newly created Islamic Studies Program at Johns Hopkins University, 24 April.
- 2014** “Talking About Islamic Violence,” delivered at the workshop *Muslim Exceptionalism: Islam, the Academy and the Global Public*, sponsored by the Department of Religious Studies, the South Asia Center, the Middle East Center, and the School of Arts & Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, 24 October.
- 2014** “Where Biography Lies,” delivered at the *Zentrum Moderner Orient*, Berlin, 24 June.

Invited Lectures, Conferences, and Workshops, continued

- 2014** “Above Suspicion,” delivered at the conference *Religious Heterodoxy and Modern States*, sponsored by the Council on Middle East Studies and Center for Comparative Research, Yale University, 29 March.
- 2013** Invited comments for Junior Scholar Author’s Conference, on Amali Ibrahim’s book manuscript *Improvisational Islam*, Harvard University (Weatherhead Center for International Affairs/Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies), 3 May.
- 2011** “Predatory Identities: Christian Culture and Classroom Islam in the United States,” delivered at the conference *School Textbooks in the Greater Middle East: National Identity and Images of Self and Other*, at the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 28 June.
- 2009** “The History of Islamic Education,” delivered to the College of Education of the University of Washington, the Seattle World Affairs Council, and the Islamic School of Seattle, 6 March.
- 2008** “Religion and the Varieties of Secular Experience,” presented at the workshop *The Decline of Secularism in Egypt*, sponsored by the School of International Studies, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, 14 August.
- 2007** “Institutionalizing Charisma: Comparative Perspectives on the Promise of Higher Education,” presented at the conference, *University Education in the GCC States: Alternative Approaches to Building Economies, Societies and Nations*, sponsored by the London Middle East Institute at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 13 November.
- 2007** “Inventing Traditions in Contemporary Islamic Education,” presented to the *Islamic Schools League of America Leadership Conference*, co-sponsored by the Graduate School of Islamic and Social Sciences and the Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding of Georgetown University, 9 November.
- 2007** “Madame Bovary and the Madrasa Boys,” presented at the King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, 16 April.
- 2006** “‘The Secret Wisdom of the West’: How Secular Schooling Remade Islam,” delivered at the workshop, *Globalization & Education: Challenges for the 21st Century Citizen*, sponsored by the West Virginia Consortium for Faculty and Course Development in International Studies (FACDIS), Morgantown, 2 November.

Invited Lectures, Conferences, and Workshops, continued

- 2006** ““Fanatics by Profession: Madrasas, Nation-Building, and Other Political Obsessions,” delivered at the workshop on *Globalization & Education* sponsored by FACDIS, 3 November.
- 2005** “Seeking the Seeker: Frameworks for Understanding Islamic Commodities,” at the invited symposium *Consuming Religion: Globalization and Popular Beliefs*, sponsored by the Area-Based Global Studies Program (AGLOS), Sophia University, Tokyo, 19 November (delivered *in mi absentia* by Professor Mark Mullins of Sophia University).
- 2004** “Eleazar and the Elephant; or, Why Target Textbooks?” Workshop presentation, *Islam in Middle Eastern School Textbooks: Nation-Building, Identity, and the Question of Reform*, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC, 23 March.
- 2004** “Fanatics by Profession: Reflections on the American Interest in Islamic Schooling,” presented at the U.S. State Department/National Intelligence Council conference, *Koranic Schools in Africa, the Middle East and Pakistan*, Arlington, VA, 27 September.
- 2003** “Others Past, Brothers Present: History and Polity as Textbook Contexts,” presented at the conference, *Constructs of Inclusion and Exclusion: Religion and Identity-Formation in Middle Eastern School Curricula*, Watson Center for International Studies, Brown University, 14 November.
- 2003** “Terror of the Everyday: Fantasies of Corporal and Social Dissolution in Witchcraft and Bioterrorism Narratives,” presented as part of the conference *Globalization and Violence*, Swarthmore College, 31 October.
- 2003** Participant, *Islam and Muslims in the United States and Europe: Processes of Mutual Accommodation*, a planning meeting of the Social Science Research Council at the Russell Sage Foundation, New York, 10-12 April.
- 2003** Participant, *The Global Production of Islamic Knowledge and Authority* Social Science Research Council planning meeting, New York, 23 Feb.
- 2003** “What Counts as Islamic Knowledge? Schools, Markets, and the Reconfiguration of Knowing,” paper presented at the symposium, *The Construction and Dissemination of Islamic Knowledge in Africa*, sponsored by the African Studies Program, Indiana University, 19 April.
- 2003** “When Theory is Data: the Functionalization of Culture in Egypt and Everywhere,” presented at the conference, *Toward a Scientific Theory of Culture*, sponsored by the Dep of Anth. Sciences, Stanford University, 25 January.

