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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago 1978–1982 Ph.D. 1982
Center for Arabic Studies Abroad, Cairo, Egypt . . . 1977–1978
The University of Chicago 1976–1977 M.A. 1977
Gonzaga University. 1967–1971 A.B. 1971 (Florence Italy Program, 69–70)

POSITIONS HELD

- 7/21 Emeritus Barrows Professor of the History and Literature of Islam and Professor of Comparative Literature, University of Chicago.
- 7/05 6/19 University of Chicago, John Henry Barrow Professor of the History and Literature of Islam, Divinity School; and, since 2009, Professor of Comparative Literature at the University of Chicago.
- 5/95–7/05 Haverford College, Professor of Religion and Emily Judson Baugh and John Marshall Gest Professor of Comparative Religions.
- (7/97–7/98 *John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship, in residence*)
- 7/92–6/96 Haverford College, Chairperson, Dept. of Religion.
- 5/90–5/95 Haverford College, Associate Professor, Department of Religion.
- 8/84–5/90 Haverford College, Assistant Professor, Department of Religion
- 8/82–8/84 Stanford University, Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow.
- 8/72–6/74 Peace Corps, Tunisia. Lycée de Medenine. Lycée de Foum Tatahouine.

HONORS

- 2016 Election to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- 2004 *Choice "Academic Book of the Year"* Award for *The New Crusades: Constructing the Muslim Enemy* (Columbia University Press, 2004).
- 2003 Andrew Mellon *New Directions* Fellowship: for Work on Religion and Conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- 2002 *Annual Selection of Approaching the Qur'an* for the Required Book of the Year, University of North Carolina Summer Reading Program.
- 2002 *Paul Hanly Furfey* Lectureship, Association for the Sociology of Religion.
- 1999 *Fulbright* Fellowship to Morocco, Tunisia, and Syria. Project: Ibn 'Arabi's classical heritage and contemporary influence. Spring, 2000, seven month award.

- 1997 *American Academy of Religion Annual Book Prize for Excellence in Historical Studies*, to *The Bridge Betrayed: Religion and Genocide in Bosnia*, Presentation Ceremony, 21 November 1997, San Francisco, American Academy of Religion Annual Conference.
- 1996 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship for 1997–1998. Project Title: *The Poetics of the Classical Arabic Qasida (Ode)*.
- 1995 *American Academy of Religion Prize for First Book in the History of Religions (Honorable Mention): Mystical Languages of Unsayings* (Univ. of Chicago Press, 1994).
- 1994 *Emily Judson Baugh and John Marshall Gest Professorship* in Comparative Religions, Haverford College.
- 1993 *NEH* (National Endowment of the Humanities) Fellowship: Studies in the Classical Arabic Qasida.
- 1992 *Lifetime Honorary Fellow*: the Muhyiddin Ibn `Arabi Society.
- 1990 Nominated for the Lewis Galatière Prize from the American Literary Translators Association (for *Desert Tracings*).
- 1990 Nominated for the Harold Morton Landon Translation Award from the American Academy of Poets (for *Desert Tracings*).
- 1987 Emily Judson Baugh Gest and John Marshall Gest Lectureship in Comparative Religions.
- 1985 *Arabic League Translation Award*, Translation Center, Columbia University.
- 1985 *NEH* Summer Grant, Arabic Ode Translation Project.
- 1982–1984 *Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship*, Stanford University.
- 1982 Honors (the highest designation), PhD Dissertation Defense, University of Chicago.
- 1982 *Arabic Translation Prize*, American Association of Teachers of Arabic (AATA).
- 1981 *Arabic Translation Prize*, American Association of Teachers of Arabic.
- 1981–1982 *Whiting Fellowship*, The University of Chicago.
- 1979–80 / 1978–79 *NDEA Title VI Fellowship*, Arabic.
- 1977–1978 *CASA Fellowship* (Center for Arabic Studies Abroad).
- 1977 Honors (the highest designation) MA exams, University of Chicago.
- 1971 Magna cum Laude, B.A. degree, Gonzaga University.

PUBLICATIONS, BOOKS

The Translator of Desires: Ibn `Arabi's Tarjumān al-Ashwāq: Poems, translated by Michael Sells (Princeton University Press, Locket Library of Poetry in Translation, April 2020). A complete bilingual, Arabic-English facing page translation and edition; with introduction, notes, appendixes on the manuscripts and printed editions consulted in creating the Arabic edited text, full translations of Ibn `Arabi's romantic prefaces and apologia, translator's commentary on each poem, and glossaries on the personal names, place names, core vocabulary, ritual terms, and the history of translations of the *Tarjumān*.

Bewildered: Love Poems from Ibn `Arabi's Translation of Desires, translated from the Arabic by Michael Sells. Paris and New York: Post-Apollo / Litmus, 2018. With a preface, and epilogue on Ibn `Arabi (d. 638/1240) and his collection of love poetry, *Tarjumān al-Ashwāq* (The Translation of Desires) and a glossary of Arabic terms.

Qur'ānic Studies Today. Co-edited with Angelika Neuwirth. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2016. Introduction by Angelika Neuwirth and Michael Sells. Essays by Devin J. Stewart, Nora K. Schmid, Hannalies Koloska, Walid A. Saleh, Michael A. Sells, Angelika Neuwirth, Sidney H. Griffith, Lauren E. Osborne, Ghassan el Masri, Holger M. Zellentin, and Mun'im Sirry.

Stations of Desire: Love Odes of Ibn `Arabi and New Poems. Original poems by Michael Sells and translations of love qasidas from *Ibn `Arabi's Interpreter of Desires (Turjuman al-Ashwaq)*. Jerusalem: Ibis Press, 2000. Fourth Printing, 2003.

The New Crusades: Constructing the Muslim Enemy. Co-edited with Emran Qureshi. New York: Columbia University Press, 2003. Introduction by Michael Sells and Emran Qureshi. Essays by Fatema Mernissi, Edward Said, Roy Mottahedeh, John Trumbour, Rob Nixon, Mujeeb Khan, Maria Rosa Menocal, Neil MacMaster, Norman Cigar, and Michael Sells. A Choice "Academic Book of the Year" for 2004.

Approaching the Qur'an: The Early Revelations. White Cloud Press, 1999. Renderings of the hymnic suras, with an introduction, a facing commentary on each Sura, essays on sound and meaning in Qur'anic language, sound charts for use with Qur'anic recitation, and an annotated glossary and a CD with examples of Qur'anic recitation. Seventh, Printing 2003.

Approaching the Qur'an: The Early Revelations, Second Edition, with a new chapter on *Surat al-Rahman*, including a full translation of the sura, and a preface covering the 2002 UNC-Qur'an controversy (Ashland, OR: White Cloud Press, 2006).

Cambridge History of Arabic Literature, Al-Andalus. Co-edited with Maria Rosa Menocal and Raymond Scheindlin, and contributor. The volume includes 24 essays. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000.

The Bridge Betrayed: Religion and Genocide in Bosnia. University of California Press, 1996. An examination of the use of religious mythology to motivate and justify genocide against Bosnian Muslims from 1992-1995. *1997 American Academy Religion Award for Excellence in Historical Studies*. Second Edition with a Preface on Kosovo and BiH. University of California Press, 1998. Bosnian edition: *Iznevjereni most: religija i genocid u Bosni*, translated by Zoran Mutic, (Sarajevo: Sedam, 2002).

Early Islamic Mysticism. Paulist Press Classics of Western Spirituality Series, 1996. Introductions and translations of the Qur'an, Mi'raj Accounts, Arabic Poetry, Tustari, Ja'far as-Sadiq, Muhasibi, Junayd, Hallaj, Rabi'a, Bistami, Sarraj, Qushayri, and Niffari, with an Introduction to Islamic mysticism.

Mystical Languages of Unsayings. University of Chicago Press, 1994. A philosophical and literary study of apophatic language in Plotinus, Eriugena, Ibn 'Arabi, Eckhart, and Marguerite Porete. With original translations from the Greek, Arabic, Latin, medieval French, and medieval German. *1995 American Academy of Religion First Book Prize (honorable mention)*.

Desert Tracings: Six Classic Arabian Odes. Wesleyan University Press, 1989. Original Translations, and Critical Commentary on early Arabic odes by 'Alqama, Shanfara, Labid, 'Antara, Al-A'sha and Dhu al-Rumma, with a General Introduction. Major selections appear in the *Harper-Collins World Reader* and *The Norton Anthology of World Poetry*.

BOOK SECTIONS

"Bewildered Tongue: The Semantics of Mystical Union in Islam" and "Response," in Bernard McGinn and Moshe Idel, ed., *Mystical Union and Monotheistic Religions: an Ecumenical Dialogue*, New York: MacMillan, 1989. This volume includes studies by McGinn (Christian Mysticism), Idel (Jewish Mysticism), Sells (Islamic Mysticism), and D. Merkur (Psychological Approaches), with a response by each to the other essays. Second Edition, *Mystical Union in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* (New York: Continuum, 1996).

