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## Education

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA

**Ph.D.**, Study of Religion, Ethics, and Politics, November 2008

**Thesis:** *After Peace: How Does the Israeli Peace Camp Think about Religion, Nationalism and Justice?*

Dissertation Director: David Little.

Fields of General Exam (completed Spring 2005 with distinction): Theories & Methods in the Study of Religion, The Modern West, Religion & Society and Theories of Nationalism

**AM.**, Study of Religion, June 2004

**Harvard Divinity School**, Cambridge, MA

*MTS, 2002. Concentration: World Religions with a special emphasis on Judaism and Islam.*

**University of California Santa Barbara**

*BA, with highest honors, 2000. Islamic and Near Eastern Studies.*

## Current Positions

Professor of Religion, Conflict, and Peace Studies (with tenure), the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the Keough School of Global Affairs, the University of Notre Dame (since July 2020)

Dermot TJ Dunphy Visiting Professor of Religion, Violence, and Peace Building within the Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative at the Religion & Public Life Program, Harvard Divinity School (August 2021-June 2022)

Professor of Sociology (concurrent), The University of Notre Dame (since July 2020)

Faculty Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, The University of Notre Dame (since May 2019)

Senior Fellow, Harvard Divinity School's Religion and Public Life Program's *Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative* (2018-present)

Faculty Fellow, Groningen's Centre for Religion, Conflict, and Globalisation, Groningen, the Netherlands (since January 2019)

Co-Director, *Contending Modernities: Catholic, Muslim, Secular* (August 2015-present)

Faculty Affiliate and Founding Member of the Steering Committee, Ansari Institute for Global Engagement With Religion, University of Notre Dame (2018-ongoing)

Faculty Fellow, *The Center for the Study of Religion and Society*,  
*University of Notre Dame* (2008-2016)

Concurrent Associate Professor – Pre-College Leadership Seminars, *University of Notre Dame* (2015-present)

### **Prior Position:**

Associate Professor of Religion, Conflict, and Peace Studies (with tenure), the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the Keough School of Global Affairs, the University of Notre Dame (2014-2020)

Associate Professor of Religion, Conflict, and Peace Studies (Summer 2014), The University of Notre Dame at Tantur, Jerusalem

Assistant Professor of Religion, Conflict, and Peace Studies (2008-2014)  
*University of Notre Dame (The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies & Sociology)*

### **Scholarship & Fellowships**

#### **Harvard Divinity School**

Senior Fellow at the Religion and Public Life and Religion, Conflict & Peace Initiative (2018-present)

**Carnegie Corporation of New York's Andrew Carnegie Fellowship** (2017)

#### **The Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Studies**

Distinguished Fellowship (Fall 2011)

#### **The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation**

Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (2007-8)

#### **Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University**

Tuition and Stipends (2002-2008)

#### **Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University**

Merit Fellowship for dissertation research (Fall 2006)

#### **Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University**

Graduate Student Associate (2006-8)

#### **Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University**

Summer Research Grant (2007, 2008)

**The Center for the Study of World Religions in Harvard University**  
Doctoral Studies Fellowship (2002-2004).

## **Distinctions, Honors, Awards**

**Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University**  
Comprehensive Exams (passed with distinction, 2005)

**Phi Beta Kappa** (2000)

**University of California, Santa Barbara**  
Excellence in Arabic Language Studies (2000)

## **Professional Memberships**

### **The American Academy of Religion**

- Elected for the AAR Executive Committee (2022-2025)
- Elected for the Religion & the Social Sciences Steering Committee (2013-2016)
- Serve on the Steering Committee of the *Religion, Social Conflict & Peace Group* (2009-2015)
- Co-chair, *The Religion, Social Conflict & Peace Group* (2015-present)
- Journal of the American Academy of Religion, editorial board (2013-present)

### **The International Studies Association** (2008—present)

- Best Graduate Student Paper, Religion & International Relations Section (2019-2020)

### **American Political Science Association** (2014—present)

### **The Association for the Sociology of Religion** (2010-present)

### **The Association for the Study of Nationalism and Ethnicity** (2007-present)

## **Books and Monographs**

*Decolonizing Religion and Peacebuilding* (forthcoming, Oxford University Press).

*Days of Awe: Reimagining Jewishness in Solidarity with Palestinians* (University of Chicago Press, 2019)

*Reviewed in multiple venues, for example:*

*Review in LA Review of Books* by Prof Shaul Magid <https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/an-explosive-issue-on-atalia-omers-days-of-awe/> and in *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *Journal of Political Theology* and other placements. Also see interview in *The Nation* <https://www.thenation.com/article/bds-anti-zionist-activism-atalia-omer-interview/>

\*\* a focus forum on *Days of Awe* is forthcoming in *ReOrient*.

*When Peace is Not Enough: How the Israeli Peace Camp thinks about Religion, Nationalism, and Justice* (Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press, 2013)

Atalia Omer and Jason Springs, *Religious Nationalism: A Reference Handbook* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2013)

Atalia Omer, R. Scott Appleby, and David Little of *The Oxford Handbook of Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding* (Oxford University Press, 2015 and in paperback July 2019)

Tom Bamat, Myla Leguro, Nell Bolton, and Atalia Omer eds. *Interreligious Action for Peace: Studies in Muslim-Christian Cooperation* (Baltimore, MD: Catholic Relief Services, 2017)

Atalia Omer and Joshua Lupo, eds. *Religion and Broken Solidarities: Feminism, Race, and Transnationalism* (University of Notre Dame Press, forthcoming).

Atalia Omer and Joshua Lupo, eds. *Meditations on Populism and Modernity: The Cultural Logic of White Christian Nationalisms* (University of Notre Dame Press, forthcoming).

