

Curriculum Vitae

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Abdulkader Tayob holds the chair in Islam, African Publics and Religious Values at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. He has published on Islam in South Africa, modern Islamic Thought and Islam and the History of Religions. He has led a number of research initiatives and projects, and convened numerous workshops and conferences.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Born: January, 18, 1958, South Africa

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EDUCATION

- 1989: PhD - Temple University, Department of Religion, Philadelphia, USA
 - Dissertation Title: Islamic Historiography: The Case of al-Ṭabari's *Ta'rīkh al-rusul wa 'l-mulūk* on the Companions of the Prophet Muhammad.
- 1985: MA (Religion) - Temple University, Philadelphia, USA.
- 1981-2: Arabic Language Program - Arabic Language Institute, University of Riyadh (now King Saud University), Saudi Arabia.
- 1982: Higher Education Diploma - University of South Africa (UNISA), South Africa.
- 1980: BA (Hons.) in Mathematics (with distinction) - University of Cape Town, South Africa.
- 1979: BA (cum laude) in Arabic, Islamic Studies and Mathematics - University of Durban-Westville, South Africa.
- Language Proficiency: English; Afrikaans; Arabic; Urdu (reading and listening); German (reading; listening); Dutch (reading and listening)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- July 2006 – Professor of Religious Studies, University of Cape Town.

- August, 2002 – June 2006: ISIM Professor, Social Processes in Modern Islam. International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, Radboud University, Nijmegen, the Netherlands.
- 1989-2002: Department of Religious Studies, University of Cape Town: appointed lecturer; senior lecturer (1992), assoc. professor (1997); full professor (1999).

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- 2018, July: Research Fellow, Mansfield College, Oxford University.
- 2015, July-August: Research Fellow at the ZMO, Berlin.
- 2013-2014: international Guest Professor at the University of Cologne, Department of Ethnologie
- 2011, January. Visiting Fellow at Centre for Conflict Resolution & Human Security (CCRHS), New Delhi.
- 2009, November to January 2010: Visiting Professor at Hamburg University.
- 2009, April, 20-25. Series of Lectures on Islam in South Africa and Africa, Roskilde University, University of Copenhagen, and Bergen University (Norway).
- **2008-2022: Research Chair on Islam, African Publics and Religious Values**
- 2008, November to January: Heinrich-Barth Visiting Professor, Bayreuth University, Germany
- 2005, July: Visiting Fellow, International Centre for Islam and Pluralism. Jakarta, Indonesia.
- 1998, January to June: Visiting Assoc. Prof. - Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville USA
- 1997, June and July: Visiting Professor, University of Hamburg, Germany.
- 1997, January: Visiting Fellow - American University of Cairo, January.
- 1996: Visiting Lecturer - University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, September.
- 1984: Post-Graduate Scholarship from the Islamic Scholarship Fund (South Africa).
- 1980: BA (Hons) - Mathematics with distinction.
- 1979: BA Cum Laude - University of Durban-Westville, South Africa.

GRANT HISTORY

- South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARCHI) on Islam, African Publics and Religious Values.
 - First cycle (2008-2012): Islam and Muslim Publics
 - Second cycle (2013-2017): Religion Education in school
 - Third Cycle (2018-2022): Religion and Ethics in Public life
- National Research Foundation (South Africa) - Islam in Public Life - Alternative Modernity? (2013-2015)
- Oppenheimer African Studies Award - Muslim Reformist and Christian Revivalist Leaders (2011 to 2013)
- National Research Foundation (South Africa) Competitive Programme for Rated Researchers - Religion/Islam in Public Life – Implications for Public Life - 2013-2018
- National Research Foundation (South Africa) Competitive Programme for Rated Researchers - Biographies of Religious Engagement - 20010- 2012
- Rights at Home - 2003-2006 - Department of Foreign Affairs (Netherlands)
- Religion and Identity (2000-2003)- South African Netherlands Development Project

CURRENT MAJOR RESEARCH DIRECTION

While writing and researching on modern articulations of Islam, I have realized that I was often adjusting and tweaking the theoretical terms and models that I was taking from the study of religions. I found Weber, Durkheim and Chidester insightful, but not sufficient for a deeper appreciation of Islam. Addressing this gap, I have returned to my doctoral study, and brought intellectuals from that tradition into conversation with some of the key thinkers in modernity. In a number of publications and keynote presentations, I have experimented with putting Williams James side by side with al-Ghazzali on the self, Nietzsche and Wittgenstein in conversation with al-Mawardi and other medieval Aristotelians on ethics, and modern Muslim educationists through the eyes of Jalal al-Din Rumi.

Using this innovative approach, my work has offered insights on religion and violence, biographical trajectories of activists, and ethical engagement. My approach provincialised the Western canon with terms that emerge in a different intellectual tradition, in the process enriching both. The idea is not to replace one hegemony with another, but to ask questions of the Muslim corpus that has escaped an essentially contextualist framework that dominates the study of Islam in the academy.

This new theoretical horizon offers a way out of the Eurocentric focus in the academy that has been under sustained attack but which thus far has offered few avenues for novel enquiry. I am committed to the intellectual effort of pushing the boundaries of the social and human sciences in a direction that forges new ways of thinking about religion as a category, and about religions as global phenomena. I draw on my expertise of the Islamic discursive tradition in creative and innovative ways that go beyond reducing Islam to its local specifics, and which push beyond the tendency to universalize western theoretical models.

I am also doing some innovative and extensive research on Religion Education in South Africa. This project proceeds from the observation that the teaching of religion occupies a prominent but contested place in modern society. It pervades popular culture, dominates religious practices, and is contested in school curriculums. Using a variety of innovative methodologies and theoretical vantage points, I am mapping the teaching of religion in Southern African liberation narratives, in schools, and in the life trajectories of teachers and educators.

