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Education:

1972 - 1976 University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
Ph.D. in Anthropology.
1970 - 1972 University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
M.A. in Anthropology.
1967 - 1970 University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI.
B.A. in Anthropology.
1965 - 1967 Kabul University, Kabul, Afghanistan.
Major: Education.

Teaching and Administrative Appointments:

2007- Chair, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, IU-B.
1990- present Professor of Anthropology, Central Asian & Middle Eastern Studies,
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
2001- 2004 Chair, Department of Near Eastern languages and Cultures
Director, Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies Program, IU, Bloomington.
1991 - 1994 Director of Middle Eastern Studies Program, Indiana University,
Bloomington, IN.
1988 - 1990 Associate Professor of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Studies, Department of
Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles, CA.

Teaching and Administrative Appointments cont.:

1985 - 1988	Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Studies, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles, CA.
1982 - 1985	Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Pitzer College, Claremont, CA.
1980 - 1982	Visiting Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles, CA.
1977 - 1980	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Nevada-Reno, Reno, NV.
Spring 1977	Lecturer, Dept. of Anthropology, Harvard University, Cambridge.
Summer 1977	Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants & Awards:

College Arts and Humanities Institute Fellowship (two course release to work on a book manuscript), Indiana University (2007-08)
Keynote Address to Central States Anthropological Society Convention, March 2008, Indianapolis, IN.
Gibson Lecturer award, The Congregational Summer Assembly (a Christian faith-based community in Crystal Lake near Frankfort, Michigan (August 5-11, 2007)
Faculty Summer Faculty Research award, IU (2005),
Sabbatical leave award (Spring semester 2005);
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany (invitation as a Guest Scientist for two month in 2005, postponed per my request for a later time);
MacArthur Foundation grant in support of a conference on Rebuilding Higher Education in Afghanistan (2003),
The Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars Fellowship (1997-1998);
Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship (1994);
International Research & Exchange Board (IREX) Fellowship (1994, 1992);
President's Council on International Programs Research Award, Indiana University (1992);
Research Grants, Committee on Research of the Faculty Senate, UCLA (1986, 1987-88);
Research Fellowship Award, American Research Institute in Turkey (1986);
Andrew W. Mellon Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University (1984-85);
Haynes Foundation Fellowship (1984);
Social Science Research Council Fellowship (1983, 1972-74);
Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University (1976-77);
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Grants-in-Aid Program: Fellowship (1972-74); and
East-West Center Scholarship: U.S. Government in cooperation with the University of Hawaii (1967-70).

Field Research:

Afghanistan (two week in November & ten days April 2009, one week November 2008, three weeks, July 2008, one month, May-June 2007; 2 weeks March 2006; 2 weeks November-December 2005, summers 2004, 2003, 2002, 1996, 1975 and for 21 months during 1972-1974); Kazakhstan (2 weeks July-August 2005); Kyrgyzstan (2 weeks June-July 2006); Uzbekistan (1994 for six months, summer 1992, brief visits 1997, 2000 and 2004); Pakistan (brief visit 1996, six months 1989, Summer 1988, & Summer 1980); Eastern Turkey (Summers 1986, 1983, brief visit 1992 and 2001).

Publications:

Books

- 2002 *The Kirghiz and Wakhi of Afghanistan: Adaptation to Closed Frontiers and War*. Seattle and London: University of Washington Press, pp. xli + 302.
- 1984 *Revolutions and Rebellions in Afghanistan: Anthropological Perspectives*. M. Nazif Shahrani and Robert L. Canfield, eds. Berkeley, Institute of International Studies, University of California, pp.xiv + 394.
- 1979 *The Kirghiz and Wakhi of Afghanistan: Adaptation to Closed Frontiers*. Seattle, University of Washington Press, pp.xxiii + 264.
- In preparation *Post-Taliban Afghanistan: The Challenges of State-Building, Governance and Security*. (A book manuscript)
- In preparation *Family Lives and Public Careers in Soviet and Post-Soviet Uzbekistan: Dynamics of a Muslim Tradition in a Political Culture of "Scientific Atheism"*. (A book manuscript)

Articles

- 2009 Afghanistan's Alternatives for Peace, Governance and Development: Transforming Subjects to Citizens & Rulers to Civil Servants. *Afghanistan Papers No. 2* (August 2009). Ottawa & Montreal: A co-Publication of Center for International Policy Studies (CIPS) & The Center for International Governance Innovations (CIGI), available at <cigionline.org>.
- 2009 Challenges in South Asia: Identity and Political Culture Issues" for the Symposium *Engaging The World: US Global Competence for the 21st Century*, Celebrating 50 Years of HEA-Title VI & Fulbright-Hays at the Capital, Washington D.C., March 18, 2009. Available at <<http://www.usglobalcompetence.org/pdfs/Shahrani.pdf>>
- 2009 President Obama & the Future of US Policies in Afghanistan. *Afghanistan Info* (Neuchatel, Switzerland), No. 64, March 2009, p. 7-8.

Publications:

Articles, cont.:

