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2016-17
IISS Coordinators: Saquib Ali Usman
Faculty Sponsor: Karla Mallete

IISS Guests:

October 27, 2016  Asma Barlas, Professor of Politics, Ithaca College
                Samar Habib, Associate Researcher, Centre for Gender Studies, University of London
                **Discussion:** Human Rights, Gender, and Sexuality in the Islamic World Symposium

February 7, 2017  Samer Ali,
                Cameron Cross, Assistant Professor of Iranian Studies, U-M
                **Workshop:** Two Poems on the Arch of Ctesiphon

February 17, 2017 Yasmin Moll, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, U-M
                **Workshop:** Debating Da’wa: Theologies of Mediation in the Egyptian Islamic Revival

March 8, 2017  Dawud Walid, Executive Director, Michigan chapter, Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MI)
                Rudolph Ware, Associate Professor of History, U-M
                **Book Talk:** Centering Black Narrative in Islam

March 27, 2017  Ronald Stockton, Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan-Dearborn
                **Lecture:** Muslim Graves in Southeast Michigan

April 13-14, 2017  **IISS Annual Symposium:** Islamic Studies in the Trumpocene: Arts/Praxis/Ideas
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2015-16
IISS Coordinators: Samiah Haque, Lamin Manneh, and Golriz Farshi
Faculty Sponsor: Karla Mallete
Advisor: Dani Koel

IISS Guests:

December 4-5, 2015  Cameron Cross, Assistant Professor of Iranian Studies, U-M
Lecture & Workshop: Representations of the Prophet in Persian Narrative Verse

December 9-10, 2015  Tarifa Faizullah, Delbanco Visiting Professor of Creative Writing, U-M
Lecture & Workshop: Embrace Me in a Suicide Vest: 21st Century Muslim Storytellers

January 22, 2016  Mathew Schissler, Ph.D. Student in Anthropology, U-M
Lecture & Workshop: On Islamophobes and Holocaust Deniers: Myanmar, the Global War on Terror, and Making Sense of Violence

February 19, 2016  Dris Maghraui, Professor of History, Al-Akhawayn University (Ifrane, Morocco)
Lecture: Islam and the Colonial Basis of the Immigration Debate in France

February 25, 2016  Saloua Zerhouni, Associate Professor, Mohammed V. University (Rabat, Morocco)
Lecture: Youths in Morocco: Mobilizing Issues and Expectations for Change

March 11, 2016  Emine Evered, Associate Professor of History and core faculty of Muslim Studies Program, Michigan State University
Kyle Evered, Associate Professor of Geography and core faculty of Muslim Studies Program, Michigan State University
Lecture: For Piety and Public Health: Prohibitionism in the Early Turkish Republic

March 18, 2016  D. Gershon Lewental, Schusterman Visiting Assistant Professor of History and International & Area Studies, University of Oklahoma
Lecture & Workshop: Epic Encounters? Narrative, Archetypes, and Myth in Islamic Historiography

March 25, 2016  Jonathan Brack, Ph.D. Student in History, U-M
Lecture & Workshop: The Mongol King, the Prophet Muhammad, and the Buddha: Inter-faith Disputations and Sacred Kingship in Medieval Iran

April 4, 2016  Emma Nolan-Thomas, U-M; Philipp Bruckmayr, University of Vienna; Paul Love, U-M; Jonathan Allen, University of Maryland; Sara Katz, U-M
Graduate Symposium: Topics in Vernacular Islam
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2014-15

IISS Coordinators: Emma Nolan-Thomas and Farida Begum
Faculty Sponsor: Karla Mallete
Advisor: Dani Koel

IISS Guests:

October 9-10, 2014  Gabeba Baderoon, Assistant Professor of Women’s Studies and African Studies, Pennsylvania State University; and Extraordinary Professor of English, Stellenbosch University
Lecture: Muslims, Race, and Religion in South Africa: From Slavery to Post-Apartheid
Workshop: Islam and the Everyday: Reading a South African Archive of Muslim Life

October 16-17, 2014  Joshua Roose, Political Sociologist and Research Fellow, Institute for Religion and Society, Australian Catholic University; and Visiting Scholar, East Asian Legal Studies Program, Harvard University
Lecture: The Western “Foreign Fighter” and ISIS: Causes and State-Based Solutions
Workshop: Muslim Elites: The New Islamic Political and Religious Authority in the West?

December 1, 2014  Butch Ware, Associate Professor of History, U-M
Workshop: The Walking Qur’an

February 12-13, 2015  Arzoo Osanloo, Associate Professor, Law, Societies, and Justice Program, University of Washington
Lecture: The Art of Forgiveness in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning
Workshop: Affective Judgment: Sentimental Reasoning and Judicial Discretion in Iranian Criminal Sanctioning

February 20, 2015  Hussein Fancy, Assistant Professor of History, U-M
Workshop: Theologies of Violence: The Recruitment of Muslim Soldiers by the Crown of Aragon

March 19-20, 2015  Mahua Sarkar, Associate Professor of Sociology and Asian and Asian-American Studies, Binghamton University
Lecture: “Bidesh Kara” (Doing Abroad): Circular Migration and Bangladeshi Contract Workers
Workshop: Changing Together, Changing Apart: Urban Muslim and Hindu Women in Pre-Partition Bengal

March 26, 2015  Ismail Fajrie Alatas, Ph.D. Student in Anthropology and History, U-M
Workshop: Memory of Marvels

