



Annual Report on Teaching, Research, and Outreach in Middle East Studies, 2008-9

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I. Teaching

Student course enrollments in Middle East-related courses, as recorded by the Registrar, indicate broad engagements with the field across multiple departments.

	Departments	No. of Courses	No. of Students
Fall 2008	16	59	2991
Spring 2009	22	68	3266
Summer 2009	3	5	67
Total 2008-9		132	6324

II. Faculty Publications

Sahar Amer

Crossing borders: love between women in medieval French and Arabic literatures. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008.

“Cross-Dressing and Female Same-Sex Marriage in Medieval French and Arabic Literatures,” in *Islamicate Sexualities Studies: Translations across Temporal and Geographical Zones of Desire*, edited by Kathryn Babayan and Afsaneh Najmabadi, Cambridge: Harvard UP, 2008, pp. 72-113.

Glaire Anderson

“Islamic Spaces and Diplomacy in Constantinople (10th-13th c.)” *Medieval Encounters*, 15:1, 2009, 86-113.
 Review of *The City’s Pleasures: Istanbul in the Eighteenth Century*, by Shirin Hamadeh, *Journal of the Society of*

Architectural Historians, 68: 1, March, 2009, 109-111.

Carl Ernst

- "Accounts of Yogis in Arabic and Persian Historical and Travel Texts." *Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and Islam*, vol. 33, 2008, pp. 409-426.
- "An Indo-Persian Guide to Sufi Shrine Visitation." *Tales of God's Friends: Islamic Hagiography in Translation*, ed. John Renard, University of California Press, 2009, pp. 269-85.
- "Beauty and the Feminine Element of Spirituality." *Women and Tasawwuf*, Istanbul: Nefes, 2008, pp. 147-154.
- "Universalism in Islamic Thought." *International Symposium on Religion and World Peace*, Istanbul: Istanbul University, 2008, pp. 8-17 (Keynote address).

Banu Gokariksel

- "New transnational geographies of Islamism, capitalism and subjectivity: The veiling-fashion industry in Turkey." *Area*, 41: 1, 2009, 6-18.

Charles Kurzman

- "A Feminist Generation in Iran?." *Iranian Studies*, Vol. 41, No. 3, June 2008, pp. 297-321.
- "Islamic Movements" John L. Esposito, editor, *Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.
- Review article of Abdullahi An-Na'im, *Islam and the Secular State*, Harvard University Press, 2008, *Immanent Frame*, Social Science Research Council, May 2008.
- "The Iranian Revolution at 30: Still Unpredictable." *Viewpoints*, Middle East Institute, Washington, DC, special issue on the Iranian Revolution, January 2009, pp. 32-34.

Omid Safi

- "Interview with Omid Safi." *The Progressive Christian: Faith and the Common Good*, November/December 2008, pp. 13-15.
- "Being Muslim, being American after 9/11." in Edward Curtis, ed. *The Columbia Sourcebook on Muslims in the United States*. (New York: Columbia, 2008), pp. 296-302.
- "Teaching Islam Through and After September 11th: Towards a Progressive Muslim Agenda." in *Religion, Terror and Violence: Religious Studies Perspectives*. Edited by Bryan Rennie & Philip L. Tite. (New York, Routledge: 2008), pp. 325-360.
- "Forward" to *Shari'ah law: an introduction*, by M.H. Kamali, (Oxford: Oneworld Publications, 2008), pp. vii-viii - 2008.
- "Between the Seventh and the Twenty-First: Musings on Texts and Contexts in Early Twenty-first Century." *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 25:3 (2008), pp. 111-118.
- Articles for *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, Third Edition, Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas and Everett Rowson, eds. (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2007-): "Abu Sa'id Abi 'l-Khayr," "Ayn al-Qudat Hamadani," "Attar, Farid al-Din," "Ahmad-i Jam."
- "Who put Hate in My Sunday Paper?," in *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 26:1 (winter 2009), pp. 122-135.

Sarah Shields

- National Geographic Countries of the World: Turkey* (National Geographic Children's Books, 2009).
- "Interdependent Spaces: Relations between the City and the Countryside in the Nineteenth Century." *The*

Social History of Cities in the Middle East, edited by Peter Sluglett. Syracuse, N.Y.: Syracuse University Press, 2008.