PUBLICATION LIST

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2015–

- *The Translator of Desires: Ibn ‘Arabi’s Tarjumān al-Ashwāq: Poems*, translated by Michael Sells (Princeton University Press, Locket Library of Poetry in Translation, 2021).
- “Saudi Nationalism, Wahhabi Da‘wā, and Western Power,” in *When Politics are Sacralized*, edited by Nadim H. Rouhana and Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian (Cambridge University Press, 2021): 275-306.
- “A Longer 9-Stanza Version of Poem 1 of Ibn ‘Arabi’s *Tarjumān al-Ashwāq*,” co-authored with Wayel Azmeh (*Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn ‘Arabi Association* 64 (2018): 1-4.
- “The Casting: A Close Hearing of Sura TāHā 9–79,” in *Qur’ānic Studies Today*, eds. Angelika Neuwirth and Michael A. Sells (Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2016): 125-177. [Corrigendum](#).
- “Introduction,” co-authored with Angelika Neuwirth, in *Qur’ānic Studies Today*, eds. Angelika Neuwirth and Michael A. Sells (Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2016): 1-14.
- “Holocaust Abuse: The Case of Hajj Amin al-Husayni,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 43.4 (2015): 723-759.
- “Pale Honey,” a translation of poem #47 from Ibn al-‘Arabi’s *Tarjumān al-Ashwāq*, *Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn ‘Arabi Society* 57 (2015): v-vi.
- “‘At the Red Rise:’ Translation of Poem #57 from Ibn al-‘Arabi’s *Tarjumān al-Ashwāq*,” *La Corónica* 43.1 (Fall 2014): 253-255.
- “Al-Bistami, Mi`rāj, translation of an account of heavenly ascent attributed to Abu Yazid al-Bistami,” in *The Norton Anthology of World Religions*, ed. Jane Dammen McAuliffe (2015): 388-439; (originally published in Michael Sells, *Early Islamic Mysticism*, 1996, 242-250).
- “‘Is What You Knew Kept Secret,’ ‘Alqama ibn Abada,” in *The Norton Anthology of World Religions*, ed. Jane Dammen McAuliffe (2015), 457-464; (originally published in Michael Sells, *Desert Tracings: Six Classic Arabian Odes*, 1989, 11-20).
- “Shahrestani’s Doxology of Muslim Schools,” first part, translation from Shahrestani’s *Kitāb al-Milal wa al-Nihāl*, in *Islamic Theological Themes: a Source Editor*, ed. John Renard (2015), 136-146 (originally published in Michael Sells, *Early Islamic Mysticism*, 1996, 307-320).
- “Apparition,” a translation of poem #44 from Ibn al-‘Arabi’s *Tarjumān al-Ashwāq*, *Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn ‘Arabi Society* 55 (2014): v.
- “A Suite: Short Poems from Ibn al-‘Arabi’s *Tarjumān al-Ashwāq*,” *Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn ‘Arabi Society* 55 (2014): 63-70.

2009–2014

- Qur’anic Suras 1, 53:1-18, 81, 87, 963, 98, translated by Michael Sells, in *Reading the Middle Ages: Sources from Europe, Byzantium, and the Islamic World*, 2nd Edition (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2013): 73-76 (originally published in *Approaching the Qur’an*, 1999).
- Al-A`shā, “Bid Hurayra Farewell,” translated by Michael Sells, in *Reading the Middle Ages: Sources from Europe, Byzantium, and the Islamic World*, 2nd Edition (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2013): 70-73 (originally published in Michael Sells, *Desert Tracings: Six Classic Arabian Odes*, 1989, 57-66).
- “‘Armageddon’ in Christian, Sunni, and Shia traditions,” *The Oxford Handbook of Religion and Violence* (Oxford University Press, 2012), 467-495.
- “Finhas of Medina: Islam, ‘the Jews’, and the Construction of Militancy,” in *Religion, Violence, and the Interpretation of Sacred Texts*, ed. John Renard, (University of California Press, 2012), 101-134.

- “Day Falls Night” a translation of poem #39 from Ibn al-`Arabī’s *Turjumān al-Ashwāq*, OccasionalReligion.com, 29 November 2011; *Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn `Arabi Society* 51 (2012): i-ii.
- “Flight Four,” poem, OccasionalReligion.com, 1 September 2011.
- “For You Alone,” a translation of a Persian ghazal by Hafez of Shiraz, OccasionalReligion.com, 27 July 2011.
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- “You the Dawn and I,” a translation of a Persian ghazal by Hafez of Shiraz, OccasionalReligion.com, 22 April 2011, under the title “Ghazel.”
- “Mark Twain’s Palestine,” *freq.uenci.es: a collaborative genealogy of spirituality*, 3 November 2011, <http://freq.uenci.es/2011/11/03/mark-twains-palestine>.
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2004–2008

- “Tigris Song,” and “Baghdad Song,” *Poetry* 192.1 (April 2008): 26-29. [translations from the Arabic of two poems by Ibn al-`Arabī from the *Turjuman al-Ashwaq*, along with a translator’s note]
- “Return to the Flash Rock Plain of Thahmad: Two Nasibs by Ibn al-Arabi,” *Journal of Arabic Literature* 39 (2008): 3-13.
- “Iraq and Yemen Intertwined: Poem #20 from Ibn al-Arabi’s *Turjuman al-Ashwaq* (interpreter/translator/biographer of longings)” in *Studies in Arabic and Hebrew Letters in Honor of Raymond P. Scheindlin*, eds. Jonathan P. Decter and Michael Rand (Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2007), 175-180.
- “War as Worship, Worship as War,” *Religion and Culture Forum*, December 2006, online publication, <http://divinity.uchicago.edu/martycenter/publications/webforum/122006/commentary.shtml>.
- Pilgrimage and “Ethnic Cleansing” in Herzegovina, in *Religion and Violence*, eds. David Little and Donald Swearer (Harvard University Press, 2006), 147-158.
- *Approaching the Qur’an: The Early Revelations* (White Cloud Press, 2006), New Edition, with preface on the 2002 UNC-Qur’an controversy and a new chapter with a commentary on and full translation of Sura 55.

2003

- “Crosses of Blood: Sacred Space, Religion, and Violence in Bosnia-Herzegovina,” The annual Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture, Association for the Sociology of Religion, *Sociology of Religion* 64:3 (2003): 309-331.
- “Sacral Ruins in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Mapping Ethnoreligious Nationalism,” in *Religion and the Creation of Race and Ethnicity*, ed. Craig R. Prentiss (New York: New York University Press, 2003), 211-233.
- *The New Crusades: Constructing the Muslim Enemy*, co-edited with Emran Qureshi (New York: Columbia University Press, 2003).
- “Christ-Killer, Kremlin, Contagion,” in *The New Crusades: Constructing the Muslim Enemy*, eds. Emran Qureshi and Michael Sells (New York: Columbia University Press, 2003), 352-389.
- “Introduction: The Clash of Civilizations and Constructing the Muslim Enemy,” co-authored with Emran Qureshi in *The New Crusades: Constructing the Muslim Enemy*, eds. Emran Qureshi and Michael Sells (New York: Columbia University Press, 2003), 1-47.
- “Ibn al-`Arabī and the Clash of Civilizations,” Rabat, Morocco, 2003 (in press).

2002

- *Iznevjereni most*, translated by Zoran Mutic (Sarajevo: Sedam, 2002), translation of *The Bridge Betrayed: Religion and Genocide in Bosnia*.
- "The Infinity of Desire: Love, Mystical Union, and Ethics in Sufism," in *Crossing Boundaries: Essays on the Ethical Status of Mysticism*, eds. William Barnard and Jeffrey Kripal (New York: Seven Bridges, 2002): 184-229.
- "Islam in Serbian Religious Mythology and Its Consequences," in *Islam and Bosnia*, ed. Maya Shatzmiller (Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2002), 56-85.
- "Irremediable Ecstasy, Modes of the Lyric in Etel Adnan's *The Spring Flowers Own & Manifestations of the Voyage*," in *Etel Adnan: Critical Essays on the Arab-American Writer and Artist*, eds. Lisa Suhayr Majaj and Amal Amireh (Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, 2002): 50-66.
- "The Wedding of Zein: Islam through the Modern Novel," in *Teaching Islam*, ed. Brannon Wheeler (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002), 145-167.
- "Ibn `Arabi and the Clash of Civilizations," *Journal of the University of Riyadh Muhammad V*, forthcoming.