### **Refereed Journal Publications**

“Not a Prophet, A Mirror” *Journal of Religious Ethics* (forthcoming).

“Between Moral Exile and Moral Transgression: Restorative Justice Pathways in Palestine/Israel” *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies* (forthcoming).

“Religious Literacy Beyond the Security paradigm: More is Less” *Journal for Religion, Society and Politics* (Zeitschrift für Religion, Gesellschaft und Politik), under review for a special issue (forthcoming).

“Religion and the Study of Peace: Practice without Reflection” *Religions* (2021) 12(12), 1069  
<https://doi.org/10.3390/rel12121069>

“Decolonizing Religion and the Practice of Peace: Two Case Studies from the Postcolonial World” *Critical Research on Religion*, (2020) vol. 30, issue 3: 273-296.

“Prophets versus Religiocrats,” *The Review of Faith & International Affairs* 18, no. 2 (2020): 115-118.

“Friends on the Margins” *Journal of Religious Ethics* (2019) 47.1: 192-202.

“Religion & Nationalism: Reassessing the Links” *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences* (first published online 10 December 2018)

“When ‘Good Religion’ Is Good,” *Journal of Religious and Political Practice* (2018) 4:1, 122-136

“Commenting on Transvaluation of ISIS and Inhibiting anti-Muslim Violence in Christian Majority Ethiopia” by John Dulin *Current Anthropology* (2017): 785-804.

**“Tweet Your Cause: Cyber Witnessing and the Case of Palestine Solidarity,”** in Pamina Firchow, Martin-Shields, Atalia Omer, Roger Mac Ginty “PeaceTech: The Liminal Spaces of Digital Technology” *International Studies Perspectives* (February 2017), 18:1, 4-42.

**“Hitmazrehut or Becoming of the East: Re-Orienting Israeli Sociology,”** *Critical Sociology* (2017) 43 (6): 949-976.

**“Nationalism and the Comparative Study of Religious Ethics: Future Trajectories,”** *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, 98:3, 2015: 322-353.

**“Modernist Despise Themselves? The Limits of Critique as an Instrument of Change,”** *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, (March 2015) 83.1: 27-71.

**“The Cry of the Forgotten Stones: A Palestinian Liberation Theology & the Limits of a Theology for the Oppressed as a Peacebuilding Method”** *Journal of Religious Ethics* (2015) 43.2: 369-407

**In the Critic vs. Caretaker Dichotomy A Magic Dwells: Parroting McCutcheon; Policing ‘Religion’ (A Rejoinder to Merinda Simmons)** *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* (2013) 25 (4-5): 382-402

**“Rejoinder: On Professor McCutcheon’s (Un)Critical-Caretaking,”** *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (2012) 80 (4): 1083-1097

**“Religious Peacebuilding: The Exotic, the Good, and the Theatrical,”** *Practical Matters* 5 (2012) <http://practicalmattersjournal.org/issue/5/centerpieces/religious-peacebuilding>

Reprinted in Atalia Omer, R. Scott Appleby, and David Little, eds., *Oxford Handbook on Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding* (Oxford University Press, 2015)

**“Rethinking ‘Home’ Abroad: Religion and the Reinterpretation of National Boundaries in the Indian and Jewish Diasporas in the U.S.,”** *The International Journal of Peace Studies* Spring/Summer 2011: Vol. 6, Number 1, pp. 23-51

**“Can a Critic Be a Caretaker too? Religion, Conflict, and Conflict Transformation,”** *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* June 2011 79 (2), pp. 459-496

**“‘It’s Nothing Personal’: The Globalization of Justice, the Transferability of Protest, and the Case of the Palestine Solidarity Movement,”** *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, Vol. 9, Issue 3, pp. 497-518, 2009

**“The Hermeneutics of Citizenship as a Peacebuilding Process: A Multiperspectival Approach to Justice,”** *Journal of Political Theology* Vol 11, No 5 (October 2010), pp. 650-673

**“Religion versus Peace: A False Dichotomy,”** *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism* Vol 7, Issue 3 (December 2007), pp. 109-131

## **Other Publications**

*Chapters in peer-reviewed edited volumes:*

**“Jewish Violence: The Convergence of Land- and Blood-Centric Political Theologies in Israel”** in eds. Michelle Grossman and Hisham A. Hellyer *Rethinking Religion and Radicalisation: Terrorism and Violence Twenty Years After 9/11* (Bloomsbury Press, forthcoming).

**Atalia Omer** and Joram Tarusarira, **“Religious Peacebuilding”** in Jeffrey Haynes, ed. *Routledge Handbook of Religion and Politics*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition (forthcoming).

**Atalia Omer** and Ernesto Verdeja, **“Genocide”** *Revised and Expanded Blackwell Companion on Religious Ethics*, editor in chief, William Schweiker (Oxford: Wiley Blackwell, 2022), pp.1366-1376.

**“Transgressive Geography and Litmus Test Solidarity”** (co-authored with Ruth Carmi) in Atalia Omer and Joshua Lupo, eds. *Religion and Broken Solidarities: Feminism, Race, and Transnationalism* (University of Notre Dame Press, forthcoming): 87-132.

**“Introduction”** (co-authored with Joshua Lupo) in Atalia Omer and Joshua Lupo, eds. *Meditations on Populism and Modernity: The Cultural Logic of White Christian Nationalisms* (University of Notre Dame Press, forthcoming): 1-16.

**“The Intersectional Turn: Theories and Practices for Understanding Religion & Peace”** *Blackwell Companion to Religion and Peace*, ed. Jolyon Mitchell (forthcoming)

**“Religion, Gender Justice, and Violence: Conflict and the Practices of Peace”** in Caroline Starkey and Emma Tomalin, eds. *The Routledge Handbook of Religions, Gender and Society* (Routledge 2022): 321-338.