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Phd Graduates

Ra Tiedemann-Nkabinde (2018); Tahir Fuzile Sitoto (2018); Joseph Wandera (2013); Miriam Gazzah (2008 - Netherlands); Sindre Bangstad (2007 - Netherlands); Hassan Mwakimako (2003); Somayya Abdulllah (2002); Auwais Rafudeen (2000); Yusuf Waghid (1996); Ebrahim Moosa (1995); Allie Moosajee (1995)

Phd Students under Supervision

Zakariya Asmal; Amir Golabi, Fungai Chirongoma; Jaoquin Albeniz. Manzarul-Islam; Aris Mohd Murat Md

Masters Graduates

Beatrice Akuvi Kumordzie (2019); Omer Es (2018); Gadija Ahjum (2017); Danika Driesen (2017); Shamiemah Jassiem (2016); Cathlene Dollar (2015); Gordon Oliver (2015); Musa Ebrahim (2013); Gail Sasse (2013); Naasiha Abrahams (2012); Shaheed Tayob (2012); Fulera Issaka (2012); Adiel Davids (2013); Joseph Wandera (2006); Clinton Minnaar (2001); Somayya Abdullah (1998); Moeain Wentzel (1998); Auwais Rafudeen (1996); Azizur Rahman atel (1995); Abdul Rashied Omar (1992); Allie Moosajee (1989)

MA Students currently under Supervision:

Najma al-Talib; Beatrice Akuvi Kumordzie

I also supervise Honours students on a regular basis.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2011. Faizer, Rizwi, Amal Ismail, and Abdulkader Tayob. *The Life of Muḥammad: Al-Wāqidi's Kitāb Al-Maghāzī*. Routledge Studies in Classical Islam. London; New York: Routledge. ISBN 9780415574341
- 2009. *Religion in Modern Islamic Discourse*. London: C. Hurst & Co; New York: Columbia University Press.
- 1999. *Islam in South Africa: Mosques, Imams and Sermon*. Gainesville: University of South Florida Press. ISBN13: 978-0813024851.
- 1999. *Islam - a Short Introduction*. Oxford: Oneworld Publications. ISBN13: 978-1851681921.
- 1995. *Islamic Resurgence in South Africa: The Muslim Youth Movement*. Cape Town: UCT Press. ISBN13: 978-1851681921.

Inaugural Essays

- 2004. Reading Religion and the Religious in Modern Islam. Radboud University Nijmegen, Nijmegen, Netherlands.
<http://www.ru.nl/contents/pages/11712/ruoratietayobinnenwerk.pdf>
- 2001. Agency and Subjectivity in Islamic Discourses: Tracking Gaps and Cul-de-sacs. University of Cape Town, Department of Communication and Marketing. New Series No. 224.

Edited Books/Special Issue Journal Volumes

- 2018. Tayob, Abdulkader, and Danika Driesen, eds. 2018. *The Politics and Pedagogy of Religion Education*. Special Issue Journal: *Changing Societies and Personalities*. Vol. 2, no. 3. 105 pp.
- 2017. *Religious Education in the Mirror of a Life Trajectory*. Special Issue: *Journal of Religion & Education*, volume 44, no. 1.

- 2012. *Islamic Reform and Public Life*. Special Issue: *Journal for Islamic Studies*. vol. 32.
- 2011. *Muslim Schools and Education in Europe and South Africa*. Lead editor with Inga Niehaus, Wolfram Weisse. Religionen im Dialog, Band 5, 198 pages. Hamburg: Waxmann Verlag. ISBN 978-3-8309-2554-5.
- 2011. *Constitutional Review in Kenya and Kadhis Courts*. Selected papers presented at the Workshop 20 March 2010. Co-edited with Joseph Wandera. Cape Town: Centre for Contemporary Islam, UCT.
- 2011. *Muslim Marriages in South Africa: From Constitution to Legislation*. Papers Presented at Muslim Marriages Workshop, Saturday 22 May 2010, Capetonian Hotel. Cape Town: Centre for Contemporary Islam, UCT.
- 2007. *Modern Muslim Intellectual History*. Special Issue: *Die Welt des Islams*, vol. 47, nos. 3-4.
- 2007. *Islam and African Muslim Publics*. Special Issue: *Journal for Islamic Studies*, vol. 27.
- 2004. *Religion, Politics, and Identity in a Changing South Africa*. Co-edited with David Chidester and Wolfram Weisse. Religion and Society in Transition, vol. 6, 247 pages. Waxmann Verlag. ISBN13: 978-3-8309-1328-3.
- 2003. *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*. 2 volumes. Richard C. Martin (Chief Editor), S. Arjomand, M. Hermansen and Al Tayob (associate editors). New York: Thompson-Gale, Macmillan. ISBN 13: 9780028656038.
- 2003. *Annual Review of Islam in South Africa*. Findings of Research project on Religion, Culture and Identity in South Africa. Volume 6. Assisted by Aslam Farouk-Alli. Cape Town: Centre for Contemporary Islam.
- 1999. *Religion and Politics in South Africa: from Apartheid to Democracy*. Vol. 1, 174 pages. Co-edited with Wolfram Weisse. Hamburg: Waxmann Verlag. ISBN 13: 978-3-89325-719-5.

Refereed Articles in Journals

- 2018. Decolonizing the Study of Religions: Muslim Intellectuals and the Enlightenment Project of Religious Studies. *Journal for the Study of Religion* 31/2: 7–35. ISSN 2413-3027
- 2018. The Politics and Pedagogy of Religion Education: Policies, Syllabi and Future Prospects. *Changing Societies & Personalities* 2/3: 225–31. DOI: 10.15826/csp.2018.2.3.038.
- 2018. The Representation of Religion in Religion Education: Notes From the South African Periphery. *Education Sciences* 8, no. 146 (2018): 12pp. DOI: 10.3390/educsci8030146

- 2017. Epilogue: Sermons as Practical and Linguistic Performances: Insights from Theory and History. *Journal of Religion in Africa*. ISSN 0022-4200; DOI 10.1163/15700666-12340096
- 2017. Life Trajectories of Educators Between Religion and Religious Education. [*Religion & Education*](#) 44 (1): 1–4. ISSN 1550-7394 ; DOI 10.1080/15507394.2016.1272155
- 2016. Religion as Culture and Text: Frameworks for Religion Education in South Africa. *Religion & Theology* 23: 403–18.
- 2015. Reforming Self and other. *Critical Muslim*, 15, July-Sept, 59-72.
- 2014. Biographies of Muslim activists in South Africa. *Journal for Islamic studies* 34, 12-42.
- 2014. Back to the roots, the origins and the beginning: reflections on revival (*tajdīd*) in Islamic discourse. *Temenos* vol. 50, no. 2: 257-71.
- 2013. Al Fārūqī Between the History of Religion and Islamic Theology. *Numen* vol. 60, no. 1-2: 1-21.
- 2013. Kadhis Courts in Kenya's Constitutional Review (1998-2010): A Changing Approach to Politics and State among Kenyan Muslim Leaders. *Islamic Africa* 2, no. 2: 103-24.
- 2012. Politics and Islamization in African Public Spheres. *Islamic Africa* vol. 3, no. 2: 139-68.
- 2011. Yunus Dumbé, and Abdulkader Tayob, Salafis in Cape Town in Search of Purity, Certainty and Social Impact. *Die Welt des Islams* vol. 51:188-209.
- 2011. Al-Ḥarakat Al-Islāmiyyah fī Janūb Afrīqiyyah (Islamic Movements in South Africa). *Al Mesbar Studies & Research Centre* 50: al-Muslimūn fī janūb afrīqiyyah (Muslims in South Africa): 11-36. English translation on web: "Islamism in South Africa: Discourse in Identity and Politics," http://www.almesbar.net/eng/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=122:islami-sm-in-south-africa&Itemid=60 (accessed July 18, 2011).
- 2009. Divergent Approaches to Religion in Modern Islamic Discourse. *Religion Compass*, 3: 13pp.
- 2008. Islamic Politics in South Africa Between Identity and Utopia. *South African Historical Journal* 60(4), no. 4 (2008): 583-99.
- 2008. The past and the present of African Islam. *Religion Compass* 2, 1-12. Adapted version of Dutch paper published in 2006 "Patronen van Afrikaanse islam: tradities, syncretisme en verzet."
- 2004 (printed January 2008). Muslim public claiming heritage in post-apartheid Cape Town. *Journal for Islamic Studies* vol. 24-25, 76-102.
- 2007. Making Sense of Modern Muslim Intellectual History. *Die Welt des Islams*, 47(3-4), 255-263.
- 2007. Muslim Publics: Contents and Discontents. *Journal for Islamic Studies*, 27 (2007): 1-15.

