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### Academic Positions

- Director of Global Affairs, George Mason University (August 2020-present)
- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, George Mason University (2018-present)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, George Mason University (2012-2018)
- Term Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, George Mason University (2011-2012)
- Postdoctoral Fellow, Arlington Innovation Center for Health Research, Virginia Tech (2010-2011)

### Education

- Ph.D., Sociocultural Anthropology, University of California, Irvine (2010)  
Emphasis in Medicine, Science, and Technology Studies  
Graduate Feminist Emphasis
- M.A., Anthropology, University of California, Irvine (2007)
- B.A., Anthropology with Honors, minor in Psychology, Iowa State University (2004)
- National Student Exchange Program, University of South Carolina (2001-2002)

### Publications

#### *Books*

- Under Contract. *Actively Dying: The Creation of Muslim Identities through End-of-Life Care in the United States*. Routledge. (expected publication 2021)
- 2016. *Applied Anthropology: Unexpected Spaces, Topics, and Methods*. Sheena Nahm and **Cortney Hughes Rinker**, eds. London: Routledge.  
Sole author of the chapter: "Islam and Dying in the United States: How Anthropology Can Contribute to Culturally Competent Care at the End-of-Life"
- 2013. *Islam, Development, and Urban Women's Reproductive Practices*, New York: Routledge.

#### *Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters*

- 2019. "Islam, Medicine, and Practice: The Manifestation of Islamic Moral Values in Everyday Aspects of the U.S. Health Care System." In *Treating the Body in Medicine and Religion: Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Perspectives*, edited by John Fitzgerald and Ashley Moyse, 137-153. New York: Routledge.
- 2018. "Advance Care Planning in Medicare/Medicaid Funded Agencies: Providing a Training in Cultural Competence" (Megumi Inoue, **Cortney Hughes Rinker**, and Rebecca Vargas Jackson), *Journal of Gerontology & Geriatrics Education*, DOI: 10.1080/02701960.2018.1554567
- 2018. Anthropology and Cultural Competence: Delivering Religiously Appropriate Care at the End-of-Life for Muslim Patients, *The Unbearable Humanities: Proceedings of the 2017 Virginia Humanities Conference*, 96-113.
- 2017. Islamic Moral Values and End-of-Life Care: The Intersection of Religious Beliefs and the U.S. Health Care System, *Southern Anthropologist*, 37(1)-2017: 26-58. **Cortney Hughes Rinker**, Oliver Pelland, and Serena Abdallah.
- 2016. Religious Apps for Smartphones and Tablets: Reconstructing Authority, Community, and the Nature of Religion, **Cortney Hughes Rinker**, Jesse Roof, Emily Harvey, Elyse Bailey, and Hannah Embler, *Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*, 12:1-14.
- 2015. "Creating Neoliberal Citizens in Morocco: Reproductive Health, Development Policy, and Popular Islamic Beliefs," *Medical Anthropology*, 34(3): 226-242.
- 2013. "A Place to Belong: Colonial Pasts, Modern Discourses, and Contraceptive Practices in Morocco." In *Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa: Into the New Millennium*, edited by Sherine Hafez and Susan Slyomovics, 239-257. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.

- 2013. "Responsible Mothers, Anxious Women: Contraception and Neoliberalism in Morocco." *Arab Studies Journal* 21(1):97-121.
- 2012. "Lessons Learned from Implementing the Patient Centered Medical Home." *International Journal of Telemedicine and Applications*. doi:10.1155/2012/103685 (E Green, J Wendland, C Carver, **C Hughes Rinker**, and SK Mun)
- 2012. "The Patient-Centered Medical Home and Health Information Technology." *Journal of Telemedicine and e-Health* 18(2):145-149 (T Leventhal, J Taliaferro, K Wong, **CL Hughes**, and SK Mun)
- 2011. "The 'Amazing' Fertility Decline: Islam, Economics, and Reproductive Decision Making among Working-Class Moroccan Women." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 25(4): 417-435
- 2011. "Technologies in the Patient Centered Medical Home: Examining the Model from an Enterprise Perspective." *Journal of Telemedicine and e-Health* 17(6): 1-6 (**CL Hughes**, CAPT R Marshall, E Murphy, and SK Mun)
- 2011. Patient Centered Medical Home: An Emerging Primary Care Model and the Military Health System. *Military Medicine* 176(11): 1253-1259 (CAPT R Marshall, Lt Col M Doperak, Maj M Milner, C Motsinger, T Newton, CAPT M Padden, S Pastoor, **CL Hughes**, J LeFurgy, and SK Mun)