**“Nationalism, Religion, Ideology”** in Jeffrey Haynes ed. *The Routledge Handbook of Religion, Politics and Ideology* (Routledge, 2021): 51-64.

**“Domestic Religion: Why Interreligious Dialogue of Action for the Reduction of Child Marriage in the Coast of Kenya Conserves rather than Disrupts Power”** in eds. Tom Sauer, Jorg Kustermans, and Barbara Segart *A Requiem for Peacebuilding?* (Palgrave’s series Rethinking Peace and Conflict Studies, 2020): 59-94.

**“Interreligious Action as a Driver for Social Cohesion and Development”** (Baltimore, MD: Catholic Relief Services Press, 2017): 1-20.

**“Is Ferguson the Same as Gaza? Diaspora Grassroots Activism and Intersectional Alliances”** in Yasmin Sakia and Chad Haines, eds. *People’s Peace* (Syracuse University Press, 2019): 202-229.

**“Toward a Polycentric Approach to Conflict Transformation”** in Sumner Twiss, and Rodney Petersen (eds.) *Religion and Public Policy: Human Rights, Conflict, and Ethics* (Cambridge University Press, 2015): 252-279

**“Religion, Nationalism, and Solidarity Activism”** in Atalia Omer, R. Scott Appleby, and David Little, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding* (Oxford University Press, 2015)

**“Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding: Synthetic Remarks”** in Atalia Omer, R. Scott Appleby, and David Little, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding* (Oxford University Press, 2015)

Co-authored with R. Scott Appleby and David Little, **“Preface,”** in Atalia Omer, Scott Appleby, and David Little, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding* (Oxford University Press, 2015)

**“Conflict & Peacebuilding”** in eds. Vince Biondo and Richard Hecht, *Religion in the Practice of Daily Life* (Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2010), 513-548.

*Selected for reprint in* Richard D. Hecht and Vincent F. Biondo, eds. *Religion and Culture: Contemporary Practices and Perspectives* (Minneapolis, Minn: Fortress, 2012), 3-28

**“A Background Analysis of the Sudanese Civil War,”** in eds. David Little and Donald Swearer, *Religion and Nationalism in Iraq: A Comparative Perspective* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2006).

*Additional Scholarly contributions, Book Reviews & Blog Posts* (excluding blog posts for *Contending Modernities* listed below)

**“Hope: A Not So virtuous Ethics and Politics”** *Syndicate* (forthcoming).

**“What is Yaacov Doing in Muna’s Home? Torah and Violence in the Binational Towns of Palestine/Israel”** Berkley Center Forum (August 2021),  
<https://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/responses/what-is-yaacov-doing-in-muna-s-home-torah-and-violence-in-the-binational-towns-of-palestine-israel>.

**“Palestinian Lives Matter, Too”** *The Observer* <https://ndsmcobserver.com/2021/05/palestinian-lives-mattertoo/>

**“Decentering Europe: Thinking Beyond ‘Parting Ways’ and Jewish-Arab Nostalgia”** in *Journal of Middle Eastern Politics and Policy* (Spring 2021): 72-78.

**“Peace Is Another Name for Violence, Sometimes”** *Dignity & Development* February 17, 2021  
<https://keough.nd.edu/peace-is-another-name-for-violence-sometimes/>

**“The Corona Hotel in Jerusalem: Is this how the light gets in?”** *Dignity & Development*  
<https://keough.nd.edu/the-corona-hotel-in-jerusalem-is-this-how-the-light-gets-in/> May 18, 2020.

**“How Violence Shapes Religion: Belief and Conflict in the Middle East and Africa, by Ziya Meral”** *Sociology of Religion*, (2020) vol. 81, Issue 3, 2020, pp. 354-355

“Michael Brenner, *In Search of Israel: The History of an Idea*” *Reading Religion* June 1, 2018  
<http://readingreligion.org/books/search-israel>.

Contributed to Blog Symposium “**Circumscribing the Body Politic: Circumcision, Religious Freedom and Identity in Europe**” ed. Méadbh McIvor *The Religion Factor* March 29, 2018  
<https://religionfactor.net/2018/03/29/circumscribing-the-body-politic-circumcision-religious-freedom-and-identity-in-europe/>.

“**Praying with One’s Legs Again,**” *The Immanent Frame: Secularism, Religion, and the Public Sphere* (a Blog of the Social Science Research Council) posted 2 February 2018  
<https://tif.ssrc.org/2018/02/02/praying-with-ones-legs-again/>

“David Novak, *Zionism and Judaism: A New Theory*: (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015)” *Journal of Religion* (January 2018), 98:1, 158-160.

“Genevieve Zubrzycki, *Beheading the Saint: Nationalism, Religion, and Secularism in Quebec* (Chicago University Press, 2016)” *American Journal of Sociology* 123.5 (March 2018)

“Saba Mahmood, *Religious Difference in a Secular Age: A Minority Report* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2016)” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 84(2): 580-584.

“Sam Haselby, *The Origins of American Religious Nationalism*: (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015)” *Journal of Contemporary Religion* (forthcoming).

“When I see them, I see us”: Symbolisms, Analogies, and Cross-Movement Solidarity” in *Mobilizing Ideas* published on 2 November 2015 available here:  
<https://mobilizingideas.wordpress.com/2015/11/03/when-i-see-them-i-see-us-symbolisms-analogies-and-cross-movement-solidarity/>

“Michael Walzer: *The Paradox of Liberation: Secular Revolutions and Religious Counterrevolutions*: (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2015. Pp. xiv, 172.)” *The Review of Politics* 77, no. 4: 705-708.

