

Curriculum Vitae
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Areas of Expertise:

Islam and Muslim Identities in Contemporary North American Society
Medical Anthropology Theory and Methods
Intersections of Religions, Medicines, Public Health and Healing
Anthropology of Refugee and Immigrant Mental Health

Academic Training:

6/1998 Th.D. Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA; Comparative Religion: Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations.
Dissertation: "Martyrs, heroes, and saints: shared symbols among Muslims and Christians in contemporary Palestinian society"
12/1989 M.Div. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY; Theology and Pastoral Ministry
6/1986 B.A. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA; High Distinction, Religious Studies

Additional Training:

3/2006-6/2008 Post-Doctoral Fellowship in General Pediatrics, Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM), Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA; Medical Anthropology, International Health
6/2006-7/2006 Certificate in International Health, Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, MA
8/1988-6/1989 Exchange Student, Baptist Theological Seminary, Rüslikon, Switzerland; Theology

Academic Appointments:

6/2014-present Assistant Professor, Graduate Medical Sciences Division, BUSM
9/2010-present Assistant Professor, Graduate Division of Religious Studies (GDRS), Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Boston University (BU) (secondary appointment)
9/2008-present Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, BUSM (primary appointment)
6/2004-8/2008 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, BUSM
1/2004-6/2004 Visiting Assistant Professor, International Studies, Bentley College, Waltham, MA
9/1998-6/2003 Member of the Faculty (tenured), Comparative Religion, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA (TESC has no faculty rank)
1/1998-6/1998 Head Teaching Fellow, Religion and Culture of Islam, Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
9/1993-12/1997 Teaching Fellow, Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Other Employment:

1/2004-6/2008 Senior Consultant, Boston Healing Landscape Project, Department of Pediatrics, BUSM
9/1997-6/1998 Resident Tutor, Pforzheimer House, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA
9/1996-9/1997 Non-resident Tutor, Pforzheimer House, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA
9/1994-6/1995 Assistant Senior Tutor, North House, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA

- 9/1994-9/1996 Researcher and Writer, Pluralism Project Interactive, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 9/1993-6/1995 Resident Tutor, North House, Harvard College, Cambridge, MA
- 6/1992-8/1992 Research Assistant, The Pluralism Project, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 9/1990-8/1991 Intern for Interfaith Relations, Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, Global Mission Ministry Unit, Presbyterian Church (USA), Louisville, KY

Honors

- 10/2014 Community Service Award, Refugee Immigration Ministry, Malden, MA
- 6/2007 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, "Religious Diversity and the Common Good," Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, Boston College
- 9/1996-6/1997 Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, Harvard Divinity School
- 9/1994-6/1995 John and Ineke Carman Scholarship, Harvard Divinity School
- 9/1992-6/1993 Alonzo L. McDonald Family Scholarship, Harvard Divinity School
- 9/1991-6/1993 Resident Fellowship, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School

Departmental and University Committees:

- 6/2015-present Track III (Religion and Culture) representative, Academic Program Review Committee, Graduate Division of Religious Studies
- 6/2014-present Program Assessment Subcommittee, Graduate Medical Sciences (GMS)
- 1/2014-present Awards Committee, GMS
- 9/2013-present Co-Chair, Faculty Peer Review Committee, Department of Family Medicine
- 9/2012-present Faculty Peer Review Committee, Department of Family Medicine
- 9/2010-present Masters Steering Committee, GMS
- 9/2011-6/2014 Course Evaluation Subcommittee, GMS
- 9/1999-6/2001 Faculty Agenda Committee, The Evergreen State College (TESC)
- 9/1999-6/2003 Faculty Advisor, Student Religious Groups, TESC

Teaching Experience and Responsibilities:

Boston University School of Medicine

- 2008-present History and Theory of Medical Anthropology I & II (GMS MA 700/701)
- Designed and taught year-long graduate seminar on theoretical development of the field and theory-building skills. Taught annually.
- Fall 2011 Reading Ethnography in Medical Anthropology (GMS MA 610)
- Designed and taught graduate seminar analyzing the written communication of ethnographic data in major medical anthropology literature
- Fall 2010/12/14 Islamic Medicines and Healing (GMS MA 682)
- Designed and taught graduate seminar focused on religious, historical, and ethnographic accounts of diverse healing traditions in the Muslim world.
- Spr 2009/11/13/15 Society, Healthcare, and the Cultures of Competence (GMS MA 650)
- Designed and taught graduate seminar on the cultural processes of education, regulation, and evaluation of professional competence and "cultural competence" in contemporary medicine, acupuncture, and hospital chaplaincy.
- Fall 2009/13 Culture, Migration, and Mental Health (GMS MA 780/680)
- Designed and taught graduate seminar on the intersection of medical anthropology, transcultural psychiatry, acculturation and psychology in debates regarding the mental health of refugees, immigrants, and displaced persons.
- Spr 2009/12/14/F15 Religion, Culture, and Public Health (GMS MA 722/622)