#### Book Reviews and Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

- 2020. Review of *Forever Suspect: Racialized Surveillance of Muslim Americans in the War on Terror* by Saher Selod, *American Journal of Sociology* 125(5): 1454-1456.
- 2018. Review of *Abortion Pills, Test Tube Babies, and Sex Toys: Emerging Sexual and Reproductive Technologies in the Middle East and North Africa* edited by L.L. Wynn and Angel M. Foster *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* <https://doi.org/10.1111/maq.12443>
- 2017. Advance Care Planning: Training and Providing an Anthropological Critique of Cultural Competence to Health Care Professionals, *Anthropology & Aging* (**Cortney Hughes Rinker**, Megumi Inoue, and Rebecca Vargas-Jackson) 38(2): 4-9.
- 2016. Review of *Cosmopolitan Conceptions: IVF Sojourns in Global Dubai* by Marcia Inhorn, *Middle East Journal* 70(2): 340-341.
- 2016. Review of *Para-States and Medical Science: Making African Global Health* edited by P. Wenzel Ceissler. *Anthropos* 111.2016.1
- 2015. Review of *Affliction: Health, Disease, Poverty* by Veena Das. *SCTIW Review*. [http://www.sctiw.org/sctiw\\_review/sctiw\\_review\\_archives](http://www.sctiw.org/sctiw_review/sctiw_review_archives)
- 2015. Review of *The Moroccan Women's Rights Movement* by Amy Young Evrard. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 47(4): 856-858.
- 2014. Review of *Vulnerability and the Art of Protection: Embodiment and Health Care in Moroccan Households* by Marybeth Macphee, *American Anthropologist* 116(3): 686-687.
- 2014. Review of *Islam and Assisted Reproductive Technologies: Sunni and Shia Perspectives* edited by Marcia Inhorn and Soraya Treymane, *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, DOI: 10.1111/maq.12108
- 2013. "Stress, Survival, and Success in Academia 2.0: Lessons from Working Inside and Outside of the Academy." *Practicing Anthropology* 35(1):40-43 (**Cortney Hughes Rinker** and Sheena Nahm)
- 2011. Review of *Blue Ribbon Babies and Labors of Love: Race, Class, and Gender in U.S. Adoption Practice* by Christine Ward Gailey. *American Anthropologist* 113(2): 363-364.
- 2010. "The Place of Feminism in Religious Revival: Islam, Feminist Groups, and Changing Public Policy in Morocco." UC Digital Library.

#### Publications in Progress

- Accepted. "'Actively Dying': The Creation and Transformation of Muslim Identities through End-of-Life Care and Death," *Journal of Islamic and Muslim Studies*
- Accepted. "Women's Health and Aging in the Middle East." *Handbook on Middle East Women*, edited by Suad Joseph and Zeina Zaatari. Routledge (invited contribution, expected publication 2020)

- Accepted. Invited contribution, “Problematizing Neoliberalism and Development: Creating Citizens (and Future Citizens) through Reproduction and Childrearing in Morocco,” special issue of *Hesperis-Tamuda*, guest edited by Rahma Bourqia and Aomar Boum
- Accepted. “Conclusion: Future Issues,” in *A Global History of Death*, edited by Peter Stearns.
- In Preparation. “The Aging Body in Islam: Exploring the Experiences of Older, Dying Muslims in the United States” in *Anthropological Perspectives on Aging*, edited by Britteny M. Howell and Ryan P. Harrod (to be submitted to the University Press of Florida)
- In Preparation. Invited Contribution on aging and COVID-19, *Anthropology & Aging* (Cortney Hughes Rinker, M. Aspen Bataille, and Loumarie Figueroa Ortiz).