- 2006. Muslim responses to integration demands in the Netherlands since 9/11. *Human Architecture: Journal of the Sociology of Self-Knowledge*, 5(1), 73-89.
- 2006. Patronen van Afrikaanse Islam: tradities, syncretisme en verzet. *ZemZem: tijdschrift over het Midden-Oosten, Noord-Afrika en Islam*. 3, 43-49.
- 2005. The Struggle over Muslim Personal Law in a Rights-Based Constitution: A South African Case Study. *Recht van de Islam (RIMO)* 22 (2005): 1-16.
- 2002. Religion, Culture and Identity in a Democratic Society. *Journal for the Study of Religion*, 15, 2. pp.5-13.
- 1999. Defining Islam in the Throes of Modernity. *Studies in Contemporary Islam*, 1(2): 1-15.
- 1999. Tabari on the Companions of the Prophet: Moral and Political Contours in Islamic Historical Writing. *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 119 (2): 203-210.
- 1999/1998. Political Theory in al-Tabari and his Contemporaries: Deliberations on the first Caliph in Islam. *Journal of Islamic Studies*, 18-19: 24-50.
- 1996. *Jihad* against Drugs in Cape Town: A Discourse-Centred Analysis. *Social Dynamics*, 22(2):23-29.
- 1995. Islamic Studies in South Africa. *Scriptura*, 53 (April):65-73.
- 1995. Civil religion for Muslims in South Africa. *Journal for the Study of Religion*, 8(2):23-46.
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- 1992. The Muslim Youth Movement: A Challenge to 'Ulama' Hegemony. *Journal of Islamic Studies*, 12:101-24.
- 1990. Muslims' discourse on alliance against apartheid. *Journal for the Study of Religion*, 3 (September):31-47.
- 1989. Fitnah: The ideology of conservative Islam. *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa*, 69 (December):65-72.
- 1988. The Transformation of a Historical Tradition: From Khabar to Ta'rikh. *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, 5 (December): 219-37.

Refereed Chapters in Books, Anthologies and Encyclopedias

- 2019. "Religion as Discourse: Conversion and Commitment to Jihād in South Africa." In *Ways of Knowing Muslim Cultures and Societies - Studies in Honour of Gudrun Krämer*, edited by Bettina Gräf, Birgit Krawietz, and Schirin Amir-Moazami, 181–96. Leiden: Brill. https://doi.org/10.1163/9789004386891_010. ISBN: 978-90-04-37754-7
- 2017. "The National Policy on Religion and Education and Religious Dress Observances in South African Schools." In *Religious Pluralism, Heritage and Social Development*, edited by M. Christian Green, Rosalind I.J. Hackett, Len Hansen, and Francois Venter, 171–86. Stellenbosch: SUN MeDIA. 978-1-928314-27-1. DOI 10.18820/9781928314288/11

- 2017. "Religion and Life Trajectories: : Islamists Against Self and Other." In *Dynamics of Religion, Past and Present*, eds. Christoph Boechinger and Jörg Rüpke, pp. 155-169. Berlin/Boston: Walter de Gruyter GmbH. ISBN: 978-3-11-045092-7
- Driesen, D., & Tayob, A. 2016. Negotiating religious literacy between national policy and Catholic school ethos in Cape Town, South Africa. In *Religious Education in a global-local world*, ed. J. Berglund, Y. Shanneik, & B. Bocking, p. 71-78. Switzerland: Springer.
- 2016. Dialectical Theology in the Search for Modern Islam. In *Islamic Studies in the Twenty-First Century: Transformations and Continuities*, ed. Leon Buskens, and Annemarie van Sandwijk, pp. 161-182. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.
- 2016. Utopia and Heterotopia in Post-Apartheid South African Muslim Discourse. In *Contemporary Views on Comparative Religion in Celebration of Tim Jensen's 65th Birthday*, ed. Peter Antes, Armin W. Geertz, and Mikael Rothstein, pp. 351-362.. Yorkshire: Equinox Publishers, 2016.
- 2015. The One and the Many: Religious Coexistence and Belonging in Post-Apartheid Society. In *The African Renaissance and the Afro-Arab Spring*, ed. Charles Villa-Vicencio, Erik Dostader, and Ebrahim Moosa, pp. 121-137. Washington DC: Georgetown University Press. ISBN 9781626161993
- 2014. 'Muslim Schools in South Africa Between Social Integration and Islamization.' In *Impulse für Die Migrationsgesellschaft, Bildung, Politik Und Religion*, ed. Inci Dirim, Ingrid Gogolin, Dagmar Knorr, Marianne Krueger-Potratz, Drorit Lengyel, Hans. H. Reich, and Wolfram Weisse, pp. 182-192. Hamburg: Waxmann.
- 2014. Preface: The Burdens of Identity and the Search for the Universal. In *(De)monopolising Paradise*, ed. S. Khan, and L. Nadvī, pp. ix–xviii. Pretoria: HSRC Press.
- 2013. Politics and Islamization in African Public Spheres. In *Islam in the Modern World*, ed. E. Moosa, and J. Kenney, pp. 425-444. London: Routledge.
- 2011. Human Rights in Modern Islamic Discourse. In *The Transmission and Dynamics of the Textual Sources of Islam: Essays in Honour of Harald Motzki*, ed. Nicolet Boekhof-van der Voort, C.H.M. Versteegh, and Joas Wagemakers, 349-366. Leiden: Brill. ISBN 9789004203891
- 2011. Islamization for South African Muslim Independent Schools. In *Muslim Schools and Education in South Africa and Europe*, ed. Abdulkader Tayob, Inga Niehaus and Wolfram Weisse, pp. 39-54. Religionen Im Dialog. Münster: Waxmann, 2011. ISBN 978-3-8309-2554-5.
- 2011. Tayob, Abdulkader I., Inga Niehaus, and Wolfram Weisse. Introduction. In *Muslim Schools and Education in South Africa and Europe*, ed. by Abdulkader I. Tayob, Inga Niehaus, and Wolfram Weisse, pp. 7-14. Religionen Im Dialog (Münster: Waxmann, 2011). ISBN 978-3-8309-2554-5.