2001

- "Serbian Religious Mythology and the Genocide in Bosnia" in *In God's Name: Genocide and Religion in the 20th Century*, eds. Omer Bartov and Phyllis Mack (Berghahn Books, 2001), 180-205.
- "The 'Work' of Love: Marguerite Porete, Nizam, and Ibn `Arabi" (*Tres seguidores de la religion de l'amor: Nizam, Ibn `Arabi, y Marguerite Porete*), translated into Spanish by Ana Iribas Rubin in *Mujeres de Luz: Proceedings of the Congreso Internacional Sobre Mistica Femenina*, ed. Pablo Beneito, Avila 29-31 Octubre, 1999 (Avila: Centro Internacional de Estudios Misticos, 2001), 137-157.
- "Preface" in *Umar Ibn al-Farid: Sufi Verse, Saintly Life*, ed. and trans. Emil Homerin (New York: Paulist Press Classics of Western Spirituality, 2001), xi-svii.
- "Preface," in *Anatomy of Genocide* by Alexandre Kimenyi and Otis Scott (Edwin Mellen, 2001).
- "Sound, Spirit, and Gender in Surat al-Qadr," anthologized in *The Qur'an: Style and Contents*, ed. Andrew Rippin (Aldershot UK: Ashgate/Variorum, 2001), 332-353.

2000

- "Meister Eckhart and Ibn `Arabi on the Mysticism of Perpetual Transformation," *Eckhart Review* 8 (Spring 2000): 3-18.
- "A Literary Approach to the Hymnic Suras of the Qur'an: Spirit, Gender, and Aural Intertextuality" in Issa Boullata, ed., *Literary Structures of Religious Meaning in the Qur'an* (London: Curzon Press, 2000), 3-25.
- "Vuk's Knife: Kosovo, the Serbian Golgotha, and the Radicalization of Serbian Society," William J. Buckley, ed., *Kosovo: Contending Voices on Balkan Interventions* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2000), 133-141.
- *The Cambridge History of Arabic Literature, Al-Andalus*. Co-editor, with Maria Rosa Menocal and Raymond Scheindlin, and contributor. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000).
- "To al-Andalus Would She Return the Greeting: Ibn Zaydun's *Nuniyya* (Poem in N), Complete Translation," in the *The Cambridge History of Arabic Literature: The Literature of Al-Andalus*, ed. Maria Rosa Menocal, Raymond P. Scheindlin, and Michael Sells, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000), 489-496.
- "Love," an essay on love poetry in Islamic Andalus, *The Cambridge History of Arabic Literature: The Literature of Al-Andalus*, ed. Maria Rosa Menocal, Raymond P. Scheindlin, and Michael Sells (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000), 126-158.

1999

- *Stations of Desire: Love Elegies from Ibn `Arabi and New Poems* (Jerusalem: Ibis Editions, 1999, 3rd printing 2002).
- "Balkan Islam and the Mythology of Kosovo," *ISIM (International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World) Newsletter*, no. 3, 1999.
- "The Wiles of Women and Performative Intertextuality: `A'isha, the Hadith of the Slander and the Sura of Yusuf," *Journal of Arabic Literature* 30.1 (Spring, 1999): 1-23. Co-Authored with Ashley Manjarrez Walker.
- *Approaching the Qur'an: The New Revelations*, selections, translations, and commentaries by Michael Sells (Ashland: White Cloud Press, 1999, new printing 2000).
- "Sufism Toward the Year 1240 CE," in Mortimer Ostow, editor, *Jewish Mystical Leadership in the Thirteenth Century* (Jason Aronson Press, 1999).

1997–1998

- "Preface on Kosovo and BiH from 1995-1998," for the new, paperback edition of Michael Sells, *The Bridge Betrayed, Religion and Genocide in Bosnia* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998).
- "Serbian Religious Nationalism, Christoslavism, and the Genocide in Bosnia, 1992-1995," in Paul Mojzes, editor, *The Role of Religion in the War in Bosnia and Herzegovina*, (Atlanta: Scholar's Press, 1998): 196-207.
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- "Heart-Secret, Intimacy, and Awe in Formative Sufism," *The Shaping of An American Islamic Discourse: A Memorial to Fazlur Rahman*, ed. by Earle Waugh and Frederick Denny (Atlanta: Scholars Press, Studies on Religion and the Social Order, 1998): 165-188.
- "Longing, Belonging, and Pilgrimage in the Poetry of Ibn `Arabi," Ross Brann, editor, *Languages of Power in Islamic Andalus* CDL Press: Occasional publications of the Department of Near Eastern Studies and the Program of Jewish Studies, Cornell University, 1997: 178-96.
- "'Christ Killer' Mythology and the Tragedy in the Balkans," in *Explorations: Rethinking Relationships Among Protestants, Christians and Jews* 11.3 (1997): 5.

1996

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1995

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- Rusmir Mehmutehajic, *Bosnia the Good: Tolerance and Tradition* (Budapest: Central European University Press, 2000), *Slavic Review* 61.2 (Summer 2002): 393-394.
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- Tone Bringa, *We Are All Neighbors (videocassette)* *RSR*.

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- Richard Martin, *Islam*, *MESA Bulletin* 17:2 (Dec. 1983).

COURSES TAUGHT AND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

Graduate courses at the University of Chicago Divinity School have included: Seminar in the Arabic Text of the Qur'an; Comparative Mystical Literature (focus on Plotinus and on the writing of medieval Christian, Jewish, and Islamic mystics); Seminar in the Arabic Writings of Ibn al-`Arabi; The Mid-East Love Lyric in Translation (Arabic, Turkish, Hebrew, Persian, Urdu); The Blood Libel: Norwich to Riyadh; Seminar in Arabic Religious Texts; Sacred Texts and Religious Traditions. Undergraduate course taught at the University of Chicago: Islamicate Civilizations in Spain; Classical Islamic Civilization and Its Moroccan Reflections.

Undergraduate Courses at Haverford College: Sacred Texts and Religious Traditions: most years the focus of this course has been on Hinduism and Islam, although Buddhism, Christianity, and Judaism have been covered in some years; Comparative Mysticism (Jewish, Christian, Islamic); Seminar in Islamic Philosophy and Theology; Religions of the East (Hinduism, Buddhism, and Taoism); The Arabian Ode; Cultural Identity in Third World Literatures; Religion and Violence.

University of Chicago Service, some consistent roles: Tenure and Promotions Committee (seven years, Divinity School), Admissions Committee (four years in Comparative Literature; 12 years in the Divinity

School), Chairperson, Islamic Studies Area, 2005-2017; Search Committees for the Divinity School, Comparative Literature, and Near Eastern Languages and Literatures; PI for the Mellon Islamic Studies Initiative (3 years); chairperson of the selection and advisory panel of the Mellon Islamic Studies Initiative (6 years); dissertation committees in the Divinity School, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Comparative Literature (12 years); and (in 2018-2019), chairperson of the Tenure and Promotions Committee for the Divinity School. .

ACADEMIC PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES

2018

- *Bewildered: New Translations from Ibn 'Arabi's "Translator of Desires,"* Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society, Wolfson College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, 05 May 2018.

2017

- *Speaking Stone: Ka 'ba, Love, Talk, and Consciousness in the Writings of Ibn 'Arabi* Keynote Address, Symposium of the Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society, Santa Barbara, CA, 10 November 2017.
- *Ibn 'Arabi's Commentary on Poem 11 of his Tarjumān al-Ashwāq*, Symposium of the Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society, Santa Barbara, CA, 11 November 2017.

2016

- *Conflicted Religious Nationalism and Global Conflict: The Wahhabism Dilemma*, Keynote Address, Conference on The Fusion of Religion and Nationalism in Comparative Perspectives: Implication for Conflict Dynamics, Fletcher School of Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, MA, 31 March 2016.
- *'Wahhabism' and Global Conflict*, L. J. Kuttan Lecture, Claremont-McKenna College, Claremont, California, 22 March 2016.

2015

- *Umm Musa: Revelation, Struggle, and Speaking Truth to Power in the Qur'anic Accounts of the Life of Moses*, Keynote Address, Spiritual Jihad Conference, John Carroll University, Cleveland, 13 November 2015.
- *Moses & Pharaoh, Word & Staff: Poetic, Dramatic, & Narrative Dimensions of Qur'ānic Discourse*, Johns Hopkins University, 24 April 2015.
- *The Qur'ān and Its Audient*, Duke University, Durham, NC, 2 October 2015.
- *New Translations of the Tarjumān al-Ashwāq (Translation of Desires)*, Duke University, Durham, NC, 1 October 2015
- *Love, Loss, and Multiple Personae in the Translation of Desires of Ibn al-'Arabi*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, 21 April 2015.
- *Existence is Translation: Practice and Theory in Translating Ibn al-'Arabi's Tarjumān al-Ashwāq [Translation of Desires]*, University of Tennessee Humanities Center, Knoxville, Tennessee, 22 April 2015.

2014

- *'Life' in Ibn 'Arabi's 'Ringsetting of Prophecy in the Word of Jesus'*, Muhyidin Ibn 'Arabi Society, Berkeley, California, 15 November 2014.
- *Poetry Reading: Ibn al-'Arabi's Turjumān al-Ashwāq in Arabic and original translation*, Ibn 'Arabi Society, Berkeley, California, 15 November 2014, with John Mercer.
- *Young Moses in the Qur'an and Islamic Mysticism*, Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, Texas, 11 October 2014.
- *Jesus and Mary in Ibn al-'Arabi's 'Ringstones of Wisdom'*, Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, Texas, 11 October 2014.