### **Awards, Grants, and Fellowships**

- The American Institute for Maghrib Studies Summer Research Grant, support fieldwork in Rabat and Marrakech, Morocco on pain management during terminal and chronic illness, April 2020. (\$3,375—on hold until 2021 due to pandemic)
- Curriculum Impact Grant, Office of Undergraduate Education, George Mason University. Co-PI. (2020-21) “Enhancing Cross-Cultural Engagement and Collaboration at Mason through Explorations of Global Health Challenges” (\$14,200, Co-PI: Michael Smith, INTO Mason, with Steven Harris-Scott, INTO Mason/Department of History and Art History; Andrew Lee, University Libraries; and Megumi Inoue and Laura Poms, CHHS)
- Curriculum Impact Grant, Office of Undergraduate Education, George Mason University. Co-PI. (2020-21) “STEM in Society Minor” (\$18,500, Co-PIs: Larrie Ferreiro, Kamaljeet Sanghera, VSE; Brian Platt, Department of History and Art History; Laura Poms, CHHS; Padmanabhan Seshaiyer, COS; and Vita Chalk, CHHS Dean’s Office)
- Faculty Research Development Grant, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, George Mason University (January-December 2020, \$9,029)
- Summer Impact Grant, Office of the Provost, George Mason University. Co-PI. (May-August 2020, \$49,000, PIs: Dr. Megumi Inoue and Dr. Emily Ihara, Department of Social Work; Co-PI: Dr. Naoru Koizumi, Schar School)
- The Virtual Library of Virginia Course Redesign Grant, *Cultural Anthropology for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners*. PI. Grant to support creation of open-access online textbook for Introduction to Cultural Anthropology courses (\$18,120, 2020-22, with Andrew Lee and Andrew Kierig, George Mason University Libraries; Sarah Raskin, VCU; Sheena Nahm McKinlay, Health Leads of California)
- Tenured Faculty Study Leave, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, George Mason University (for sabbatical Spring 2020)
- Virginia Center on Aging; Geriatric Training and Education Fund. Co-PI. (2016-17, \$12,500, PI: Dr. Megumi Inoue, George Mason University, Co-PI: Dr. Rebecca Vargas-Jackson)
- Small Research Grant, Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies, George Mason University (2015-16, \$2,534 to support research in Morocco and the U.S. on Islam and end-of-life care)
- Faculty Research and Development Award, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, George Mason University (2013, \$4,600 project on Islam and end-of-life care)
- 2014 Summer Research Funding for Tenure-Track Faculty, Office of Research and Economic Development, George Mason University (2013, \$4,500 project on Islam and end-of-life care)
- Faculty Seed Grant, Institute for Society, Culture, and Environment, Virginia Tech (2010, \$7,000 project on integrating end-of-life care into primary care in rural southwest Virginia)
- Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploratory Research, American Philosophical Society (2009, \$2,500)
- Competitive Pre-Dissertation Fellowship Quarter, School of Social Sciences, UC Irvine (2007)
- Summer Research Grant, Department of Anthropology and School of Social Sciences, UC Irvine (2007, \$5,000)
- Long-Term Dissertation Research Grant, The American Institute for Maghrib Studies (2007, \$15,000)
- Summer Research Grant, Department of Anthropology and School of Social Sciences, UC Irvine 2006, \$5,000)
- Social Science Tuition Fellowship for Graduate Studies, School of Social Sciences, UC Irvine (2004, five years of full funding through a Graduate Teaching Assistantship with one fellowship quarter)

### **Journal and Press Review Work**

- *Ethnos*
- *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies*

- *SAGE Open*
- *Public Culture*
- *Journal of Family Studies*
- *Medical Anthropology*
- *Women's Reproductive Health*
- *Contemporary Islam*
- *Journal of Applied Clinical Informatics*
- *Journal of Telemedicine and e-Health*
- *Military Medicine*
- *American Journal of Sociology*
- *African Journal of Reproductive Health*
- *Spiritual Psychology and Counseling*
- I.B. Taurus
- University of Oxford Press