- 2010. Human Rights (Peer-reviewed bibliographic guide).
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- 2010. Islam in Africa (Peer-reviewed bibliographic guide).
<http://www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com/display/id/obo-9780195390155-0003#obo-9780195390155-0003-div1-0001> (accessed May 10, 2010).
- 2010. Epilogue: Muhammad in the Future. In *Cambridge Companion to Muhammad*, ed. by Jonathan Brockopp, pp. 293-308. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. ISBN 9780521886079
- 2010. Muslim Shrines in Cape Town: Religion and Post-Apartheid Public Spheres. In *Development and Politics From Below*, ed. by Barbara Bompani, and Maria Frahm-Arp, pp. 56-73. Palgrave Macmillan. 9780230283206
- 2010. The Role and Identity of Religious Authorities in the Nation State: Egypt, Indonesia, and South Africa Compared. In *Varieties of Religious Authority: Changes and Challenges in 20th Century Indonesian Islam*, ed. by Azyumardi Azra, Kees van Dijk, and Nico J G Kaptein, pp. 73-92. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) Publishing. ISBN 9812309403
- 2009. The Shifting Politics of Identity. In *Islam and Modernity*, eds. Muhammad Khalid Masud, Armando Salvatore, and Martin van Bruinessen, pp. 261-84. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press. ISBN: 9780748637935
- 2007. On a knife-edge or in the fray: managing heritage sites in a vibrant democracy. In *Desire lines: space, memory and identity in the post-apartheid city*, eds. Noëleen Murray, Nick Shepherd, and Martin Hall, pp. 183-194. London, UK: Routledge.
- 2007. Religion in Modern Islamic Thought and practice. In *Religion and the Secular: historical and colonial formations*, ed. T. Fitzgerald, pp. 177-92. London: Equinox Publishing.
- 2006. Sub-Saharan African, Islam. In *The Oxford Handbook of Global Religions*, ed. Mark Juergensmeyer, pp. 427-35. Oxford University Press. ISBN13: 9780195137989.
- 2005. The Demand for Shari`ah in African Democratisation Processes: Pitfalls or Opportunities? In *Comparative Perspectives on Shari'ah in Nigeria*, eds. Philip Ostien, Jamila M. Nasir, and Franz Kogelmann, pp. 27-57. Ibadan: Spectrum Books Limited. 978-02-9547-X, 978-978-02-9547-9.
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- 2004. The study of religion and social crisis: Arab-Islamic discourse in late twentieth century. In *New approaches to the study of religion* (Vol. 1: Regional, Critical, and Historical Approaches), eds. Peter Antes, Armin W. Geertz, and R. Randi Warne, pp. 101-126. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter. ISBN 13: 978-3-11-017698-8.

- 2004. Race, ideology, and Islam in contemporary South Africa. In *Islam in World cultures: comparative perspectives*, ed. R. Michael Feener, pp. 253-282. Santa Barbara, California: ABC CLIO. ISBN 13: 978-1-57607-516-6.
- 2004. John Spencer Trimingham (*1904) on Islam in Africa: Integrative or Isolationist? In *European traditions in the study of religion in Africa*, eds. Frieder Ludwig, Afe Adogame, Ulrich Berner, and Christoph Bochinger, pp. 237-243. Wiesbaden: Harrasowitz Verlag. ISBN 13: 978-3-447-05002-9.
- 2003. al-Haj Salim Suwari; Religious Institutions (pp. 584-590); Yusuf Ali, `Abdullah (1872-1953). In *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*, ed. Richard C. Martin et al. Macmillan Reference USA. ISBN13: 9780028656038.
- 2002. Modern South Africa and the science of religion: productive and inhibitive models for the study of religions. In *Modern Societies and the Science of Religions: Studies in Honour of Lammert Leertouwer*, eds. Gerard Wiegers Wiegers, and Jan Platvoet (associate), pp. 302-328. Leiden: Brill. ISBN13: 978-9004116658.
- 2002. Islamic Discourse on Evolution: Response to 'Science, Evolution and Schooling in South Africa' by Jeffrey Lever. In *Architect and the Scaffold Evolution and Education in South Africa*, eds. Wilmot James, and Lynne Wilson, pp. 89-95. Pretoria: Human Sciences Research Council. ISBN13: 978-07969-2003-4.
- 2002. Islamische Theologie. Wissenschaftlichkeit und Transformation. In *Islamsiche Theologie. Internationale Beiträge zur Hamburger Debatte*, ed. Ursula Neumann, pp. 62-80. Hamburg: Koerber-Stiftung. ISBN 3-89684-049-5.
- 2000. Patterns of Islam among youth in South Africa. In *African Spirituality: forms, meanings, and expressions*, ed. Jacob Olupona, pp. 305-323. New York: The Crossroad Publishing Company. ISBN13: 978-0824507947.
- 1999. Southern Africa. In *Islam outside the Arab World*, eds. David Westerlund, and Ingvar Svanberg, pp. 111-124. London: Curzon.1999. ISBN13: 978-0312226916.
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BOOK REVIEWS

Journal for the Study of Religion (South Africa); *Journal for Islamic Studies* (South Africa); *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* (USA); *Journal of the American Oriental Society* (Ann Arbor, USA); *Journal of Islamic Studies* (Oxford, UK); *Journal of Muslim-Christian Relations*, Selly Oaks, Birmingham; *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa* (UCT, South Africa; *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* (New York, USA); *Muslim World Book Review* (Leicester, UK); *Numen*, Journal of the International Association for the History of Religions

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019. Religious Minorities in Muslim Africa, University of Florida, January 25-26.