Invited Lectures, Conferences, and Workshops, continued

- 2002** “Others Past, Brothers Present: History and Polity as Textbook Contexts,” presented at the workshop, *Teaching the Other: Muslims, non-Muslims, and the Stories they Teach*, at the Library of Congress, Washington, DC, 25 October.
- 2002** Participant, *Assimilating Muslims, Emergent Islams? Towards a Euro-american Comparative Perspective*, a planning meeting of the Social Science Research Council at the Russell Sage Foundation, New York, 13-14 May.
- 2002** “Suffering and Citizenship in African-American Muslim Responses to September 11,” presented at the Mellon/Sawyer Foundation seminar, *Muslim Minorities in Western Europe and North America After September 11*, Duke University, 22-23 March.
- 2002** “‘Barbarism in the Strictly Moral Sense’: Schooling and Civilization in the Middle East,” presented as part of the University of Michigan International Institute Lecture Series, *Religion, Security, and Violence in Global Contexts*, Ann Arbor, 14 February.
- 2001** “Technology and Market Forces in Islamic Education,” presented to the Carolina Seminar on Comparative Islamic Studies, UNC Chapel Hill, 24 April.
- 2000** “The Door of the Eye: Science as Symbol in Islamic Education,” presented at conference on *The Ethnography of Education in the Middle East*, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, 19 October.
- 1999** “Newspaper Art and the Public Display of Virtue,” presented to the Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin at Madison, 1 April.
- 1999** Presenter/Participant, *Globalization and Local Responses: Teaching about the World in the 21st Century*, a seminar for educators, Grades 7-16, University of Washington, Seattle, 28-29 June.
- 1997** “Muslim Identities and the Great Chain of Buying,” presented to the Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, 10 February.
- 1996** Presenter/Participant, *Authoritarianism and Regime Legitimacy in the Middle East and South Asia*, U.S. Government-sponsored conference, McLean, VA 22-23 May.
- 1996** Presenter/Participant at the 7th Stanley Conference on African Art: *The Aesthetics of Urban African Identities*, University of Iowa Center for International and Comparative Studies/Project for Advanced Study of Art and Life in Africa, 7-10 March.

Invited Lectures, Conferences, and Workshops, continued

- 1992** “The Hexis of Interpretation: Reading Islam in the Egyptian Popular School, 1882-1989,” presented to the Department of Anthropology, Harvard University, 26 February.

Papers Presented at Disciplinary Conferences

- 2023** “Christian Nationalism and the Political Environment of the Anthropocene,” with Joyce Dalsheim. Delivered at the conference of the Political Theology Network of the American Academy of Religion: *Naming the Anthropos in Anthropocene*. Philadelphia, September 8.
- 2023** “The Dialectic of Environment”, delivered at the workshop of the European Association for Social Anthropology (EASA) Anthropology of Fascism Network: *Capitalism, Fascism, and the Environment*. Co-authored with Joyce Dalsheim. July 3-4, University of Cologne, Global South Studies Center.
- 2022** “Truth in the Service of Fantasy: Narratives and Ontologies of the Capitol Insurrection,” delivered at the conference *The Fantasy-Reality Continuum: Science, Religion, Politics, and Culture*, sponsored by the Department of Sociology of the University of Warsaw and the Norbert Elias Foundation, 10 December.
- 2021** “Temporal Imaginaries of American Fascism,” with Joyce Dalsheim, delivered at the online workshop *Fascism – What’s in a Name? Coming to Terms with Fascism as a Concept*. Sponsored by the Anthropology of Fascisms Network of the European Association of Social Anthropologists and the Max Planck Institut für Ethnologische Forschung, 4-5 November.
- 2021** “Theory and Forgetting: Understanding the ‘When’ of Fascism,” with Joyce Dalsheim, delivered at the *Congresso Internacional Neofascismos e direitas radicais do pós-Guerra ao século XXI* [International Congress on Neo-fascism and the radical right: from post-World War II to the 21st century]. Sponsored by the Centro de Investigação Transdisciplinar Cultura, Espaço e Memória (CITCEM) and the Instituto de História Contemporânea (IHC), Faculty of Letters, University of Porto, Portugal, 23 October.
- 2019** “Orders of Time,” presented at the conference *On Time*, biennial meeting of the Finnish Anthropological Society, Helsinki, 29 August.
- 2015** “Everyday Apocalypse,” presented as part of the panel "On Emergence, Emergencies, and Duration: Crisis, Threat, and Temporality," at the American Ethnological Society meetings, San Diego, 14 March.