### **Grant, Conference, and Other Review Work**

- Member of Organizing Committee for the 2020 Conference of the Association for Anthropology, Gerontology, and the Life Course (AAGE) "Aging and Social Justice" (Virtual, June-August 2020)
- Member of the Scientific Review Committee for the annual International Conference on Stigma at Howard University (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)
- Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) program at the Social Science Research Council (2017-18, 2018-19)
- Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (Scientific Grant Reviewer: 2012, 2017, and 2018)
- Conference on Religion and Medicine Abstract Reviewer (2015)
- Scientific Thinking and Integrative Reasoning Skills Course Reviewer, Association of American Colleges & Universities (2014)

### **Invited Lectures**

- Workshop Facilitator with Dr. Ahmet Tekelioglu, "Exploring Cultural Competence and the Meaning of the Global: Working with Muslim Students and Communities in the United States" for INTO Mason (April 18, 2019)
- Guest Lecture – Mason Program in Partnership with Ibn Haldun University in Istanbul, Turkey, Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa (Summer 2018, Spring and Summer 2019)
- Guest Lecture: MEIS 500, George Mason, Lecture on Anthropological approaches to studying the Middle East and North Africa (2014, 2015, 2018, 2019)
- Guest Lecture: INTO Mason Theater Course, George Mason, Lecture on studying culture and ethnographic methods (2014)
- Guest Lecture: ANTH 536: Anthropology and the Human Condition Part II, George Mason, Lecture on Medical Anthropology (2014 and 2016)
- Guest Lecture: SOCI 620: Methods and Logic of Social Inquiry, Lecture on research methods for my long-term ethnographic project on reproduction in Morocco (Fall 2014)
- Washington Association of Professional Anthropologists, "Islam and Reproductive Health Care in Morocco" (February 4, 2014)
- Guest Lecture: ANTH 490: Theories, Methods, and Issues, George Mason, Lecture on my research on reproduction in Morocco (2013)
- NAACP Student Event, George Mason, "Women's Health in the 2012 Election" (2012)
- Flash Lecture, Women and Gender Studies, George Mason, "The Relationship between Reproductive Health and Islamic Beliefs in Morocco" (2012)
- Dialogue and Difference, School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason, "Debate on Reproductive Rights" (2012)
- Guest Lecture: ANTH 381: Medical Anthropology, George Mason, Lecture on my research on reproduction in Morocco (2011)
- WVTF Public Radio Evening Edition, Roanoke, VA, "End-of-Life Care in Rural Southwest Virginia," (June 21, 2011)

- Western Social Science Association Annual Meeting, invited roundtable participant, “Back to the Front Porch: Addressing the Questions that Matter” (2011)
- Guest Lecture in “Cross-Cultural Perspectives of Gender,” Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco (2009)
- Guest Lecture in “Ethnographic Methods,” Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco (2008)
- Guest Lecture in “Women and Economic Development,” Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco (2008)
- Women’s Studies Graduate Research Series Invited Speaker, UC Irvine, “Motherhood, Modernity, and (Trans)Nationalism: A Family Planning Clinic in Morocco” (2007)
- CalIT2 the Social Aspects of Science and Technology, UC Irvine, invited roundtable participant “The Body and Public Policy” (2006)