- *Ark, Word, and Fire in the Qur'an Moses Passages*, Plenary Address, Encounters Program, Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington, 21 September 2014.
- *'Life' in Ibn 'Arabi's 'Ringsetting of Prophecy in the Word of Jesus'*, Thirty-First Annual Symposium, Muhyhidin Ibn 'Arabi Society, St Anne's College, Oxford, 25 May, 2014.
- *"One and Three": Mystic, Monk, Astrologer, in poem 12 from Ibn al-'Arabi's Tarjumān and his self-commentary upon it*. Thirty-First Annual Symposium, Muhyhidin Ibn 'Arabi Society, St Anne's College, Oxford, 25 May 2014.
- *Readings of Original Translations from Classical Arabic Poetry*, Words of Praise: the Qasida with Dr. Michael Sells and Safaafir, Detroit Public Library, Detroit, Michigan 15 March 2014
- *'The Religion of Love' in the Poetry of Ibn Zaydun and Ibn al-'Arabi'*, Boston College, Islamic Civilizations and Societies Program, 12 March 2014.
- *Teaching the Qur'an*, Workshop for High School Teachers (focus on Surat Taha and Surat al-Qasas), Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education, Chicago, Illinois, 24-25 June 2013.

2013

- *Ark, Fire, Word, and Staff: A Literary Analysis of the Qur'anic Accounts of the Early Life of Moses*, Inaugural Lecture, The Hajja Razi Sharif Sheikh Lecture Series, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 28 October, 2013.
- *Teaching the Qur'an*, Workshop for High School Teachers (focus on Surat Taha and Surat al-Qasas), Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education, Chicago, Illinois, 24-25 June 2013.
- *Labid to Ibn al-'Arabi*, A reading of original translations of pre-Islamic and medieval Arabic poetry by Michael Sells, which was followed by a performance of the Zafar Tawil and His Ensemble; from the "Poetic Voices of the Muslim World" program organized by Poets House and City Lore. Los Angeles Public Library, Los Angeles, California, 18 May 2013.
- *The Staff, the Power, and The Voice: Translocation in the Qur'anic Musa Passages and a Treatise by Ibn 'Arabi*, The Sohaib and Sara Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, 10 May 2013.
- *Labid to Ibn al-'Arabi*, A reading of original translations of pre-Islamic and medieval Arabic poetry by Michael Sells, which was followed by a performance of the Safaafir Ensemble; from the "Poetic Voices of the Muslim World" program organized by Poets House and City Lore. Jacksonville Public Library, Jacksonville, Florida, 26 March 2013.
- *Christianity, Islam, and the Idea of Essential Difference*, The House of Literature, Oslo Norway, 1 March 2012.
- *America, Islam, and The Holocaust*. Keynote Address, Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics, Annual Meeting of the Society of Religious Ethics, Chicago, Illinois, 6 January 2012.

2012

- *Revelation and Militancy in the Traditions of Abraham*, Keynote Address, The Holy War Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago, 15 November 2012.
- *Islamophobia, Judeophobia, and The Holocaust*, co-sponsored by the Oregon Episcopal School & Muslim Educational Trust, Portland, Oregon, 30 November 2012.
- *The Holocaust and Islam*, Carroll College, 12 April 2012.
- *Ibn al-'Arabi and the Infinity of Desire*, Eberhard IV Faber Lecture, Princeton University, 2 April 2012.
- *Christianity, Islam, and the Idea of Essential Difference*, The House of Literature, Oslo Norway 1 March 2012.
- *Ideologies of Global Conflict from 9/11 to 7/22, The Saladin Lecture*, The House of Literature, Oslo Norway, 29 February 2012.
- *Mysticism and Poetry in Islam: Reconceptions*, Yale University, 26 February 2012.

2011

- *Ibn al-`Arabi's Lyric Mysticism and the Persian-Arabic Love Affair*, Ibn al-`Arabi and Rumi Conference, New York City, The Open Center and the Muhyiddin Ibn `Arabi Society co-sponsors, New York City, 5 November 2011.
- *Moses, Ibn al-`Arabi, and the Voice in the Fire*, New York City, The Open Center and the Muhyiddin Ibn `Arabi Society co-sponsors, New York City, 5 November 2011.
- *Illuminated Verses: Poetries of the Islamic World*, Bridging Cultures Conference, New York City, Tribeca Performing Arts Center, Poets House and City Lore co-sponsors, 7 May 2011.
- *Translating Ibn al-`Arabi's Translation of Desires: Longing, Lyric, and the Cultural Other*, Boston University, Literary Translation Lecture Series, 25 March 2011.
- *The God of War: America in a World of Religion*, University of Washington, 7 February 2011.

2009–2011

- *The God of War: America in a World of Religion*, University of Indiana, Bloomington, 13 April 2010.
- *The Victor Danner Memorial Lecture*, University of Indiana, Bloomington, 12 April 2010.
- *Readings of Original Translations of Ibn al-`Arabi's Turjumān al-Ashwāq*, New York Open Center and the Muhyiddin Ibn `Arabi Society, The Riverside Church, New York City, 6 November 2009.
- *Keynote Address*, Bi-Co MSA, Haverford College, 28 February 2009.
- *Mysticism, Longing and the Erotic in the Writings of 13th-Century Sufi Master Ibn al-`Arabi*, Keynote Address, Sacred Leaves Symposium, University of South Florida, 20 February 2009.

2008

- *Dueling Apocalypses*, Bradley University, 12 November 2008.
- *Plenary Address*, Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies Symposium, Villanova University, 12 October 2008.
- *Within Us, Between Us, and Without Us: America, Islam, and the Religious Militancy in the World Today*, Reed College, 9 October 2008.
- *The Enduring Legacy of Inter-Religious Polemics*, Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies, 3 April 2008.
- *Understanding Islam: Religion and Conflict in the Qur'an*, evening address, Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies, 3 April 2008.
- *Religion and Genocide in Bosnia*, University of South Florida, 18 February 2008.

2007

- *The Cultural Other and Erotic Love in Ibn al-`Arabi's Translation of Desires* (Turjumān al-Ashwāq), University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 20 October 2007.
- *God of War: American Power in a World of Religion*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, John Carroll University, 18 October 2007.
- *Pilgrimage and War*, Arthur C. Wickenden Lectures 1, Miami University of Ohio, 2 October 2007.
- *Translating the Qur'an*, Arthur C. Wickenden Lecture 2, Miami University of Ohio, 2 October 2007.
- *Readings from my translations of the Arabic poetry of Ibn al-`Arabi* incorporated into a John Rommerein's *Convivencia for Choir, String Quartet, and Harp*, performed by The Grinnell Singers, Grinnell College, 29 September 2007.

- *Making Religions of Peace*, Rosenfield Program in Public Affairs, International Relations, and Human Rights, Grinnell College, 27 September 2007.
- *'Translation of Desires': the Love Poetry of Sufi Master Ibn al-'Arabi (d. 638/1240)*, Franke Institute Humanities Forum, University of Chicago, 2 May 2007.
- *Scriptural Interpretation and Contending Militancies in Contemporary Christianity and Islam*, The Mason Lecture, Georgetown University, 12 April 2007.
- *Readings in Surat al-Ma'ida*, Institute of Jewish and Christian Studies, Baltimore, MD 03 April 2007
- *Dueling Armageddons: Christian and Islam Extremism and the Imminent Return of the Messiah*, Reed College, 27 March 2007.

2006

- *Apophysis and War*, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, Drew Transdisciplinary theological Colloquium, 1 October 2006.
- *Jihad and Crusade: Religion and Violence in the Post-Cold War World*, St. Joseph's University, 14 September 2006.
- *Encountering Islam Today: Beyond the Clash of Fundamentalisms*, North Park University, Chicago, 27-28 April 2006.
- *Initiative for an Alliance of Civilizations*, United Nations, New York City, 21-22 April 2006.
- *Beyond Jihad and Crusade: American Power in a World of Religion*, William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia, 15 April 2006.
- *Religion as a Source of Violence*, Baker Peace Conference on Religion and Violence, Contemporary History Institute, The Ohio University, Athens Ohio, 31 March 2006.
- *The William Hal Furr Dialogue on Philosophy and Religion*, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, 21 February 2006.
- *The Cultural Other in the Poetry of Ibn al-'Arabi*, Emory University, 6 February 2006.
- *American Power in the World of Religion*, Women's Board, University of Chicago, 14 February 2006.
- *Mysticism and Practice in the Writings of Ibn al-'Arabi*, Temple Emanu-El, New York City, 26 January 2006.
- *The Bridge and the Dragon: Pilgrimage and 'Ethnic Cleansing' in Bosnia-Herzegovina*, Religion and Nationalism Conference, Harvard University, Center for World Religions, 22 May 2005.