- 2008/1387 “Afghanistan to 1919: From Durrani Empire to a Buffer State”, in *The Islamic world in the age of Western dominance*. Volume 5 of *The New Cambridge History of Islam*. Francis Robinson, ed. Also translated to Dari/Persian and published as “Afghanistan az Ta’sis ta Emrooz” in *Chigunagyi Estilayi Nezami Qabila Salaary ba Inzimami Afghanistan az Ta’sis ta Emrooz* (The How of the Hegemony of Tribalization of State System, with addition of Afghanistan from its Establishment until Today). Dr. Muhiyidin Mehdi, translator. Kabul: Hezbi Mardumi Musalmani Afghanistan, pp. 144-169.
- 2008/1387 “Afghanistan Since 1919: From Failed Modernization and Failed-State to a Post-Taliban Militia-State”, *The Islamic world in the age of Western dominance*. Volume 5 of *The New Cambridge History of Islam*. Francis Robinson, ed. Also translated to Dari/Persian and published as “Afghanistan az Ta’sis ta Emrooz” in *Chigunagyi Estilayi Nezami Qabila Salaary ba Inzimami Afghanistan az Ta’sis ta Emrooz* (The How of the Hegemony of Tribalization of State System, with addition of Afghanistan from its Establishment until Today). Dr. Muhiyidin Mehdi, translator. Kabul: Hezbi Mardumi Musalmani Afghanistan, pp. 170-202.
- 2008 “Nemautullah Shahrani” in *Biographical Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East*. Farmington Hills, MI: Thomson/Gale Publishers
- 2008 “Taliban and Talibanism in Historical Perspective” *The Taliban and the Crisis of Afghanistan*, edited by Robert Crew and Amin Tarzi. Harvard University Press
- 2007 “Afghanistan” in *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*. Oxford Islamic Studies Online at <<http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com>>.
- 2007 “Durrāāī Dynasty” in *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*. Oxford Islamic Studies Online at <<http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com>>.
- 2007 “Talibanization” in *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*. Oxford Islamic Studies Online at <<http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com>>.
- 2006 Reclaiming Islam in Uzbekistan: Soviet Legacies and Post-Soviet Realities *Journal of Turkic Civilization Studies* No. 2 (2006), pp. 77-103.
- 2006 “Israel’s Use of Force Excessive.” *Herald-Times*, Op-Ed page, July 23, 2006.
- 2005 “King Aman-Allah of Afghanistan’s Failed Nation-Building Project and its Aftermath” (a review article), *Iranian Studies*, volume 38, number 4, pp. 661-675.
- 2005 “Squandering U.S. Credibility in Afghanistan”, *Journal of Academic Studies*, 7 (25):103-107.

Publications:

Articles, cont.:

- 2004 "Afghanistan's Presidential Elections: Spreading Democracy or a Sham?" *Middle East Report Online*, at <www.merip.org/mero100804.html>.
- 2003 The Challenge of Post-Taliban Governance. *ISIM Newsletter*, 12:22-23.
- 2002 War, Factionalism, and the State in Afghanistan. *American Anthropologist*, 104(3) September 2002:715-722.
- 2001 "Pining for Bukhara in Afghanistan: Poetics and politics of Exilic Identity and Emotions". In *Reform Movements and revolutions in Turkistan 1900-1924: Studies in Honour of Osman Khoja*, edited by Timur Kocaoglu. Haarlem, Netherlands: SOTA, pp. 369-391.
- 2001 "Afghanistan can Learn from Its Past", *New York Times*, Op-Ed Page 13, Sunday October 14, 2001. Also republished in *Anthropologists in the Public Sphere: Speaking Out On War, Peace, and American Power*, Edited by Roberto J. Gonzalez, Austin: University of Texas Press (2004).
- 2001 "Not 'Who?' but 'How?': Governing Afghanistan after the Conflict," In *Federations* (special issue on Afghanistan), editor Karl Nerenberg; October 2001, pp. 7-8.
- 2000 "The Taliban Enigma: Person-Centred Politics & Extremism in Afghanistan" in *ISIM Newsletter*, 6:20-21. Published by International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, University of Leiden, The Netherlands.
- 2000 "Resisting the Taliban and Talibanism in Afghanistan: Legacies of A Century of Internal Colonialism and Cold War Politics in A Buffer State" *Perceptions: Journal Of International Affairs*, V(4):121-140. Published by the Center for Strategic Research, Ankara, Turkey.
- 1998 The Future of the State and the Structure of Community Governance in Afghanistan. In *Fundamentalism Reborn?: Afghanistan and the Taliban*. William Maley, ed. London & New York: Hurst & Co. and Columbia University Press; pages 212-242. [Translated in Arabic and published in serial form in a monthly paper *Sada El-Mashrek*, beginning with No. 15, Feb. 1998; Montreal, Canada
- 1998 The State and the Future of Local Self-Governance in Afghanistan: A Peaceful Strategy for Structural Resolution. In *Critique & Vision: An Afghan Journal of Culture, Politics & History*. Nos. 7 & 8 (Spring and Autumn 1998):7-64
- 1998 Make Afghanistan Part of the "Silk Road Strategy Act of 1997". In *Silk Road: A Journal of West Asian Studies*. 1 (5): 18-21.

Publications:

Articles, cont.:

- 1996 Articles on "Afghanistan", "Islamic Movements", "Sardar Muhammad Daoud", "Muhammad Zahir Shah", and "Uzbek". In the *Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East*. Richard Bulliet, Philip Mattar and Reeva Simon, General Editors. New York: Macmillan.
- 1996 Afghanistan's *Muhajirn* (Muslim `refugee-warriors') in Pakistan: Politics of Mistrust and Distrust of Politics. In *Mistrusting the Refugees*, edited by E. Valentine Daniel & John Chr. Knudsen. Berkeley, Los Angeles & London: University of California Press. pp.187-206.
- 1995 Islam and the Political Culture of "Scientific Atheism" in Post-Soviet Central Asia: Future Predicaments. In *The Politics of Religion in Russia and the New States of Eurasia*. Michael Bourdeaux ed., M.E. Sharpe, Inc. publisher. pp. 273-292.
- 1995 Afghanistan. In *The Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*. John Esposito, Editor in Chief. New York: Oxford University Press. I:27-32.
- 1995 Durrani Dynasty. In *The Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*. John Esposito, Editor in Chief. New York: Oxford University Press. I:390-392.
- 1994 Honored Guest and Marginal Man: Long-Term Field Research and Predicaments of a Native Anthropologist." In *Others Knowing Others: Perspectives on Ethnographic Careers*, edited by Don D. Fowler & Donald L. Hardesty. Washington D.C. and London: Smithsonian Institution Press. pp. 15-67.
- 1993 Central Asia and the Challenge of the Soviet Legacy. *Central Asian Survey*. 12(2):123-135. (Reprinted in *Central Asia and the Caucasus after the Soviet Union: Domestic and International Dynamics*, edited by Mohiaddin Mesbahi (1994). Gainesville: University Press of Florida pp.56-71.)
- 1993 The Lessons and Uses of History. *Central Asian Monitor*. (1): 24-27.
- 1991 Local Knowledge of Islam and Social Discourse in Afghanistan and Turkistan in the Modern Period. In *Turko-Persia in Historical Perspective*, edited by Robert L. Canfield. (A School of American Research Book), Cambridge and New York: Cambridge Univ. Press, pp.161-188.
- 1990 Rebuilding Cultural Consensus: Human Resources as a Cultural Issue. *WUFA: Journal of the Writers Union of Free Afghanistan*. (Special Issue in Honor of the late Louis Dupree) 5(4):195-204.
- 1990 Afghanistan: State and Society in Retrospect. In *The Cultural Basis of Afghan Nationalism*, edited by Ewan W. Anderson and Nancy Hatch Dupree. London and New York: Pinter Publishers, pp. 41-49.