Papers Presented at Disciplinary Conferences, continued

- 2012** “On Secular States,” presented at year two of the Thematic Conversation, “Disciplining a Religious/Secular Divide: Secular States,” at the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) meetings, Denver, 20 November.
- 2012** “Ideologies of Settlement, Idolatries of Place,” presented at the American Anthropological Association (AAA) meetings, San Francisco, 14 November.
- 2011** “The Discipline of Idols,” (with Joyce Dalsheim), presented at year one of a Thematic Conversation on “Disciplining a Religious/Secular Divide,” at the annual meetings of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, 2 December.
- 2011** “Territory, Materiality, and the Sacred/Secular Divide” (with Joyce Dalsheim), Society for the Anthropology of Religion biennial meeting, Santa Fe, 29 April.
- 2009** “The Varieties of Secular Experience,” presented as part of the panel “Religious/Secular Again?” at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, 3 December.
- 2006** “Islam as Politics in American School Curricula,” presented as part of the panel “Islam, Politics, and Modernity,” at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, 15 November.
- 2004** “Martyrdom as Religious Experience,” presented at the special joint session, *Islam and Political Violence: The ‘Ismhouse’ of Language*, at a joint session of the AAA and the MESA meetings, San Francisco, 21 November.
- 2002** “‘A Banal Deism? No!’ Religious Violence as Religious Experience,” presented as part of the invited panel, “Opening Pandora’s Box: New Directions in Middle East Research,” at the AAA meetings, New Orleans, 21 November.
- 1997** “Newspaper Art and the Public Display of Virtue,” presented as part of the panel “Hidden Manifests: Newspapers in Ethnographic Research,” at the AAA meetings, Washington, DC, 23 November. Earlier version presented “Public Virtue and the Righteous Self: Islam and Social Change in Egypt and the Middle East,” at MESA meetings, Providence, RI, November 1996.
- 1996** “Disks, Games, and Videotape: Reflections on the Market for Islamic Intellectual Commodities,” presented as part of the American Ethnological Society Invited Session, “Civic Pluralism, Mass Communications, and New Media in the Islamic World,” at the American Anthropological Association meetings, San Francisco.

Papers Presented at Disciplinary Conferences, continued

- 1995** “Putting Islam to Work,” presented as part of the panel, “Islam Participant-Observed,” at the American Anthropological Association meetings, Washington, D.C., 15 November.
- 1994** “The Margins of Print: Children's Religious Literature in Egypt,” presented as part of the panel “Printing and Mass Communications in Muslim Societies—I”, at the Middle East Studies Association meetings, Phoenix, 21 November.
- 1994** “Signposts Along the Road,” presented at the American Anthropological Association meetings, Atlanta, 4 December.
- 1993** “Supply-Side Piety: The Political Economy of Religious Commodities in Cairo,” presented at the American Anthropological Association meetings, Washington, D.C., 20 November.
- 1992** “The Hexis of Interpretation: Reading Islam in the Egyptian Popular School, 1882-1989,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, 2 December.
- 1991** “Appropriating the Kuttab: The Functionalization of Mass Religious Instruction in Egypt, 1882-1952,” presented as part of the panel, “Making, Teaching, and Learning Islam,” at the MESA meetings, Washington, DC, 25 November.
- 1991** “Religion, Genuine and Spurious: The Egyptian Case,” presented at the American Anthropological Association meetings, Chicago, 24 November.

Other Professional Conference Roles

- 2023** Co-organizer and Chair, *For the Glory of God and the Good of the Nation: Roundtable on the Contradictions of Christian Nationalism*. American Academy of Religion Annual Meetings. November 18-21, San Antonio.
- 2022** Co-organizer and Chair, Late-Breaking Roundtable: “Unsettling Landscapes of Democracy: Intersections of Fascism and Christian Nationalism,” with Joyce Dalsheim at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Seattle, 10 November.
- 2021** Presenter and Chair, “Obeying God for the Nation: Religion, Citizenship, and Struggles for Belonging,” roundtable organized by Joyce Dalsheim and David Henig at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association in Baltimore, 17 November.

