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curriculum vitae

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Islam, religion and secularism, political anthropology, the socialization of practices, youth cultures, Indonesia, Southeast Asia

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Anthropology, New York University, 2011

M.A., Anthropology, New York University, 2006

B.A., Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, First Class Honors, 2001

Ph.D. Thesis: *Producing Believers, Contesting Islam: Conservative and Liberal Muslim Students in Indonesia* (based on twenty months of ethnographic fieldwork conducted in Jakarta in 2007, 2008-2009, and 2011)

Advisors: Michael Gilsenan, Sally Engel Merry, Faye Ginsburg

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies and Department of International Studies, Indiana University, 2013 to date

Academy Scholar, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2011-2013

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS (SELECTED)

SGIS Faculty Research Grant, Indiana University, 2016

Visiting Fellowship, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, 2016

Southeast Asian Studies Program Course Development Grant, Indiana University, 2015

Tilaar International Travel Grant, Indiana University, 2014

Harvard Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2011

Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, New York University, 2010

Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, 2008

International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, 2008

Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, 2008

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Predoctoral Fellowship, New York University, 2007

Annette Weiner Predoctoral Fellowship, New York University, 2007

Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2004-2008

Vice Chancellor's List, National University of Singapore, 2001

Dean's List, National University of Singapore, 1998-2001

Kernal Singh Sandhu Prize for Distinction in Southeast Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, 2001

Wee Mong Cheng Medal for Distinction in Arts and Social Sciences, National University of Singapore, 2000

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Improvisational Islam: Indonesian Youths in a Time of Possibility. *Manuscript under review at Cornell University Press.*

Peer reviewed articles

Homophobic Muslims: Emerging Trends in Multireligious Singapore. 2016. *Comparative Studies in Society and History*. 58(4):955-981.

Questioning the New Secularism of the West. *Journal of Politics, Religion and Ideology*. Forthcoming 2017.

Accounting for the Soul: Religious Improvisation in Democratic Indonesia. *Journal article under review at Anthropological Quarterly*.

Everyday Authoritarians: A Political Anthropology of Singapore. *Journal article in preparation*.

Book chapters

Genocide and Rape in Rwanda: A Case Study. Co-written with Sally Engle Merry. In Merry. 2009. *Gender Violence: A Cultural Perspective*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.

Muslim Organizations and Mosques as Social Services Providers. Co-authored with Enon Mansor. In Lai Ah Eng (ed.). 2008. *Religious Diversity in Singapore*. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Publishing.

Commentary on 'Asian Political Philosophy.' In *Moral Vision and Social Critique: Selected Essays of Syed Hussein Alatas*. 2007. Alwee, Azhar Ibrahim et. al. (eds.). Singapore: The Print Lodge Publishing.

Other writings

The Problem with the “Moderate Muslim” Label. 2015. Spring Forum, Consortium for the Study of Religion, Ethics, and Society, Indiana University.

http://www.indiana.edu/~csres/past_forums/forum_charlie_hebdo.php#Ibrahim.

Feminist’s Memoir will Resonate with Indonesian Youth. 2008. *The Jakarta Post*.

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

“Improvising Islam: Muslims and the Secular Liberal Encounter,” American Anthropological Association Conference, 2016.

“Everyday Authoritarians: A Political Anthropology of Singapore,” Association for Asian Studies Meeting, 2016.

“From Moderate Indonesia to Indonistan: The Indonesian Discourse of the Islamist Threat,” American Anthropological Association Conference, 2015.

“Homophobic Muslims,” Society for the Anthropology of Religion Biennial Meeting, 2015.

“When Transparency Fails: Perspectives from an Islamist Movement in Indonesia,” American Anthropological Association Conference, 2014.

“When Transparency Fails: Perspectives for an Islamist Movement in Indonesia,” Mapping the Landscape of Islamic Studies Conference, Indiana University, 2014.