2005

- *Jihad and Crusade: Religion and Violence in the Post-cold War World*, Macallester College, November 2005.
- *Islam and Jihad in the Post-Cold War World*, Fordham, October 2005.
- *The Bridge and the Dragon: Pilgrimage and 'Ethnic Cleansing' in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Religion and Nationalism Conference*, Harvard University, Center for World Religions, 22 May 2005.
- *Religion and Violence in the Post Cold-War World*, Distinguished Lecture Series, West Chester University, 23 March 2005.
- *Mysticism and Theology in Islam, Symposium on Mysticism and Theology in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*, Temple Emanu El, New York City, 15 March 2005.

2004

- *Ghazal: Genre, Enigma, or Act of Translation?* Stanford University, 14 October 2004.
- *Andalus Urbanite as Bedouin Lover: Translating Ibn al-'Arabi's Translation of Desires*, Catholic University of America, 8 February 2005.
- *The Issue of 'Islamist Terrorism': Religion and Violence Post 9-11*, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, 8 March 2004.

- *Approaching the Qur'an in the Public School Classroom*, Philadelphia Community College, 8-9 June 2004.
- *Ibn al-'Arabi and the Houris of Paradise*, Muhyiddin Ibn `Arabi Society, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, 15-16 May 2004.
- *On Religion, Violence, and Passion Reenactment*, Getlin Lecture, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, 11 March 2004.
- *The Qur'an, What is Lost in Translation*, The Towns Family Lecture in Practical Ethics, Allegheny University, Erie, Pennsylvania, 9 March 2004.
- *Mysticism and Islam*, Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, 18 February 2004.
- *University of Arizona*, UA Presents (University Arts Series) and Middle Eastern Studies, Tucson, Arizona, 9 February 2004.
- *Raisins of Wrath: Interpretation, the Qur'an, and the West*, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 5 February 2004.
- *Poetry and Mysticism*, Temple Emanu-El, New York City, New York, 28 January 2004.
- *The Meaning of Houris in Qur'anic Paradise*, Stanford University, Public Lecture, 15 January 2004; Seminar 16 January 2004.
- *Translating the Translation of Desires*, Translation Symposium, Middlebury College, 12 January 2004.

2003

- *Harvard University Mysticism Workshop*, 12 December 2003.
- *Overcoming Religious Nationalism in the Balkans*, The Wilson Center, Washington, D.C., 5 December 2003.
- *Goodspeed Lecture: Love, War, and Islam*, Denison University, Granville, Ohio, 18 November 2003.
- *Islam a Religion of Peace? State University of New York New Paltz*, New Paltz, New York, 4 November 2003.
- *Keynote Address, Religion and Violence after the Cold War*, Mid-Atlantic World History Association Conference, Monmouth, New Jersey, 24 October 2003.
- *The Poetics of Desire in 13th Century Islamic and Christian Mysticism*, City University of New York Graduate School, New York, 17 October 2003.
- *Distinguished Voices University Lecture Series*, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida, 23 September 2003.
- *Scholars' Convocation*, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, 11 September 2003.
- *Islam, Religion, and Violence*, University of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, 13 March 2003.
- *Pluriform Culture in al-Andalus*, at the "Exploring Cultural Boundaries: Islam in Interaction" Symposium, Toronto, 3 March 2003.
- *Representing the Qur'an*, World of Islam Lecture Series, Munk Centre for International Studies and the Department of Near Eastern and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, Toronto, 3 March 2003.
- *The Infinity of Desire*, Department of Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, Toronto, 3 March 2003.
- *The Qur'an, Peace, and Violence*, University of Scranton, Scranton, Pennsylvania, 26 February 2003.
- *Understanding Islam: Infusing Islamic Studies into the Curriculum* NEH Workshop Focus Workshop Presentations, "The Qur'an" (morning workshop) and "Islamic Literature," afternoon workshop, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 21 February 2003.

2002

- *Ibn `Arabi and the Clash of Civilizations*, International Conference on Ibn `Arabi and Post-Modernity, University of Rabat (Muhammad V), Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Rabat, Morocco, 24-26 October 2002.
- *Islam and the 'Clash of Civilizations'*, Ada Howe Kent Lecture, Smith College, Northampton, MA, 3 October 2002.
- *Readings from Stations of Desire: Original poems and new translations from Ibn `Arabi*, The Poetry Center, Smith College, Northampton, MA, 3 October 2002.
- *Islam beyond the Clash of Civilizations*, Amherst College, Amherst, MA, 2 October 2002.
- *Poetry Reading from Stations of Desire*, "Necessary Translations," The Kitchen, New York, 24 September 2002.
- *Approaching the Qur'an and the University of North Carolina Summer Reading*, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, 5 September 2002 (available on videotape from CSPAN Book Forum).
- *Crosses of Blood: Religion, Peace, and Genocide in Bosnia-Herzegovina*. The annual Paul Hanly Furfey Lecture, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, 16 August 2002.
- *Religion and Genocide in Bosnia*, International Forum Bosna Feature Lecture, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, June 2002.
- *Islamic Civilization and the Contemporary World*, Stanford University, 2 May 2002.
- *Readings from Stations of Desire*, Poetry Reading, Yale University, 17 April 2002.
- *Translating Classical Arabic Poetry: Theory and Practice*, Yale University, 17 April 2002.
- *Love Poetry and Mystical Philosophy in Islam*, Wesleyan University, 16 April 2002.
- *Readings from Stations of Desire*, Poetry Reading, Wesleyan University, 16 April 2002.
- *Readings from Stations of Desire*, New York City, 15 April 2002. *Islam and the Media*, University of Southern Maine, Mediafest Conference, 10AM Woodbury Campus Center, Portland, 11 April 2002.
- *Convivencia in al-Andalus*, Garden of Remembrance Museum, Newark, NJ, 7 April 2002.
- *Muslim Identity in Europe: the Bosnian Case*, in "Debating Civilizations," University Seminar on Civilization Clash, Center for International Studies, Duke University, 3 April 2002. "Islamic Mysticism and Poetry," Duke University, 4 April 2002.
- *7-11 and the Bosnian Genocide*, Bosnian-American Cultural Association (BACA), Chicago, 23 March 2002.
- *The Limits of Language*, Rosemont College, 16 March 2002.
- *Poetry and Mysticism in Islam*, Harvard Humanities Series on Philosophy, Poetry, and Literature, Barker Center, Harvard, 14 March 2002.
- *September 11 and the 'Struggle for the Soul of Islam'*, Boston College, 13 March 2002.
- *Readings from Stations of Desire*, Poetry Reading, New York City, Teachers and Writers Collaborative, 15 February 2002.
- *Directions to the Heart of Islam*, Pendle Hill Study Center, Pendle Hill, PA, 11 February 2002.
- *The Struggle for the Soul of Islam*, Feature Lecture, Earlham College, 4 February 2002.

2001

- *Love As Knowledge in the Thought of Ibn `Arabi*, American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Denver, 20 November 2001.
- *Sept 11 and the Struggle for the Soul of Islam*, Swarthmore College, 8 November 2001.
- *Shattered Society, Blasted Shrines: Interreligious Reconstruction as a Redevelopment Strategy in the Balkans*, Center for Ethics and World Societies, Colgate University, 17 September 2001.
- *The Qur'an and Liberal Arts*, Humanities Colloquium, Colgate University, 18 September 2001.
- *The Qur'an in a World of Diversity*, Annual Conference of the Islamic Society of North American (ISNA), Chicago, 1 September 2001.
- *Love, Longing, and Belonging in the Thought of Ibn `Arabi*, Ibn `Arabi Society, Oxford, St. Cross, 25 May 2001.
- *Parallel Worlds, Intersecting Worlds: Poetry and Philosophy in Islam*, Ismaili Institute, London, 24 May 2001.

- *Finding God in Every Form: Ibn 'Arabi's Mystical Inclusiveness*, Temenos Academy, The Essex Church, Nottinghill Gate, London, 23 May 2001.
- *Shaykh al-Mufid's View of Karbala and Its Implications for Our Time*, Feature Address, Annual Imam Husayn Commoration Day, Islamic Center, New York City, 29 April 2001.

2000

- *Finding God in Every Form: Ibn `Arabi's Critique of Essentialism*, Distinguished Lecture Series, Magill University and Concordia College (co-sponsored), McGill University, Montreal, 10 November 2000.
- *The Young Woman at the Ka`ba: Love and Infinity*, Annual Symposium of the Muhyiddin Ibn `Arabi Society, Berkeley, 29 October 2000.
- *Translating Ibn `Arabi's Translation of Desires*, Washington University, St. Louis, 7 October 2000.
- In Arabic: "*Ibn `Arabi bayna as-sharq wa l-gharb*" (Ibn `Arabi between East and West), University Muhammad V, Faculty of Philosophy, 5 May 2000.
- *Ibn `Arabi in a Post-Structuralist World*, Comparative Culture Series, University of Tunis, Manouba, 7 April 2000.
- *Sound and Meaning in the Qur'an*, American Language Center, Fes, Morocco, 19 March 2000.
- *Muhyiddin Ibn al-`Arabi: His Influence in His World and Ours*, Moroccan-American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange (MACECE), Rabat, Morocco, 10 March 2000.