“**Bridge Across an Impossible Divide: The Inner Lives of Arab and Jewish Peacemakers by Marc Gopin.**” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 82, no.3: 866-869 (2014).

“**Managing a ‘nightmare scenario’?: A Review of Ilan Peleg and Dov Waxman, Israel’s Palestinians: The Conflict Within** (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011) in *Peace Review* vol. 26, issue 2: 287-294 (2014)

“**A Review of Wendy Pearlman’s Violence, Nonviolence, and the Palestinian National Movement,**” *Peace and Change* vol.39, issue 2: 278-282 (April 2014)

“**A Review of Guy Ben-Porat’s Between State and Synagogue: The Secularization of Contemporary Israel,**” *American Journal of Sociology* vol.119, no.5 (March 2014)



**“A Review of Jon Pahl’s *Empire of Sacrifice: The Religious Origins of American Violence*,”** *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* October 2013: vol. 13, Issue 6 can be accessed here: <http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Issues/Journal-of-Lutheran-Ethics/Issues/October-2013/Empire-of-Sacrifice.aspx>

**“Is ‘Docile Agency’ Good for Women?”** Women, Religion and the Family. Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University  
<http://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/essays/is-docile-agency-good-for-women> (May 2014)

**“Settlement Construction and the Peace Process: Israel’s Political Landscape”** *The Ruritanian* (September 2013), 2-5

**“Religion and Nationalism: What’s The Link?”** *Religion and International Relations: A Primer for Research* (The Report of the Working Group on International Relations and Religion of the Mellon Initiative on Religion Across the Disciplines, University of Notre Dame, 2013), 111-132 (available online: [http://rmellon.nd.edu/assets/101872/religion\\_and\\_international\\_relations\\_report.pdf](http://rmellon.nd.edu/assets/101872/religion_and_international_relations_report.pdf)). The “Report” is also posted on *The Immanent Frame* and can be accessed here: <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/2013/07/31/new-report-on-religion-and-international-relations/>

A Book Review of Yehouda Shenhav, **The Arab Jews: A Postcolonial Reading of Nationalism, Religion, and Ethnicity**, *Nations and Nationalism* 13(4), 753-755 (October 2007).

**“When Gaza Is Burning, We Must Break the Silence”** *Huffington Post* (7/25/14), [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/atalia-omer/when-gaza-is-burning-we-m\\_b\\_5618843.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/atalia-omer/when-gaza-is-burning-we-m_b_5618843.html)

**“Criticizing Israeli Policies Is No Longer Taboo: What Now?”** *Huffington Post* (7/29/14), [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/atalia-omer/criticizing-israeli-polic\\_1\\_b\\_5627869.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/atalia-omer/criticizing-israeli-polic_1_b_5627869.html)

**Challenging the Israeli Narrative from Within,”** *Peace Policy* (September 29, 2014), <http://peacepolicy.nd.edu/2014/09/29/challenging-the-israeli-narrative-from-within/>

**“Is the Two-State Solution Dead?”** *Peace Policy* (February 2014), <http://peacepolicy.nd.edu/2014/01/22/is-the-two-state-solution-dead/>

**“Israel and the Making of U.S. Foreign Policy,”** *Peace Policy* (May 18, 2010) <http://peacepolicy.nd.edu/2010/05/18/israel-and-the-making-of-u-s-foreign-policy/>

**“Inter-disciplinarily and Multi-disciplinarily,”** *24 Peace Scholars: Conversations at the Intersection of Academia, New Media, and World Peace* <http://www.24peacescholars.net/> (November 1, 2012)

Co-authored with Jason A. Springs, **“Johan Galtung, Anti-Semitism, and the Protocols of the Elders of Zion: A Teachable Moment,”** *24 Peace Scholars: Conversations at the Intersection of Academia, New Media, and World Peace* <http://www.24peacescholars.net/?p=147> (May 23, 2012)

Co-authored with Gerard Powers, **“Religion, Conflict and Peace Processes: Curriculum Modules,”** *Religion in International Relations: Curriculum Project* Denver, Colorado (2010)

## **Invited Lectures & Addresses**

**“Jewish Solidarity with Palestinians”** *Goodspeed Lecture Series*, Denison University (October 2021).

**“Jewish Israeli Critics of Israeli Political Discourse”** *Oxford Israel Studies Seminar* (October 2021).

**“The Impact of the ‘War on Terror’ on Jewish Peacebuilding and Trans-Religious Solidarities”** *A Symposium: Religion in the Public Sphere – 20 Years after 9/11*, University of Edinburgh, Scotland (October 2021).

**“Religion and Peacebuilding”** a keynote address for the Working Group in the Black Sea Region (Kyiv, Ukraine June 2020) –postponed due to COVID (delivered virtually in June 2021).

**“Public Religions in a Global Secular Age: The Middle East and Beyond”**, a panel participation to mark *A Quarter Century of Public Religions by Jose Casanova* (Berkeley Center, Georgetown University April 2020)—cancelled due to COVID

**“Religious Traditions and Global Justice”** *Visioning Justice* (The Jewish Theological Seminary, New York City, March 2020)---canceled due to COVID

**“Days of Awe: Reimagining Jewishness in Solidarity with Palestinians”** book launch, Harvard University (April 2020)—postponed due to COVID, book event took place by Zoom in September 2020. See <https://rpl.hds.harvard.edu/news/book-talk-days-awe-atalia-omer>.

**“Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding”** public lectures series *Religion and Conflict- Religious Conflicts- Religious Violence”* Goethe University, Frankfurt Germany (collaboration of the Martin-Buber-Chair in Jewish Thought and Philosophy, the Catholic Academy in Frankfurt and the Anne Frank Bildungszentrum) (February 2020).