Publications:

Articles, cont.:

- 1988 Social Transformations in an Afghan Kirghiz Pastoral Nomadic Community Resettled in Turkey: A Brief Report, *The American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) Newsletter*, 7:3-4. 1987 Geopolitics and the Moral Dimensions of the Russian-Afghan War. *Afghan Refugee Information Network (ARIN) Newsletter*, 25:2-8.
- 1986 The Kirghiz Khans: Styles and Substance of Traditional Local Leadership in Central Asia. *Central Asian Survey*, 5(3/4):255-271.
- 1986 State Building and Social Fragmentation in Afghanistan: A Historical Perspective. In *The State, Religion, and Ethnic Politics: Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan*. Ali Banuazizi and Myron Weiner, eds. Syracuse, N.Y., Syracuse University Press, pp.23-74.
- 1986 Russian Puppets in Afghanistan. *The Minaret: The Islamic Magazine*, 7(5):18-20.
- 1986 Afghanistan Fights for its Soul: Islamic Self-Determination, Not Soviet Army, is the Issue. In *Los Angeles Times*, May 7, 1986, Part II, page 5 (Ed-Op page). [Also re-printed in *International Herald Tribune*, May 10-11, 1986, Page 4, under the title "The Afghan Resistance Has to be Part of the Deal"].
- 1985 U.S. and Afghanistan. In *The Christian Science Monitor*, January 17, 1985, Page 18 (Opinion Page).
- 1984 "From Tribe to Umma": Comments on the Dynamics of Identity in Muslim Soviet Central Asia. *Central Asian Survey*, 3(3):27-38.
- 1984 Kirghiz. In *Muslim Peoples: A World Ethnographic Survey*. (2nd Ed.). Edited by R. V. Weekes. Westport, Ct.: Greenwood Press, pp. 405-411.
- 1984 Introduction: Marxist "Revolution" and Islamic Resistance in Afghanistan. In *Revolutions and Rebellions in Afghanistan: Anthropological Perspectives*. Edited by M. N. Shahrani and R. L. Canfield. Berkeley, Institute of International Studies, University of California, pp. 3-57.
- 1984 Causes and Context of Responses to the Saur Revolution in Badakhshan. In *Revolutions and Rebellions in Afghanistan: Anthropological Perspectives*. Edited by M.N. Shahrani and R. L. Canfield. Berkeley, Institute of International Studies, University of California, pp. 139-169.
- 1984 The Kirghiz of Afghanistan Reach Turkey. *Cultural Survival Quarterly*, 8(1):31-34.
- 1983 Comments on Akbar Ahmad's article "Islam and the District Paradigm: Emergent Trends in Contemporary Muslim Society." *Current Anthropology*, 24(1):84-85.

Publications:

Articles, cont.:

- 1981 Growing in Respect: Aging Among the Kirghiz of Afghanistan. In *Other Ways of Growing Old*. Edited by Pamela Amoss and Steven Harrell. Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, pp. 175-191.
- 1984 The Kirghiz of Afghanistan Reach Turkey. *Cultural Survival Quarterly*, 8(1):31-34.
- 1981 The Kirghiz Odyssey. In *Odyssey: The Human Adventure*. Edited by Jane E. Aaron. Boston: Public Broadcasting Associates, pp. 16-19.
- 1979 Ethnic Relations Under Closed Frontier Conditions: Northeast Badakhshan. In *Soviet-Asian Ethnic Frontiers*. Edited by W. McCagg, Jr. and B. Silver. New York: Pergamon Press, pp. 174-192.
- 1978 Ethnic Relations and Access to Resources in Northeast Badakhshan. In *Ethnic Processes and Intergroup Relations in Contemporary Afghanistan*. Edited by J. W. Anderson and R. F. Strand. Occasional Paper No. 15 of the Asia Society, New York, pp. 15-25.
- 1978 The Retention of Pastoralism Among the Kirghiz of the Afghan Pamirs. In *Himalayan Anthropology: The Indo-Tibetan Interface*. Edited by J. F. Fisher. The Hague, Mouton Publishers, pp. 233-250.
- 1978 For a Holistic Approach Toward Aging. In *The Governor's Conference on Aging, Nevada's Approach to the Affairs of the Elderly*. Edited by Shelley Lescott. Division of Aging, Department of Human Resources. Carson City, Nevada.
- 1976 Nomadism, and Pastoralism. In *Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. Edited by Phillip Whitten. New York: Harper and Row.
- 1976 Kirghiz Pastoral Nomads of the Afghan Pamirs: A Study in Ecological and Intra-Cultural Adaptation. Ph.D. dissertation submitted to the University of Washington. (341 pages)
- 1976 Kirghiz Pastoralists of the Afghan Pamirs: An Ecological and Ethnographic Overview. *Folk*, 18:129-143.

Book and Ethnographic Film Reviews:

- 2008 *Drugs in Afghanistan: Opium, Outlaws and Scorpion Tales* by David Macdonald. London & Ann Arbor: Pluto Press. For *The Social History of Alcohol and Drugs*, UK.
- 2008 *Afghan Transit: An Empire at the Crossroads, A City Rising from the Rubble*. Directed by David Edwards, Maliha Zulfacar and Gregory Whitmore (2007), 84 minutes DVD. For Asian Educational Media Service's *News and Reviews*, Issue 30 (Fall 2008), p. 3.