Nadia Yaqub

"Hany Abu Assad and the Palestinian Road Movie." *Actes du colloque du 3ème festival de la culture Amazighe de Fès*. Ed. Moha Ennaji and Fatimah Siddiqi, 2008.

"Arts Under Occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip." *MIT Electronic Journal of Middle East Studies*. vol. 7 (summer 2007).

"The Palestinian Cinematic Wedding." *Journal of Middle Eastern Women's Studies*, vol. 3, no. 2 (2007).

Canguzel Zulfikar

"A Contemporary Sufi, Kenan Rifai Büyükaksoy's Understanding of Women and Sâmiha Ayverdi." *Women and Tasammuf* (Istanbul: Nefes, 2008), pp. 174-189.

III. Faculty Conference Presentations and Invited Lectures

Sahar Amer

"Arab Lesbians and Lesbian-Like Women." Invited talk at Duke University, Program in Women's and Sexuality Studies (Fall 2008).

"Medieval Arab Lesbians." Invited talk by the UNC-CH, Comparative Literature program, Furst Lecture series (Fall 2008).

"Le Caire de Nerval Hier et Aujourd'hui." » at the Colloque Nerval, Catania, Sicily, 2008.

"Literature and Expressive Culture." Chair panel at the Gender, Islam and Health in Africa Conference, UNC-CH, 2009.

Glaire Anderson

"The Object of Encounter: medieval Islamic art and cultural interchange." Five O'clock Scholars Series, Meredith College Department of Art, November 2008.

"Slaves, women, and other aristocrats: Patronage and the Hybrid elite in Umayyad al-Andalus." Transculturations & Cultural Hybridity in America lecture series, College of Fine Arts at the University of Arizona, February 18, 2009.

Carl Ernst

"Sufism and the Art of Penmanship According to Siraj al-Shirazi's *Tuhfat al-Mubibbin* (1454)." Lecture for Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyyah Museum of Islamic Arts, Kuwait. May 12, 2008.

"Islamic Ethics, from the Premodern to the Postcolonial." Lecture at Royal University for Women, Manama, Bahrain, May 15, 2008.

"Islam in South Asia, from Adam's Peak to Bamian." Discover Islam Center, Manama, Bahrain. May 16, 2008.

"Changing American Perceptions of Muslims since 2001." Bait al-Qur'an Center, Manama, Bahrain. May 17, 2008.

"Nasr Abu Zayd on Ibn `Arabi and Modernity." Conference on "The Modern Era and Ibn `Arabi." Istanbul-Konya, Turkey; Damascus, Syria, May 23-28, 2008.

- "Introducing the Qur'an as Literature." Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 26, 2008.
- Panel: "Speaking Truth beyond the Tower: Academics of Islam Engaging in the Public Sphere." American Academy of Religion Conference, Chicago, Illinois, November 2, 2008.
- "Sufism, Islam, and Globalization." Lecture for John Carroll University, University Heights, OH, November 20, 2008.
- Roundtable participant, "Speaking Truth beyond the Tower: Academics of Islam Engaging in the Public Sphere." Middle East Studies Association Conference, Washington, DC, Monday, Nov. 24, 2008
- Panel discussant, "Dreams in Islamic Societies, Part Two: through the Lens of Mystical Tradition." Middle East Studies Association Conference, Washington, DC, Nov. 24, 2008.
- Keynote Lecture: "The Importance of the School of Shiraz in World History" (in Persian): International Conference on "The School of Shiraz in the 7-9th centuries A.H/13-15th centuries A.D.: Literature, Thought and Art" Iranian Academy of Arts, Tehran-Shiraz, Iran, Dec. 6, 2008
- "Sufism and the Art of Penmanship According to Siraj al-Shirazi's *Tuhfat al-Mubibbin*." International Conference on "The School of Shiraz in the 7-9th centuries A.H/13-15th centuries A.D.: Literature, Thought and Art" Iranian Academy of Arts, Tehran-Shiraz, Iran, Dec. 7, 2008
- "Wakened by the Dove's Trill: Structure and meaning in the preface to Rumi's *Masnawi* (Book 4)." Conference on Rumi and Mysticism, Iranian Research Institute in Philosophy, Tehran, Iran, December 10, 2008.
- Response to UNC Chancellor Holden Thorpe's Inauguration Address: Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC-Chapel Hill, January 23, 2009.
- "Reading Strategies for Introducing the Qur'an as Literature in an American Public University." Lecture at Istanbul University Faculty of Divinity, Istanbul, Turkey, March 17, 2009.
- Convener, Session 6.5.3, "Fostering Socio-cultural Perspectives in Water Sciences and Management: Identifying Bridges and Barriers." World Water Forum 5, Istanbul, Turkey, March 20-1, 2009.
- Thematic talk: "Towards a Post-Orientalist Islamic Studies." 6th Annual Duke-UNC Graduate Islamic Studies Conference: "Negotiating Multiple Islams: Societies, Traditions, and Cultures in Context." UNC-Chapel Hill, April 4, 2009.