**“Cross-Pollination of Religion and Nationalism in International and Interreligious Contexts”** in *Church, State, and Nationalism: Problems and Possibilities: A Symposium* Valparaiso University (April 2020)—Postponed Due to COVID, took place April 8, 2022.

**“Narratives of Displacement and Belonging in Israel and Palestine”** in *Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative’s Fall Conference* , Harvard University (November 2019)

**“Decolonizing Peacebuilding; Decolonizing Religion: What’s the Link? Why does it Matter?”** a Keynote address UCSIA International Workshop on Peacebuilding, University of Antwerp, Belgium (December 2018)

**“Joy, Peace, and Disorder”** a paper prepared for a consultation with Yale Center for Faith and Culture, Yale Divinity School (September, 2018).

**“Jewish Moral and Political Imageries”**, a part of *Theology and Contingency: Morals, History, and Imagination”* a three day module developed for *Madrassa Discourse, Contending Modernities* (Nepal, July 2018).

**“The Intersectional Turn: Theories and Practices for Studying Religion and Peace”** University of California, Irvine-International Relations Working Group, University of California, Irvine (May 30, 2018).

**“From Zion to New York City: Religion, Violence, and the Practice and Theory of Peacebuilding”** 2017 Chester Ronning Lecture on Religion and Diplomacy, University of Alberta, Canada (November 28, 2017)

**“Displacement, Identity, and Belonging”** *Reimagining Difference: Being, Thinking and Practicing Beyond Essentialism*, A Five Year Anniversary Conference at the Centre for Religion, Conflict and the Public Domain, University of Groningen, Netherland (13-15 September, 2017)

**“Religion, Peacebuilding & Development”** and **“Global Challenges/Opportunities: Religion, Peacebuilding and Development”** Advancing Interreligious Peacebuilding Learning Event (May 31-June 1, 2017) Catholic Relief Services, Sarajevo.

**“Re-Narrating Religion through Intersectional Social Justice Activism: Jewish-American Palestine Solidarity and the Transformation of American Judaism”** Ohio University’s Department of Classics and World Religions (March 9, 2017)

**“Religion and Conflict: A Graduate Student Symposium”** Florida State Religion Graduate Department (February 18, 2017)

**“Religion, Gender Norms, and Development Practice”** Pew Research Center as a part of U.S. State Department’s Religion and Diplomacy Conference, Washington, D.C., (September 27, 2016).

**“Refiguring Jewish American Identity through Palestine Solidarity,”** Naftulin Lecture, Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies, University of California, Los Angeles (January 22, 2016)

**“Religion, Conflict, and the Practice of Peacebuilding,”** Clemson Humanities Road Scholars Lecture Series, Clemson University, (October 3, 2015)

**“Is Ferguson the Same as Gaza? Diaspora Grassroots Activism and Intersectional Alliances”** Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict at Arizona State University’s conference on “People’s Peace,” (April 16-17, 2015).

**“A Response to Loren Lybarger’s ‘Time of Exile’”** Martin Marty Center, University of Chicago (April 28, 2015)

**“Refiguring American Jewish Identity through Solidarity with Palestinians: A Relational Approach to Religious Innovation,”** The Annual Greeley Lecture for Social Justice, Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard University (September 16, 2014)

**“Jerusalem’s Future: Peace or Apocalypse?”** Saturday Scholar Series, University of Notre Dame (August 30, 2014)

**“Does Religion Cause Violence?”** A Football Fridays Series, University of Notre Dame (November 14, 2014)

**“Putting Gaza in Context”** Stanford University (September 30, 2014)

**“Religion, Nationalism, and Peace: Exploring Implications for Research in Comparative Religious Ethics”** Florida State University (Fall 2014)

**“Critical Caretaking: Reimagining Nationalism from the Margins”** Northwestern University (Spring 2014)

**“Re-imagining Religion, Nationalism, and Justice from the Israeli Margins”** Berman Center for Jewish Studies, Lehigh University (February 12, 2014)

**“Religion, Conflict, and Peace: The Cutting Edge of Research,”** Program of Peace and Justice Studies, Wellesley University (February 4, 2014)

**“Critical Caretaking: Rethinking Religion, Nationalism, Justice in the Case of Palestine/Israel,”** a public lecture and a seminar discussion with the Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (November 7, 2013)

**“When Peace Is Not Enough: How the Israeli Peace Camp Thinks about Religion, Nationalism, and Justice”** *Religion and Politics Seminar* co-chaired by Bryan Hehir, Nancy Rosenblum, Noah Feldman, and Ofrit Liviatan, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (April 22, 2013)

**“Religion & Nationalism from a Global Perspective” & “Religion & Nationalism: The Case of Israel”** *Global Issues Seminar*, University of Notre Dame (summer 2013, 2014)

**“Religion, Peacebuilding, and Relational Justice,”** *Moral Theology Colloquium*, University of Notre Dame (May 1, 2013)

**“Through Hybridity and Reframing: Peacebuilding as Boundary Transgressing,”** *Peace Building: The Civil Society Contribution* An International Symposium to jumpstart the Edinburgh Peace Initiative (University of Edinburgh Scotland, October 22, 2012)

**“Religion and Nationalism: What’s the Link?”** *Peace Research Education Colloquium*, The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, November 2012)

**“The Violent Edge of the Language of Religious Freedoms,”** a panelist for *Religious Freedoms, Modern Contexts: ISLA-Mellon Workshop* (University of Notre Dame, September, 2011)

**“Commentary on the Film *Little Town of Bethlehem*,”** a presentation following the screening of the film in (The Catholic University, Washington, D.C., September 2011)