### **Professional Conferences**

- Presenter, “The Impacts of Trauma on the Experiences of Aging and Terminal Illness among Older Muslims in the United States” 2020 Conference of the Association for Anthropology, Gerontology, and the Life Course (AAGE) “Aging and Social Justice” (July 7, 2020)
- Presenter, “Understanding the “Actively Dying”: Death, Medical Discourse, and the Creation/Transformation of Muslim Identities during End-of-Life Care,” American Anthropological Association meeting, San Jose, CA (November 15, 2018)
- Presenter, “‘Actively Dying’ Patients: The Creation and Transformation of Muslim Identities through End-of-Life Care,” Society for Applied Anthropology meeting, Philadelphia, PA (April 2018)
- Organizer and Presenter, The Intersection of Vulnerabilities: Islam, Age, and Care at the End-of-Life in the United States, American Anthropological Association meeting, Washington, DC (December 1, 2017)
- Virginia Humanities Conference, “The Dying Muslim Body: Creating Religious Identities through Death in the U.S. Health Care System,” Virginia Humanities Conference, Winchester, VA (2017)
- Roundtable Participant, “The Varied and Changing Roles of the MA Thesis in Anthropology: A Cross-Sectional Roundtable,” American Anthropological Association meeting, Denver, CO (2015)
- Presenter, “What It Means to Be Muslim: Constructing Muslim Identities through Death and Dying in the United States,” Society for Applied Anthropology meeting, Pittsburgh, PA (2015)
- Presenter, “Anthropology and Cultural Competence: Delivering Religiously Appropriate Care at the End-of-Life for Muslim Patients,” Virginia Humanities Conference, Arlington, VA (2015)
- Presenter, “Caring for Elderly Muslim Parents: Negotiating Islamic, Medical, and Popular Discourses of Aging and Care in the United States,” North American Network of Aging Studies, Miami University, Ohio (2015)
- Organizer and Presenter, “Islam and Dying in the United States: How Anthropology Contributes to Culturally Competent Care at the End-of-Life,” American Anthropological Association meeting, Washington, D.C. (2014)
- Organizing Committee, The Fifth International Conference on Stigma, Howard University (2014)
- Presenter, “‘Islamic Moral Values are Found in the West’: Living Out Faith through the Practical Aspects of the US Health Care System,” Western Social Science Association Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM (2014)
- Presenter, “Pious Practices and Policies: Islam, Feminism, and Reproductive Healthcare in Morocco,” Southeast Women’s Studies Association Conference, Wilmington, NC (2014)
- Presenter, “Islam, Medicine, and Practice: The Manifestation of Islamic Moral Values in the Everyday Aspects of the United States Healthcare System,” Religion & Medicine Conference, Chicago (2014)
- Presenter, “Rapid Pregnancy Tests and Islamic Rationality: The Entanglement of Medical Discourses and Religious Beliefs in Reproductive Health Clinics in Rabat, Morocco,” American Anthropological Association meeting, Montreal, Canada (2011)
- Presenter, “Hope and Hopelessness in SW VA: Emotions and the Treatment of Patients with Mental Health Conditions,” Western Social Science Association meeting, Salt Lake City, UT (2011)
- Presenter, “How to Leverage Telemedicine in Aging and End-of-Life Care in Rural Virginia,” American Telemedicine Association meeting, Tampa, FL (2011)
- Organizer and Presenter, “Producing Mothers, Forming Identities, and Challenging the Threat: Islamic Satellite Television in Morocco,” American Anthropological Association meeting, New Orleans, LA (2010)
- Discussant and Presenter, “Rapid Pregnancy Tests: Belief in God, Medical Practices, and Islamic Rationality in Morocco,” Western Social Science Association meeting, Reno, NV (2010)
- Presenter, “Creating New Belongings: Colonial Pasts, Modern Discourses, and Reproductive Practices in Morocco,” State of the Art Conference on the Anthropology of the Middle East, UCLA (2010)

- Presenter, "The Place of Feminism in Religious Revival: Islam, Feminist Groups, and Changing Public Policy in Morocco," Thinking Gender Graduate Student Conference, UCLA (2010)
- Organizer and Presenter, "A New 'Conception' of Development in Morocco: Reproductive Health Care, Motherhood, and the Reconstruction of Womanhood," Middle East Studies Association meeting, Washington D.C. (2008)
- Presenter, "Free Trade, Outsourcing, and Babies? Linking the Global Economy, Development, and Reproductive Health in Morocco," Global Studies Conference, University of Illinois at Chicago (2008)
- Presenter, "Motherhood and the Emergent Neoliberalism and Modernity in Morocco," Activism and the State of Neo-Liberalism, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary (2007)
- Presenter, "Women's Bodies and Development Policies: Changing Reproductive Healthcare in Morocco," What is so Hard about Soft Law?, UC Irvine (2007)

