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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Edward E. Curtis IV is Millennium Chair of the Liberal Arts and professor of religious studies at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). He is author or editor of six books on Muslim American and African American history, including *Muslims in America: A Short History*, which was named one of the top 100 books of 2009 by *Publishers Weekly*. A former NEH Fellow at the National Humanities Center, he has been awarded Carnegie, Fulbright, and Mellon fellowships. Most recently, Professor Curtis has completed work as general editor of the two-volume *Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History*. He is currently at work on a monograph about Islam in the global African diaspora.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Millennium Chair of the Liberal Arts and Professor of Religious Studies, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, 2009-present.

Millennium Scholar of the Liberal Arts and Associate Professor of Religious Studies, 2005-2009. Adjunct Professor of American Studies, 2006-present. Adjunct Professor of Philanthropic Studies, 2007-2010.

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2002-2005. Adjunct Assistant Professor of History, 2005.

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Trinity University, 2000-2002.

EDUCATION

- D. Litt. et Phil. Religious Studies, University of South Africa, 2000. Dissertation: *Toward an Historical Islam: Universalism and Particularism in African-American Islamic Thought*.
- M.A. History, Washington University in St. Louis, 1997. Fields: American and Afro-American History, Islamic Studies.
- B.A. Religion with Concentrations in the Humanities and Asian Studies, Kenyon College, 1993. Class Rank: 2/389.
- Arabic Language: University of Virginia-Yarmouk University, Summer 1995.
Washington University, 1993-1994.
Friends World College, Jerusalem, Spring 1992.

Kenyon College, 1990-1.
Middlebury School of Arabic, Summer 1990.

PUBLICATIONS

Books (Monographs)

Islam in the Global African Diaspora (in progress).

Muslims in America: A Short History. Religion in American Life Series, edited by Jon Butler and Harry Stout. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009. 144 pp.

Black Muslim Religion in the Nation of Islam, 1960-1975. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2006. 240 pp.

Islam in Black America: Identity, Liberation, and Difference in African-American Islamic Thought. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2002. 174 pp.

Books (Edited)

General Editor, *Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History*. 2 vols. New York: Facts on File, Inc., 2010. 728 pp.

Co-editor, *The New Black Gods: Arthur Huff Fauset and the Study of African American Religions*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2009. 288 pp.

Editor, *Columbia Sourcebook of Muslims in the United States*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2008. 452 pp.

Articles

"The Islamophobic History of the United States," *Bulletin for the Study of Religion* 40.2 (April 2011): 30-35.

"Islam in New York City," *New York Archives* (Winter 2011): 20-24.

"Integrating Islam and Muslims into the United States History Survey," *Organization of American Historians Magazine of History* (Jan. 2008): 44-47.

"Islamism and Its African American Muslim Critics: Black Muslims in the Era of the Arab Cold War," *American Quarterly* 59.3 (September 2007): 693-719.

"African American Islamization Reconsidered: Black History Narratives and Muslim Identity," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 73, no. 2 (June 2005): 659-684.

"Why Malcolm X Never Developed an Islamic Approach to Civil Rights," *Religion* 32 (2002): 227-242.

"Islamizing the Black Body: Ritual and Power in Elijah Muhammad's Nation of Islam," *Religion and American Culture* 12, no. 2 (Summer 2002): 167-196.

“Islam in Black St. Louis: Strategies for Black Liberation in Two Local Religious Communities,” *Gateway Heritage* 17, no. 4 (spring 1997): 30-43.

Book Chapters

“The Assimilation of Muslim American Immigrants from the Cold War to 9/11,” *Retrieving the American Past*. Boston: Pearson, under review. 24 manuscript pp.

“The Historiography of American Muslims,” *Cambridge Companion to American Islam*, edited by Omid Safi and Juliane Hammer. New York: Cambridge University Press, under review. 18 manuscript pp.

“Why Muslims Matter to American Religious History, 1730-1945,” in the *Cambridge History of Religions in America, Vol. II, 1790-1945*, edited by Stephen J. Stein. New York: Cambridge University Press, accepted and forthcoming. 30 manuscript pp.

“Islam,” *Blackwell Companion to Religion in America*, edited by Philip K. Goff. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2010, 587-598.

“Islamism and Its African American Muslim Critics: Black Muslims in the Era of the Arab Cold War,” reprinted in *Islam and Black America*, edited by Hishaam Aidi and Manning Marable. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009, 49-68.