**“Religion, Conflict, and Peace Processes,”** a presentation for *Religion in International Relations: Curriculum Project* Denver, Colorado (University of Denver, April, 2010)

**“The Hybrid Spaces of Jerusalem,”** a presentation for the *Butler Seminar on Religion and World Civilizations* (Butler University, February 2010)

**“Changing Boundaries: From Global Sites of Contestation to Local Conflict Transformation,”** a presentation for Conference on Religion, Ethics and Peace: Honoring the Career of Professor David Little, at *Harvard Divinity School* co-sponsored by Harvard Divinity School & the Kroc Institute (November 2009)

**“A Reflection on the Works of Nigel Biggar & Chris Eberle,”** a presentation for a *“War and Religion” Symposium at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies* (University of Notre Dame: September 2009)

**“Pedagogical Challenges in Peace Studies,”** a presentation for the Luce Foundation Project on Religion and International Affairs at the *Orfalea Center for Global & International Studies at the* (University of California Santa Barbara, May 2009)

**“The Mizrahi Rainbow: A Subaltern Critique of Zionist Peace from the Point of View of its Jewish Victims,”** a presentation to the *Colloquium for Faculty and Graduate Students* in the Department of Religion at (Florida State University, February 2008).

**“Oslo and its Aftermath,”** a guest speaker for *Israel-Palestine*, a seminar taught by Meriam Belli, MIT (April 2007).

**“The Global Dimensions of Israeli Religiosity,”** a presentation given to the Religion & Globalization Forum at Harvard Divinity School, chair Prof Harvey Cox (February, 2006).

**“The Study of ‘Religion in Conflict’ in Middle Eastern Studies,”** a presentation given to the Religion Colloquium at Harvard University, (March 2005).

Responded to **Dr. Sari Nusseibeh’s** Presentation titled “Resolving the Conflict: A Remedy for the Civilizational Clash,” The Harvard University Center for the Study of World Religions luncheon seminar series “Religion in Politics: Complexity and Conflict,” (March 2005).

## **Grants and Sponsored Programs**

**Andrew Carnegie Fellowship** to conduct research in the intersections of religion, peacebuilding, and development in Mindanao, the Philippines and Malindi, Kenya (2017-2019)

**Kroc Faculty Grant** to conduct research in Israel and Palestine with social movement actors working on Mizrahi-Palestinian Intersectionality Summer 2017)

**Kroc Faculty Grant** to do spoken Arabic language study as part of preparation work for research on efforts to demilitarize Arabic by Israeli Jews’ imagining decolonial futures (received May 2022).

**The University of Notre Dame’s Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts’ Small Research and Creative Work Grant** to conduct ethnographic research accompanying a global Jewish solidarity trip to the West Bank for the book manuscript *From Zion to New York City: Refiguring Jewish-American Ethics and Identity through Solidarity with Palestinians* (Summer 2017)

**Keough School of Global Affairs' Sustainable Development Goal 16 Working Group's Grant** for "Religion, Gender, and the Practice of Peacebuilding and Development" (2016-2017)

**Notre Dame Global Collaboration Initiative** (Co-PI) in "Academic and Community Partnerships for the Development of a Comprehensive Social-Ecological View of Political Violence in Israel and Palestine." (2014-2015)

**Kroc Faculty Research Grant** to conduct interviews with Palestine solidarity activists (2013-2014)

**Participant** in a working group (co-directed by Charles Mathew and Paul Jones, University of Virginia) "**Religion and Its Publics**" funded by the Luce Foundation (2016-2018)

**Senior Fellow**, Religion and its Publics Project (Luce funded project based in the University of Virginia)

**Participant** in a working group (co-chaired by Daniel Philpott and Michael C. Desch) on "**Religion and International Relations**," as part of the Mellon/Notre Dame Project on Religion across the Disciplines (2010-2012)

**A Member of the Steering Committee**, *Contending Modernities: Catholic, Muslim, Secular*. The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame (2009-2014).

**Participant** in "**Religion in Global Civil Society: A Networking Workshop**," at the Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara (May 2, 2009). Sponsored by the Henry R. Luce Initiative on Religion and International Affairs.

### **Other Notable Contributions:**

#### *Contending Modernities (CM)*

Editing Contending Modernities Blog, as part of my position as co-director of Contending Modernities, I have edited and generated content in an effort to shape public facing conversations in the study of religion and modernity <https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/blog/> since 2015.

#### Conferences

Co-convended, **Reexamining Religion, Modernity/ies, and Trans-Modernity in the "Populist" Moment** (a launch of the CM's Theory in the Study of Religion Working Group) June 5-6, 2018, Chicago & March 16<sup>th</sup>, University of Notre Dame.

Co-convended, **Book Workshop of Five Meditations on Race, Blood, and Religious Nationalism** (CM's Theory Working Group) September 13-14, 2019 (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

Co-convener, **Changing the Conversation about Religion**: International Conference Series:

“Making Democracy One’s Own: Muslim, Catholic and Secular Perspectives in Dialogue on Democracy, Development, and Peace” (May 30-June 1, 2016 in Rome, Italy):

Respondent to Jan-Werner Müller’s keynote address “Don’t Call it Illiberal Democracy”  
Chair, “Human Development and Interreligious Engagement”  
Synthetic Remarks, “Lessons Learned—What Have We Heard?”

“Partnerships for Global Development” (November 12-13, London UK):  
Chair, “Obstacles to Sustainable development”  
Panelist (public session at The Gladstone Library), “What Have We Learned?”