Keynote Speaker: Minorities between Citizenship and Sharia Discourses

- 2018: "Intersection of Moralities and Higher Education", Bayreuth University (Germany and the Point Sud Program (West Africa). Dakar, December 8-13.

Main Speaker: What is religious about "religious education"? Perspectives from Muslim and Christian higher education in plural contexts

- 2018: Religion in Modern Society, NWO (Dutch Scientific Research), 25 October.

Lead Speaker: Decolonizing the Study of Religions: Muslim Intellectuals and the Enlightenment Project of Religious Studies

- 2017: Conference "Religion in the public sphere: paradoxical presence." Ural Federal University, Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities, Annual Convention

Keynote Presentation: Rereading Habermas for South Africa: Religion Education Between Identity, Discourse and Values

(http://ispn.urfu.ru/fileadmin/user_upload/site_24_2199/Konvent/2017/Religija/Religion_in_the_public_sphere_paradoxical_presence.pdf)

- 2015: Conference, “Texts, Sounds, and Images from the Divine Sphere – Contemporary Religious Concepts of Knowledge in Competition,” Paul’s University, Limuru, Kenya, 29-30 September 2015

Keynote Presentation: Religious Knowledge Performances in the Life Trajectories of Cape Imams and Pastors (<http://www.spu.ac.ke/attachments/article/392/Program-for-Texts,%20Sounds,%20and%20Images-from-the-Divine-Sphere.pdf>)

- 2015: International Association for the History of Religions, Erfurt, Germany. August 23-August 29.

Plenary Presentation: Religion Examined through Life Trajectories: Islamists Against Self and Other (<http://www.iahr2015.org/iahr/1600.html>)

- 2014: Sermon in the City, Workshop organized at the Centre for Modern Orient, Berlin.

Opening Lecture: Performing Tafsir (Exegesis) during South Africa’s Transition from Apartheid to Democracy

(https://www.zmo.de/veranstaltungen/2014/sermon_in_the_city8.pdf)

- 2014: ASR(SA) Congress, Potchefstroom.

Keynote Lecture: Islam and Human Rights and the Politics of Public Religion

- 2013. The Southern African Missiological Society (SAMS), Stellenbosch University, 13-15 March.

Keynote Presentation: Islamic Spiritualities of Liberation and Public (Social) Action: a conversation with Christianity

- 2012. European Association for the Study of Religions, Södertom, Sweden, August 23-26 August:

Keynote Presentation: Back to the Beginnings: Islamic Resurgence and the Comparative Study of Religions. Web Address:

http://webappl.web.sh.se/EASR2012#!/p3/ext/content.nsf/aget?openagent&key=keynote_speaker_1319021700139

- 2012. Joint Conference of Academic Societies in the Field of Religion and Theology, University of Kwazulu-Natal, June 18-22.

Keynote Presentation: Politics and Islamization in African Public Spheres

- 2011. Netherlands Inter-University School for Islamic Studies. Autumn School,

Keynote Presentation: Theology and History of Ideas

- 2010. Kyoto University, Third IAS International Conference 2010 New Horizons in Islamic Area Studies: Continuity, Contestations and the Future. *December 17 - 19, 2010.*

Plenary Address: Taking Religion Seriously: Finding a Place for Islam in the History of Religions. <http://www.islam.waseda.ac.jp/kyotoconference/program/sessions>

- 2010. WISER (Univ. of Witwatersrand) and Johannesburg University. 24-26 February 2010.

Keynote Address: Utopias and Heterotopias of Religious Publics

- 2009. Leiden University. Conference Islam Research Project. 4 November

Keynote Address: Human rights and Islam: Discourses, Theologies and Politics; <http://media.leidenuniv.nl/legacy/conference-report-irp-conference-3-4-november-2009.pdf>

- 2009. Hamburg University Conference, Interreligiöser Dialog in Schule und Gesellschaft, 26 November.

Keynote Address: Islam and Dialogue. Analysis and Perspectives

- 2009. Invitation to present a series of Lectures on Islam in South Africa and Africa, April 20-25, 2009, Roskilde University, University of Copenhagen, and Bergen University (Norway). <http://www.ruc.dk/institutter/isg/forskningen/centre-netvaerk-samarbejder/indian-ocean-network/past-events/>
- 2009. Berlin Graduate School of Muslim Cultures and Societies, June 28-29: Prayer in the City – Islam, Sacred Space and Urban Life

Keynote Address: Cape Town's Circle of Muslim Shrines: Between Public and Religious Discourse. http://www.bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de/events/prayer/synopsis_tayob/index.html

- 2007. Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research Conference: Islam, Democracy and Public Life in South Africa and in France. September.

Keynote Address: Conservative Politics among Muslims in South Africa.

- 2006. Farewell Conference, Radboud University, Nijmegen, November 10.

Keynote Address: The Meaning of Religion in the Islamic State.

- 2004, RIMO (Vereniging tot bestudering van het recht van de Islam en het Midden Oosten) Symposium, Leiden 18 June.

Keynote Paper: The struggle over Muslim Personal Law in a Rights-based Constitution: A South African case study.

- 2004, February. Accra, Ghana. Co-convenor of Religion and Public Life in Africa.

Keynote Presentation: Thinking Globally about Islam in Africa.

- 2004. VAD Hanover Afrika im Kontext: Weltbezüge in Geschichte und Gegenwart - 2-5-2004 to 5-6-2004; German Association of African Studies, African Religious Development in Context.

Keynote paper: Migration and Nation in South African Muslim Experience: The Institution between Migration, Nation and Hijra.

- 2003. July 2. ICCJ Utrecht Conference on Imagining the Other – Jews, Christians and Muslims in Modernity, Between self-determination and the imagined other.

Keynote Paper: Muslim identity: between assimilation and self-determination, linking historical experience with contemporary issues confronting Muslim communities in the West.

- 2003. February 21. MOI (Midden Ooste Institute), 21 February.

Keynote Paper: Research and Transformation: Mapping Religious Identity in post-Apartheid South Africa

CONVENOR OF CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- 2019. Moral and Ethical Frameworks and Performances in Religions. 27-28 February, 2019. Cape Town.
- 2018. The Politics and Pedagogy of Religion Education: Policies, Syllabi and Future Prospects, March 13-17, 2018. Cape Town.
- 2017. Doing Religious Studies in the Periphery University of Cape Town, March 23-24, 2017
- 2016. Religious Education in the Mirror of Life Trajectory. University of Cape Town, 24th – 26th February.
- 2015. The Study of Religion in a Post-colonial Condition. University of Cape Town, Cape Town
- 2012. October. Biographies of Religious Engagement. Mont Fleur, Stellenbosch, South Africa.
- 2011. October. Islamic Reform and Public Life. University of Cape Town.
- 2008, October. Co-convenor of Workshop on Muslim Education, Minority Rights and Citizenship. Supported by Heinrich-Böll Foundation, University of Cape Town.
- 2007, November. Workshop on African Muslim Publics. Sponsored by VW Stiftung, Berlin.
- 2006, November 10. Convenor of conference, “Reflections on Muslim Intellectual History.” Nijmegen, Netherlands.