### **Honors**

- Identified as Potential Candidate from George Mason for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) Rising Star Faculty Award (2016)
- Teacher of Distinction, Center for Faculty and Teaching Excellence, George Mason (2015)
- Nominated for the Career Connection Faculty Award, University Career Services, George Mason (2015 and 2016)
- Beacon Survey, "Person on campus who has helped them the most in their college success," Student Academic Affairs, Advising, and Retention, George Mason (2012, 2013, and 2014)
- Recognition for Teaching Effectiveness in a General Education Course from the Office of the Provost, George Mason (Spring, Fall 2012; Spring, Fall 2017; Spring, Fall 2018)
- Top 40 North American Dissertations in Cultural Anthropology 2010, AnthroWorks (2011)
- Phi Beta Kappa, Iowa State University (2004)

### **Teaching (Instructor of Record) at George Mason**

#### *Undergraduate*

- Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Globalization
- Medical Anthropology
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (online version Summer 2017, 2018, 2019)
- Aging, Death, and Dying
- Applied Anthropology
- Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East
- Work, Technology, and Society: An IT Perspective
- Theories, Methods, Issues – Part II
- Policy and Culture
- Myth, Magic, and Mind

#### *Graduate*

- Regional Ethnography – the Middle East and North Africa
- Ethnographic Methods and Research Design
- Applied Anthropology
- Anthropology and the Human Condition – Part I (History of Anthropology)
- Anthropology and the Human Condition – Part II (Contemporary Theory in Anthropology)

### **Student Advising at George Mason University**

#### *MA Committee Chair: Completed*

- Darryl Byram, Anthropology (Fall 2019)
- Katie Clements, Middle East and Islamic Studies (Fall 2019)

- Jackie Smelser, Anthropology (Spring 2018)
- Cogan Culver, Anthropology (Fall 2017)
- Emily Harvey, Anthropology (Fall 2016)
- Elizabeth Ehrreic, Anthropology (Fall 2016)
- Tiffany Hrbacek, Anthropology (Summer 2016)
- Kelly Flyte, Anthropology (Summer 2015)
- Nevia Pavletic, Anthropology (Summer 2015)
- Fabienne Valmond, Anthropology (Spring 2015)
- Serena Abdallah, Anthropology (Spring 2015)
- Jumana Kamal, Middle East and Islamic Studies (Spring 2015)
- Ashley Pratt, Anthropology (Fall 2015)
- Darius Salimi, Anthropology (Fall 2013)

*MA Committee Chair: In Progress*

- Janis Woodward, Anthropology
- Olha Lysa, Anthropology
- Kara Jonach, Anthropology

*MA Committee Member: Completed*

- Mary Kay Murphy, Anthropology (Summer 2020)
- Kira Stalker, Anthropology (Summer 2019)
- Michelle Yockey, Anthropology (Spring 2019)
- Christopher Oshinski, Sociology (Spring 2018)
- Tyler Crump, Anthropology (Spring 2018)
- Mariah Trumball, Anthropology (Spring 2018)
- Kristen Powell, Anthropology (Spring 2018)
- Lisa Struckmeyer, Anthropology (Spring 2018)
- Rachel Blase, Anthropology (Summer 2017)
- Erin Shaw, Anthropology (Spring 2016)
- Anne Marie Munson, Anthropology (Spring 2015)
- Caitlyn Carr, Anthropology (Spring 2015)
- Michelle Roth, Anthropology (Summer 2014)
- Eric Josephson, Anthropology (Spring 2014)
- Kallie Sims, Anthropology (Spring 2014)
- Chelsey Dyer, Anthropology (Fall 2013)
- Abdullah Alnassar, Sociology (Spring 2013)
- Kim Lufkin, Women & Gender Studies (Spring 2013)