Book and Ethnographic Film Reviews, cont.:

- 2001 *Central Asia: History, Politics and Culture*. Riazul Islam, Kazi A. Kadir & Javad Husain editors. Karachi: Institute of Central and West Asian Studies, B.C.C. & T Press, University of Karachi. For *Islamic Studies*, Islamabad, Pakistan (in press).
- 1999 *Heroes of the Age: Moral Fault Lines on the Afghan Frontier*. By David Edwards, UC Press. For *American Ethnologist*, 26(3):747-749.
- 1991 *The Subtlest Battle: Islam in Soviet Tajikistan*. By Muriel Atkin. Philadelphia: Foreign Policy Research Institute (1989). For *Association for Advancement of Central Asian Studies Bulletin*, 4(2):17-19.
- 1989 *A Bibliography of Afghanistan*. By Keith McLachlan & William Whittaker. Cambridge: Manas Press Ltd. (1983). For *Iranian Studies Journal*, 12 (2-3):179-181.
- 1989 *Islam and Resistance in Afghanistan*. By Olivier Roy, Cambridge University Press, 1986. For *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 21(3):412-415.
- 1987 *Of Steel and Grace*. A film produced and directed by Phyllis Jeroslow, Santa Monica, Real Film & Video. For the *American Anthropologist*, 89 (3).
- 1985 *The Middle East: An Anthropological Approach*. By Dale Eickelman, Prentice-Hall, 1981. For *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, 19(1):52-54.
- 1984 *Buzkashi: Games and Power in Afghanistan*. By G. Whitney Azoy. Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania Press, 1982. For *American Ethnologist*, 11(1):196-198. (A longer version of this review appeared in the *Afghanistan Forum Newsletter*, XI(3):23-27).
- 1982 *Pasture and Politics: Economics, Conflicts and Ritual among Shahsevan Nomads of Northwestern Iran*. By Richard Tapper. London, Academic Press, 1979. For *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, 16(1):76-77.
- 1981 *Traditional Architecture of Afghanistan*. By Stanley Hallet and Rafi Samizay. New York, Garland Press, 1980. For *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, 15:46-47.
- 1978 *Cultural Policy in Afghanistan*. By Shafie Rahel. Paris, The Unesco Press, 1975. For *Leonardo: International Journal of the Contemporary Artist* published in France), II:160.

Unpublished Papers:

- 2009 Local Politics in Afghanistan: Dynamics of State Society Relations in Perspective. Presented as a Keynote Address to the Symposium on *Beyond the State--Local Politics in Afghanistan*. Bonn: Center for development Research (ZEF). February 26-28-2009.

Unpublished Papers, cont.:

- 2009 Islam, Ethnicity and Insurgency in Afghanistan, presented at the Conference on *The Afghanistan Conflict: Australia's Role*. Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, 23-24 October 2009.
- 2009 Afghanistan's Post-Taliban Constitution: 'Most Enlightened' but Inappropriate? Presented at the Conference on *State-Building in the Contemporary Islamic World: U.S. Intervention in Iraq and Afghanistan*, 12-14 November, IU Bloomington.
- 2008 "Nation-States, Identity Politics, War and Crisis of Governance in Southwest Asia". Presented as the Distinguished Lecture at the Central States Anthropological Society's 85th Annual Meetings in Indianapolis, IN, March 28, 2008.
- 2008 "Mobility, Governance and the State Effect in Central Asia". Presented at the International Conference on *Mobility and Governance in Central Asia*; Organized by the Asia Institute, University of California, Los Angeles, October 18, 2008.
- 2007 "Islam, Identity Politics and Crises of Governance in Southwestern Asia", a paper presented at the conference on *Religion, Ethnicity, and Modernity: Identity and Social Practice in Asia*, organized by and held the Southeast Asia Center, the Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, October 5-6, 2007.
- 2007 "Politics of Schools and Looming Crisis of Higher Education & Employments in Post-Taliban Afghanistan", to be presented at a roundtable on *Education Reconstruction under Conditions of War and Occupation: The Case of Afghanistan* at the Central Eurasian Studies Society annual meeting, October 18-21, 2007, Seattle, Washington.
- 2006 "Post-Soviet Central Asians Role in Reclaiming Islam for the 21st Century: Promises & Pitfalls". Presented at the Conference on *Islamic Learning in Central Asia*, organized by SSRC and American University of Central Asia, June 24-25, 2006 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- 2006 "Causes and Conditions of Crisis of Masculinity/Femininity in Contemporary Muslim Central and Southwestern Asia". Present at the panel on *State, Family and the Crisis of Masculinity/Femininity in Muslim Central and Southwestern Asia*, at the Central Eurasian Studies Society Seventh Annual Conference, Ann Arbor, Michigan, September 28-October 1, 2006.
- 2004 "State Failure, Land Tenure and Pastoral Mobility in Northeastern Afghanistan", a paper presented at the Workshop on Conditions of Pastoral Mobility; Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology.
- 2003 "Post-Soviet Muslim Central Asia and the Middle East: Coping with Legacies of Colonialism and Orientalism", prepared for a volume on *Anthropological Perspectives on Central Asia*, Peter Finke, ed., Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology.

