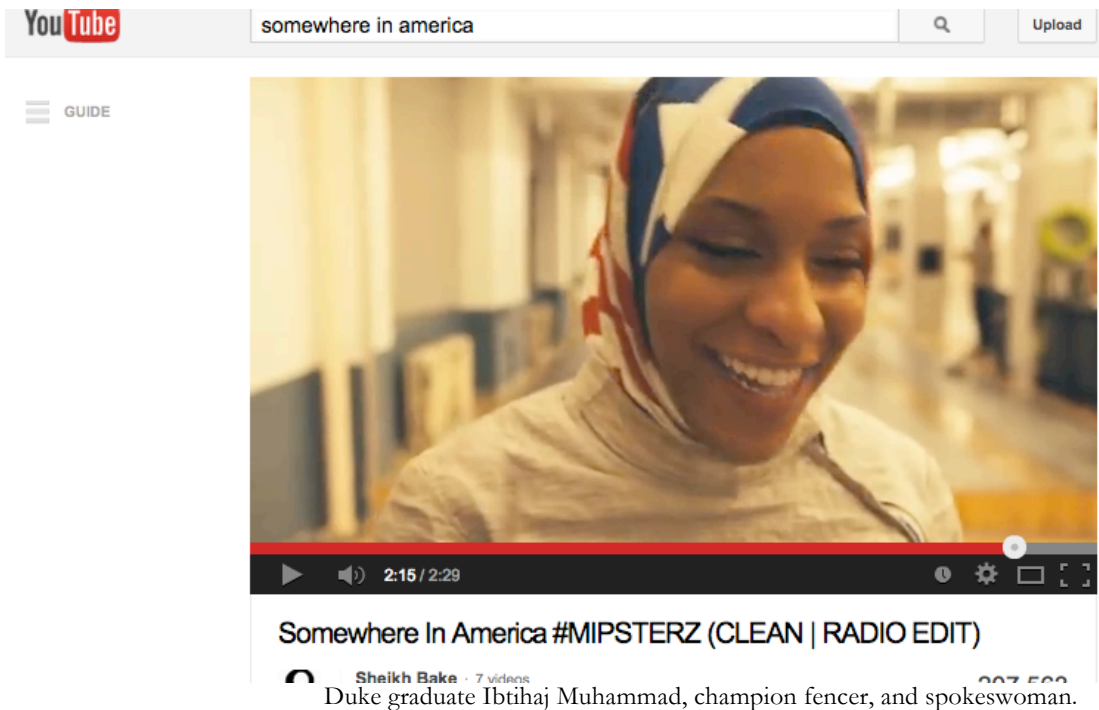


LOCAL ISLAMS

AMES 339-01/Religion 386-01
Monday/Wednesday 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
028 Franklin Center
Abdullah Antepli
Muslim Chaplain, Adjunct Faculty of Islamic Studies
Ellen McLarney
Assistant Professor, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies



PRINCIPAL TEXTS

Edward E. Curtis, *Islam in Black America*
Juliane Hammer and Omid Safi, eds. *The Cambridge Companion to American Islam*
Malcolm X with Alex Haley, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*
Juliane Hammer, *American Muslim Women, Religious Authority, and Activism: More Than A Prayer*
Mohja Kahf, *The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf*
Michael Muhammad Knight, *The Taqwacores*
Jeffrey Lang, *Struggling to Surrender: Some Impressions of an American Convert to Islam*
Asra Nomani, *Standing Alone in Mecca: An American Woman's Struggle for the Soul of Islam*

SUGGESTED

The Qur'an (recommended translations are by M.A.S. Abdel Haleem or by Ali Unal)
Seyyed Hossein Nasr, *The Heart of Islam* (for introductory information on Islam)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

25% ATTENDANCE, PARTICIPATION, & PRESENTATION

Completion of weekly readings, active participation in class, attendance of the field trips, and one informal presentation of the readings. All students who attend class and participate will receive an “A” for this portion of the course. Perfect attendance=A+. One absence=A; two=A-; three=B+, etc. Sicknesses technically count for an absence unless there is a dire emergency that you justify. Sport commitments, conferences, job interviews, good deeds, and psychological crises are usually forgiven. This part of the grade includes a presentation of one of the readings.

25% READING RESPONSES & PROJECT PROPOSAL

Two page (double spaced) responses to either the course readings and/or your field experiences.

These responses are due on Sunday night by midnight roughly every other week: January 27; February 9; February 23; and April 13. In addition, a proposal outlining your final research project is due on Sunday, March 30. Please be advised that missing **just one** of these responses severely compromises your grade for this portion of the course, i.e. 5/6=83%; 4/6=67%; etc.