- 2005. Convenor of International Conference Modern Islamic Intellectual History in Comparative Perspective. Utrecht, Netherlands. 29-30 September.
- 2005. Convenor of workshop seminar "Islam as Religion in African Public Spheres." Utrecht, Netherlands. June 16.
- 2004, September. Convener of International Conference in Nijmegen, Netherlands. Islam and Public Life in Africa.
- 2004, February. Accra, Ghana. Co-convenor (with Prof. Elom Dovlo (U. of Ghana) and Dr. Mathews Ojo (Nigeria)). Religion and Public Life in West Africa.
- 2003-2004. Coordinator of monthly lecture series on Islam and Africa at universities in the Netherlands (Leiden, Utrecht, and Nijmegen).
- 2003 (March). Coordinator of Workshops in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban. Reporting on the findings of the research project on Religion, Culture and Identity in Democratic South Africa.
- 1999-2001. Assistant coordinator of Islamic Law in Africa Project headed by Ebrahim Moosa. I was responsible for management of project from the Centre for Contemporary Islam. Meetings held in Dar al-Salam, Dakar and Cape Town.
- 1997, October 22. Workshop on Religion and Post-apartheid Society, at UCT.
- 1996-7. Initiated and managed fortnightly departmental research-in-progress seminar for faculty and visiting academics in the Department of Religious Studies.
- 1991. Co-organized (with Prof. Ebrahim Moosa (Notre Dame)) an International conference on *Methods and Approaches to the Study of Islam* at the University of Cape Town.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS (Select)

- 2018: American University of Cairo. Invited lecture in May 2018.
- 2017: Leiden University, Invited lecture for Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff on Islam in South Africa.
- 2017: African Consortium For Law And Religion Studies Morocco 2017 Conference Programme International University Of Rabat: LAW, RELIGION, AND SECURITY
Paper: Reflections on the Marrakesh Declaration: Communal and Individual Sensibilities of Religious Belief and Unbelief
- 2016: Centre for the Study of Comparative Religions and Civilizations Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India. International Workshop on Religion and Law: Colonial and Post-colonial Encounters 9, 10, 11 March.
Paper: Contested Religious Rituals and Practices in South Africa's Post-Apartheid Constitutional Order

- 2015: Workshop in Denmark on religion and nationalism. Grundtvig in transnational exchange between University of Cape Town, Hamburg University and Aarhus University. Meeting of academics and Phd students.
- 2015: International Conference on Social Transformation, Social Policy and Social Service: BRICS and Beyond, Shanghai, China.
Paper: Religion Education Policy and Religious Performances in Post-Apartheid Schools
- 2015: Afro-Arab Middle East Centre, Pretoria, South Africa, Conference: Political Islam: Conceptualising power between 'Islamic states' and Muslim social movements
Paper: Political islam is a journey
- 2014: Invited to present a lecture at the Faculty of Islamic Studies, Qatar, 13 December 2014.
Paper: Biographies of Muslim Activists in South Africa
- 2014: Sermon in the City, Conference organized by Abdoulaye Sounaye and Birgit Meyer, 30-31st October 2014, at the Zentrum fuer Moderne Orient (Berlin)

Paper: Performing Tafsir (Exegesis) in Friday Sermons during South Africa's Transition from Apartheid to Democracy
- 2014: International Institute for Islamic Thought, Herndon, Virginia. June 14.
Paper: Identity and Islamic Education Reform
- 2014: Conference, Beyond the Islamic Public Sphere in Africa, Stanford University, April 4.
Paper: Beyond Habermas: Islam in African Public Spheres
- 2011. Workshop: Political Affiliations and Identities in Law and Society, Lichtenberg-Kolleg, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen 1 to 2 November.
Paper: Islamic Law and Legal Pluralism in South Africa
- 2011. **Respondent** to Research Proposal (Critiques of Rationalities) held at Göttingen University, Germany.
- 2010. Visiting Lecturer in New Delhi (India). Lectures presented: Jawahar Nehru University (Center for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament (CIPOD), School of International Studies (SIS); Delhi University (Delhi School of Economics, Department of Sociology); Jamia Millia Islamia (Centre for the Study of Comparative Religions and Civilizations)
- 2010. Alumni Academic Seminar, Dubai. Institute of Ismaili Studies. 4-5 December. Ethics, Moral Reasoning and Religious Education.
- 2010. Presented at Islamic Peace University of South Africa, 24 October 2010.

Paper: Media and Muslims between Recognition and Representation.

- 2010. **Respondent** to panel (World of Islam - Dynamics of Reform: Historical and Biographical Dimensions) at the World Congress for Middle East Studies, Barcelona, July 19-24th 2010.
- 2010. **Respondent** at the Programme for Enhancement of Research Capacity (PERC). New Knowledge Writers' Workshop, Stellenbosch, South Africa. May 24-26.
- 2009. Islamic Schools and Muslim Education in Europe and South Africa – A Comparative Approach, Hamburg University, May 5-6.
Paper: Islamic education in South Africa: Meeting the demands of change and uncertainty since the 1970s
- 2009. Living Islam in Europe, Zentrum für Moderne Orient, May 9-10.
Discussant: Islam and Mission.
- 2008. African Studies Association Meeting, November.
Paper: Shrines and Muslim Publics in post-apartheid South Africa.
- 2008. Zanzibari Indian Ocean Research Institute, Zanzibar. July 25.
Paper: The Politics of Muslim Personal Law in South Africa.
- 2008. Grahamstown National Arts Festival, South Africa. June 28.
Paper: Islamic Politics in South Africa between Identity and Utopia.
- 2008. Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Conference on Islam in Sub-Saharan African Societies: Challenges and Answers", Dakar, Senegal, February 4-5.
Paper: Muslims Politics in South Africa.
- 2008. Edinburgh University, Centre for African Studies. Exploring Religious Spaces in the African State: Development and Politics from Below, 9-10 April 2008.
Paper: Constructing Muslim publics in public spheres: a case study from Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2007. North-Western University. Islam and Politics in West Africa, May.
Paper: Islamic Politics in South Africa.
- 2007. Visiting Fellow. Bayreuth University, Bayreuth Germany, 17-31 January.
Paper: Muslims as Agents of Globalization: Some reflections on South Africa.
- 2006. Religious thoughts and society. Joint Conference by University of South Africa and Iranian Embassy (South Africa).
Paper: Islamic Civilization and Progress: Muhammad Abduh's Modernism in Contemporary Islam.