“Debating the Origins of the Moorish Science Temple: Toward a New Cultural History,” in *The New Black Gods: Arthur Huff Fauset and the Study of African American Religions*, edited by Edward E. Curtis IV and Danielle Brune Sigler. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2009, 125-157.

“Peril and Possibility: Muslim Life in the United States,” in *Islam in World Cultures: Comparative Perspectives*, ed. R. Michael Feener. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2004, 283-307.

Encyclopedia Articles

In *Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History*, edited by Edward E. Curtis IV. New York: Facts on File, Inc., 2010:

Single-author of “Abdul-Malik, Ahmed,” 4; “Abdus-Salaam, Sheila,” 7-8; “African Muslim immigrants,” 23-25; “Akram, Wali,” 37-38; “Ali, Duse Mohamed,” 38-40; “Arab-American Muslims,” 55-61; “Council on American-Islamic Relations,” 128-129; “demographics,” 137-138; “Druze community,” 160-161; “food,” 206-209; “Hajji Ali,” 230; “Ibrahima, Abdul Rahman,” 255-257; “Introduction,” xv-xvii; “Islamic Circle of North America,” 288-289; “law,” 335-337; “Majid, Satti,” 349; “Malcolm X,” 350-355; “Million Man March,” 370-371; “Muslim Alliance in North America,” 406-407; “Muslim American Society,” 407; “Muslim Public Affairs Council,” 409-410; “New York City,” 429-435; “politics,” 459-467; “Shakir, Zaid,” 511; “stereotypes,” 529-535; “United States Foreign Relations,” 553-560; “World War I,” 592-593; and “World War II,” 593-594. [Total of 49,275 words]

Co-author of "Addeynu Allahe Universal Arabic Association," 10-11; "African-American

Muslim slaves," 19-23; "Akkad, Moustapha," 36-37; "American Indian Muslims," 50-51; "Arabic," 61-63; "autobiography," 72-75; "Cleveland, Ohio," 117-119; "Crane, Robert Dickson," 132-133; "Daudi Bohras," 136-137; "dress," 156-160; "Ertegun, Ahmet," 171-172; "holidays," 248-253; "mosques and Islamic centers," 385-391; "*Muhammad Speaks*," 402-403; "Nation of Islam," 419-425; "Philadelphia," 446-449; "philanthropy," 449-453; "prayer," 468-470; "revivalism," 489-491; "September 11, 2001," 504-509; and "Sunni Muslims," 542-543. [Total of 40,000 words.]

"Islam: Muslims in the United States." In *Encyclopedia of the Modern World*, edited by Peter N. Stearns. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008. URL: <<http://www.oxford-modernworld.com/entry?entry=t254.e803-s7>>.

"Jamil al-Amin, Imam," "Malcolm X," "Muhammad, Elijah," "Muhammad, Warith Deen," and "United States, Islam in." In *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*, edited by Richard C. Martin. New York: Macmillan Reference, 2004: 373, 426, 486-487, 488, 707-714.

Book Reviews

Review of *Journey into America: The Challenge of Islam* by Akbar Ahmed. In *Christian Century* 127:24 (November 30, 2010): 36-37.

Review of *A History of Islam in America* by Kambiz GhaneaBassiri. In *Journal of American History* (December 2010): 21.

Review of *American Christians and Islam: Evangelical Culture and Muslims from the Colonial Period to the Age of Terrorism* by Thomas S. Kidd. In *Journal of American History*, 96:2 (September 2009): 515-516.

Review of *A Muslim in Victorian America: The Life of Alexander Russell Webb* by Umar F. Abd-Allah. In *Journal of Religion* 88 (April 2008): 263-264.

Review of *Transnational Muslims in American Society* by Aminah Beverly McCloud. In *Journal of American Ethnic History* 26:3 (Spring 2007): 114-116.

Review of *Islam and the Blackamerican* by Sherman Jackson. In *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 39.2 (December 2005): 228-229.

Review of *Engaged Surrender: African American Women and Islam* by Carolyn Moxley Rouse. In *North Star: Journal of Afro-American Religious History* 8, no. 1 (Fall 2004).

Review of *Deconstructing the American Mosque: Space, Gender and Aesthetics* by Akel Ismail Kahera. In *Journal of Religion* Vol. 84, no. 3 (July 2004): 505-506.