Other Professional Conference Roles, continued

- 2019** Co-organizer, with Joyce Dalsheim, of the panel “Perhaps Another Time: The Trouble with Teleology,” for the biennial meeting of the Finnish Anthropological Society, *On Time*, Helsinki, 28-30 August.
- 2018** Co-organizer, with Jonathan Boyarin and Joyce Dalsheim, *The Jewish Question Again*, symposium sponsored by the Society for the Humanities, Cornell University, 18 March. Paper presented: “Why Again? Why Now? On Being Always Already Unprepared for the Present,” with Joyce Dalsheim.
- 2016** Discussant for the panel “The Muslim Other: Disputes, Perspectives, and Embodied Power,” at the conference *Religion and the Other*, a graduate conference organized by the UNC Charlotte Department of Religious Studies.
- 2016** Chair, *Reframing the Debate about Secularism in the MENA Region: Religious Violence, Secular Violence, and the Question of 'Real' Politics*. Thematic Conversation organized by Suzanne Schneider and Ajay Chaudhary at the annual meetings of the Middle East Studies Association of North America, 18 Nov.
- 2016** Rapporteur, *Transnational/Transregional Encounters: Religious Education and Islamic Popular Culture in Asia and the Middle East*, sponsored by the Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies, Philipps-Universität Marburg, and the German Federal Ministry for Educational Research, Germany, 28 May.
- 2015** Co-Organizer, with Joyce Dalsheim, and Chair, “The Jewish Question Again: Palestine, Europe, and the Elementary Structures of Expulsion,” Executive Committee Invited Panel, AAA meetings in Denver, 18 November.
- 2015** Presenter, "Reframing the Debate about Secularism in the MENA Region; or, What We Talk About When We Talk About Religion," Thematic Conversation at the Middle East Studies Association meetings, 24 November.
- 2013** Chair, "The Ends of Sovereignty: Impossible States and States of Possibility in Israel/Palestine," panel organized by Assaf Harel and Joyce Dalsheim at the annual meetings of the AAA, Chicago, 20 November.
- 2013** Chair, "Disciplining a Religious/Secular Divide: Living Together Well," final year of a Thematic Conversation at the Middle East Studies Association meetings, New Orleans, 13 October.
- 2012** Co-organizer, with Joyce Dalsheim, “Disciplining a Religious/Secular Divide: Secular States,” year two of a Thematic Conversation at the Middle East Studies Association meetings, Denver, 20 November.

Other Professional Conference Roles, continued

- 2012** Discussant, “Capitalism and the Material Transformation of Islam in the Modern Era,” panel organized by Leor Halevi at the Middle East Studies Association meetings, Denver, 20 November.
- 2012** Discussant, “Religions and their Publics: Crossing Borders in a Post-Secular World,” panel organized by James Bielo and Eric Hoenes del Pinal, at the American Anthropological Association meetings, San Francisco, 15 November.
- 2011** Session Chair for the Thematic Conversation, “Disciplining a Religious/Secular Divide,” at the annual meetings of the Middle East Studies Association of North America, Washington, DC, 2 December.
- 2011** Panelist, “Teaching the Anthropology of Religion,” sponsored by the Society for the Anthropology of Religion, at the AAA meetings in Montreal.
- 2010** Discussant for AAA Presidential Panel, “Circulation Interrupted: Walls and their Discontents,” at the AAA meetings in New Orleans, 20 November.
- 2007** Co-Organizer and Chair, “Teaching the Anthropology of Islam,” workshop at the American Anthropological Association meetings, Washington, DC, 1 December.
- 2007** Panelist, “Family and Profession: A Gendered Perspective,” panel sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Women in Anthropology at the AAA meetings, Washington, DC, 30 November.
- 2006** Discussant for the General Anthropology Division invited panel, “Comparative Perspectives on Technoscience in Islamic Societies,” AAA, San Jose, 17 Nov.
- 2005** Panelist for the workshop “Teaching Anthropology of the Middle East, North Africa, and Islam,” at the American Anthropological Association meetings, Washington, DC, 3 December.
- 2005** Discussant for the panel “Martyrdom, Sacrifice, and Collective Identities,” at the Middle East Studies Association meetings, Washington, DC, 21 November.
- 2004** Discussant for Council on Anthropology and Education Invited Session, “Islam and Education in Comparative Perspective,” at the American Anthropological Association meetings, San Francisco, 20 November.
- 2002** Organizer and Chair, “Social Theory Meets the Islamic Middle East: a Kaffeeklatsch of Civilizations,” panel presented at the American Anthropological Association meetings, New Orleans, 23 November.