April 13-14, 2015  Amira Mittermaier, Associate Professor in Religion and Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto
Lecture: Giving to God: On Islamic Charity in Egypt
Workshop: “Bread, Freedom, Social Justice: The Egyptian Uprising and a Sufi Khidma” and “Beyond Compassion: Islamic Voluntarism in Egypt”
2013-14
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IISS Coordinators: Zain Khan and Nama Khalil
Faculty Sponsor: Pauline Jones Luong
Advisor: Dani Koel

IISS Guests:

October 17-18, 2013  Kavita Datla, Associate Professor of History, Mt. Holyoke College
Lecture and Workshop: The Language of Secular Islam: Urdu Nationalism and Colonial India

November 14, 2013  Saul Allen, Ph.D. Student in Asian Languages and Cultures, U-M
Workshop: Hypnotherapy in Indonesia

February 6-7, 2014  Asef Bayat, Professor of Sociology, University of Illinois
Lecture and Workshop: Post-Islamism

February 20-21, 2014  Azra Aksamija, Assistant Professor of Art and Technology, MIT
Lecture and Workshop: Bosnian Islam and Mobile Mosques

March 20-21, 2014  Zareena Grewal, Assistant Professor of American Studies, Yale University
Lecture and Workshop: Islam is a Foreign Country: American Muslims and the Global Crisis of Authority

April 17-18, 2014  Jessica Winegar, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Northwestern University
Lecture and Workshop: The Aesthetics of Garbage in Revolutionary Egypt
2012-13
IISS Guests:

September 28, 2012  Yassar Tabba, Professor of Islamic Art, U-M
Workshop: The Transformation of Islamic Art during the Sunni Revival

October 18, 2012  Denys Shestopalets, Research Fellow, A. Krymsky Institute for Oriental Studies and Department of Religious Studies, Institute of Philosophy, Ukraine National Academy of Sciences
Workshop: Punishment for Adultery in Islam: A Source Study Approach

November 1-2, 2012  Saadia Toor, Professor of Sociology, College of Staten Island, CUNY
Lecture and Workshop: The State of Islam? Culture and Cold War Politics in Pakistan
(Cancelled due to Hurricane Sandy)

December 7, 2012  Christiane Gruber, Associate Professor of History of Art, U-M
Lecture: King of Kings of Africa: Racializing Gaddafi in the Visual Output of the 2011 Libyan Revolution

January 17, 2013  Charles Sullivan, Ph.D. Student in History, U-M
Lecture: This Song Guards the Night: Reading Power in the World of an Early Modern Javanese Islamic Incantation

February 7-8, 2013  Adam Gaiser, Associate Professor of Religion, Florida State University
Lecture: When Our Skulls Lie in Dust Like Rotten Melons: Shurat Literature and Early Ibadi Identity
Workshop: Muslims, Scholars, Soldiers: The Origin and Elaboration of Ibāḍī Imamate Traditions

March 28-29, 2013  Renata Holod, Professor of Archaeology, University of Pennsylvania
Lecture: Restructuring a Sectarian Space: Settlement Patterns on Ibadi Jerba
Workshop: An Island through Time: Jerba Studies

April 11-12, 2013  Manan Ahmed, Assistant Professor of History, Columbia University
Lecture: Remixing Archive and Text
Workshop: Self-Publishing Prophecies: Apocalypse and Media from Shah Waliullah to Zaid Hamid
2011-12
IISS Guests:

September 22-23, 2011 Lara Deeb, Professor of Anthropology, Scripps College
   Lecture: Leisurely Islam: Youth Negotiations of Morality in Shi'i South Beirut
   Workshop: Exploring Leisure, Morality, and Social Space in South Beirut

October, 21 2011 Fuad Jabali, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University (Jakarta)
   Workshop: Text Players: Ulama in Islamic History

November 10-11, 2011 Marion Katz, Associate Professor of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, New York University
   Lecture: Debating Women’s Mosque Access in Sixteenth Century Mecca
   Workshop: The Birth of the Prophet Muhammad: Devotional Piety in Sunni Islam

December 2, 2011 Daniel Birchock, Lecturer in Asian Languages and Cultures, U-M
   Lecture: Entangled Genealogies, Stance, and Islamic History in Nagan Raya

January 19-20, 2012 Shahzad Bashir, Professor of Religious Studies, Stanford University
   Lecture: The Past is but a Text: Epistemologies of Inscription in Persianate Societies
   Workshop: Sufi Bodies: Religion and Society in Medieval Islam

February 10, 2012 Flagg Miller, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, University of California, Davis
   Workshop: Breakfast before Jihad: Reluctant Asceticism in an Age of Global Islamic Struggle

March 27, 2012 Derek Mancini, Ph.D. Student in Near Eastern Studies, U-M
   Workshop: Localizing Empire: Early Modern Commemorations of Alexander the Great and the Founding of Yazd
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Faculty Sponsor: Butch Ware

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October 25, 2010      Farina Mir, Associate Professor of History, U-M
November 8, 2010      Leor Halevi, Associate Professor of History, Vanderbilt University
December 3, 2010      Kathryn Babayan, Associate Professor of Iranian History and Culture, U-M
January 20, 2011      Anne Rasmussen, Professor of Ethnomusicology, College of William & Mary
                       Workshop: Women, the Recited Qur’an, and Islamic Music in Indonesia
February 17-18, 2011  Devin A. DeWeese, Professor of Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University
                       Lecture: Hagiographies, Shrines, and Sufi “Orders”: Rethinking the Structures of Sufi Life in Eastern Turkistan, 15th-19th Centuries
                       Workshop: Islamization and Native Religion in the Golden Hoard: Baba Tukles and conversion to Islam in historical and epic tradition