Review of *Black Pilgrimage to Islam* by Robert Dannin. In *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 71/2 (Summer 2003): 437-439.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor of Religious Studies, IUPUI. Courses taught, 2005-present:

- R100, Interfaith Activism and Service
- R133, Introduction to Religion
- A150, Survey of the Culture of Black Americans
- R257, Introduction to Islam
- R304, Islamic Beginnings
- R305, Islam and Modernity
- R309, Contemporary Middle East (for Jordan Summer Abroad)
- R314, Religion and Racism
- R363, African American Religions
- R370, Islam in America
- H425, History of the Middle East and North Africa
- R433, Theories of Religion

Visiting Professor of American Studies, University of Jordan, 2009-2010. Courses Taught: Religion in America (Fall 2009) and America Media: Images of Muslims and Arabs (Spring 2010), MA level.

Asst. Prof. of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2002-2005. Adjunct Professor of History, 2005. Courses on religion and racism, world religions, Arab histories, the contemporary Middle East, modern Muslim literatures, African American religious experience, and African American Islam.

Asst. Prof. of Religion, Trinity University, 2000-2002. Courses on religion in the United States, race and religion, African-American religions, and Islamic traditions.

Teaching Fellow, World Civilizations and U.S. History, John Burroughs School, 1999-2000.

Instructor, Introduction to Afro-American Studies, African and Afro-American Studies Program, Washington University, Fall 1995 and Fall 1996.

Teaching Assistant, Black America since 1865 and Introduction to Islamic Civilization, Washington University, Fall 2004 and Spring 1995.

GRANTS AND HONORS

Booklist/RBB Editors' Choice Reference Source for the *Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History*, 2011.

Society of School Librarians International "Honor Book" award for the *Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History*.

Publishers Weekly Top 100 Books of 2009 for *Muslims in America: A Short History*.

Fulbright Scholar, U.S. Department of State, 2009-2010. For “Studying Muslim Americans in Jordan.”

Choice Outstanding Academic Book for 2008, *Columbia Sourcebook of Muslims in the United States*.

Carnegie Scholar, Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2008-2009, \$97,200. For research on the transnational history of African-American Islam.

2006 Best Paper Prize, Religion and American Culture Caucus, American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Oakland, California. For “African American Muslims in the Age of the Arab Cold War.”

Co-writer, IUPUI Commitment to Excellence Grant, “Enhancing Diversity through Public Scholars,” \$499,000, 2006. For the expansion of the African American and African Diaspora Studies Program, the creation of the African American Studies Undergraduate Scholars, and increased outreach to black communities in Indianapolis, 2006.

PI, American Academy of Religion Collaborative Research Grant, 2006, \$5000. For “Revisiting Black Gods of the Metropolis,” a national symposium on African American religious diversity at IUPUI, April 13 – 15, 2007.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, NC, 2004-2005.

Recipient, First Annual Distinguished Service Award, University Center for International Studies, UNC at Chapel Hill, November 15, 2004.

Fellowship, Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC, Fall 2004 (declined).

Co-Principal Investigator and Faculty Coordinator, \$93,684, Middle East Partnership Initiative Grant, United States Department of State in cooperation with the United States Agency for International Development, March 2004 – July 2005. For the establishment of an American studies partnership between UNC Chapel Hill and the University of Jordan in Amman.

Junior Faculty Development Award, UNC, 2003.

Freeman Foundation Symposium: East Asia – United States: A Search for Common Values, Salzburg, Austria, June 1 – 6, 2002.

Seminar on Ethnicity, Race, Religion, and American Identity, Sponsored by the American Studies Center of the Salzburg Seminar, Salzburg, Austria, March 10 – 17, 2001.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick H. Swearingen Fellow, Trinity University, 2001-2002.

Washington University Teaching Fellowships, 1994-6.

Fulbright-Hayes Group Projects Abroad, University of Virginia-Yarmouk University Summer Arabic Program, 1995.

Washington University Summer Grant, 1994.

Andrew Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies, 1993-4.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Prize (given to the person or group who best advances the ideals of Dr. King in the community), Kenyon College, January, 1993.

Phi Beta Kappa, Beta of Ohio Chapter, October, 1992.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Religion, Politics, and Race at Park 51,” Study of Islam Section and Contemporary Islam Group, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, October 2010.