Other Professional Conference Roles, continued

- 2001** Discussant, “Who Are You, and What are You Doing? Participant Observation in the Muslim World,” panel organized by Ronald Lukens-Bull at the American Anthropological Association meetings, Washington, D.C, 2 December.
- 2001** Discussant, “Education, the State, and National Identity,” panel presented at the Middle East Studies Association meetings, San Francisco, 19 Nov.
- 1998** Discussant, “Representations, Performances, and Texts in the Writing of History: Historians and Anthropologists on Authority and the Trope of Progress in the Middle East,” panel presented at the American Anthropological Association meetings, Philadelphia, 2 December.
- 1994** Discussant, “Urbanism and Urban Places in the Middle East,” panel presented at the Middle East Studies Association meetings, Phoenix, 20 November.
- 1993** Co-Organizer, with Patricia Horvatic, and Chair, “Current Approaches to the Study of Islam,” American Ethnological Society Invited Session to the American Anthropological Association meetings, Washington, D.C., 20 November.
- 1991** Organizer and Chair, “Religion, Politics and National Identity in the Middle East,” panel presented as part of the Stanford Teach-In on the Gulf War, 26 January.
- 1991** Organizer and Chair, “Making, Teaching and Learning Islam,” panel presented at the Middle East Studies Association meetings, Washington, D.C., 25 November.

Selected Shorter Publications

- 2024** “Equivocations,” in *New Secular Formations: A Conversation with Isaac Friesen, Aymeric Xu, Usmon Boron, and Gregory Starrett*. Invited [Online forum](#) of the journal *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 28 May.
- 2022** “Christian Nationalism is Getting Written Out of the Story of January 6th,” with Joyce Dalsheim, in [The Conversation](#), 7 September 2022.
- 2021** [“‘We’re All So F-cked’: Notes on American Fascism,”](#) Joyce Dalsheim and Gregory Starrett. *Cultural Anthropology* Editor’s Forum, Hot Spots: American Fascism. Online article. One of my photos was used as the image for the series.
- 2018** “Racism and Anti-Semitism Are Not Intrusions of a Dark Past Into Our Present,” by Joyce Dalsheim and Gregory Starrett. *Religion Dispatches*, 5 December. Available on line at <https://rewire.news/religion-dispatches/2018/12/05/its-a-big-mistake-to-see-racism-and-anti-semitism-as-an-eruption-of-a-dark-past/>

Selected Shorter Publications, continued

- 2016** “The Symbolic Violence of Choice,” *Anthropology News* 57(3-4), March/April, pp. 3-4. Available online at <http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2016/03/02/the-symbolic-violence-of-choice/>
- 2014** “Stuck in the Middle With You,” invited commentary on the special collection of papers “Religions and Their Publics,” on the Social Science Research Council's blog *The Immanent Frame*, <https://tif.ssrc.org/2014/09/18/stuck-in-the-middle-with-you/>.
- 2013** Review of Mark Allen Peterson, *Connected in Cairo: Growing Up Cosmopolitan in the Modern Middle East* (Indiana University Press, 2011, forthcoming in *Contemporary Islam*.
- 2012** Review of Amira Mittermaier, *Dreams that Matter: Egyptian Landscapes of the Imagination*, in *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 44(4): 812-814.
- 2010** Review of Edward R. Curtis IV, *Black Muslim Religion in the Nation of Islam, 1960-1975*, in *Contemporary Islam* 5(1):97-98.
- 2008** Review of Beth Baron, *Egypt as a Woman: Nationalism, Gender, and Politics*, in *The Historian* 70(3):519-520.
- 2007** “Seeking the Seeker: Frameworks for Understanding Islamic Commodities,” in *Sophia AGLOS News* (published by Sophia University, Tokyo) in theme issue, “Consuming Religion: Globalization and Popular Beliefs,” issue 9, pp. 21-26.
- 2007** “Discussing Human Terrain Teams,” *Anthropology News* 48(9):3.
- 2007** Review of Mine Ener, *Managing Egypt's Poor and the Politics of Benevolence, 1800-1952*, in the *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 24(3):124-126.
- 2007** Review of miriam cooke and Bruce Lawrence, eds., *Muslim Networks from Hajj to Hip-Hop*, and Armando Salvatore and Mark LeVine, eds., *Religion, Social Practice, and Contested Hegemonies: Reconstructing the Public Sphere in Muslim Majority Societies*, in the *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 39(2):298-302.
- 2007** Review of Gary R. Bunt, *Islam in the Digital Age: E-Jihad, Online Fatwas and Cyber Islamic Environments*, in *History of Religions* 46(3):268-271.
- 2006** Review of Bill Maurer, *Mutual Life, Limited: Islamic Banking, Alternative Currencies, Lateral Reason*, in *American Anthropologist* 108(4):910-911.