Unpublished Papers, cont.:

- 2003 “The Challenge of Post-Taliban Governance in Afghanistan”. Presented at the Liechtenstein Colloquium on Europe and International Affairs on “Promoting Security in Afghanistan and the Region”, University of Bonn, Bad Honnef, Germany, May 23-26, 2003.
- 2002 “From Reclaiming Islam to Muslim Militancy in Post-Soviet Uzbekistan”, presented at a panel on *New games in Central Asia, Great and Small*”, American Anthropological Association annual meetings, New Orleans, November 20-24, 2002.
- 2002 “State and Political Islam in Afghanistan and Post-Soviet Uzbekistan”, presented at a panel co-organized (with Ilya Harik) on *Political Islam in Comparative Perspective*. Middle Eastern Studies Association annual meetings, Washington D.C., November 23-25, 2002.
- 2001 Prospects for Building Communities of Trust in Post-Soviet Central Asia. Presented at the conference on “The Geopolitical and Economic Transition in Eurasia” at Fatih University, Istanbul, Turkey, May 10-12.
- 2000 Islam and Politics in Central Asia: Colonial Roots of Political and Religious Extremisms. Presented at the conference on “The Emergence of Religious Extremism in Central Asia and the Caucasus” held at the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C., May 11, 2000.
- 2000 The Humanities and Social Sciences in Post-Soviet Central Asia: Problems and Prospects. Presented at a panel on “Former Soviet Central Asia: All Dressed Up and Nowhere to Go”, in Midwest Slavic Conference, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; April 1-2, 2000.
- 2000 Islam in Central Asia: Doctrine and Practices. Presented in the “Conference on Islam in Central Asia” held at Meridian International Center, Washington, D.C.; July 11, 2000.
- 1999 After Atheism: Islam and politics in Former Soviet central Asia. Presented as Goodspeed Lecture Denison University, Gravelle, Ohio, November 2, 1999.
- 1999 History of Islam and its Role in Central Asia. Presented at the U.S. State Department Policy Forum on Islam as a Political Force in Central Asia. Organized by International research and Exchange Board (IREX) and held the U.S. department of State, January 27, 1999.
- 1999 Re-Building Communities of Trust (*Jama'at*) in Muslim Central Asia: Past Legacies and Future Prospects. Presented at a Workshop on Home-grown Models of Civil Society in the Muslim World, held at Watson Institute, Brown University, March 12-13, 1999.
- 1997 The Formation (Invention) of National Identities in Post-Soviet Muslim Central Asia. A keynote address at the Second Annual Workshop on Central Asian Studies, held at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 9-12, 1997.

Unpublished Papers, cont.:

- 1997 Clan Politics and the Politics of the "Clans" in Soviet and post-Soviet Uzbekistan. Presented in "Seminar on Uzbekistan for Ambassador-designate Joseph A. Presel. Held at the Meridian International Center, Washington, D.C.; October 8, 1997.
- 1995 "Milli Mafkura: The Making of Uzbek National Identity." Presented at the International Conference on *Caucasus and Central Asia: After Independence, Past and Future*, held at Bilkent University (May 25-27) Ankara, Turkey.
- 1995 "Muslim Activism in a Culture of Scientific Atheism?: Family Strategies in Contemporary Uzbekistan." Presented at an invited session on *Contemporary Islamic Activism: The Anthropology of Cultural Dispute and Political Legitimacy in the Muslim World*, the 94th Annual Meeting of American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C. (November 15-19, 1995).
- 1992 "Post-Soviet Turkistan: Past Legacies and Future Directions" Presented at the panel on *The Turkic World in the 1990s*, at the 26th Annual Meetings of the Middle Eastern Studies Association, Portland, Oregon, October 29-31, 1992.
- 1992 "Soviet Developmental Legacies, Islam and the Future of Pluralism in Post-Soviet Central Asia." Presented at the conference on *Democratization in Post Soviet Central Asia*, at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, 26-27 September, 1992.
- 1991 "Islam and Nationalism in Modern Afghanistan: Elementary Forms of an Internal Debate." Circulated for discussion to the participants of a workshop on *Local Interpretations of Islamic Scripture in the Twentieth Century*, May 31-June 1, at Washington University, St. Louis.
- 1991 "Islamic 'Spirituality' and Central Asian 'Primal' Traditions." Presented at The Third Conference on World Spirituality entitled, *An Exploration of Contemporary Spirituality: "Axial Age Civilizations" and "Primal Traditions"*, held at the East-West Center, Honolulu, HI. June 10-14. Co-sponsored by the Institute of Culture and Communications, (East-West Center) and Center for Contemporary Spirituality, (Fordham University).
- 1991 "Nationalism and Islam in Afghanistan," presented in an Invited Session on *The Many Faces of Islam: Politics, Society and Religion*, at the 90th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL. November 20-24.
- 1991 "Soviet Policy Towards Afghanistan: The Islamic Factor" in a panel on *Soviet Policy Towards Islam: The Gorbachev Era*, at the 23rd National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Miami, FL., November 22-25.
- 1989 "Steps Towards Repatriation, Reconstruction and Development Planning for Afghanistan." Presented at the Seminar on *Hijrah, Repatriation & Reconstruction: A New Challenge*. Sponsored by the Islamic Relief Agency (ISRA) and the Reconstruction Authority for Afghanistan; held in Peshawar, Pakistan, November 23-25.

Unpublished Papers, cont.:

- 1988 "Political Economy of State and Society in Afghanistan: Legacies, Priorities and Prospects". A paper presented in a panel on *Prospects for Rebuilding Afghanistan* at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meetings, November 3-5, Beverly Hills, CA.
- 1988 "Jihad Against Communism in Central Asia: From Holy Wars to Islamist Revolutionary Struggles." A paper presented at the Workshop on *Approaches to Islam in Central and Inner Asian Studies*, sponsored by and held at Columbia University, NY. March 3-4.
- 1987 "Islamic Eschatology and the Kirghiz Interpretation of Modern Politics." A paper presented at the 86th Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL. November 18-22.
- 1986 "The Social Bases of Islamic Movements in Afghanistan." Presented in a panel on *Social Bases of Islamic Movements* at 20th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association. Boston, MA. November 20-23.
- 1985 "Revolutionary Islam in the Armed Resistance in Afghanistan." Presented at the 84th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., December 3-8.
- 1984 "Kirghiz Refugee Experiences and the Concept of Hijrah in Islam." Presented in a panel *Cultural Interpretations of Refugee Phenomena*. 83rd Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO. November 14-18.
- 1983 "Who are the Mountain Tajiks?" Presented at the International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, Vancouver, B.C., August 20-25.
- 1981 "Islamic Resistance to Russian Communism: The *Basmachi* and the Afghan Mujahideen." Presented in a panel *Long-term Afghan-Russian Relations: Historical and Current Perspectives*. 15th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Seattle, WA., November 4-7.
- 1979 "Land Tenure and the Structure of Political Economy in Pastoral Adaptation." Presented in a panel on *Ecological Analyses of Economic and Political Structures*. 78th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Cincinnati, OH, November 27-December 1.
- 1976 "Adaptation to Closed Frontier Conditions by Pastoral Nomadic Populations in Western Asia: An Historical and Cultural Ecological Perspective." 75th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association Washington, D.C., November.
- 1976 "Kirghiz, Wakhi and Itinerant Traders: Dynamics of Closed Frontier Socio-Economic Processes in the Wakhan Corridor." Presented at a *Conference on Rural Life in Afghanistan: The Prospects for Development*. University of Nebraska at Omaha, NB., September 23-25.
- 1974 "Population Socialization and Population Policies: A Cultural Ecological Perspective." Presented to *Population Socialization Conference*, East-West Center, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI., December 16-21.