Panel participant, “Race and Religion Across Regions,” Harvard Academy Alumni Conference, Harvard University, 2014.

“Conversion Narratives in the Socialization of Islamists and Liberal Muslims in Indonesia,” American Anthropological Association Conference, 2012.

Panel organizer, “The Shifting Borders of the Islamic Tradition,” American Anthropological Association Conference, 2012.

“The Indonesian Trinity,” Inter-Asia Connections III, Social Science Research Council and Hong Kong University, 2012.

“Reading Circles and Conference Rooms: New Spaces for the Production of Islamic Religious Knowledge,” American Anthropological Association Conference, 2011.

“Dynamics of Genders Relations in Two Rival Muslim Organizations: Perspectives from Indonesia,” roundtable discussion at the Islamic Religious Council of Singapore, 2011.

“The ‘Born Again’ and the ‘Apostate’: Unexpected Biographies of Conservative and Liberal Muslim Youths in Indonesia,” American Anthropological Association Conference, 2010.

“Religion and Local Culture: Islam in Southeast Asia,” seminar at the Southeast Asian Muslims for Freedom and Enlightenment Conference, Philippines, 2009.

Invited talks

“Accounting for the Soul: Religious Improvisation in Democratic Indonesia,” Southeast Asian Studies Council, Yale University, 2016.

“Accounting for the Soul: Religious Improvisation in Democratic Indonesia,” Department of Comparative Studies, The Ohio State University, 2016.

“Accounting for the Soul: Religious Improvisation in Democratic Indonesia,” Department of Anthropology, University of Cincinnati, 2016.

“On Reading: The Socialization of Liberal Muslims in Indonesia,” Comparative Muslim Societies Program, Cornell University, 2012.

“Islamic Education in Southeast Asia,” Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, New York University, 2008.

“Conservative and Liberal Muslim Student Activism in Indonesia,” Institute for the Study of Religion and Philosophy, Indonesia, 2008.

Other presentations

“Understanding ISIS,” United Nations Club, Indiana University, 2015.

Roundtable on Islam in the contemporary world, Foster International LLC, Indiana University, 2015.

TEACHING

Courses, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University

Introduction to Islam (introductory undergraduate lecture, 120 students, course offered in 2013, 2014, 2016)

Islam in America (intermediate undergraduate class, 40 students, course offered in 2016)

Je Suis Charlie? Islam and the Politics of Satire (advanced undergraduate seminar, 20 students, course offered in 2015)

The Politics and Cultures of Islamic Education (combined advanced undergraduate and graduate seminar, 15 students, course offered in 2014)

Courses, Department of International Studies, Indiana University

Youth and Politics (advanced undergraduate seminar, 20 students, course offered in 2014, 2016)

Neoliberalism in Crisis (intermediate undergraduate class, 30 students, course offered in 2015, 2016)

Re-examining Islamic Fundamentalism (intermediate undergraduate class, 20 students, course offered in 2014)

Member of PhD dissertation committee

Ayesha Butt, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University

Katherine Cierniak, School of Education, Indiana University, "Education in Dhaka's Slums: Understanding the Complex Factors Influencing School-going Behavior"

Supervisor for undergraduate capstone project

Aysha Ahmed, Department of International Studies, Indiana University

SERVICE

Service to the profession

Peer reviewer for American Ethnologist, Journal of Asian Studies, Journal of Religious History, Institute for Southeast Asian Studies (Singapore), Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute

Indiana University

Diversity, Collaboration, and Inclusion Working Group, School for Global and International Studies, 2016-2017

Diversity Committee, School for Global and International Studies, 2016

Department of Religious Studies, Indiana University

Salary and Review Committee, 2015-2016

Faculty secretary, 2014-2015, 2016-2017

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2014-2015

Community and Engagement Committee, 2013-2014, 2016-2017

Department of International Studies, Indiana University

International Communication and the Arts Taskforce, 2015-2016