“Contact and Divergence: How Muslim-American Ties to the Middle East Have Transformed Islamic Practice and Identities in the United States,” Center for American Studies and Research Conference, American University of Beirut, Lebanon, January 2010.

“The Colonial Imagination of Islam in America Studies,” North American Religions Section, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, Ill., November 2008.

“The Roots and Consequences of Islamism in Black America,” Study of Islam Section, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, Calif., November 2007.

“The Arab Cold War, Pan-Islamism, and the Formation of African-American Islam,” American Studies Association, Oakland, Calif., October 2006.

“Response to R. Marie Griffith’s *Born Again Bodies: Flesh and Spirit in American Christianity*,” American Society of Church History, Philadelphia, Penn., January 2006.

“African American Islam: Narratives of Counter-Citizenship,” American Historical Association, Philadelphia, Penn., January 2006.

“The Qur’anic Defense of Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah,” Study of Islam Section, American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, Penn., November 2005.

“The Riddle of the Bean Pie: Religion and Food in the Nation of Islam, 1960-1975,” Afro-American Religious History Group, American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, PA, November 2005.

“Women and Religion in Elijah Muhammad’s Nation of Islam,” Afro-American

Religious History Group, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, November 2004.

“Honoring African-American Experience in Teaching about Islam,” Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 2003.

“Elijah Muhammad the Religious Prophet,” Afro-American Religious History Group, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November 2001.

“Marking the Black Body in Elijah Muhammad’s Nation of Islam,” Anthropology of Religion Consultation, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November 2001.

“Why Malcolm X Never Developed an Islamic Approach to Civil Rights,” Afro-American Religious History Group, American Academy of Religion, Nashville, Tenn., November 2000.

“Telling Islam: Black History Narratives in the Nation of Islam, 1961-1978,” Study of Islam Section, American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, Penn., November 1995.

“Islamic Universalism and Black Particularism: The Meaning of Race in African American Sunni Islam,” North American Religions Section and Afro-American Religious History Group, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL, November 1994.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS & INVITED LECTURES

“Teaching Religion after 9/11: On Religious Violence, Public Scholarship, and My Cameo in the Ground Zero Mosque Controversy,” Plenary Address, American Academy of Religion Midwest Regional Conference, Rock Island, Illinois, April 2, 2011.

“Why Muslims Matter to U.S. History,” Bartholomew County Public Library, Columbus, Indiana, August 26, 2010; Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, Sept. 21, 2010; Center for Interfaith Cooperation, Indianapolis, Indiana, Sept. 23, 2010; Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, Oct. 18, 2010.

“Islamophobia: Building Bridges after 9/11,” AmeriCorps Interfaith Service Program, Multicultural Success Center, Oct. 27, 2010.

“Islam and America,” All Souls Unitarian Church, Indianapolis, Oct. 24, 2010.

“Fear and Loathing at Park 51,” Religious Studies Student Association, IUPUI, Oct. 21, 2010.

“Muslim Americans and U.S. Foreign Relations,” American Center of Oriental Research, January 11, 2010; German Jordanian University, April 26, 2010; University of Jordan, May 6, 2010.

- “Muslims in America: A Short History,” Sponsored by U.S. Embassy to Jordan, Jordan National Library, December 13, 2009; University of Jordan, December 29, 2010; Arab Thought Forum, January 20, 2010.
- “Why Muslims Matter to U.S. History, 1730-1945,” Heidelberg Center for American Studies, Heidelberg, Germany, December 3, 2009.
- “Why Muslims Matter to American History,” Co-sponsored by the U.S. Embassy to Austria and the Austrian Association for the Middle East, Diplomatic Academy, Vienna, Austria, November 30, 2009.
- “Muslim-American Leadership in the 1920s: Transnational, Inter-ethnic, and Diasporic,” Keynote Address, Critical Islamic Reflections Conference, Yale University, April 11, 2009.
- “The History of Interfaith Relations in Muslim America,” University of the Philippines, Diliman, Philippines, December 3, 2008.
- “The Historical Roots of Muslim American Philanthropy,” IU Center on Philanthropy and the Islamic Society of North America, August 13, 2008.
- “Islamism and Its African American Muslim Critics,” Keynote Address, Middle East and Islamic Studies Center Lectureship Series, Indiana University Bloomington, September 12, 2007.
- “The Poetics of our Partnerships for Social Justice,” Plenary Address, Joseph Taylor Symposium, IUPUI, February 15, 2007.
- “African-American Muslims in the Age of the Arab Cold War,” Center for American Studies and Research, American University of Beirut, March 20, 2006.
- “1960s Cartoon Art in the Nation of Islam,” Middle East Arts Festival, Indiana University, Bloomington, February 8, 2006.
- “Muslim History and Life in the United States,” Lake Forrest Academy, Illinois, November 14, 2005.
- “African American Muslims,” Covering Islam and Muslims in America Institute, Western Knight Center for Specialized Journalism, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Southern California in partnership with the Social Science Research Council and the New York Times Company Foundation, Los Angeles, November 7, 2005.
- “Living while Arab American after 9/11,” IUPUI Diversity Conference, Faculty Keynote, November 4, 2005.
- “Black Studies for the New Millennium: Local and Global Perspectives,” IU School of