- Designed and taught graduate seminar examining the complex role of religion and faith-based organizations in public health initiatives (approved for SPH International Health concentrators 2012)
- Spr 2006-2008 Cultural Competency & Community-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine
- Co-taught with Dr. Linda Barnes an intensive elective course for fourth-year medical students
 - Facilitated field visits and discussions with Muslim and African-American Christian leaders

Bentley College

- Spring 2004 Religious Worlds
- Proposed and taught a comparative introduction to East Asian religious traditions, Hinduism, Islam, and Christianity

The Evergreen State College

- Summer 2003 Christians, Muslims, Culture, and History
- Designed and facilitated an all-level four-to-eight-credit course exploring diverse patterns in Muslim-Christian relations in historical and cultural context.
- Spring 2003 Myth of Memory
- Collaborated with a European history faculty member to develop and facilitate a team-taught, all-level program focused on the politics of collective memory regarding mid-20th c. conflicts and its consequences for both majority and minority groups in Germany, France, Israel/Palestine and Algeria, through the disciplinary lenses of comparative religion and European history.
- 9/2003-2/2004 Body Mind Soul
- Collaborated with psychology and dance faculty members in designing and teaching a full-year, upper-division program integrating religion, psychology, dance and literature in an exploration of historical, cross-cultural, and autobiographical perspectives on the human self, its development, and the meaning of health.
- Spring 2002 Visions of Islam
- Designed and taught an all-level, four-credit introduction to the historical, theological, and cultural diversity of the Islamic religious tradition.
- 9/2001-5/2002 Marking Time: Rituals, Gestures, and Languages of Movement
- Collaborated with literature/dance and animation faculty members in developing and facilitating a team-taught, full-year, upper division program examining theories and practices of time through literature, religious studies, ethnography, animation, and movement.
- 9/2000-5/2001 Imagining the Middle East and South Asia
- Collaborated with political science and literature faculty members in designing and facilitating a team-taught, full-year, all-level program examining religion, political economy, gender and literature in comparative regional perspective.
- Spring 2000 Religious Worlds of Western Washington
- Developed and facilitated a seminar on American religious history and pluralism for students doing ethnographic and oral history research on regional immigrant religious communities.
- 9/1999-2/2000 Crescent, Cross, and Cupola: Islam and Christianity East and West
- Collaborated with Spanish and Russian language and literature faculty members in designing and facilitating a team-taught, upper-division program on historical, theological, scriptural, and cultural foundations of Eastern and Western forms of

Islam and Christianity; involving selected comparison of mysticism, feminist reinterpretation, politics, and violence.

- 9/1998-5/1999 Enduring Stories
- Collaborated with anthropology, history, and computer science faculty members to develop and facilitate a team-taught, full-year core program for first-year students, integrating literary, ethnographic, historical, and religious texts with a number of other media to study “the story of God” in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam; the lives of Greek Christians, Egyptian Muslims, and Diaspora Jews; and the stories of American immigrants.

Harvard University

Conducted weekly discussion sections, responded to student writing, evaluated papers and examinations, presented occasional lectures, developed course web sites, designed assignments, and coordinated teaching agenda with professors and other teaching fellows in the following courses:

- Spring 1998 Religion and Culture of Islam (William A. Graham)
Fall 1997 Introduction to Islamic Mysticism: The Sufi Tradition (Ali Asani)
Spring 1995 Sun, Stone, Sea and Tree: Supernatural Aspects of Natural Objects (Kimberley Patton)
Fall 1994 World Religions: Diversity and Dialogue (Diana Eck)
Fall 1994 Religion and Culture of Islam (William A. Graham)
Fall 1993 World Religions in America: The Problematic of Pluralism (Diana Eck)