1999

- *Sound Figures and Meaning in the Qur'an*, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 22 November 1999. Chair of the same panel on Qur'anic Recitation.
- *Arabic Love Lyric as Religion and Philosophy*, Harvard Center for Literary and Cultural Studies, Harvard University, 18 November 1999.
- *The Poetry of Al-Andalus*, Bryn Mawr College, 8 November 1999.
- *Marguerite Porete, the Beguine Mystics, and Ibn `Arabi*, International Congress on Female Mysticism, Avila, Spain, 29-31 October 1999.
- *Religion, Genocide, and Reconstruction in the Balkans*, Cornell University, 4 October 1999.
- *Serbian Orthodox Militance and the Tragedy in the Balkans*, Distinguished Guest Lecture, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 23 September 1999.
- *Meister Eckhart and Ibn `Arabi on Time and Mystical Union*, The Eckhart Society 12th Annual Conference, Plater College, Oxford, 28 August 1999.
- *The Construction of Islam in Serbian Religious Mythology, Islam and Bosnia: The Historical and Cultural Paradigms for Conflict Resolution and Foreign Policy Making in the Case of the Multi-Ethnic State*, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, 30 May 1999.
- *Balkan Muslims in the Vice of Regional Nationalisms*, Banquet Keynote Address, 1999 Meeting of the American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, 30 April 1999.
- *Sound Figures in the Hymnic Suras of the Qur'an*, Distinguished Lecture Series, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 22 February 1999.
- *The Arabic Love Lyric in the Works of Ibn Zaydun, Ibn Khafaja, and Ibn `Arabi*, Center for Judaic Studies, Poetry and Culture in Medieval and Renaissance Jewry Seminar Series, Philadelphia, 13 January 1999.
- Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies, Baltimore, MD, 01-03 January 1999.

1998

- *Mi`raj and Vision in Islam*, The Power of Sight Seminar Series, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 2 December 1998.
- *Religion and Conflict in Bosnia*, in the Guest Lecture Series and Peace and Conflict Studies Program Conference on Religion, Ethnicity and Identity: Implications for Conflict and Conflict Resolution, Haverford College, 12 November 1998.

- *The Breath of the East Wind (as-Saba) in Ibn `Arabi's Tarjuman al-Ashwaq (Translation of Desires)*, at the 12th Annual USA Symposium, Muhyiddin Ibn `Arabi Society, University of California, Berkeley, 8 November 1998.
- *Historical Dimensions of Religious Conflict in Bosnia*, at "In Search of a Nation: Restoring a Multiethnic Bosnia," Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts, 25 April 1998.
- *The Roles of Religious Actors in the Former Yugoslavia*, at "The Sacred, the Word, and Global Society: Religious Dimensions of Violence, Peace, and Security, an International Symposium," Notre Dame University, 17 April 1998.
- *Ruins of Love and Civilization in Ibn `Arabi's Translation of Desires*, Annual Symposium of the Muhyiddin Ibn `Arabi Society, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, 4 April 1998.
- *Translating the Qur'an*, Emory University, 6 February 1998.
- *Religion and Genocide in Bosnia*, University of Georgia, 9 February 1998.
- *Religion and Genocide in Bosnia*, Davidson College, Charlotte, VA, 10 February 1998.
- *The Mu`allaqa of `Antara*, Augusta State University, Augusta, GA, 11 February 1998.
- *Religion and Genocide in Bosnia*, University of Alabama, Huntsville, 12 February 1998.

1997

- *Genocide as Ritual*, American Academy of Religion, 22 November 1997, San Francisco, Panel dedicated to a discussion of Michael Sells' book *The Bridge Betrayed: Religion and Genocide in Bosnia*.
- *Religion and Genocide in Bosnia*, invited lecture, Rochester University, 21 October, 1997.
- *As Long as Sarajevo Exists: A Tribute to the Spirit of Tolerance Under Fire*, New York City, 21 October 1997.
- *Religion and Genocide in Bosnia*, Keynote Address for "On the Fault Line: A Colloquium on the Bosnian Conflict," Brown College, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, 21-22 February 1997.
- *What Cannot Be Said: Mystical Language in Medieval Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*, York University, North York, Canada, 19 March 1997.
- *Religious Dimensions of Genocide in Bosnia*, York University, North York, Canada, 19 March 1997.
- *From Kosovo to Sarajevo: Interreligious Community, Conflict, and Sacred Space*, University of Toronto, Symposium on "Islam and the West: Patterns of Integration and Conflict," 20 March 1997.
- *Religion, History, and Genocide in Bosnia-Herzegovina*, University of Richmond, 30 March 1997.
- *Religion and Genocide in Bosnia*, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C., International Conference on Genocide, Religion, and Modernity, 13 May 1997.
- *Ibn Zaydun's Nuniyya and Ibn `Arabi's Gentle Now Doves of the Moringa and Thornberry Thicket, Reading of Original Translations and Commentary*, "A Shining Example: The Golden Age of Spain," St. Bartholomew's Church, 21 May 1997, sponsored by The Interfaith Center of New York.

1996

- *Interpreting Ibn `Arabi's Interpretation of Desires*, Annual Symposium of the Muhyiddin Ibn `Arabi Society, Chisholme, Scotland, 11-17 August 1996.
- National Public Radio, The Michael Krasney Show, One Hour Interview on *The Bridge Betrayed*, 8 November 1996.
- *Sound and Meaning in the Hymnic Suras of the Qur'an*, University of California Berkeley, 10 November 1996.
- *The Divine Names in Ibn `Arabi's Translation of Desires*, Annual Symposium of the Muhyiddin Ibn `Arabi Society, University of California, Berkeley, 11 November 1996.
- *Religion and Genocide in Bosnia: An Overview*, Middle East Studies Association, Providence, 21 November 1996.

- National Public Radio, New York and Company, Leonard Lopate Interview; (one hour) on *The Bridge Betrayed*, New York, 16 December 1996.

1995

- *Poetry and Mysticism in Ibn `Arabi's Translation of Desires*, Harvard University, Center for World Religions, 12 December 1995.
- *Religious Dimensions of Genocide in Bosnia*, St. Joseph's University, 15 November 1995.
- *Kosovo Ethno-Religious Ideology and the Genocide in Bosnia-Herzegovina*, University of California Riverside, Religion and Ethnic Conflict Conference, April 1995.
- *Ibn Zaydun's 'Religion of Love'*, Middle East Studies Association, Washington D.C., 7 December 1995.
- *Modern Islamic Fiction and the Teaching of Islam as a Religion*, Middle East Studies Association, Washington, D.C., 9 December 1995.
- *Interpreting Ibn `Arabi's Interpretation of Desires*, Annual Symposium of the Muhyiddin Ibn `Arabi Society, Chisholme, Scotland.
- *Kosovo Ethno-Religious Ideology and the Genocide in Bosnia-Herzegovina*, University of California Riverside, Religion and Ethnic Conflict Conference, April 1995.
- *Codes of Genocide*, in "Cultural Resistance Under Siege," New York City, Store Front Art and Architecture, Warchitecture - Sarajevo: A Wounded City, 11 February 1995.

1994

- *Longing, Belonging, and Pilgrimage*, Invited Lecture, Cornell University Symposium of Languages of Power in al-Andalus, 5 November 1994.
- *Response* to a panel dedicated to Michael Sells' *Mystical Languages of Unsayings*, Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy and International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, SUNY Binghamton, 15 October 1994.
- *Kamal as Perfection and Completion in the Thought of Ibn `Arabi*, Ibn `Arabi Symposium, Oxford, 10 April 1994.
- *Simile and Modes of Consciousness in the Pre-Islamic Qasida*, Invited Lecture, University of Pennsylvania, 15 March 1994.

1993

- *Ethnic Cleansing in Bosnia: Execution and Mytholiterary Ideology*, Middle East Studies Association, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, 8 November 1993.
- *Emanation and Apophasis in the Writings of Meister Eckhart*, Patristics, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, 3 October 1993.
- *Interpreting Ibn `Arabi's Interpreter of Desires* (Tarjuman al-Ashwaq), University of California, Berkeley, 8 September 1993.
- *Meister Eckhart and Marguerite Porete: Towards an Apophasis of Gender*, International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI., 9 May 1993.

1992

- *Ibn `Arabi's Interpreter of Desires and the Classical Arabic Qasida*, Middle East Studies Association, Portland, Oregon, October 1992.
- *Profanation and Consecration in the Early Arabic Nasib*, American Oriental Society, Cambridge, MA., April 1992.
- *The Naqa Sacrifice and the Pre-Islamic Qasida*, Middle East Literature Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, May 1992.

- *From a History of Mysticism to a Theology of Mysticism: Bernard McGinn's The Presence of God, vol. 1*, International Congress of Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI., May 1992.