- Liberal Arts Fellows Dinner, September 29, 2005.
- “Searching for Muhammad at a Liberal Arts College,” All-Campus Lecture, Midland Lutheran College, Fremont, Nebraska, August 24, 2005.
- “First Responses to Muslim Americans,” Workshop for First Responders, Triangle Institute for Security Studies, Guildford Technical Community College, Jamestown, NC, November 18, 2004.
- “How Elijah Muhammad Became a Religious Prophet,” Duke-UNC International Symposium on Prophecy, Chapel Hill, NC, October 16, 2004.
- “The University of Jordan-University of North Carolina Partnership: Studying the United States across Boundaries,” Joint presentation with Dr. Tawfiq Yousef of the University of Jordan, Annual Meeting of State Department and US AID Grantees, Washington, DC, August 12, 2004.
- “The History of Muslims in the United States,” American Studies Program, University of Jordan, Amman, March 8, 2004.
- “Muslim Life in the United States,” Zaidee Creel Williams Lecture, Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, VA, February 25, 2004.
- “Are Black Muslims Really Muslim? Reconsidering African-American Islamization,” Institute of African American Research, UNC, December 3, 2003.
- “Malcolm of History, Malcolm of Memory: A Response to William Hart’s *Malcolm X, Black Religion, and Me*,” Duke University, November 3, 2003.
- “American Muslims and Interfaith Politics,” Keynote Address, Annual Meeting of the Interfaith Alliance of Wake County, Raleigh, NC, October 23, 2003.
- “Rethinking African American Conversion to Islam: The Role of Black Islamic History Narratives,” Islam in America Conference, Islamic Society of North America, Dallas, TX, July 4, 2003.
- “Black Visions of the Qur’an,” Program in the Humanities and Human Values, UNC, June 13-14, 2003.
- “Teaching Islam after 9/11,” Core Knowledge Foundation, Phoenix, AZ, March 7, 2003.
- “Malcolm X between Religion and Politics: An African-American Islamic Struggle for Liberation,” F. Ross Johnson/Connaught Distinguished Speakers Series, Centre for the Study of the United States. Co-sponsored by the Department for the Study of Religion, and Ethnic, Pluralism, and Immigration Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, February 28, 2003.
- “Bull Session on Islam,” Academic Enhancement Program, Teague Hall, UNC,

February 29, 2003.

- “Is There a Difference Between Religion and Politics?” Faith and Scholarship Undergraduate Group, UNC, Graham Memorial, November 20, 2002.
- “The UNC Qur’an Controversy: The Hard Parts of Teaching about Islam,” Chapel Hill Quakers’ Forum, November 10, 2002.
- “What I Wish I had Known: Being a ‘New’ Teacher in a Religious Studies Department,” Wabash Center-Department of Religious Studies Workshop, UNC, October 23, 2002.
- “The Origins of African American Islam,” Carolina Summer Reading Program Lecture, FPG Student Auditorium, UNC, October 7, 2002.
- “Understanding Islam: A Jihad for Peace and Justice,” All-Campus Lecture, Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, NC, September 13, 2002.
- “An Islam for One People or Many? African-American Islamic Thought from Edward W. Blyden to W. D. Muhammad,” Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 18, 2002.
- “African-American Religious History in August Wilson’s *Joe Turner’s Come and Gone*,” Keystone School, San Antonio, February 13, 2002.
- “Arabs in Israel,” Food for Thought Series, Trinity University Alumni Association, San Antonio, January 9, 2002.
- “Introduction to Islam,” Reflections of Islam, San Antonio Museum of Art, December 11, 2001.
- “Islam in America,” University Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, October 30, 2001.
- “Islam and Current Events: Reflecting on September 11,” Madison Square Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, October 10 and 17, 2001.
- “Stereotypes of Islam and Muslims,” Open Forum on the Events of September 11, Trinity University, Laurie Auditorium, September 14, 2001.
- “Teaching Islam, Reimagining American National Identity,” Salzburg Seminar, Salzburg, Austria, March 15, 2001.
- “Islam in the United States: Race, Religion, and Ethnicity,” Salzburg Seminar, March 12, 2001.
- “Arabs in Israel,” Senior Adult Group, First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, Texas, November 10, 2000.
- Moderator, “Trinity Elects 2000 on Religion: Religion and the U.S. Presidency,” Trinity