Selected Shorter Publications, continued

- 2006** "Cartoon Violence and a Clash of Civilization," *Anthropology News* 47(3):27.
- 2005** Review of Farha Ghannam, *Remaking the Modern: Space, Relocation, and the Politics of Identity in a Global Cairo*, and Timothy Mitchell, *Rule of Experts: Egypt, Techno-Politics, Modernity*, in *American Ethnologist* 32(3); available at www.aesonline.org
- 2005** "The Spirit of Your Resolution; or, Political Culture and the Americanist Anthropological Association," *Anthropology News* 46(2):11-12.
- 2004** "Culture Never Dies: Anthropology at Abu Ghraib," *Anthropology News* 45(6):10-11. Reprinted in William Haviland, Robert Gordon and Luis Vivanco, eds., *Talking About People: Readings in Cultural Anthropology*, 4th ed., McGraw-Hill, 2006.
- 2003** Review of David Edwards, *Before Taliban: Genealogies of the Afghan Jihad*, in *Current Anthropology* 44(4):613-615.
- 2002** Review of Roxanne Euben, *Enemy in the Mirror: Islamic Fundamentalism and the Limits of Modern Rationalism*, in *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 44(3):626-627.
- 2002** "Profile: Gregory Starrett--Urban Fieldwork in Egypt," in John Bowen, *Religions in Practice*, 2nd ed., Allyn & Bacon, pp. 203-204.
- 1999** Review of Walter Armbrust, *Mass Culture and Modernism in Egypt*, in *American Ethnologist* 26(2):503-4.
- 1996** Review of Diane Singerman, *Avenues of Participation: Family, Politics and Networks in Urban Quarters of Cairo*, in *Journal of the American Research Center in Egypt*, vol. xxxiii:217-218.
- 1994** Review of Brinkley Messick, *The Calligraphic State: Textual Domination and History in a Muslim Society*, in *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 26(2):347-9. Related booknote in *Religious Studies Review* 20:163.
- 1993** Review of Akbar Ahmed, *Postmodernism and Islam*, and Ernest Gellner, *Postmodernism, Reason, and Religion*, in *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 27(2):182-3.
- 1992** Review of Amira al-Azhari Sonbol, *The Creation of a Medical Profession in Egypt, 1800-1922*, in *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, 26(2):250-1.

Fellowships, Grants, Awards, Funded Research

- 2019** Spring: One semester research leave to work on book manuscript, *The Long Shadow of Totemism: Anthropologies of the Secular*.
- 2011** Finalist, Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence.
- 2004** Fall: One semester research leave to work on book manuscript, *Everyday Apocalypse: Culture, Bioterrorism, and Witchcraft*.
- 2000** Faculty summer research grant, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, "Islam and the American National Interest: Religion and State at Mid-Century," examination of FBI surveillance records on African-American Muslim groups.
- 1996** Faculty summer research grant, UNC Charlotte, "Disks, Games, and Videotape: The Impact of Technological and Market Forces on Islamic Education."
- 1995** National Endowment for the Humanities Visiting Scholar, Dartmouth College, 19 June-4 August.
- 1994** Institutional nominee for NEH Summer Stipends Program.
- 1993** "Supply-Side Piety: the Political Economy of Religious Commodities in Cairo," UNC Charlotte Faculty Research Grant.
- 1991** Stanford "Centennial Teaching Assistant" award for outstanding teaching.
- 1990-1991** Whiting Foundation Fellowship in the Humanities, Dissertation write-up grant.
- 1988-1989** Dissertation research, "Islamic Religious Socialization in Contemporary Egypt" (Cairo), funded by the U.S. Egyptian Binational Fulbright Commission.
- 1987** Supplementary grant for dissertation research from the Center for Research in International Studies, Stanford University.
- 1987** Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA), Summer Fellowship for Arabic study in Cairo.
- Travel grant for the second annual Dissertation Workshop of the Social Science Research Council's Committee on the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies, Tangier, Morocco, 7-10 June.

Fellowships, Grants, Awards, Funded Research, continued

- Summer 1985** “The Communication of Religious Experience in a Roman Catholic Community,” St. Anne's Chapel, Palo Alto, CA. Stanford University Department of Anthropology Graduate Student Summer Research Grant.
- 1983-87** Graduate fellowship for doctoral study, Stanford University.
- Summer 1982** Supervised ethnographic field research on the Navajo Indian Reservation, Rough Rock, AZ. Produced “The Training Program in Traditional Navajo Medicine for Navajo Health Sciences Students,” a program evaluation for NIMH-funded project at the Rough Rock Demonstration School.