Co-convener, **Workshop for Contending Modernities’ Authority, Community, and Identity Working Group in Indonesia**

“Beyond Co-Existence in Plural Societies” (The State Islamic University Syarif Hidayatullah, Jakarta 10-11 July 2017)

Co-convener, **A Contending Modernities Plenary Conference**

“Authorizing the Human Person in a Cosmopolitan Age: Science, Society and Identity” (June 3-6, 2015 in Rome, Italy):

Chair & Respondent, Sarah Coakley’s Keynote Address “What Hope for an Evolutionary Ethics of Virtue?”  
Respondent, “The Public Ethics of Deep Pluralism” (presentations by Meyda Yegenoglu & Tariq Modood)

#### Blog Posts for CM

“**Decolonizing the Practice of Religion in International Relations**” *Contending Modernities* July 15, 2021 <https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/theorizing-modernities/decolonizing-religion-international-relations/>

“**The Apocalypse is Human-Made: Playing with Fire from Al-Aqsa to Gaza**” *Contending Modernities* May 14, 2021 <https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/global-currents/apocalypse-human-made/>

“**Eichmann is Still in Jerusalem**” *Contending Modernities* June 22, 2021 <https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/global-currents/eichmann-is-still-in-jerusalem/>

“**Weaponizing Antisemitism is Bad for Jews, Israel, and Peace**” *Contending Modernities* January 21, 2021 <https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/global-currents/weaponizing-antisemitism/>

Co-authored with Santiago Slabodsky, “**Introduction to Policing Analogies**” September 16, 2020  
*Contending Modernities Blog*, <https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/theorizing-modernities/intro-policing-analogies/>

“**Beyond the Performance of Interfaith Solidarity**” *Contending Modernities: A Blog About Catholic, Muslim, and Secular Interaction in the Modern World* 11 June 2019  
<https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/global-currents/beyondinterfaith/>

“**Modernity as Theater of the Absurd**” *Contending Modernities: A Blog About Catholic, Muslim, and Secular Interaction in the Modern World* 18 March, 2018  
<https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/global-currents/modernity-theater/>

“**The Hybridities of Hijabi Barbie: A CM Book Symposium on ‘Brand Islam’**” *Contending Modernities: A Blog About Catholic, Muslim, and Secular Interaction in the Modern World* 2 March 2017 <http://sites.nd.edu/contendingmodernities/2017/03/02/the-hybridities-of-hijabi-barbie-a-cm-book-symposium-on-brand-islam/>

“**Promoting Interreligious Tolerance in Upper Egypt**” *Contending Modernities: A Blog About Catholic, Muslim, and Secular Interaction in the Modern World* 14 October 2016  
<https://blogs.nd.edu/contendingmodernities/2016/10/14/promoting-interreligious-tolerance-in-upper-egypt/>

“**United for Girls’ Rights: A Reflection**” *Contending Modernities: A Blog About Catholic, Muslim, and Secular Interaction in the Modern World* 6 October 2016  
<https://blogs.nd.edu/contendingmodernities/2016/10/06/united-for-girls-rights-a-reflection/>

“**Bridging Ethnoreligious Divides in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Choosing Peace Together through Interreligious Action for Conflict Transformation**” *Contending Modernities: A Blog About Catholic, Muslim, and Secular Interaction in the Modern World* 3 October 2016  
<https://blogs.nd.edu/contendingmodernities/2016/10/03/bridging-ethnoreligious-divides-in-bosnia-and-herzegovina-choosing-peace-together-through-interreligious-action-for-conflict-transformation/>

“**Inter-Religious Action in Central Mindanao: Applying Binding, Bonding, and Bridging (A3B) to Land Conflict**” *Contending Modernities: A Blog About Catholic, Muslim, and Secular Interaction in the Modern World* 19 September 2016  
<http://blogs.nd.edu/contendingmodernities/2016/09/19/inter-religious-action-in-central-mindanao-applying-binding-bonding-and-bridging-a3b-to-land-conflict/>

“**Authorizing the Human Person in a Cosmopolitan Age: A Thematic Synthesis**” *Contending Modernities: A Blog About Catholic, Muslim, and Secular Interaction in the Modern World* 27 July 2016 available here: <http://blogs.nd.edu/contendingmodernities/2016/07/27/cm-rome-2015-synthesis/>

“**A Response to Jan-Werner Müller**” 29 June 2016 in *Contending Modernities: A Blog About Catholic, Muslim, and Secular Interaction in the Modern World* 27 June 2016 available here: <http://blogs.nd.edu/contendingmodernities/2016/06/29/atalia-omer-a-response-to-jan-werner-muller/>



**“From London to Rome: Changing the Conversation about Religion”** in *Contending Modernities: A Blog About Catholic, Muslim, and Secular Interaction in the Modern World* 27 June 2016 available here: <http://blogs.nd.edu/contendingmodernities/2016/06/27/from-london-to-rome-changing-the-conversation-about-religion/>

**“Religious Humanitarians and the Challenges of History”** in *Contending Modernities: A Blog About Catholic, Muslim, and Secular Interaction in the Modern World* 6 May 2016 available here: <http://blogs.nd.edu/contendingmodernities/2016/05/06/religious-humanitarians-and-the-challenges-of-history/>

**“The Two Others,”** *Contending Modernities Blog* (March, 2013)  
<http://blogs.nd.edu/contendingmodernities/2013/03/05/the-two-others/>

### *Other Conference presentations*

Author Meets Critics, examining Mitri Raheb’s *The Politics of Persecution: Middle Eastern Christians in an Age of Empire*. The American Academy of Religion, November 2022.

**“(How) Does Religion Really Matter?”** Roundtable as a part of Global Religion & American World-Making, The University of Notre Dame (April 2022, virtual).