University, November 1, 2000.

Panelist, "Mid-East Forum," International Club of Trinity University, October 16, 2000.

Moderator, Discussion with Imam W. D. Mohammed, Washington University, 1996.

"Remaking Islam in Modern Egypt: Representations of Religion in the Three Works of Naguib Mahfouz," Phi Alpha Theta Lecture, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, 1995.

SERVICE

Professional

External Reviewer for *History of Women in the Americas* (2011), *Black Women, Gender, and Families* (2011), *Modern Language Quarterly* (2010), National Humanities Center (2005-2007, 2010), *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (2010), *Religion Compass* (2009), *Contemporary Islam* (2009), *Journal of American History* (2008), *Contemporary Islam* (2008), *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* (2008-9), New York University Press (2007), American Studies Association Religion and American Culture Caucus (2007), *Social Forces* (2007), Cambridge University Press (2003), and Russell Sage Publications (Fall 2002).

Member, Steering Committee for the North American Religions Section, American Academy of Religion, 2004-2007.

Organizer, "Revisiting Black Gods of the Metropolis: Arthur Huff Fauset and the Study of African American Religions," a national symposium of African American and African diaspora scholars on the IUPUI campus, April 13 – 15, 2007.

Member, Working Group on Islam and America, Social Science Research Council, New York, NY, 2003-2005.

Member, Board of Governors, Muslim Networks Consortium (housed at Duke), 2002-2005.

External Examiner for Deanna Lesht, "Spirits of Fire: The Jinn in Islam, Folktales, and Omani Life," Senior Honors Thesis, Kenyon College, Spring 2007.

Institutional

Convener and Founder, Millennium Faculty Seminar on Black Studies, IUPUI, 2005-2011.

Director and Founder, IUPUI Summer Abroad in Jordan Program, 2005-present.

School of Liberal Arts Representative, IUPUI Faculty Council, 2010-2011.

AmeriCorps Interfaith Service Corps supervisor, IUPUI, 2010-2011.

Member, Arabic Lecturer Search Committee, WLAC Department, IUPUI, Fall 2010.

Member, Steering Committee for “Enhancing Diversity through Public Scholars,” 2006-2008.

Chair, Sherrill Prize Committee, Department of Religious Studies, Spring 2008.

Faculty Member At-Large, IUPUI Faculty Council, Fall 2007.

Member, African American and African Diaspora Studies Program Committee, 2005-2007.

Supervisor, Graduate Readings in American Islam for Philanthropic studies doctoral student Shariq Siddiqui, Fall 2007.

Co-convener, International Consultation on Islamic Philanthropy, Lake Institute, IU Center on Philanthropy, November 4, 2007.

Member, Search Committee for “Public Scholar in African American Studies and Undergraduate Research,” 2006-2007.

Capstone Instructor for Abdullah Hashem, “African American Religion and Film,” Spring 2007.

Guest Lecturer, “Politics of African American Islam,” Prof. Bandele’s African-American Politics class, April 5, 2007, and April 5, 2006.

Faculty Council Representative, Campus Diversity Vision and Mission Review Committee, IUPUI, 2006-2007.

Panelist, “Pope Benedict XVI and Islam,” Co-sponsored by the IUPUI Department of Philosophy and the Religious Studies Student Association, September 27, 2006.

Lead Writer, Commitment to Excellence Grant Proposal for African American and African Diaspora Studies, IUPUI, August 2005-May 2006.

Guest Lecturer, “Religious and Racial Reconciliation,” Dr. McIntosh’s Anthropology class, April 5, 2006.