- 2006. International Conference: Translocality: An Approach to Globalising Phenomena? Berlin, Centre for Modern Oriental Studies – Zentrum Moderner Orient/ Böll Foundation – Böll-Stiftung - September 26-28.
Invited Discussant.
- 2006. South African Human Rights Commission, Cape Town, October 10.
Paper: Religion in South African Constitutional Court Judgments.
- 2006. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Notre Dame University (Notre Dame, USA, February 22.
Paper: Modern Islam in the Crucible of Religion and Identity (repeated).
- 2006. Africa Studies Programme. Northwestern University, Evanston, February 21.
Paper: Modern Islam in the Shadow of Religion and Identity.
- 2006. International Conference Contemporary Islamic Movements, University of Texas, Austin, USA, February 16-17.
Paper: Shariah Between Law, Religion and Identity.
- 2006. International Conference Social Justice and Gender Equity within Islam. Dhaka, Bangladesh, February 6-7.
Paper: Gender in Shariah conceptualization.
- 2005. FORUM Instituut voor Multikulturele Ontwikkeling. Book-launch of Islam en de rechten van vrouwen. Utrecht: December 2.
Address: Muslim Identity in Perspective in the Netherlands.
- 2005. International Conference on Islam, Women and The New World Order. Yogyakarta, July 24-29.
Paper: Islamization and its Impact on Women's Rights: a general feature.
- 2005. Dissemination of Religious Authority in 20th century Indonesia. Bogor, Indonesia. July 7-9.
Paper: The role and identity of religious authorities in the nation state: Egypt, Indonesia and South African comparisons.
- 2005. AEGIS (Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies). London. June 29- July 2
Paper: Muslim and a Globalization: A Discourse in South Africa (repeated)
- 2005. ISIM One-day Seminar. Islam as Religion in African Public Spheres. June 16
Paper: The Recognition of South Africa Muslim Marriages in Comparative Religious Perspective: South African Constitutional Court Deliberations (repeated).
- 2005. UNESCO, Paris. "Islam, Disengagement of the State, and Globalization in Sub-Saharan Africa," 12-13 May. African Studies Centre (Leiden University) and UNESCO.
Roundtable participant.

- 2005. American Comparative Literature Association, Penn State University. March 11-13.
Paper: Muslims and Globalization: A Discourse in South Africa.
- 2005. Zanzibar University. April.
Lecture: What Rights do Muslims have in an Islamic State?
- 2005. International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur. March
Lecture: Reading Religion and the Religious in Modern Islam (repeat).
- 2005, Duke University, Center for Muslim Networks, March 9.
Paper: The Recognition of South Africa Muslim Marriages in Comparative Religious Perspective: South African Constitutional Court Deliberations.
- 2006. Utrecht University Conference "Identiteit als Mythe," Utrecht, February 3.
Keynote Paper: Identity and authenticity in contemporary Islamic discourse.
- 2004. March. Seminar given at the invitation of the Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen.
Paper: The Demand for Shari'ah in Africa.
- 2004. January 15-17. Conference in Jos, Nigeria. Comparative Perspectives on Shari'ah in Nigeria.
Paper: The Demand for Shari'ah in African Democratisation Processes: Pitfalls or r: Locating the political context of Abu Hanifah.
- 1998, June. Symposium: Qur'anic Studies on the eve of the 21st Century. Leiden University, Netherlands.
Paper: The Ritual Location of Qur'anic Exegesis.
- 1998, April 15. Presentation at Temple University, Philadelphia.
Paper: Islam in post-apartheid South Africa. Opportunities?
- 2004. January. Social Science Research Council conference and consultation on Religion and Migration.
Paper: Migration and Nation in South African Muslim Experience.
- 2003. December 9. Hamburg University.
Paper: The Role of Islam in a Multicultural Europe, presented 9 December, 2003.
- 2003. September 15th-26th, Antwerp, at UCSIA Summer Seminar, "Christianity, Islam and Judaism : How to Conquer the Barriers to Intercultural Dialogue?"
Paper: Secularisation outside the West: some reflections on Islam.
- 2003. September 11. Launch of Seminar Series hosted by African Studies Centre/ISIM.

Paper: The demand for Shari'ah in African Democratization Processes: Pitfalls or Opportunities?

- 2003. January 21. Second International Noster Conference, Utrecht.

Paper: Changing conceptions of Jihad in post-colonial apartheid (the case of People against apartheid and Drugs(PAGAD)).

- 2003. March 28 to April 13. Religion, culture and identity research project. Research findings workshops in Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town, South Africa.

- 1999. Organization of Islamic Conference. Johannesburg. May.

Presentation: Response to keynote speaker; and paper on Muslims and Constitutionalism.

- 1998, October. Conference. The Life and Works of Abu Hanifah. International Islamic University, Islamabad.

- 1998, March 9-11. Ibadah and Avoda: Ritual and Liturgy in Judaism and Islam. University of Denver, Colorado.

Paper Presented: Ritual and Liturgy in Cape Islam. Invited to present the paper of M. Haron (Univ. of the Western Cape, Cape Town).

- 1997, November 3. Symposium: The Study of Religion and Theology in the South African Context, University of the Western Cape.

Paper: The Religious Profile of South Africa.

- 1997, June 23. Religion in South Africa in Transition. President's Symposium, Hamburg University, Germany.

Paper: Islam in the South African Political Process.

- 1997, May 28 and 29. Modern Society and the Science of Religion. Leiden University.

Paper: Theoretical Models in the Study of Religion in South Africa.

- 1996, October. International Conference: Appropriating and Re-appropriating the Past in Islamic and Judaic Traditions. University of Denver, Colorado, USA.

Paper: History in Ninth-century Baghdad: Tabari, Bukhari and Jahiz on the First Caliph of Islam.

- 1996, June. International Association for the History of Religions Regional Conference, Aarhus, June University, Denmark on "Rationality and the Study of Religions."

- 1995, September. International Conference on al-TG1992, September. International Association for the History of Religions Regional Conference, University of Zimbabwe.

Paper: The Muslim Youth Movement: A Challenge to 'Ulama' Hegemony.

- 1991, September. Conference on "Religion in the Coming South Africa", University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.