Major Mentoring Activities:

- 6/2015-present Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Catalonia, Department of Anthropology, Dissertation Reader
- Ilaria Cover, “Itineraries of Social Suffering: Long-Term Female Inpatients in an Egyptian Public Psychiatric Hospital”
- 9/2014-6/2015 Boston University School of Theology, Doctoral Dissertation Committee
- Ian Mevorach, “In Search of a Common Theological Path from Desacralization to Resacralization of Nature: Sallie McFague and Seyyid Hossein Nasr”
- Boston University Department of Anthropology, Doctoral Comprehensive Examiner and Dissertation Prospectus Committee
- Ekaterina Anderson, “The Treatment of Cultural Difference in Israel’s Mental Health System”
- M.S. Medical Anthropology & Cross-Cultural Practice Thesis Advisor:
- Svyatoslav Petrov, “Such Cases Are Awakenings! Transforming Clinical Relationships Through Critical Incidents in Refugee Care”
 - Bianca Bracho-Perez, “Cellf-Care: The role of Smartphones in Decision-Making and the Formation of Health and the Self”
- Harvard Divinity School Field Supervisor:
- Cara Curtis, “Spirituality and Maternal Depression” research project
- 9/2013-6/2014 Boston College Lynch School of Education, Ph.D. Dissertation Advisor
- Diana Baker, “Many voices at the table: Collaboration between families and teachers of Somali students with autism”
- Boston University School of Theology, M.Div. Thesis Advisor
- Henry Thompson, “Nurse frustrated: Religion, spirituality, and nurse burnout”
- Boston University Graduate Division of Religious Studies, Doctoral Comprehensive Examiner
- Amina Chaudary, “Islam in America”
- M.S. Medical Anthropology & Cross-Cultural Practice Thesis Advisor:

- Rebecca Garza, “Delivering Diversity: Meanings of Cultural Competence Among Labor and Delivery Nurses in an Urban Hospital”
- Robert Christian, “‘You Know a Girl When You See One’: Experiences of Surgeons Who Perform Gender Affirmation/Reassignment Surgery”
- Tong Xin, “Covering Health: Healthworlds of First-Generation Chinese Immigrants in Boston Chinatown”
- Eva Melstrom, “Who Minus Who”: Suicide in Boston’s Ethiopian Community”
- Heather White, “What Am I Supposed To Eat?": Nutritional Messaging in an Inner-City Integrative Medicine Clinic”
- Michelle Welch, “Sexual Orientation and Identity in Diabetes Health Care: The Experience of Type 2 Diabetes among Lesbian, Queer, and Women-Loving Women”
- Susan King, “Heart/Mind of Alzheimer’s”

Harvard Divinity School Field Supervisor:

- Adaliss Rodriguez, “Mapping Boston-area Botanicas”

9/2012-6/2013 Boston University Graduate Division of Religious and Theological Studies, Dissertation Defense Committee Chair

- Ruben Hopwood, “The conceptualization of religion in a purposively selected sample of female-to-male transsexuals: an exploratory study using interpretative phenomenological analysis”

M.A. Medical Anthropology & Cross-Cultural Practice Thesis Advisor:

- Masami Tabata, “Becoming a Kidney Transplant Citizen: Kidney Transplantation, Race and Biological Citizenship”
- Eileen Sullivan, “From Washing to Whitening: The Cosmetic Practices and Beauty Politics of Vietnamese-American Women in Boston”
- Nechama Wildanah, “We Have Not Been Here Before: Aging and Elderly Women With Intellectual Disabilities”

9/2011-6/2012 M.A. Medical Anthropology & Cross-Cultural Practice Thesis Advisor:

- Kristina Fenn, “Developing A Dialogue Between Refugee Patients and Their Healthcare Providers About Traditional Medicine Usage: Why Context Matters”
- Vivian Laurens, “Developing a Sense of Belonging: The Immigration Experience of Latin American Women in Boston
- Christine Soya, “The Effects of Direct-To-Consumer Antidepressant Advertising on Doctor-Patient Relationships”
- Alexandra Palmer, “Pathways Into Care for Pediatric Asthma”
- Stephanie Hill, “The Meaning of Diabetes”

9/2009-6/2011 M.A. Medical Anthropology & Cross-Cultural Practice Academic Advisor and Thesis Advisor:

- Meryl Kopy, “Virtual Lay Therapy: The Role of the Internet, Illness Narratives and Experiential Knowledge in Health Decision-Making”
- Meghen DeSanta, “‘It’s About Having a Fertile Mind’: A Meaning-Centered Analysis of Hypnosis for Infertility”
- Cristina Crespo, “Experiences and Barriers to Engagement of Low Income Urban Minority Expectant Fathers”
- Sofia Aba Jebel, “Parkinson’s Dance!: A Meaning-Centered Analysis of the Emergence of Dance Therapy”

M.A. Medical Sciences Thesis Advisor

- James Light, “The Stigma of Error: An Exploratory Investigation of its Impact on the Culture and Care of Boston EMS”

College of Arts and Sciences Honors Thesis Advisor

- Anna Graves, “Pregnancy Cravings: evolutionary ‘wisdom of the body’ or cultural ‘wisdom of society’?”

Major Leadership Responsibilities:

- 9/2015-6/2016 Co-Director, Boston University School of Theology Religion Fellows seminar
- 1/2015-present Organizer and convener, Boston University Interdisciplinary Working Group on Religion and Health
- 9/2009-present Assistant Director, Master of Science Program in Medical Anthropology and Cross-Cultural Practice, Division of Graduate Medical Sciences, Boston University School of Medicine
- Co-founded the program with Dr. Linda L. Barnes, co-drafting original proposal, participating in campus-wide networking, and assisting in related steps of the approval process
 - Manage course descriptions and online directory, scheduling and logistics
 - Responsible for leading the identification and implementation of teaching and advising mechanisms (e.g., the use of technological innovations for course use; ePortfolio as a part of students’ career development)
 - Responsible for developing and assisting other program faculty in the development of course evaluation tools
 - Overseeing the compilation and management of program evaluation, in coordination with program director and the Division
 - Serve as administrative liaison to Division and to the Department of Family Medicine
- 9/2014-present Steering Committee, Forced Migration and Human Trafficking Working Group, Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University

Other Professional Activities:

Membership, Professional Societies:

- 9/1992-present American Academy of Religion
- 11/2004-present Steering Committee Member (Co-Chair, 2011-present); Religions, Medicines, and Healing Program Unit, American Academy of Religion
- 9/2003-present Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 3/2008-present American Anthropological Association
- 3/2008-present Society for Medical Anthropology
- 10/2007-present Society for Applied Anthropology
- 6/2006-present Association of (*now*, American) Muslim Health Professionals
- 6/2006-present Islamic Medical Association of North America

Offices, Professional Societies

- 11/2004-present Steering Committee Member: Religions, Medicines, and Healing Program Unit, American Academy of Religion

11/2011-present Co-Chair: Religions, Medicines, and Healing Program Unit, American Academy of Religion

Community Service and Leadership:

5/2014-present National Council of Churches of Christ, USA Convening Table on Interreligious Relations and Collaboration: Representative for national Alliance of Baptists
5/2013-present Greater Boston Muslim Health Initiative, Founding Member and Convener
9/2008-6/2012 School Site Committee Member, Curley K-8 School, Jamaica Plain, MA
9/2003-present Lay Leader, First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain, MA
Worship and Programs Team Co-Leader
Christian Formations Team Chair
Adult Christian Education Teacher
Social Justice and Mission Team Chair
Teaching Parish Committee Chair
Choir member

Other Support:

Current:

9/2015-6/2016 Boston University School of Theology Religion Fellows convening grant, “Multiple Interdisciplinary Approaches to Religions, Medicines, Health and Healing in Local and Global Contexts” (Co-Director)
7/2015-12/2015 Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute Subcontract PI: Brian Jack, “Project ACHIEVE (Achieving Patient-Centered Care and Optimized Health in Care Transitions by Evaluating the Value of Evidence)” (Qualitative Consultant)
12/2014-11/2016 Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute AD-1304-6218 PI: Paula Gardiner, Boston Medical Center, “Integrative Medicine Group Visits: A Patient-Centered Approach to Reducing Chronic Pain and Depression in a Disparate Urban Population” (Qualitative Consultant)
2/2015-6/2015 Boston University Center for the Humanities convening grant; PI: Lance D. Laird, “Religion and Health: Building an Interdisciplinary Working Agenda”
6/2014-9/2015 Lynne Stevens Award for Research or Practice Improvement Project on healthcare Responses to Violence Against Women; Department of Family Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine; PI: Lance D. Laird, “Improving care and community collaboration for Muslim women in Boston”