Speaker, “Understanding Islam,” LYFE Skills Workshop, Ball Residence Hall, Feb. 6, 2006.

LYFE Professors’ Speaker Series, Ball Residence Hall, January 25, 2006.

Faculty Coordinator, UNC-University of Jordan Partnership Program, Middle East Partnerships Initiative, United States Department of State and Agency for International Development, 2004-2005.

Resident Director and Founder, UNC Summer Abroad in Jordan Program, Summer 2005.

Member, Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships Selection Committee, University Center for International Studies, UNC, Spring 2004.

Acting Chair, McNair Lectureship Committee, Department of Religious Studies, UNC, 2003-2004.

Member, Faculty Advisory Committees on Africa and the Middle East, Office of Study Abroad, UNC, 2002-2005.

Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Religious Studies, UNC, 2002-2005.

Member, Title VI Middle East Center Group, UNC, 2002.

Discussion Leader, Carolina Summer Reading Program, UNC, 2002.

Founding Director, African American Studies Program, Trinity University, 2001-2002.

Member, Search Committee for Tenure-Track Position in Borderlands Religions, Trinity University, Department of Religion, 2001-2002.

Co-Advisor, Middle East Studies Concentration, International Studies, Trinity University, 2001-2002.

Member, Advisory Committee on Diversity, Trinity University, 2001-2002.

Faculty Coordinator, Open Forum on the Events of September 11, Trinity University, Laurie Auditorium, September 14, 2001.

Member, Search Committee for Sponsored Research Officer, Office of Academic Affairs, Summer 2001.

Public

Blog Post, "Explaining Islam to the Public," *Immanent Frame*, May 9, 2011.
<<http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2011/05/09/explaining-islam-to-the-public/>>.

Blog Post, "Farrakhan, Qaddafi, and the Definition of American Islam," *Immanent Frame*
April 15, 2011.
<<http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2011/04/15/farrakhan-qaddafi-and-the-definition-of-american-islam/>>.

Interview with *New York Times*, "Farrakhan Using Libyan Crisis to Bolster His Nation of Islam," April 10, 2011, A27.
<<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/10/us/10cncfarrakhan.html>>.

Interview about *Muslims in America: A Short History* on *Focus with Steve Shoemaker*, WILL 580 AM, Illinois Public Radio, Sept. 28, 2010:
<<http://will.illinois.edu/focus/interview/focus100928a/>>.

Interview, "Muslims Mark End of Ramadan Amid Tensions in the U.S.," *Tell Me More With Michel Martin*, National Public Radio, Sept. 10, 2010:
<<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=129778274>>.

Interview, "Muslim Americans Find Their Voice amid the Shouts," *All Things Considered*, National Public Radio, Sept. 5, 2010:
<<http://www.npr.org/templates/transcript/transcript.php?storyId=129668035>>.

On-Air Interview with Mike Romigh, WKBN 570 AM, Youngstown, Ohio, September 2, 2010.

On-Line Chat, "Myths about Mosques in America," *Washington Post*, Aug. 31, 2010.
<<http://live.washingtonpost.com/outlook-curtis-08-31-10.html>>.

Op-Ed, "Five Myths about Mosques in America," *Washington Post*, August 27, 2010, B3.

"Struggling for the American Soul at Ground Zero," OUP Blog, posted August 10, 2010, <http://blog.oup.com/2010/08/ground-zero-mosque/>.

Op-Ed, "Islam Has Long History Downtown," *New York Daily News*, July 23, 2010, 30.

Quoted in Julie Duin, "Bridging Religions: Challenge of the 21st Century," *Washington Times*, March 7, 2010.

Source for "American Muslims: A Diverse Minority," on *ReligionLink*, May 21, 2009.

Organizer and Presenter, "W.E.B. Du Bois v. Nannie Burroughs: How to Uplift the Race," Co-Sponsored by 100 Black Men, Indianapolis Public Schools Office of Multicultural Education, and AAADS, IUPUI Campus Center, January 26, 2008.

On-air Guest, Radio Islam, WCEV 1450 AM, Chicago, Illinois, February 16, 2006, and August 20, 2007.

Lecturer, "Muhammad and the Qur'an," "The Spread of Islam in the Middle Ages," "Islam in the Modern World, Parts 1 and 2," North United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, June 25, 26, 27, and 28, 2007.

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