Banu Gokariksel

- "New transnational geographies of Islamism, capitalism, and subjectivity: the veiling fashion industry in Turkey." Contemporary Muslim Consumer Cultures Conference, Frei Universitat, Berlin, Germany, September 24-27, 2008.
- "Urban topographies of Islam and the secular in Turkey." Invited talk at the Department of Geography, University of Texas, Austin, February 27, 2009.
- "Islam, secularism, and modernity in Turkey." Perspectives from Geography: Modernity in Turkey: Crisis in Categories of Social Science Workshop, Princeton University, March 19-20, 2009.
- "The veiling-fashion industry in Turkey." Conference on "Muslim identity, citizenship, and belonging: new questions and approaches for geographers" Panel at the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 22-27, 2009.
- "Topographies of citizenship and belonging in urban Turkey." Presented in paper session Muslim identity, citizenship, and belonging in the everyday. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, March 22-27, 2009.
- The veiling-fashion industry in Turkey." Invited talk, Year of Turkey Lecture Series, Kennesaw State University, April 16, 2009.

Charles Kurzman

- "Mesrutiyet, Mashrutiyat, and Beyond: The Constitutional Revolutions of 1905-12." International Congress on the Second Constitutional Period of the Ottoman State on its Centenary, Organisation of the Islamic Conference, Research Centre for Islamic History, Art, and Culture (IRCICA), Istanbul, Turkey, May 8, 2008.
- "A Feminist Generation in Iran?" Seventh Iranian Studies Biennial Conference, Toronto, Canada, July 31, 2008.
- "Teaching and Unteaching the Middle East in U.S. Higher Education." Conference on "Teaching and Unteaching the Middle East in U.S. Higher Education," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 4, 2008.
- "Islamic Party Participation in Parliamentary Elections." roundtable on "Rethinking Islamism in the Middle East: Reform, Participation, and Engagement," Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, November 24, 2008.
- Research report, "Modernist Islam Planning Project." Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2009.

Yaron Shemer

- "Screening Terrorism in the Cinemas of the Middle East," in the panel Public Dilemmas, Private Spaces in Middle Eastern Cinema. Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. November, 2008.
- "Where is the Ethnic in Israeli Ethnic Cinema?" Guest Speaker, The University of Virginia-Charlottesville. March, 2009:

Omid Safi

- "Family of the Prophet in Islamic Spirituality." Turkish Women's Cultural Association, Istanbul, March 2008.
- Panel presider, "The Disobedient Prophet? Tensions between Qur'anic Verses and Prophetic Practice," American Academy of Religion conference, November 2008.
- Panel presider, "America's War on Terror: Assessments of Its Impact on Muslims and the American Public." American Academy of Religion conference, November 2008.
- "Water in the Qur'an and Islamic Spirituality," 5th World Water Forum. Istanbul, Turkey. March 2008.

Sarah Shields

- "Israel/Palestine 101," University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, February 2008.
- "Thoughts on Reentry: American Politics after Returning from Syria," North Carolina Society for Ethical Culture, March 2008.
- "The Sanjak Question: Franco-Turkish Collaboration against Self-Determination." Conference on Middle East Studies: 50 Years of Inquiry and Change, Harvard University, May 2008.

Nadia Yaqub

- Panel organizer and Chair. "Public spaces, private dilemmas in Middle Eastern and North African Cinema." Middle East Studies Association, November, 2008.
- "Forbidden Marriages, Forbidding Marriages: Love and Politics in Palestinian and Israeli Documentary Films." Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2008.
- Discussant and Moderator, "Post-screening conversation with actor Muhammad Bakri, *Laila's Birthday* (Rashid Masharawi)," London, London Palestine Film Festival, April 2009.