1991

- *Intertextual Performance and the Discovery of Poetic Modes in the Early Arabic Qasida*, Middle East Studies Association, Washington D.C. November 1991.
- *Refraction and Interpermeation in the Fusus Chapter on Abraham*, International Ibn 'Arabi Symposium, Oxford, April 1991.
- *Sound Figures in the Qur'an: Gender and Emotion Dimensions*, American Academy of Religion, Mid-Atlantic Region, Barnard College, New York, 11 March 1991.
- *Song of the Desert: Translation, Remembrance, and the Arabian Poetic Heritage*, University Professors Program, Boston University, Translation Seminar, 11 January 1991.

1990

- *Readings from Desert Tracings*, Featured Readings in Arabic Literature, Middle East Studies Association, Austin, 11 November 1990.
- *Bashama's Dromedarian: Simile and Symbol Worlds in the Naqa Sections of the early Arabic Qasida*, Middle East Studies Association, Austin, 11 November 1990.
- *The Burning of Marguerite Porete*, Delaware Valley Historical Association, University of Pennsylvania, 3 November 1990.
- *Sound and Meaning in Surat al-Zalzala*, American Academy of Religion, Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA, 6 April 1990.
- *The Dissembling Simile in the Early Arabic Qasida: Poesis as Talawwun*, American Oriental Society, Atlanta, Georgia, 27 March 1990.
- *The Poet and the Prophet: Ka`b ibn Zuhayr and the Birth of Islam*, Invited Lecture, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, February 1990.

1986–1989

- *3 Enoch, the Hekhalot, and the Islamic Hermetic Tradition*, American Academy of Religion, Anaheim, November 1989.
- *Sound and Meaning in Su rat al-Qa ri`a*, Middle East Studies Association, Toronto, November 1989.
- *Element and Spirit in Ibn `Arabi's Understanding of the Human*, Third Annual Symposium of the Muhyi ad-Din Ibn `Arabi Society, Berkeley, 30 September 1989.
- *Sufism Toward the Year 1240 C.E.*, Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, February 1989.
- *The Qasida and the Qur'an: The Case of Karam*, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, 20 November 1988.
- *The Early Yawm al-Din Passages: Textuality and Translation in Qur'anic Discourse*, American Academy of Religion, Boston, 7 December 1987.
- *Like a Tented Bier: Eros, Death, and Mimetic Doubling in the Mu`allaqa of `Antara*, Middle East Studies Association, Baltimore, 16 November 1987.
- *Semantics of Universality in the Writings of Ibn `Arabi*, Symposium of the Muhyi al-Din Ibn `Arabi Society, U.C. Berkeley, 12 September 1987.
- *The Semantics of Mystical Union in Islam*, Institute for Contemporary Arab and Islamic Studies, Villanova University, 14 February 1987.
- *Remembrance, Secret, and Mystical Union in Arabic Literature*, The Oriental Club of Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania, 5 January 1987.
- *Neo-Platonism in Plotinus and Sufism*, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, 25 November 1986.
- *Overflow of Meaning in the Sufism of Ibn `Arabi*, Reed College, 28 April 1986.

1984–1985

- *Toward a Poetics of Sufism*, American Academy of Religion, Anaheim, November 1985.
- *Mystical Dialectic in Plotinus and Ibn `Arabi*, Temple University, November 1985.
- *Symbolic Resonance in the Early Qasida*, Middle Eastern Literature Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, March 1985.
- *The Theory of Light from an Apophatic Perspective in Plotinus and Ibn `Arabi*, Asian Studies Association, March 1985.
- *Apophysis in Plotinus, A Critical Approach*, American Philosophical Association and the International Society of Neoplatonic Studies, Chicago, April 1985.
- *Tarafa's Mu`allaqa: A Reading*, University of Pennsylvania, November 1984.
- *Ibn `Arabi's Doctrine of Takhallul, Divine-Human Interinfusion*, American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 1984.

1980–1983

- *Ibn `Arabi's Polished Mirror: Perspective Shift and Meaning Event*, Middle East Studies Association, Chicago, November 1983.
- *Readings of Arabic Poetry in Translation*, University of California, Berkeley, Middle East Center, November 1983.
- *Ibn `Arabi's Garden Among the Flames: A Reevaluation*, presented in Arabic to the University of Chicago Middle East Center, under the title: *Al-bahth al-insani fi tasawwuf Ibn `Arabi (The Humanistic Quest in the Sufism of Ibn `Arabi)*.
- *Neo-Platonism in Greek, Christian and Islamic Thought*, Near East Club Lecture, The University of Chicago, 1982.
- *The Ghul as Symbol of Change in Classical and Sufi Arabic Literature*, presented in Arabic to the Chicago Middle East Center, Arabic Colloquium, Spring 1982.
- *Ibn `Arabi and the Plotinian Tradition*, presented in Arabic to the Chicago Middle East Center Arabic Colloquium, Fall 1980, under the title *Ibn `Arabi wa al-aflatuniyya al-haditha*.

DISSERTATION

The Metaphor and Dialectic of Emanation in Plotinus, John the Scot, Meister Eckhart and Ibn `Arabi. A comparative study of the dynamic of emanation in the four authors from an interdisciplinary point of view, based upon the original Greek, Latin, and Arabic texts. University of Chicago, 1982.

OUTSIDE SERVICE – EVALUATIONS

Tenure and Promotion Research Evaluations: 24 cases
Article, Book Proposal, and Book Manuscript Evaluations: more than 40

SELECTED PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

Co-founder, director, and former president, Community of Bosnia Foundation (COB) a non-profit 501c3 organization dedicated to opposing all forms of genocide and racism, to supporting a culturally pluralistic and multireligious Bosnia-Herzegovina, and helping Bosnians in tangible ways. COB has supported Bosnian Art and Culture and the International War Crimes Tribunal on Bosnia and Rwanda. It has

sponsored the education in the U.S. at high schools, colleges, and graduate schools for 60 survivors of "ethnic cleansing" genocide in Bosnia.

The following are some examples from appearances in television, radio, and newspaper interviews, newspaper and magazine guest columns, and talks to religious congregations.

- “Wahhabist Ideology: What It Is and Why It Is a Problem.” https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/wahhabist-ideology-what-it-is-and-why-its-a-problem_us_585991fce4b014e7c72ed86e *Huffington Post*, December 16, 2016.
- “Fabricating Palestinian Responsibility for the Nazi Genocide,” *Tabletmagazine*. November 6, 2015. Response to Jeffrey Herf: *Tabletmagazine*.
- “Shrine Destruction in Bahrein,” <https://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings/shrine-destruction-bahrain-michael-sells>. *Sightings*, June 9, 2011.
- Four Programs for the Oregon Episcopal School and Muslim Educational Trust on the Qur’an and Qur’anic Recitation. 30 November – 31 December 2010.
- Michael Sells, "Understanding, Not Indoctrination," Invited Op Ed, *Washington Post*, 08 August 2002
- For the controversy over the selection by the University of North Carolina of Michael Sells’ *Approaching the Qur’an* for the Annual Summer Reading requirement, see Alan Cooperman, "A Timely Subject -- and a Sore One: UNC Draws Fire, Lawsuit for Assigning Book on Islam," *The Washington Post*, Alan Cooperman, Front Page (A01), 07 August 2002.
- For one of the most the most detailed and in-depth discussions of the issue, see the transcript of the "[Interview with Michael Sells](#)," *The Religion & Ethics Newsweekly*, 21 August 2002, as well as the *Religion and Ethics* overview page, "[The UNC Qur’an Controversy](#)," and its linked pages to interviews with UNC religious studies professor Carl Ernst and UNC Students; as well as [Eric Ferreri](#), "[Author Weighs in on Book on Quran](#)," *Chapel Hill Herald*, Sunday, July 28, 2002, final edition, page 1 A list of Michael Sells’s more than fifty televisions interviews (PBS, MSNBC, ABC, NBC, CBS, and affiliates, NPR stations in New York City, San Francisco, and Philadelphia, Conservative Evangelical Newspapers and AM Radio Programs, and programs featuring the controversy from various perspectives on national and international media (including Indonesia, Iran, and Israel), send a request to msells@uchicago.edu
- Visits to Bosnian Heritage Reconstruction Projects at sites destroyed by “ethnic cleansing” programs, in Herzegovina: Stolac, Mostar, Blagaj, Poticelj, and Zitomisljci; in some cases in the company of teams of Bosnia-Herzegovinan teams of volunteers, July 8-9, 2002.
- Interview with Mostar Television, Mostar, B-H, July 8, 2002.
- Meeting with UN High Commissioner Paddy Ashdown and members and associates of the Community of Bosnia organization, Sarajevo, BiH, July 6, 2002.
- Visit and meeting with the peace and reconstruction volunteers, home of human rights activist Svetlana Broz, outside of Sarajevo, BiH, July 5, 2002.
- Public Lecture, IFB Centre for the Study of History, Herzegovina Hall, Sarajevo, BiH, July 4, 2002.
- Visit to the conservation and restoration site at the Begova Mosque, Sarajevo, interviews with restorers, and photos for an eventual online exposition of the reconstruction phases, BiH, Sarejevo July 4, 2002.
- Interview for the B-H News Magazine *Dani*, Later published as an eight page feature, July 5, 2007.
- Quaker General Conference, Book Talk, Seminar, General Address, 2-3 July 2002.
- *Understanding Islam after September 11*, Pendle Hill Quaker Center, 11 February 2002.
- *Encountering Islam*, St. Thomas Episcopal, West Whitehead, PA: 3 Sunday Presentations: 27 January, 10 March, 17 March 2002.
- *The Struggle for the ‘Soul’ of Islam*, Earhlam College, 4 February 2002
- *Understanding Islam*, St. Charles Seminary, Philadelphia, 15 January 2002.
- *Understanding Islam*, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Exton, PA, 3 Sunday Presentations, 2, 9, 16 December 2001.