*PhD Committee Member: Completed*

- Jennifer Osetek, Biodefense (Fall 2018)
- Vicki Hoverman, Sociology (Spring 2017)

*PhD Committee Member: In Progress*

- Esma Celebioglu, Cultural Studies
- Aleezay Khaliq, Sociology
- Abdullah Alnassar, Sociology

*Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies Faculty Mentor for Visiting Scholars*

- Dr. Christopher Taylor (2019-20, United States)
- Dr. Ikran Eum (2019, Korea)
- Dr. Randa Kayyali (2015-16, United States)

*Undergraduate Research Scholars Program and Undergraduate Independent Research Advisor*

- Misty Bowen, Anthropology (Spring 2018)
- Emily Harvey, Anthropology (Fall 2014)
- Jesse Roof, Anthropology (2015-16)

**Professional Service**

*Department of Sociology and Anthropology, George Mason*

- Steering Committee for the Center for Social Science Research (CSSR), charged with writing the re-charter for the center (2019-20)
- Member of the Alumni Relations Committee for Anthropology (2017-19)
- Anthropology Assessment Committee (collected data in Spring 2018 and 2019 to assess one learning outcome at the MA and BA levels and entered results in online system to report to university)
- Anthropology Academic Program Review (2015-17)
- Advisor, Anthropology Club (2014-15, 2019-20)
- Undergraduate Director of Anthropology (2014-15)
- Team Member for the Anthropology Scholarship and Development Grant from Students as Scholars at George Mason (Awarded \$60,847 for curriculum development 2015-18)
- Director of Graduate Studies in Anthropology (2013-15)
- Member of Bioarchaeology search committee (2012-13 & 2013-14—two hires in bioarchaeology)

*College of Humanities and Social Sciences, George Mason*

- Steering Committee for the Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies (2016-present)
- Search Committee Member for cultural anthropologist hire in the Global Affairs (2017-18)
- Search Committee Member for Academic Advisor for Departments of Sociology and Anthropology, Religious Studies, and Philosophy (2014 and 2016, two separate searches)

*George Mason University*

- College of Humanities and Social Sciences Representative to the University Undergraduate Council (2018-2020)
- Member of the Search Committee for the Dean of Faculty and Staff Affairs, College of Health and Human Services (2018-2019)
- Member of the planning committee for Mason Core Social and Behavioral Science assessment (Spring 2018)
- Member of the planning committee for Mason Core Global Understanding assessment (Fall 2017)
- Member of Faculty and Curricular Activities Committee, Students as Scholars (2017-2019)
- Boren Awards Campus Committee, Office of Graduate Fellowships (2016, 2017, and 2019)
- Tenure-Track Faculty Summer Grant Reviewer, Office of Research and Economic Development (2014 and 2015)
- Faculty Advisory Board, Office of Research Integrity and Assurance (2013-present)
- Mason Reads Book Selection Committee (2015)
- Faculty Presenter, Summer Orientation (July 2015, gave a mini-lecture from ANTH 114 to incoming first year students' parents/guardians)
- Faculty mentor for the Common Read Program, Off-Campus Student Programs and Services (2013)



### *Professional/Discipline*

- Editorial Board, *Anthropology & Aging* (2020-present)
- Editor, *Anthropology & Aging* (2019-20)
- Co-Editor, *Anthropology & Aging* (2017-19)
- Graduate Student Paper Review Committee, Dying and Bereavement Interest Group, SIG of the Society for Medical Anthropology, AAA (2017)
- Book Reviews Editorial Assistant, *American Anthropologist* (2010)
- Editorial Intern, *American Anthropologist* (2009-2010)

### **Languages**

- English (native)
- French (advanced proficiency)
- Moroccan Colloquial Arabic (intermediate proficiency)
- Modern Standard Arabic (working knowledge)

### **Professional Organizations**

- American Anthropological Association
- Association for Anthropology, Gerontology, and the Life Course
- American Institute for Maghrib Studies
- Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa
- North American Association of Islamic and Muslim Studies