Canguzel Zulfikar

"A Concerned Sufi's Perspective on Environment: Water in the Writings of Sâmiha Ayverdi." 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul, Turkey. March 20, 2009, Istanbul.

"Turkey: History, Religion, and Culture" April 2, 2009, Kenan Flagler Business School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

IV. Outreach**Sahar Amer**

"Cultural Diversity in Contemporary Europe." World View Outreach program for NC high school and community college teachers, October 2008.

"The Veil in the Middle East." World View Page 2 of 3 Outreach program for NC high school and community college teachers, "Islamic and Middle Eastern cultures: How to include diversity in the curriculum?" March 2009.

"American University and the Budget Crisis." Organized a one-day program for a French journalist from Radio France International (RFI) to conduct interviews at UNC with myself, students and administrators about the impact of the current budget crisis on university education:
http://www.rfi.fr/radiofr/editions/072/edition_19_20090411.asp#2

Glaire Anderson

"In the Material World: Medieval Islamic Luxury Objects and Mediterranean Encounters." "Encounters and Exchanges: Reframing the Clash of Civilizations," Adventures in Ideas Seminar, the Program in the Humanities and Human Values, UNC-Chapel Hill, November 2008.

Carl Ernst

"Changing Approaches to Islamic Studies in American Universities." Islamic Studies delegation from the University of Jordan State Department International Visitor Leadership Program, August 19, 2008.

"The Prophet Muhammad." Talking History radio show, Newstalk 106 -108 fm, Dublin, Ireland, Sept. 7, 2008.

"Changing Approaches to Islamic Studies in American Universities." Islamic Studies delegation from Kyrgyzstan, State Department International Visitor Leadership Program, UNC-Chapel Hill, Sept. 11, 2008.

Discussion of "Obsession: Radical Islam" DVD Distribution: Scott Fitzgerald show, WPTF radio AM 680, Raleigh, North Carolina, September 19, 2008.

"Vision and Spiritual Experience according to Ruzbihan Baqli." Lecture for Dr. Mbaye Lo's class "Arab, society, culture in film," Duke University, Durham NC, October 16, 2008.

"Propaganda & hate-speech in the public space: Muslims and the 2008 Presidential election" (panel discussion). UNC-Chapel Hill, October 28, 2008.

"Facing the Fear: Traveling to Iran." Talk for AIESEC (Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales), UNC-Chapel Hill, October 30, 2008.

"Introduction: New Institutions of Theological Education." Zaytuna Institute Minara Program, McKimmon Center, NC State University, Raleigh, NC, November 15, 2008.

"Introduction." Qawwali musicians with Amjad Sabri, FedEx Global Education Center Auditorium,

UNC-Chapel Hill, November 16, 2008.

"Changing Approaches to Islamic Studies in American Universities." Interfaith Dialogue: A Project for Iraq, State Department International Visitor Leadership Program, UNC-Chapel Hill, March 24, 2009.

"Following Muhammad: Rethinking Islam in the Contemporary World." World View Seminar on "The Middle East and the West" Friday Center, UNC-Chapel Hill, March 26, 2009.

Panel discussion on Heather Raffo's "9 Parts of Desire.." Playmakers Repertory Company, UNC-Chapel Hill, April 22, 2009.

Banu Gokariksel

"The social geography of urban Turkey: secularism, Islam, and modernity." Invited talk for the Encore Program of North Carolina State University, November 5, 2008.

Charles Kurzman

"Democracy in the Islamic World," Governor's School East, Meredith College, Raleigh, NC, July 15, 2008.

"Farewell to World Peace?" opinion piece with Neil A. Englehart, Christian Science Monitor, August 29, 2008, p. 9.

"Liberal and Modernist Movements in Islam," Muslim Organization of Students Actively Integrating Carolina (MOSAIC)/Muslim Students Association, UNC-CH, Chapel Hill, NC, October 8, 2008.

Radio appearance: Interview on Iran, "The State of Things," with Frank Stasio, WUNC-FM, Durham, NC, December 4, 2008.

"The Iranian Revolution at Age 30," seminar on "Contemporary Iran in Context," Program in the Humanities and Human Values, UNC-CH, December 6, 2008.