- *In the Wake of Sept 11*, Board of Directors, Anti Defamation League, Philadelphia, 11 December 2001.
- *Islam and Sept 11*, Westtown Friends Meeting, 2 December 2001.
- *Understanding Islam after September 11*, Haverford Monthly Meeting of Friends, 25 November 2001.
- University of Arkansas, Town Meeting, *Religion and Violence*, 12 November 2001.
- Town Meeting on *Coping with Suffering and Evil* Sunday, McMichaels Lecture Series, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 11 November 2001.
- *The Struggle for the 'Soul' of Islam*, Swarthmore College, 8 November 2001.
- *Approaching the Qur'an*, Feature Interview, *Ashland Oregon Public Radio*, 6 November 2001.
- *The Heart of Islam*, Feature Radio Interview, Philadelphia, 30 October 2001.
- *Interlinked Factors in the Sept. 11 Tragedy*, Haverford Middle School Assembly followed by three smaller assemblies and a class appearance, 29 October 2001.
- *Islam and the West after the Sept. 11 Tragedy*, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian, 28 October 2001.
- *Interlinked Factors in the Sept. 11 Tragedy*, Haverford High School Assembly, 22 October 2001.
- *Interlinked Factors in the Sept. 11 Tragedy*, Penn Charter Upper School Assembly, 21 October 2001.
- Consultant to *WBR Radio's In Person: Speaking of Faith*, "The Spirit of Islam," Krista Tippet Feature Interviews with Omid Safi and Seemi Bushra Ghazi, 19 October 2001.
- *Interlinked Factors in the 9/11 Tragedy*, Germantown Academy Middle School Assembly, 10 October 2001.
- *Islam in the Aftermath of Sept. 11*, Villanova University, 8 October 2001.
- *The Taliban*, 30 Minute Interview, *Philly Live*, WYBE Television Philadelphia, Hosted by Ashok Gangadean, 8 November 2001.
- *Interlinked Factors in the 9/11 Attack*, Germantown Academy Upper School, Assembly followed by three hour-long question and answer sessions, 1 October 2001.
- *Islam and Sept. 11*, Bryn Mawr Teach-In, 28 September 2001.
- *Interlinked Factors in the Sept. 11 Tragedy*, Germantown Friends Upper School Assembly, 26 September, 2001.
- *The Politics of Islam*, Hour Long Feature Interview, Radio Times with Marty Moss-Cowane, WHYY Public Radio, 24 September 2001.
- *Islam and the Sept. 11 Tragedy*, Haverford College Parents Weekend, 22 September 2001.
- *Religious Dimensions in the Sept. 11 Tragedy*, Haverford College Faculty Forum, 19 September 2001.
- Feature Interview, PBS, *Empire of Faith*, Part 1, Debut Showing, 8 May 2001; consultant for the entire Empire of Faith Series.
- Feature Interview, WYBE Television's *Philly Live*, Hosted by Ashok Gangadean, "Bosnia: The Current Situation," with Azra Hromadzic, Philadelphia, 9 April 2001.
- *Norristown Library Lecture Series. Two Lectures on Bosnia and Kosovo*. Saturday, October 2 Norristown Public Library and Sunday, 16 October 1999, Whitehurst Retirement Community.
- *Voice of America*, Genocide and Denial, 1 October 1999.
- *The Serbian Orthodox Church and Violence in the Balkans*, Neuman Center, University of Pennsylvania, *Orthodox Fellowship*, 23 September 1999.
- Featured in the main article for the *Rufus Jones Associates Newsletter*, "Michael Sells: Scholar and Activist," August 1999.
- Interview, *Voice of America*, Serbian Orthodox Church and the Belgrade Regime, 9 August 1999.
- Feature *Associated Press* article on Michael Sells, "Nato Bombings [of Serbian Monasteries] Disputed by Professor," 20 July 1999.
- Background Interview for *ABC News, Nightline*, 7 July 1999 program on Kosovo and the destruction of sacral sites.
- Interviewed at length for background, and quoted in the feature article on a Serbian death squad leader in Kosovo, "Salipur is Dead, Everybody Says So," byline Pec, Kosovo, *Ed Sebesta, Chicago Tribune*, 27 June 1999.

- Interview, "Pro-Belgrade Sentiment among Leftist and Far Right American political groups." One Hour, *Democracy Report with Louis Van Den Berg*, Los Angeles, 25 June 1999.
- Interview, on the Serbian Orthodox Church, Peace, and Violence in Kosovo, *Voice of America*, 24 June 1999.
- Interview, *Ian Masters*, "Background Briefing" on Genocide, Pro-Belgrade Sentiment, and the American Left, Sponsored by the UCLA Center for International Relations, Los Angeles, 20 June 1999, part A, p. 21.
- Helped with background, and was quoted and cited in the feature article, Bill Broadway, "No Shelter for Yugoslav Shrines; Accounts Conflict on Damage to Sites Near NATO Targets," *Washington Post*, Sunday, 22 May 1999, pg. B08; Religion.
- Helped with background, and was quoted and cited in the feature article, Alissa Rubin, "Crisis in Yugoslavia: Religious Identity at the Heart of Balkan War," *Los Angeles Times*, Sunday, 18 April 1999.
- *The Polarization of Islam and the West and Possible Solutions* in the conference "Coping with Violence Done in the Name of Religion: A Dialogue," Haverford College, sponsored by The Global Dialogue Institute and The Board of Governors of The Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium, 27 March 1999.
- Featured Interview, *The Twentieth Century with Mike Wallace*, Yugoslavia, The History Channel, 12 February 1999 showing.
- *Genocide and Reconstruction in Bosnia*, Lecture, Church of the Advent, Kenneth Square, PA, 7 November 1998.
- "Religion and Persecution," Hour-long interview and call-in program with *Voice of America*, July 1997.
- "Conflict Resolution: Religion and Genocide," *In the Know* with Judith Latham, *Voice of America Interview*, 16 October 1997.
- "Ethnic Cleansing in Bosnia," *Church of the Advent*, Kenneth Square, PA, 9 November 1997, appearance with Bosnian students Alema and Alem Lemes.
- Author's Book Reading, *The Bridge Betrayed: Religion and Genocide in Bosnia*, *Borders*, Marlton NJ, 17 April 1997.
- NPR, Philadelphia, *Radio Times*, Interview on Religious Dimensions of Conflict the Balkans, April 1997.
- *Bosnian Students: Keeping the Culture Alive*, Lecture, Delaware Valley College, 28 April 1997.
- Author's Reading from *The Bridge Betrayed*, *Borders Books*, Chestnut Hill, PA, 24 January 1997.
- Feature Article on Michael Sells, "Author Sees Religious Motives to Conflict," Richard Sine, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, 22 January 1997.
- *Religious Dimensions of Genocide in Bosnia*, Lecture, Kaiserman Campus, Jewish Community Center, Wynnwood, PA, 21 January 1997.
- *Islam and its Relations with the West*, Lecture, First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, 19 January 1997.
- *Religion and Genocide in Bosnia*, Lecture, Trinity Episcopal Church, New Hope, PA, 12 January 1997.
- Author's Reading from *The Bridge Betrayed*, *Borders Books*, Rosemont, PA, 15 January 1997.
- *Genocide in Bosnia: Prospects for Peace & Justice*, Lecture, Jewish Community Center of Philadelphia, Daroff Campus, 7 January 1997.
- NPR, Philadelphia, *Radio Times*, Interview on the Genocide in Bosnia and the Bosnian Student Program of the Community of Bosnia Foundation, with Vanja Filipovic and Amina Kurtovic. October 1996.
- NPR, San Francisco, *Michael Krasney*, Feature Interview on *The Bridge Betrayed: Religion and Genocide in Bosnia*, 8 November 1996.
- Host of the *New York Times* Internet Forum on Bosnia-Herzegovina, throughout several months, 1996.
- "Don't Concede A Divided Bosnia," Guest Column, *Christian Science Monitor*, 8 November 1996.

- NPR, New York, *New York and Company*, Leonard Lopate, Feature Interview on *The Bridge Betrayed: Religion and Genocide in Bosnia*, 16 December 1996.
- *Christoslavism & Other Religious Dimensions of Genocide in Bosnia*, Lecture, Carleton University, Ottawa, 10 January 1995.