20% COMMUNITY PROFILE

A 5 page “profile” of a community or center, based on fieldwork, interviews, community service, date collection and/or the relevant literature. DUE: Friday, March 7th

30% FINAL PROJECT

10-12 page write up of your research in the literature, through field work, and/or data. You may also do a comparable analysis in an alternate media (like film, photography, web page, oral diary, artistic interpretation, etc.) Part of this grade includes a final presentation of this material.

SYLLABUS

Wednesday, January 8th

Introductions

INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN ISLAM

Monday, January 13th

READ:

Richard Brent Turner, “African Muslim Slaves and Islam in Antebellum America,”
in *American Islam*, pp. 29-45

Sally Howell, “Laying the Groundwork for American Muslim Histories: 1865-1965,”
in *American Islam*, pp. 45-64

SUGGESTED

Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, *A History of Islam in America: From the New World to the New World Order* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010)

Wednesday, January 15th
MEET AT CENTER FOR MUSLIM LIFE
FOR LUNCH
406 Swift Avenue
VISITING SPEAKER: Omid Safi

READ:
Omid Safi, "American Islam, Muslim Americans, and the American Experiment,"
in *American Islam*, pp. 1-12
Edward E. Curtis, "The Study of American Muslims: A History,"
in *American Islam*, pp. 28-44

Monday, January 20th
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
NO CLASS

IMMIGRATION & PLURALISM

Wednesday, January 22nd
READ:
Zain Abdullah, "American Muslims in the Contemporary World: 1965 to the Present,"
in *American Islam*, pp. 65-82
Amaney Jamal and Liali Albana, "Demographics, Political Participation, and Representation,"
in *American Islam*, pp. 98-118
Diana L. Eck, *A New Religious America*
"From Many, One," pp. 26-79
"American Muslims: Cousins and Strangers," pp. 222-293

Sunday, January 26th
READING RESPONSE
DUE ON SAKAI

AMERICAN SHI'ISM
Monday, January 27th
FIELD VISIT: THE IMAM ALI CENTER
FOR LUNCH

1920 N Carolina 54 (Highway 54), Suite 150
Durham, NC 27713
<http://iabat.org/Directions.aspx>

READ:
Liyakat Nathani Takim, *Shi'ism in America*
"The Origins and Early History of the American Shi'i Community," pp. 11-48
"The American Shi'i Community: Ethnicity and Identity," pp. 49-96
SUGGESTED
Linda Walbridge, *Without Forgetting the Imam: Lebanese Shi'ism in an American Community*
Abdulaziz Sachedina, "A Minority within a Minority," in Haddad and Smith, *Muslim Communities*
Ron Kelly, "Muslims in Los Angeles," in Haddad and Smith, *Muslim Communities*

NEGOTIATING RACE

Wednesday, January 29th

READ:

- Amina Wadud, "American Muslim Identity: Race and Ethnicity in Progressive Islam"
in *Progressive Muslims: On Justice, Gender, and Pluralism*, pp. 270-286
- Sherman Jackson, "Between Blackamerica, Immigrant Islam, and the Dominant Culture"
in *Islam and the Black American*
- Jamilah Karim, "Ethnic Borders in American Muslim Communities,"
in *Crossing Borders/Constructing Boundaries: Race, Ethnicity, and Identity in the Migrant Experience*
- Aihwa Ong, "Cultural Citizenship as Subject-Making: Immigrants Negotiate Racial and Cultural Boundaries in the United States." *Current Anthropology* 37. 5 (1996): 737-62.

BLACK ISLAM

Monday, February 3rd

READ:

Edward Curtis, *Islam in Black America*

Wednesday, February 5th

FIELD VISIT

Ar-Razzaq Islamic Center

1009 West Chapel Hill Street
Durham, NC 27701

BEGIN READING:

Malcolm X with Alex Haley, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*

Sunday, February 9th

READING RESPONSE

DUE ON SAKAI

Monday, February 10th

Malcolm X with Alex Haley, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*

Wednesday, February 12th

FIELD VISIT

Jamaat Ibad Ar-Rahman

3034 Fayetteville Street
Durham, NC 27707

<http://www.ibadarrahman.org/>

FINISH READING:

Malcolm X with Alex Haley, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*

MOSQUES & MUSLIM SPACES

Monday, February 17th

READ:

- Barbara Metcalf, "Sacred Words, Sanctioned Practice, New Communities,"
in *Making Muslim Space in North America*, pp. 1-30
- Akel Ismail Kahera, "Muslim Spaces and Mosque Architecture,"
in *American Islam*, pp. 228-245

SUGGESTED

Barbara Metcalf, *Making Muslim Space in North America*
Gulzar Haidar, "Muslim Space and the Practice of Architecture,"
in *Making Muslim Space in North America*, pp. 31-46

Wednesday, February 19th

FIELD VISIT:

**DIVAN CULTURAL CENTER 'Harmony Within Diversity'
FOR LUNCH**

1903 N. Harrison Avenue, Suite 100
Cary, NC 27513

*** Note: Students will need a little more time for this visit, about 2 hours.***

READ:

Nimer, Ch. 2 "Mosques and Islamic Centers,"
in *The North American Muslim Resource Guide*, pp. 39-52
Susan Slymovics, "The Muslim World Day Parade and 'Storefront' Mosques in New York City,"
in *Making Muslim Space in North America*, pp. 204-216

Sunday, February 23rd

READING RESPONSE

DUE ON SAKAI

MOSQUE, EDUCATION, & SCHOOL

NO CLASS THIS WEEK

ONLY FIELD VISIT

Friday, February 28th

12 p.m. to 2:30

FIELD VISIT

And LUNCH

Islamic Center of Raleigh
and Al-Iman School
808 Atwater Street
Raleigh, NC 27607
www.islam1.org
(919) 834-9572
for Friday Juma'a

READ:

Zareena Grewal and R. David Coolidge,
"Islamic Education in the United States: Debates, Practices,
and Institutions," in *American Islam*, pp. 246-265

Nimer, Ch. 4 "Islamic Schools"

In *The North American Muslim Resource Guide*, pp. 53-64

YOUTH CULTURE

Monday, March 3rd

VISITING SPEAKER: Michael Muhammad Knight

READ:

Michael Muhammad Knight, *The Taqwacores*

SUGGESTED

watch the movie on Amazon Instant

Su'ad Abdul Khabeer and Maytha AlHassen, "Muslim Youth Cultures"
in *American Islam*, pp. 299-312

Marcia Hermansen, "Identity Islam and Muslim Youth Cultures in America"
in *Progressive Muslims: On Justice, Gender, and Pluralism*, pp. 306-20

Sunaina Maira, "Henna and Hip Hop: The Politics of Cultural Production and the Work of Cultural Studies," *Journal of Asian American Studies*, pp. 329-69
Samy Alim?

Wednesday, March 5th

WATCH IN CLASS

New Muslim Cool

Thursday, March 6th IMAM ABDULLAH'S BIRTHDAY!

Friday, March 7th

COMMUNITY PROFILE DUE

A 5 page "profile" of a community or center,
based on fieldwork, interviews, and community service

SPRING BREAK

March 8th to 16th

WOMEN, SEXUALITY, GENDER

Monday, March 17th

VISITING SPEAKER: Juliane Hammer

READ:

Juliane Hammer, *American Muslim Women, Religious Authority, and Activism: More Than A Prayer*

SUGGESTED

Jamillah A. Karim, *American Muslim Women: Negotiating Race, Class, and Gender within the Umma*

Wednesday, March 19th

VISITING SPEAKER: Saadia Yaqoub

CHOOSE, READ, and PLAN TO DISCUSS 2 essays from:

Kecia Ali, Juliane Hammer, & Laury Silvers,

A Jihad for Justice: Honoring the Life and Work of Amina Wadud

Scott Siraj al-Din Kugle, *Homosexuality in Islam:*

Critical Reflections on Lesbian, Gay, and Transgender Muslims

Introduction, pp. 1-15

Sunday, March 23rd
READING REFLECTION
DUE ON SAKAI

Monday, March 24th
READ: Asra Nomani, *Standing Alone in Mecca*

Wednesday, March 26th
READ: Asra Nomani, *Standing Alone in Mecca*
WATCH: “Somewhere in America,” <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3Nq0NzRrfE>
LOOK THROUGH: *Azizah* magazine, <http://search.library.duke.edu/search?id=NCSU2350429>

Sunday, March 30th
FINAL PROJECT PROPOSAL
LITERARY PRODUCTION

Monday, March 31st
Mohja Kahf, *The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf*

Wednesday, April 2nd
INVITED SPEAKER: miriam cooke
Mohja Kahf, *The Girl in the Tangerine Scarf*
Mohja Kahf, poems

REFUGEES

Thursday, April 3rd
3 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.

INJAZ

“Needs & Deeds”

Video animations from Arabic students’ service learning work among Sudanese and Iraqi refugees in the area. Representatives from resettlement agencies will also be participating.

WITH: Maha Houssami

CONVERTS & CONVERSIONS

Monday, April 7th

READ

Jeffrey Lang, *Struggling to Surrender*

Wednesday, April 9th

Michael Muhammad Knight, “Converts and Conversions,”
in *American Islam*, pp. 83-97

WATCH IN CLASS:

By the Dawn’s Early Light: Chris Jackson’s Journey to Islam

Sunday, April 13th
READING REFLECTION
DUE ON SAKAI

Monday, April 14th
FINAL PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

Wednesday, April 16th
FINAL PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

“MUSLIM HOME”

Monday, April 21st

6 p.m.

CLASS DINNER

AT IMAM ABDULLAH'S HOUSE

128 Vintage Drive

Chapel Hill, NC 27516-9411

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