Past:

Regional/Local

9/2011-6/2013 Boston University School of Theology Religion Fellows, Faculty Development Program
1/2004-5/2005 Kenneth B. Schwartz Center Grant; PI: Lance D. Laird, “Muslim Patients and the Cultures of Healing in Boston”
6/2003-9/2003 Sponsored Research Grant, The Evergreen State College
9/1996-6/1997 Dean’ Dissertation Fellowship, Harvard Divinity School
9/1995-8/1996 Sinclair Kennedy Traveling Fellowship, Harvard University
9/1994-6/1995 John and Ineke Carman Scholarship, Harvard Divinity School

- 6/1993-8/1993 Center for Middle Eastern Studies Language Study Grant, Harvard University; Arabic language program of University of Florida/Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt
- 9/1992-6/1993 Alonzo L. McDonald Family Scholarship, Harvard Divinity School
- 9/1991-6/1993 Resident Fellowship, Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard University

National

- 9/2009-6/2013 National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research #R01DE017716 PI: Paul Geltman, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Refugee Health, "Health literacy and oral health status of African refugees" (Consultant)
- 9/2008-6/2011 Institute for Social Policy and Understanding; PI: Wahiba Abu-Ras, "American Muslim Physicians: Demographic Overview, Civic Service, and Community Involvement" (Co-Investigator)
- 9/2008-12/2009 Hartford Institute of Religion Research Congregational Studies Project Team, Engaged Scholars Studying Congregations Fellowship; PI: Lance D. Laird, "Mosques, Churches and Religious Health Assets in Roxbury and Dorchester"
- 6/2006-7/2006 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, Boston College, "Religious Diversity and the Common Good"
- 1/2006-12/2006 Association of Muslim Health Professionals & Institute for Social Policy and Understanding; Co-PIs: Lance D. Laird, Wendy Cadge, "Muslim Community-Based Health Organizations"
- 3/2006-6/2008 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NIH T32), Fellowship in General Pediatrics, Boston Medical Center
- 1/2004-12/2004 American Academy of Religion Individual Research Grant; PI: Lance D. Laird, "The Profession of Islam and the Health Care Profession in Boston"
- 9/1999-6/2000 Pluralism Project Affiliate Grant; PI: Lance D. Laird, "Re-mapping the religious landscape of Western Washington"
- 9/1995-8/1996 Overseas Ministries Study Center for Pew Charitable Trusts, Research Enablement Program Dissertation Field Research Grant

International

- 8/1997-8/1998 Two-year Workshop on Islamic World and Modernity, sponsored by the German-American Academic Council, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, and Social Science Research Council (New York); Erlangen, Germany and Washington, DC.

Conference Presentations:

Regional

- February 2001 "Encountering Religious Commitments in the Classroom" (with Patricia O'Connell Killen). Washington Center for the Improvement of Undergraduate Education Conference, Seatac, Washington.
- February 2000 "Encountering Religious Commitments in the Classroom." Washington Center for the Improvement of Undergraduate Education Conference, Seatac, Washington.
- October 3, 1992 "Islam in New England." Pluralism Project Conference, Harvard University.

National

- March 7, 2015 “Spiritual and Religious Dimensions of Coping among Low-Income Depressed Mothers: A Qualitative Analysis,” 4th Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion, Cambridge, MA (Cara Curtis, Jonathan Morgan, Lance D. Laird)
- March 8, 2014 “Practical and Prophetic Caregiving: A Mosque, A Church, and the Suffering of Black Bodies,” 3rd Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion, Chicago, IL.
- March 31, 2012 “Crossing Borders, Building Bridges: Muslim International Medical Graduates in the U.S.,” Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- March 26, 2008 “Religious Identity in American Muslim Health Organizations.” Panel: Bridging the Gaps: Faith-Based NGOS in the US. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN.
- March 23-24, 2007 “Boundaries and Baraka: Christians, Muslims, and a Palestinian saint.” Conference: Muslims and Others in Sacred Space, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC.
- November 8, 2006 “Religion as health asset and risk: discrimination, health promotion, and the right to religion-based care?” Panel: Everything your mother told you not to talk about at the dinner table: Race, Gender and Religious Discrimination as human rights issues. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- September 3, 2006 “Muslim community-based health organizations.” Association of Muslim Health Professionals annual meeting, Islamic Society of North America Convention, Chicago, IL.
- September 1, 2006 “Portraying Islam and Muslims in MEDLINE: a Content Analysis.” Islamic Medical Association of North America CME conference, Chicago, IL.
- March 22, 1999 “The Story of God, First-Year Students, and Collaboration Across Institutional Roles” (with Rita Pougiales & Nancy Taylor). American Association of Higher Education National Conference on Higher Education, Washington, DC.
- June 7, 1996 “Islam and Christianity in Context: Re-interpreting religion in contemporary Palestinian experience.” Overseas Ministries Study Center Research Colloquium, Nashville, Tennessee.