Policy Relevant Analyses & Reports:

- 2009 Afghanistan's Alternatives for peace, Governance and Development: Transforming Subjects to Citizens and Rulers to Civil Servants. Presented at the international forum of academics and policy makers on "*Strategies for a Sustainable Outcome in Afghanistan: Author's Workshop and Policy Discussion*" at the University of Ottawa, January 20, 2009. Two papers were selected to be published quickly as Occasional Papers and mine was one them. All the papers will be published in a book in a later date.
- 2004 "Strategic Planning of Higher Education for Afghanistan". Report of the Proceedings of the Conference at Indiana University, October 6-7, 2002, submitted to the Minister of Higher Education, Transitional Islamic Government of Afghanistan, Kabul.
- 1999 "The Humanities and Social Sciences in Central Asia: An Assessment of Need", appears as Appendix C.2 (64 pp): Notes from the Field Consultations: Almaty, Bishkek, Tashkent, in *The Humanities and Social Sciences in the Former Soviet Union: An Assessment of Need*. Prepared by The Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington D.C., for the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, August 1, 1999.
- 1989 "Project Market Place: Sociocultural Dimension." Submitted to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva.
- 1980 "Kirghiz Refugees of the Afghan Pamirs: A Report on their Situation and Needs." Submitted to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other International aid donor agencies. Also published in *Cultural Survival Newsletter*, 4(4), Fall, 1980.
- 1979 "Immigrant Workers in Winnemucca: A Sociocultural, Demographic and Economic Assessment Report." Submitted to the Winnemucca Chamber of Commerce and the Nevada Humanities Committee.

Recent Participation in Specially Convened Conferences, media productions by Invitation:

- 2009 Invited to participate in an international conference on *Fundamentals of Governance in Afghanistan* held in Istanbul, Turkey June 18-20-2009. It was the third such conference organized by the Holings Center for International Dialogue and the American Institute of Afghanistan addressing different aspects of the Afghanistan crises within the regional and its global context during the past three years. This conference, as the previous ones, did not have presentations but discussion and a summary of the conference proceedings was published to inform policies towards the resolution of the current conflict in that country.
- 2009 Made a presentation on "Afghanistan's 2nd Presidential Elections & The Challenges of Post-Election Governance" in a panel on "Afghanistan 2009 Cumhurbaşkanlığı Seçimleri; Fırsatlar ve Meydan Okumalar"

Recent Participation in Specially Convened Conferences, media productions by Invitation, cont.:

- (Afghanistan's 2009 Presidential Elections: Opportunities and Challenges). The audience included Turkish government officials, academics, journalist and the international diplomatic community members, including at least two Ambassadors (India & Afghanistan). 13 August, 2009.
- 2009 Made a presentation at the *Inaugural Forum of the Islamic Resource Bank* on a panel focusing on "US Foreign Policy and the Muslim World" highlighting Pakistan/Afghanistan; Iran; and the Middle East. July 25, 2009.
- 2008 Participants at the international conference on *Afghanistan's Other Neighbors*. Co-sponsored by the American Institute of Afghanistan Studies and The Holings Center for International Dialogue, July 24-26, Istanbul Turkey.
- 2007 "Islam in the Modern World", Presented as Gibson Lectures daily at the Congregational Summer Assembly, in Crystal Lake, Michigan, August 5-11, 2007.
- 2007 "State-Building, Governance and Security in Post-Taliban Afghanistan" Presented at the American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, Kabul, Afghanistan, June 7, 2007. Also presented the lecture in Persian to entirely Afghan audience on June 9 at Maiwand Hall, Kabul.
- 2007 "Nation-State Building and Politicization of Identities in Afghanistan: Legacies and prospects". Presented at the *Enhancing Future Leadership in Afghanistan: A Leadership Workshop*, June 13-17th, 2007. Held in Chicago, sponsored by the Casten Family Foundation and the Winterburn Foundation, and administered by the Institute of International Education (Fulbright), New York.
- 2006 "Post-Soviet Central Asians Role in Reclaiming Islam for the 21st Century: Promises & Pitfalls". Presented at the Conference on *Islamic Learning in Central Asia*, organized by SSRC and American University of Central Asia, June 24-25, 2006 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- 2005 "Modern States, Governance and Crisis of Muslim Masculinity in Southwestern and Central Asia", a paper presented at the *Asia, Islam, Modernity* conference, organized and held at the University of Washington, Seattle.
- 2005 "Reclaiming Islam in Uzbekistan: Soviet Legacies and Post-Soviet Realities", presented at the conference on *Post-Soviet Islam: an anthropological perspective*, organized by and held at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.