Teaching

Graduate Committees

Natalia Suit, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Anthropology, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee, 2010-2014.
Chair or member of several M.A. Committees in Anthropology at UNC Charlotte.

Courses Taught

History of Anthropological Theory: The Nineteenth Century (Graduate Core Seminar, Stanford University)
History of Anthropology (graduate core seminar)
Remembering God: Religion and the Senses in the Muslim World (graduate)
Magical States: Anthropologies of Bureaucracy (Honors Seminar)
Foundations of Anthropological Theory (required upper division undergraduate)
Women in the Middle East (upper division, cross-listed with Women's Studies)
Israel/Palestine: Anthropological Perspectives (upper-division, cross-listed with RELS)
Anthropology of Islam (upper-division; cross-listed with International Studies and RELS)
Readings in Anthropology and Religion (upper-division; cross-listed with RELS)
Women Anthropologists in the Field (upper division; cross-listed with Women's Studies)
Tribe, State, and Nation in the Middle East (upper div.; cross-listed with Pol. Science)
Readings in World Ethnography (upper division)
Evolutionary Models in Biology and Culture (upper division)
Global Connections: The Middle East and World Civilization (lower div. General Ed.)
Culture and Society in the Middle East (lower division)
Beliefs, Symbols, and Rituals (lower division)
Development of Themes in Sociocultural Anthropology (lower-division core course)
Introduction to Anthropology (four-field)

Professional Service: Community Outreach

Selected Community Presentations

Among the many dozens of presentations on Islam and the Middle East I have done for student and community organizations, media, and government agencies, I have been invited to speak several times by:

Charlotte World Affairs Council, *Great Decisions* lecture series
 Charlotte Senior Scholars/Adventures in Learning Program
 Temple Beth El, Comparative Religion Lecture Series
 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Clergy Association
 Winthrop University
Charlotte Talks on WFAE

Full details available upon request.

Professional Service: Review and Evaluation

Grant Reviews for:

National Science Foundation
 Israel Science Foundation
 Swiss National Science Foundation
 Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada
 United States Department of Education (Fulbright Group Projects Abroad Program)
 Czech Republic Fulbright Commission
 Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University
 Mellon Foundation/American Council of Learned Societies

Professional Service: Review and Evaluation, continued

Manuscript Reviews for:

Journals

American Anthropologist
American Behavioral Scientist
American Ethnologist
Anthropology of Consciousness
Arab Studies Journal
City and Society
Comparative Education Review
Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies
Comparative Islamic Studies
Comparative Studies in Society and History
*Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and
the Middle East*
Contemporary Islam
Cultural Anthropology
CyberOrient
Development and Change
Globalizations
HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory
History and Anthropology
History of Education
International Journal of Middle East Studies
*Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute
of Great Britain and Ireland*
Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
Medical Anthropology Quarterly
Middle East Law and Governance

Book Publishers

American University in Cairo Press
 Bloomsbury Publishing
 University of California Press
 Cambridge University Press
 Cornell University Press
 Indiana University Press
 Mayfield Publishing Co.
 McGill-Queen's University Press
 McGraw-Hill Publishing Co.
 Oxford University Press
 Palgrave Press
 Polity Press
 Princeton University Press
 Routledge
 Springer
 Stanford University Press
 SUNY Press
 Syracuse University Press
 University of Michigan Press
 University of Texas Press
 Yale University Press

Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion Reviews for:

Amherst College
 American University in Cairo
 Bennington College
 Colgate University
 Georgetown University
 Indiana University
 Koç University, Istanbul

Lewis & Clark College
 Northwestern University
 Ohio University
 Oxford University
 Princeton University
 Simon Fraser U, Canada
 Swarthmore College

Trent U., Canada
 UC Davis
 UC San Diego
 U Illinois--Chicago
 U Missouri--St. Louis
 University of Utah
 Yale-National U of
 Singapore

Professional Service: Review and Evaluation

Educational Consultation

Swarthmore College, Program Review Committee for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 11-13 April 2016.
 Swarthmore College, Senior Honors Examiner 2011, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005.
 Islamic Saudi Academy of Alexandria, VA; Grades 1-12 textbook review, 2008.
 Creative Associates International, proposal review for educational services in Iraq, 2005.
 University of Melbourne, Master's Thesis External Examiner, 1996.