International

- November 8, 2012 “Looking Islam in the Teeth: The Social Life of a Somali Toothbrush,” Study of Islam Section and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- November 19, 2011 “Religious Health Assets of Urban ‘Black’ Congregations: A Mosque, a Church, and a Neighborhood,” Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

- October 31, 2010 Panel Respondent: "Approaches to Teaching Comparative Religions, Medicines, and Healing," Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- November 5, 2009 Panel Respondent: "Religious and Clinical Interfaces: Chronic Illness, the Case of Alcohol, American Military Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and the Incorporation of Spiritual Healing in Acupuncture Practices." Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC.
- November 20, 2008 "American Muslims and NGO Power in the US." Panel: Getting it Done: Ethnography of and in NGOs and of Power. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- October 24, 2003 "Peripheries of an Uncentered Circle? Pacific Rim Religions in the Pacific Northwest.." Panel on Contemporary Religion in the Pacific Northwest: Changing Patterns in Secularization, Spirituality, and Religion. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Norfolk, VA.
- November 26, 2002 "Jesus and Other Palestinian Martyrs: Transcending Muslim-Christian Boundaries in Bethlehem." Comparative Religion Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Toronto, CA.
- August 4, 1998 "Muslim-Christian Religious Symbols and Palestinian Political Discourse." Workshop on Islamic World and Modernity, sponsored by the German-American Academic Council, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, and Social Science Research Council (New York); Washington, DC.
- November 24, 1997 "Sharing a saint: Muslims and Christians in contemporary Bethlehem." Eastern Orthodox Studies Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- August 5, 1997 "For God and for the nation: the politics of martyrdom in contemporary Palestinian society." Workshop on Islamic World and Modernity, sponsored by the German-American Academic Council, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, and Social Science Research Council (New York); Erlangen, Germany.
- November 23, 1993 "Muslims in America: the Challenges of Diversity." Pluralism Project presentation, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Invited Lectures and Presentations:

Regional/Local

- March 26, 2015 "Islam, Abortion, and Women's Reproductive Health," Religion, Ethics, and Public Health (SPH PH 728), Boston University School of Public Health.
- March 23, 2015 "Building Bridges in Boston," Freshman Seminar: "What's Boston?" Boston University College of Arts and Sciences.
- April 17, 2014 "Islam, Women, and Health," Religion, Ethics, and Public Health (SPH PH 728), Boston University School of Public Health.
- February 25, 2014 "Workshop on Participant Observation," Needs Assessment (SPH PH 851), Boston University School of Public Health.