Media interviews: Interviews with G1 (O Globo, Brazil), February 10, 2009; Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Radio National, February 11, 2009, *Gulan* magazine (Erbil, Iraqi Kurdistan), February 24, 2009.

"Islamic Party Participation in Parliamentary Elections," Seminar on Global Governance and Democracy, Duke University, Durham, NC, March 26, 2009.

"Liberal Islam," guest lecture in Matthew Garza, "Movement in the Middle East," C-START course, SPCL 390.019, UNC-CH, Chapel Hill, NC, April 1, 2009.

Yaron Shemer

"A Celebration of Two Lives: Mahmud Darwish, Poet, 1942-2008; Youssef Chahine, Filmmaker, 1926-2008.: October 2008." A Celebration of Two Lives: Mahmud Darwish, Poet, 1942-2008; Youssef Chahine, Filmmaker, 1926-2008." Memorial event included film screening and poetry reading. (Event organized with Professor Nadia Yaqub.)

Voices from Al-Sayed: April 2009: Screening of Voices from Al-Sayed with filmmaker Adomi Leshem in attendance.

Sarah Shields

I kept a weblog during the summer of 2008 while I was conducting a Burch Field Seminar in Turkey. This has been accessed by others interested in Turkey, Turkish History, and teaching active learning. <http://teachingturkey.wordpress.com> . I published an op ed on the Gaza operations, <http://www.juancole.com/2009/01/shields-i-accuse-open-letter-to.html> and published in Turkish at <http://www.haberaktuel.com/ABDye-acik-mektup-Sucluyorum!-haberi-173755.html> and other sites.

- “Turkish History.” North Carolina State University Encore Center for Lifelong Learning, Raleigh, NC, October 2008.
- “Post-Election Analysis: What Happened, and What it Means.” Panelist, Institute for the Arts and Humanities and Odum Institute for Research in Social Science, UNC, November 2008.
- “Britain and France in the Middle East.” Seminar on Colonialisms Compared: Empires across Space and Time, Program in the Humanities and Human Values, UNC-Chapel Hill, April 2009.
- “Looking beyond the Clash: Identities in the Middle East.” Seminar on Encounters and Exchanges: Reframing the "Clash of Civilizations," Program in the Humanities and Human Values, UNC-Chapel Hill, November 2008.
- “Turkey Travels.” Reutlinger Center for Jewish Living, Danville, CA, December 2008.
- “Western Anchors of the Silk Road.” Seminar on the Silk Road: Cultural Pathway between East and West, Program in the Humanities and Human Values, UNC-Chapel Hill, September 2008.
- “Understanding Gaza.” Teach-in, UNC-Chapel Hill, January 2009.
- “the Modern Middle East.” Historical Challenges and Future Opportunities: UNC Project for Historical Education, January 2009.
- “Understanding the Modern Middle East Conflict.” North Carolina Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Greensboro, February 2009.
- Post-performance Panelist. "Nine Parts of Desire," Playmakers Repertory Company PRC2, Chapel Hill, NC, April 2009.
- “The Israel-Palestine Conflict.” Focusing on Resolutions (When Focus on the "Peace Process" Fails): Ferrington Village Democrats, Ferrington, NC, April 2009.
- “History Matters: Thoughts on Today’s Middle East.” Watauga Club, Raleigh, NC, April 2009.