Selected Professional Leadership and Institutional Service

Member of the search committee for new Editors of the Middle East Studies Association's two journals, the *International Journal of Middle East Studies* and the *Review of Middle East Studies* (Spring-Fall 2024)
 Member of the Committee on Qualifications, The Phi Beta Kappa Society, 2021- (The CQ evaluates written applications and conducts site visits for campuses applying to shelter chapters of Phi Beta Kappa, the country's oldest and most prestigious undergraduate academic honor society)
 Editorial Boards: *Comparative Studies in Society and History*; Springer Verlag's *Muslims in Global Societies* book series.
 Member of the inaugural Jack Goody Prize Jury (with Krishan Kumar, University Professor and William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Sociology at the University of Virginia; and Sherry Ortner, Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, UCLA), for the journal *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 2017-2018.
 Delegate to the Council, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), representing the Middle East Studies Association of North America (appointed by the MESA Board), 2017-2020.
 Committee on Academic Freedom (North America subcommittee) of the Middle East Studies Association (appointed by the MESA Board), 2013-2019
 Editor, *Review of Middle East Studies*, 2007-2012 (continuing the former *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* since 2009)
 President, Middle East Section of the American Anthropological Association, 2009-2010 (President-Elect 2008, Past President 2011)
 Program Committee member for the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America (2005)
 President, UNC Charlotte Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (2004-2012)
 Chair, Student Paper Prize Committee, Middle East Section of the American Anthropological Association (2004)
 Chair, Annual Meeting Program Committee, Middle East Section of the American Anthropological Association (2003)
 Contributing Editor, *Anthropology News* (Middle East Section Column, 2003-2007)
 Treasurer, Middle East Section of the American Anthropological Association (2001-2)

Selected College and University Leadership and Service

Member of the CHESS Dean's Department Chairs Advisory Group, 2022-2025
 Member of the University College Faculty Council, 2023-25
 Honors College Faculty, 2022-
 Founding President, Phi Beta Kappa Society, Theta chapter of North Carolina, 2022
 Chair, Phi Beta Kappa Application Development Committee, 2016-2021
 Chair, Academic Planning and Budget Committee, 2015-2016
 Past-President of the Faculty, UNC Charlotte, 2015-2016
 President of the Faculty, UNC Charlotte, 2014-2015
 President-Elect of the Faculty, UNC Charlotte, 2013-2014
 Chair, O. Max Gardner Award Committee, 2013
 UNC Charlotte Graduate Council, 2011-2012
 Department of Global Studies (GIAS) Executive Committee 2009-
 UNC Charlotte Scholarly Publishing Committee, 2008-9
 Faculty Academic Policy and Standards Committee, 2007-2009
 Global Studies Ph.D. Planning Committee, 2006-2008; 2010.
 Executive Committee, UNC System Faculty Assembly, 2007-2009
 Chair, Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, UNC Faculty Assembly (2007-9)
 Chair, Student Assessment Task Force, UNC Faculty Assembly, 2006
 UNC Charlotte Faculty Hearing Committee (2003-6)
 University Faculty Council (2005-2006)
 International Studies General Education Committee (2001)
 College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Council (2009-2011; 2001, 1997, 1996)
 Post-Tenure Review mentoring committee, Mathematics Dept. (2000-2001)
 Ad-Hoc University Advisory Committee on the Curriculum Review Process (1997)
 Ronald McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program Mentor (1994)

Selected Departmental Leadership and Service

Chair, Departmental Review Committee (reappointment 2019, tenure and promotion 2019, 2012, 2008; promotion to full professor, 2010; post-tenure review, 2009)
 Chair, Anthropology Faculty Search Committee (applied anthropology 2015, linguistics 2012, biological anthropology 1999, medical anthropology 1997)
 Graduate Program Committee, 2012-2014
 Department of Anthropology Chair Reappointment Committee (2010).
 M.A. Program Planning Committee
 Annual Review Committee (Chair, 2017, 2014, 2007, 2001; member 2010, 2004, 1998, 1996, 1994)
 Sociology/Anthropology Chair Search Committee (2000)
 Chair, Soc./Anth. Dept. Multicultural Studies Development Committee (1992-1994)
 Faculty Search Committee, Dept. of Anthropology Program in Human Biocultural Evolution (Stanford University, 1990)
 Anthropology Dept. Committee on the Human Origins Program (Stanford University, 1985-1986)

Professional Organizations

American Anthropological Association

Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland

European Association of Social Anthropologists

Middle East Studies Association of North America

Carolina Seminar on Comparative Islamic Studies

Muslim Networks Consortium

American Association of University Professors

Languages

In order of proficiency: Arabic (Modern Standard and Egyptian Colloquial), French, German, Spanish.

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