Recent Participation in Specially Convened Conferences, media productions by Invitation, cont.:

- 2005 Participated as a presenter in a public forum on “*Afghanistan, Fours Years Later: Progress, Problems, and Prospects*”, organized by the Center for American Progress and the Security Policy Program of the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University. The panel was moderated by Karl F. Inderfurth, former Assistant Secretary for South Asia, US Department of State. The proceedings were aired on C-SPAN Network in October 5 and later.
- 2004 Presented a paper on “Governance, Religious Extremism and Security in Central Asia: Legacies and Predicaments” at the *Regional Security Conference in Central Asia*. Co-organized by the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies and the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies (ISRS) Under the President of Uzbekistan in Tashkent, February 1-5, 2004.
- 2003 “Post-Soviet Muslim Central Asia and the Middle East: Coping with the Legacies of Colonialism and Orientalism” at the Workshop on *Anthropological Perspectives on Central Asia*, held at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany (December 19-21-2003).
- 2003 Presented a public lecture on “State-Building in Post-Taliban Afghanistan” at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill’s program on *Great Decisions*, January 16, 2003.
- 2003 Participated on a Roundtable Discussion on “Cultural Connections” at a Conference on *Globalization and Change in Central Asia*, February 19-21, 2003 at the University of Georgia, Athens.
- 2003 Delivered a Keynote speech at a conference on “Searching for the Sources of Conflict in Today’s Global System”, organized by the Student Conference on National Affairs of Texas A & M. University, College Park, Texas.
- 2003 Presented a lecture on “Re-claiming Islam in Post Soviet Central Asia” at the 29th Annual Teacher Outreach Conference on *The Muslim World in Eastern Europe and Eurasia*, April 26-27, 2003. Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, University of California, Berkeley.
2003. Made a presentation on “Afghan Perspectives on the Feasibility of Security Structures” at a the Liechtenstein Colloquium on European and International Affairs on “Promoting Security in Afghanistan and the Region” devoted to the topic of *State-Building and Security in Afghanistan and the Region*”, organized by The Liechtenstein Institute of Self-Determination at Princeton University (LISD) in cooperation with The Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Bad Honnef, Germany May 23-26, 2003.

Recent Participation in Specially Convened Conferences, media productions by Invitation, cont.:

- 2003 Presented a paper on “Re-Claiming Islam in Post Soviet Uzbekistan” at a conference on *Islamization of Central Asia: Politics, Economics and Society*, at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, June 11, 2003.
- 2003 Give a Keynote Speech on “Post-Taliban Governance in Afghanistan and its relevance to Iraqi Crisis” at the Second METU Conference on International Relations: Regional Perspectives. Held at the Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, Turkey, June 23-25-2003.
- 2003 Presented a paper on “Post-Soviet Muslim Central Asia and the Middle East: Coping with the Legacies of Colonialism and Orientalism”, at the Workshop on *Anthropological Perspectives on Central Asia*, at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany, December 19-21, 2003.
- 2002 Participated on panel discussion on “Understanding Afghanistan” and “Understanding Islam” segments of a 2 hours television special on *Uncertain Times: Understanding the Crisis* produced by the PBS affiliate station KCTS-Seattle, aired on the Northwest and on some PBS channels nationally on January 18, 19 & 20, 2002..
- 2002 Participated in a workshop on the Future of Afghanistan at the Asia Foundation, San Francisco, January 7-8, 2002.
- 2002 Lecture in Georgetown University on Federalism, Regionalism and islam in Afghanistan”(April 14, 2002).
- 2002 Was a guest of Indiana University President Myles Brand on his local PBS television series *Pro & Con*, aired May 2, 2002.
- 2002 Two presentation– “Islam, State Building and Social Fragmentation in Afghanistan”, and “Fram Reclaiming Islam to Militant Islam in Post-Soviet Central Asia”-- at the special conference on *Many Facets of Islam*, organized by the Northern California World Affairs Council at Asilomar (May 3-5, 2002).
- 2002 A lecture on “War on Terrorism in Afghanistan: Will it Work?” to the fellows of Russell Sage Foundation, New York, on the coalition war on terrorism in Afghanistan (May 28, 2002).
- 2002 A lecture on US War on Terrorism in Afghanistan at the Smithsonian Associates, Washington D.C. (June 3, 2002).
- 2002 Invited to participate on a special session on “Afghanistan after September 11” at the First World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, held at the University of Mainz, Germany (September 8-13, 2002).
- 2002 Presented a paper on “War on Terrorism in Afghanistan: Nation-Building or Endless Conflict?” at the *Rethinking Terrorism: Sixth Annual Area Centers’ Conference*, October 3-5, 2002. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Recent Participation in Specially Convened Conferences, media productions by Invitation,
Cont.:**

- 2002 A keynote address on the “War on Terrorism: A Solution to or a Problem for U.S. National Security?” to the 31st Annual Meeting of the Association of Muslim Social Scientists held at the American University, Washington, D.C. October 25 & 26, 2002.
- 2002 Presented a lecture, “The War on Global Terrorism in Afghanistan: A Critical Assessment” at the New York Academy of Sciences-Anthropology Section, December 16, 2002.
- 2002 Organized a two days-long international conference on Strategic Planning of Higher Education for Afghanistan at IU, October 6 & 7, 2002. Obtained funding for the event from various units within IU and outside sources including MacArthur Foundation.
- 2002 Served as a discussant at a panel on “About Islam 101: What Should Our Students Know?”, The American Anthropological Association annual meeting, New Orleans, November 22-24, 2002.
- 2002 Participated in a Special Session on *Afghanistan and the “War on Terror”*, Middle Eastern Studies Association annual meetings, Washington, D.C., November 23-25, 2002.
- 2002 Participated at the *Afghanistan Roundtable*, December 2-3, 2002, organized by the Asia Foundation, Washington, D.C.
- 2001 Conference on “The Geopolitical and Economic Transition in Eurasia” at Fatih University, Istanbul, Turkey, May 10-12.
- 2000 International conference on “Political Islam in the Middle East and Central Asia with special focus on Iran and Afghanistan”, co-sponsored by the International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM) and Scherpenzee Media Foundation, held at the University of Utrecht, The Netherlands, June 5, 2000.
- 1999 International conference on *The Crises of Identity in Afghanistan*, organized by the Middle Eastern Studies Center, St. Anthony’s College, Oxford University, May 15, 1999.
- 1996 International conference on *Afghanistan and Regional Security*, organized by the Institute for Political and International Studies, held in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran (June 31-July 2, 1996).
- 1995 International Conference on *Caucasus and Central Asia: After Independence, Past and Future*, held at Bilkent University (May 25-27) Ankara, Turkey.
- 1995 Conference on *Population, Family, and Gender in Muslim Central Asia and the Middle East*, sponsored jointly by the American Social Science Research Council (New York), and the MEAwards branch of the Population Council (Cairo, Egypt); held at Bogazici University, Istanbul Turkey (May 31 - June 4, 1995).