Omid Safi

- Interview with News and Observer, Controversial film on Islam delivered nationwide.
<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/story/1217021.html> Sep. 13, 2008.
- "Iran beyond the Headlines," talk at Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, October 16th, 2008.
- "Propaganda & hate-speech in the public space: Muslims and the 2008 Presidential election" (panel discussion). UNC-Chapel Hill, October 28, 2008.
- “Media Ethics, Radical Islam and Presidential Politics: The Story of the 'Obsession' DVD." Law School, West Campus, Duke University. Sponsored by the Duke Islamic Studies Center, October 29, 2008.
- Global Music radio program: "Sufi Music, Love & Ecstasy, Human & Divine," with guests Omid Safi and Hannah Highfill, WXYC-FM, 89.3 FM, Chapel Hill, October 29, 2008.
- “Column for News and Observer on Muslim Views of Death” October 30, 2009,
<http://www.newsobserver.com/419/story/1274330.html>
- Interview at NPR local station, State of Things, on contemporary Iran, December 4th, 2008.
- Seminar: "Contemporary Iran in Context." Talk subjects: "Persian Poetry: Love and Mysticism in Medieval Lyrics" & "The Reform Movement in Contemporary Iran: Reforming Islam in the „Axis of Evil“," December 6, 2008. Two public talks for UNC alumni at the Friday Center.
- Published op-ed piece in *Raleigh News and Observer*. “We Must Act in Gaza,” January 21, 2009,
<http://www.newsobserver.com/726/story/1375725.html>
- Interview with Turkish TV station, March 18th, 2009.
- Published interview in Pakistan’s *The Daily Times* on “The Shari’a Debate.” March 22, 2009,
http://www.dailytimes.com.pk/default.asp?page=story_24-1-2005_pg3_3
- Talk for the Duke Muslim Life Center, at Duke Divinity School, April 7th, 2009.
- Lecture on "Music and Dance in Islamic Mysticism," in Nasrollah Pourjavady's Islamic Mysticism Class,

GEC, UNC, April 16, 2009:

Nadia Yaqub

Organizer and moderator: Screening and post-screening discussion with filmmaker Buthina Khoury of the documentary *Maria's Grotto*, October, 2008.

Organizer and speaker: "A Celebration of Two Lives: Mahmud Darwish and Youssef Chahine." October, 2008.

Laila's Birthday (dir. Rashid Masharawi): Moderator and post-screening discussant with actor Muhammad Bakri. London, London Palestine Film Festival, April, 2009.

Canguzel Zulfikar

Interpreter of Prof. Carl Ernst at his lecture on "Reading Strategies for Introducing the Qur'an as Literature in an American Public University." Lecture at Istanbul University, Faculty of Divinity, Istanbul, Turkey, March 17, 2009.

Facilitator of three panels "Change Through Media," "Change Through Philanthropy," and "Change Through Interpretation," at the Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, July 16-19, 2009.

Respondent, World View Follow-up Workshop for K-16 Teachers after visiting Turkey in June 2009, August 13, 2009.

V. Grants and Awards

Glaire Anderson

American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship: Supports year of leave to finish writing book (*The Munyas of Cordoba: suburban villas and the court elite in Umayyad al-Andalus*).

Carl Ernst

American Academy of Arts and Sciences: elected Fellow, 2009

Institute of Turkish Studies, 3-year matching funds grant for support of Turkish instruction, April 2009

Farabi International Award in the Humanities and Social Sciences: Ministry of Science, Research, and Technology, Tehran, Iran, December 27, 2008

Guggenheim Fellowship: research fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, in the Translation category, for "The Poetry of Hallaj: a Translation and Study," 2009.

UNC Medieval and Early Modern Studies senior research fellowship, for "The Poetry of Hallaj: a Translation and Study," 2009.

Banu Gokariksel and Sarah Shields

Andrew Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar: \$148,000 Sawyer Seminar on "Diversity and Conformity in Muslim Societies" for the 2009-2010 academic year. This award includes funding for one postdoctoral and two dissertation fellowships and for three conferences.

Charles Kurzman

National Science Foundation, Human and Social Dynamics Program, "Dynamic Patterning in Conflict

Behavior between States and Non-State Actors," (Charles Kurzman, Mark Crescenzi, Robert Jenkins), 2008- 2010. 1 RA in Spring 2009.

United States Institute of Peace, "Islamist Participation in Parliamentary Elections" (Charles Kurzman), January 2007-December 2008. 1 RA for the entire period.

Omid Safi

2009 recipient of the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs award for faculty members across the UNC campus.

UNC Medieval and Early Modern Studies grant to carry out research in Turkey during summer of 2009.

UNC Gillings Global School of Public Health, 2-year contract (2008-2010) to design environmental and water policy for United Arab Emirates.

VI. Visiting Scholars

Dr. Tanvir Anjum, Department of History, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan.

Dr. Amal Wagih Hamdy Mostafa, Department of Library and Information Science, Faculty of Arts, Cairo University, Egypt.

Dr. Recep Alpyagil, School of Divinity, Istanbul University, Turkey.

Dr. Nasrollah Pourjavady, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at the School of Humanities and Literature in the University of Tehran, Iran.