Paper: The Role of Islam in Re-Humanizing South Africa.

- 1990, October. Conference on Religion and Society, University of the Western Cape, Bellville.

Keynote Paper: Islam on religion and society.

- 1990, March. Conference on the Qur'an, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

Paper: Al-Tabari's Exegesis of *fitnah* in the Qur'an.

- 1989, May. Rabitah Education Conference, Johannesburg.

Paper: The Academic Study of Islam at Universities.

- 1988, July. International Institute of Islamic Thought, Virginia, USA.

Paper: Early Islamic Historiography: The Transformation of a Historical Tradition from *khbar* to *ta'rikh*.

- 1987, Association of Muslim Social Scientists Conference, Plainfield, Indiana, USA.

Paper: Toward a Modern View of History.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION PROFILE

I have played a key role in South African and African associations for the study of religions. For the former, I revived and edited its **Journal for the Study of Religion** from 1997 to 2002. I was a founding member of the African Association for the Study of Religions in 1992, its first newsletter editor, and active until 2002. I also served a term on the executive of the International Association for the Study of Religions (1995-2000), and was re-elected as vice-president in 2010 up to 2015.

1. Editorial Board of scholarly journals:

- *Journal for Islamic Studies* – Executive Editor (2006-2012); member of editorial executive from 1997 to 2012.
- *Islamic Africa* (Northwestern University). Editorial Board since 2009.
- *Journal of Religion in Africa*. Editorial Board 2002-2007.
- *Journal for the Study of Religion* (South Africa). Editor 1998- 2002
- *Journal of Religion and Theology* (University of South Africa) - editorial board
- *Journal of Contemporary Religion* (Oxford, United Kingdom) - editorial board
- *Numen* (International Association for the History of Religions) - editorial board 1996-2000. On board again since 2010.

2. Editorial Board of Book Series:

- *Religion and Society in Transition* (Waxman Verlag) (1999-)
- *ISIM/Amsterdam University Press Book Series* (2006 - 2009)
- *World Religions and Globalisation* (Ashgate Series)

- Wiley African Studies Series.

3. Membership of professional associations and roles:

Association for the Study of Religion (Southern Africa); African Association for the Study of Religion; International Association for the History of Religions.

EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE

- Head of Department of Religious Studies - June 2011 to 2015.
- 2008 to 2014 – Member of Ad-Hominem Promotions Committee, Faculty of Humanities, UCT.
- 2010: Peer Review Panel of Law and related Journals of the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf).
- 2009-2011: National Research Foundation (NRF) review panel on Religion and Theology.
- 2004-2006: Director of Rights at Home Project (funded by Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs).
- 1999-2001: Post-graduate Convenor - Dept. of Religious Studies.
- 1997 and 1998: Coordinator of History of Religions stream in Historical Studies Programme.
- 1997: The Future of the Honour's Degree - Faculty Working Committee.
- 1996 – 1997: Post-graduate student advisor. Designed comprehensive database of all post-graduate students.
- 1996-1999: Joined the University Housing community as part-time warden for Glendower Residence and JP Duminy Court.
- 1996: Co-founder of *Centre for Contemporary Islam*.
- 1992-1995: Local Area Network (LAN) administrator and owner for the Department of Religious and Political Studies.
- 1992-1994: Curriculum Advisor - Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities.

OUTREACH and NETWORKS

My work has been closely linked to current religio-political trends in South Africa and abroad. I have presented opinions and views in numerous community forums.

Selected Contributions

- Occasional consultant on the practice of religion in general and Islam in particular in public life for South African courts, companies and public institutions.

- Workshops for Teachers in the Western Cape, focussing on how to teach Religion Studies in senior Secondary Schools. One every semester since 2013.
- Workshop for Researchers in East Africa on the study of Religious Leaders in the region. Deliberation on Charisma in Christian and Islamic reform movements. July 2013.
- Organized and led 3-day workshop on Islamism for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Pretoria, 2012.
- Organized and led two workshops in Cape Town and Nairobi respectively on Muslim Family Law and National laws (2010).
- Islam and Democracy in South Africa. Focus: the Journal of the Helen Suzman Foundation, 2011, 62, 20-24.
- Opinion pieces since 1996 in various newspapers and journals. Since 2007, have an irregular Blog (<http://blogs.uct.ac.za/blog/tayoblog>)
- In 2006, fellow, International Institute for Islam and Pluralism . Meetings, discussions and presentations with diverse groups in Indonesia (Jakarta, Northern Sumatra). Topics of discussions and presentations: secularization, Islam and modernity, identity and authenticity in comparative perspective.
- Consultant and trainer: Social Science Research Council (SSRC)—Eurasia Program: Teaching Islam in Eurasia. Summer Institute for Faculty from Russia and Central Asia: "Islam, Civilization, and Learning in the Eurasian Region." Kazan, Tatarstan (Russia)—June 20-July 3, 2005. Follow up in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (2006) and then Simferopol (Ukraine) in 2007.
- Participant in round-table meeting organized by Rockefeller Foundation on *Islam in Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa: Recentering the Periphery?* Led discussion on one of the key sessions, Shaping the Identities of Young Muslims. Bellagio, Italy, November 11-12, 2005.
- Rights at Home. 2003-2005. Beginning as a consultant to this human rights project, I took over its directorship in September 2003. I was involved in guiding and shaping how Human Rights activists, intellectuals and trainers could make an effective contribution to internalising human rights discourses in Muslim societies. The project operated in Tanzania, Yemen and South East Asia.
- SANPAD-funded project entitled *Religion, Culture and Identity in South Africa*. This research charted an approach that involved South Africans in workshops both before and after the completion of field trips. Results were presented in the Annual Review of Islam in South Africa, 2003.
- Long-term Collaboration with German *Sonderforschungsbereich* of Hamburg University. During 2000, two researchers, Ursula Gunther and Inga Niehaus, conducted extensive interviews with Muslim leaders in South Africa. Since then, conferences have been held, and a publication series inaugurated with Waxmann Verlag.

- Comments on South African Law Commission Discussion Paper 92: Project 105 Review of Security Legislation. 2 October, 2000.
- Oral Tradition on the Kramat of Sayyid Malik and its Environs: An Analysis (August 28, 2000). This was a collaborative research project between the Muslim Judicial Council and University of Cape Town researchers.
- In 2000, Affidavit prepared for The High Court Of South Africa (Cape Of Good Hope Provincial Division) CASE NO: 766/2000. This affidavit outlined the institutional history of mosques in South Africa, and conflict resolution measures in the Muslim community.