Invited Public Lectures since 9-11-01:

American Universities (partial list): University of Alaska, Southeast (Juneau), St. Anselm College, UCLA, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, American University of Afghanistan, Kabul; American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, Kabul; Portland State University, University of Iowa, University of Washington-Seattle, Seattle University, City University of New York, Graduate Center, Hunter College-CUNY, Brown University, Butler University, Indianapolis, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Ann Arundel Community College-Maryland, Saginaw Valley State University-Michigan, Georgetown University, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, University of Georgia-Athens, Texas A & M, University of Illinois, University of California-Berkeley, University of Arizona-Tucson and Miami University, Ohio; North Seattle Community College.

Public Institutions and Organizations: Institute for Defense Analysis, US State Department, Woodrow Wilson Center, Hudson Institute (Indianapolis), Russell Sage Foundation, World Affairs Councils (Northern California, Indianapolis, and Chicago), Seattle Times, Lions Club of Bloomington and Martinsville, IN, Smithsonian Institution Associates, and New York Academy of Sciences-Anthropology-Section, US Air Force Special Operations School, Russia-Eurasia Orientation Course, Monroe County and Bloomfield Public Libraries; and American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, Kabul, Afghanistan; SETA, Ankara, Turkey, ; and Central States Anthropological Society (USA).

Media Interviews: appearances on PBS, CNN, Australian National Broadcasting TV & Radio and local channels. Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan and Turkish T.V stations and print media interviews. Numerous radio interviews on BBC, Deutsche Welle, VOA, RL/RFE, and US syndicates, as well as countless print and on-line media interviews both nationally and internationally.

Consulting & Services to the Profession:

- * Served as an expert witness for the defense in a federal case against Muslim charitable organization officers, in Boston, MA.
- * Member, Fulbright National Screening Committee, Eurasia & Islamic Civilization sections.
- * Member Advisory Editorial Board, *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs (IMMA)*, published by Taylor and Francis, Oxfordshire, UK.
- * Member of the Editorial Board, *Central Asian Monitor*, a quarterly journal (US).
- * Member of the Editorial Board, *Journal of Central Asian Studies*, published in the US.
- * Member of Advisory Committee, *Anthropology & Archaeology of Eurasia*; M.E. Sharpe.

Consulting & Services to the Profession, cont.:

- * Consultant to Oxford University Press on the *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, John Esposito, General Editor. (Published in four Volumes, 1995).
- * Member of Editorial Committee, *Islamic Studies Quarterly Journal*, Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- * Member of Editorial Board, *Central Asian Survey* (published in UK) and *Central Asian Monitor* (published in the USA).
- * Consultant to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) as a social anthropologist in an interdisciplinary, ten member "Working Group on Project Market Place." Studied the cultural acceptability (both to ordinary Afghan refugees and the Afghan Islamic resistance leaders) and Socio-economic feasibility of the proposed strategy for the repatriation of Afghan refugees.
- * Consultant to A & M Films Inc., Hollywood, California, for a feature film called "The Beast of War," about the war in Afghanistan.
- * Consultant to WGBH-PBSTV, Boston on "Horsemen of China: The Kazakhs." Part of the Nova series for PBS; screened in February, 1985.
- * Consultant to the Special Publications Division of the National Geographic Society for "Northern Afghanistan" in *Secret Corners of the World*, 1982.
- * Consultant anthropologist to Public Broadcasting Associates (PBA-PBSTV) of Boston on "The Kirghiz of Afghanistan." The film was a re-edited version of a Granada Television production, with additional footage, screened in October, 1981 as part of the Odyssey series on PBS.
- * Consultant anthropologist (on location in Afghanistan) to Granada Television Limited, London, on ethnographic film "The Kirghiz of Afghanistan" for *Disappearing World* series.

Language Competencies:

English, Persian, Uzbek, Kirghiz, Pashto, and Turkish.

Courses Taught:

Peoples and cultures of the Middle East
Peoples and cultures of Central Asia
Anthropology of religion
Modernization in the Muslim Middle East

Courses Taught, cont.:

The uses of anthropology (senior seminar)
Ecological anthropology
Kinship and social organization
Political anthropology
Economic Anthropology
Post-Taliban Afghanistan and the Future of War on Global Terror
Applied anthropology (Socio-cultural change)
Seminar on states and societies in Central and Southwestern Asia
Seminar on Islam and politics in Central Asia and the Middle East
Seminar on anthropological approaches to the study of Islam and Muslim societies
Seminar on nomadic pastoralism in Middle Eastern history and society
Seminar on family, gender and population dynamics in Central Asia & the Middle East
Seminar on family, gender and the crisis of Muslim masculinity in Central and Southwestern Asia
Seminar on social change and modernization in Central Asia
Seminar on the representations of Islam and Muslims in anthropological literature

Membership and Affiliations:

Member, Board of Trustees of the American University of Afghanistan, Kabul (2004-)
Elected as member of the Nominations Committee of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) 2003.
Member, International Research & Exchange Board (IREX) University Council (1998-2002)
Member, Joint SSRC/ACLS Committee on the Soviet Union and its Successor States (1993- 1996)
Member, Joint SSRC/ACLS Committee on Comparative Study of Muslim Societies (1988-1993)
Fellow, American Anthropological Association
Fellow, American Ethnological Society
Fellow, Middle East Studies Association
Member, Nominations Committee of the Middle East Studies Association (elected 1984)
Executive Committee member, Middle East Section of American Anthropological

Association (elected 1996-1999; chaired Nominations Committee 1999)

Member of the Board of Directors, The Association of Central Asian Studies (elected 1985-1988, re-elected 1988-90, re-elected 1990-93)

Member, Board of Directors, American Institute of Afghanistan Studies (2003-).

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