- October 15, 2013 “Islam and Healing,” World Religions and Healing (GMS MA 620), Boston University School of Medicine.
- March 21, 2013 “Islam and Public Health,” Religion and Public Health (SPH PH 728), Boston University School of Public Health.
- March 19, 2012 “Christians and Muslims: Opportunities for Mutual Witness,” Hingham Congregational Church, Hingham, MA.
- January 20, 2012 “Islamic Worship,” Rabbinical/Cantorial Seminar, Hebrew College, Newton Centre, MA.
- January 2, 2008 “Muslims and Mental Health in Boston.” Cross-cultural Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.
- August 16, 2006 “Muslims and Mental Health in Boston.” Cross-cultural Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.
- April 24, 2006 “Reproducing Muslims: the Meaning(s) of Life in the Age of Assisted Reproduction.” Islam in Practice Lecture Series, Brown University Chapel.
- March 8, 2006 “Muslims and Mental Health in Boston.” Cross-cultural Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.
- January 25, 2006 “Islamic perspectives on assisted reproductive technologies.” Grand Rounds panel presentation, Obstetrics & Gynecology Department, Boston Medical Center.
- October 18, 2005 “Islamic Healing Traditions.” Religion and Healing (RN 247), Department of Religion, Boston University.
- October 11, 2005 “Orientation to Islamic Tradition.” Religion and Healing (RN 247), Department of Religion, Boston University.
- May 18, 2005 “Muslims and Mental Health in Boston.” Cross-cultural Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.
- April 8, 2005 “Orientation to Islamic tradition and site visit to a local mosque.” Cultural Competency and Community-based Complementary/Alternative Medicine (4th-year elective), Boston University School of Medicine.
- April 8, 2005 “Culturally competent care for Muslims: a case discussion of Anwar and Baby N.” Cultural Competency and Community-based Complementary/Alternative Medicine (4th-year elective), Boston University School of Medicine.
- December 7, 2004 “Christians and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.” The Cross and the Crescent (REL 308/608), Department of Religion, Boston University.
- November 11, 2004 “Religion, Medicine and Public Health Policy: Islamic Medical Ethics Perspectives.” Ethical Issues in Medicine and Public Health (SPH LW 725), Boston University School of Public Health.

- March 21, 2004 “Pacific Rim Religions in the Pacific Northwest: What are the stories?.” Leonard A. Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life Conference for Journalists, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA.
- February 12, 2004 “Religious Dimensions” (with Marc Ellis). The Search for Peace: the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, First Church of Christ Scientist and The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA.
- Monthly 2001-2002 “Islam: One Way, Many Paths,” Women’s University Club, Seattle, WA (adult education course)

National

- April 10, 2015 “Comparative Religion, Medical Anthropology, and Public Health: You Do What?” Cultural Life Series Lecture, Furman University, Greenville, SC.
- November 18, 2004 “A Christian Encounters Islam.” Center for American and Jewish Studies Lecture, Baylor University, Waco, TX,.

International

- April 9, 2015 “Young, American and Compassionate: Muslim Health Organizations and the Public Image of Islam,” Muslims in the West Panel, Youth in the Contemporary Muslim World Conference, Boston University Pardee School of Global Studies.

Ad Hoc Journal Peer Reviewer

Globalization and Health
Journal of Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics
Journal of General Internal Medicine
Lancet
Peace and Conflict: The Journal of Peace Psychology
Psycho-Oncology
Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
Journal of Muslim Mental Health
Archives of Disease in Childhood
Journal of Religion and Health
American Journal of Bioethics: Empirical Bioethics
Global Advances in Health and Medicine

Bibliography:

Original, Peer Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters:

1. **Laird LD**, Barnes LL. The interaction of religion and healing. In: Caplan M, editor. Reference Module in Biomedical Sciences. Oxford: Elsevier; 2015.
2. Dresner D, Resnick K, Gardiner P, Barnett KG, **Laird L**. Qualitative evaluation of an integrative medicine group visits program for patients with chronic pain and associated comorbidities. *Journal of alternative and complementary medicine*. 2014;20(5):A55-56.

3. **Laird LD**, Barnes LL, Hunter-Adams J, Cochran J, Geltman PL. Looking Islam in the Teeth: The Social Life of a Somali Toothbrush. *Med Anthropol Q* 2015.
4. Adams JH, Young S, **Laird LD**, Geltman PL, Cochran JJ, Hassan A, Egal F, Paasche-Orlow MK, Barnes LL. The Cultural Basis for Oral Health Practices among Somali Refugees Pre-and Post-Resettlement in Massachusetts. *Journal of health care for the poor and underserved*. 2013;24(4):1474-1485.
5. **Laird LD**, Abu-Ras W, Senzai F. Cultural Citizenship and Belonging: Muslim International Medical Graduates in the USA. *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*. 2013;33(3):356-370.
6. Abu-Ras W, Senzai F, **Laird LD**. American Muslim Physicians' Experiences Since 9/11: Cultural Trauma and the Formation of Islamic Identity. *Traumatology*. 2012;19(1):11-19.
7. **Laird LD**. Boundaries and Baraka: Christians, Muslims and a Palestinian Saint. In: Cormack M, ed. *Muslims and others in sacred space*. Oxford ; New York N.Y.: Oxford University Press; 2013:40-70.
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