**“Religious Peacebuilding: Practice without Reflection”** as a part of a Roundtable on Religious Conflict and Peacebuilding: Advances in the Field” University of Queen, Belfast (virtual April 2022).

Author Meets Critics, *Radicalism and Violence for Jewish Survival: A discussion of Shaul Magid’s Meir Kahane” The Public Life and Political Thought of an American Jewish Radical* (Princeton University Press, 2021).

**“Religious Studies and the Practices of Religion, Diplomacy, and IR”** A Roundtable Discussion at the American Academy of Religion’s Annual Meeting, San Antonio (November 2021).

**“An Intersectional Approach to Peace Studies,”** A plenary session for the Kroc Institute’s Summer Institute for Peace Studies, virtual (June 2021).

**“Diasporist Retrievals and Reframing in Contemporary American Jewish Palestine Solidarity Practitioners”** *Association of Jewish Studies*, December 2020 (online).

A **respondent** to a panel on “Noncombatants and Moral Injury: Responsibility for Moral Harm after Violence” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, December 2020 (online).

A **Respondent** to a panel on “Religion & Cultural Activism: Disrupting Peace and Pursuing Justice in Palestine/Israel” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, December 2020 (online).

Author Meets Critics, **a Response to Cecelia Lynch**, *Wrestling with God: Ethical Precarity in Christianity and International Relations* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020) in *American Political Science Association*, September 2020.

**“Tel Aviv on Fire: A Roundtable on the Awards winning film”** *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion* (San Diego, November 2019)

**“Intersectional Peacebuilding and Its Religion Problem”** *Building Sustainable Peace: Ideas, Evidence, Strategies Conference*, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies (November 2019).

**“Art, Religion, & the Limits of Decoloniality as Peace”** *Creativity, Resistance and Hope: Towards an Anthropology of Peace*, an international conference of the Peace and Conflict Studies in Anthropology Network of Social Anthropologists, (Belfast, October 3-4, 2019).

**“Scott Appleby’s Legacy in the Study of Religion, Violence, and the Practices of Peacebuilding”** Distinguished Scholar Roundtable Honoring the Work of R. Scott Appleby *The Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association* (Toronto, March 27, 2019).

**“Interreligious Dialogue of Action and the Reduction of Child Marriage in the Coastal Regions of Kenya: Moving Beyond the ‘soft power’ approach?”** The International Development and Religion Unit in the *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion* (Denver, November 2018).

**“Roundtable on Moral Obligations, Prophetic Actions, and Search for Solidarity from Historical, Transnational, and Global Perspectives: The Cases of South Africa, Palestine, and Israel”** in the *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion* (Denver, November 2018).

**“Roundtable Session on Richard B. Miller’s *Friends and Other Strangers* (Columbia University Press, 2016),”** *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion* (Boston, MA, 2017).

**“Borders and Biopolitics: Intersectional Bodies and the Globalizing of Nation,”** a plenary panel *Intersectional Inquiries and Collaborative Action: Gender and Race Conference* (University of Notre Dame, March 2017).

**“Refugee-hood and the Intersections between Religious and National Identities,”** a plenary panel sponsored by the Committee for the Public Understanding of Religion, *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion* (San Antonio, TX, November 2016).

**“Religion and Narrative change in World Politics,”** Presidential Theme Roundtable “Theorizing Big Changes in World Politics: War, Environment, Human Rights, and Power” *Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association* (Baltimore, March 2017)

**“Religion and the Subversion of National Boundaries in Israel and Pakistan,”** *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association* (Philadelphia, September 2016)

**“Is Peace Ashkenazi?”** a roundtable, *Associating for Israel Studies Annual Meeting* (Jerusalem, Israel/Palestine, June 2016)

**“The Oxford Handbook of Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding edited by Atalia Omer, Scott Appleby, and David Little: A Book Panel”** *Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association* (March 2016)

**“The Oxford Handbook of Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding edited by Atalia Omer, Scott Appleby, and David Little: A Book Panel”** *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion* (November 2015)

**“How the Israeli Peace Camp Thinks About Religion, Nationalism, and Justice: Roundtable Debate of Atalia Omer’s *When Peace Is Not Enough*”** *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion* (November 2015)

**“Beyond Freedom and Violence: Interpretative Methods in the Study of Religion and Politics,”** *Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association* (San-Francisco, September, 2015)

**“Re-imagining Jerusalem in the Palestinian and Jewish Diasporas in the United States: Jerusalem in Narratives of Conflict, Displacement, and (Re)Placement,”** *Imagining Jerusalem, c. 1099 to the Present Day* (King’s College London, November, 2014)

**“Imagining ‘Home’ abroad: Tibet and Palestine Solidarity Activism in Chicago,”** *Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association* (Toronto, March, 2014)

**“Imagining and Reimagining Palestine in Chicago: The Rhetoric of ‘No Place’ and the Contested Role of Diaspora and Solidarity Activism in Conflict and Peacebuilding,”** *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion* (November, 2013)

**“Modernists Despite Themselves?”** *Impact of Religion: Challenges for Society, Law and Democracy*, international conference *Uppsala Religion and Society Research Centre* (Uppsala Universitet, May 20, 2013)

**“Diffusing the Goods: Between Minority Protection and Neo-Imperialism,”** *International Studies Association Annual Convention* (April, 2013)

**“The Arab Spring, Palestine, and Metaphorical Diffusion,”** *International Studies Association Annual Convention* (April, 2013)

**“The Discourse of Religious Freedoms, the Making of American Foreign Policy, and the Limits of Critique,”** *Association for the Study of Religion* (August, 2012)

**“Glocal Peacebuilding: Contesting Ethnoreligious Conception of “Home” Abroad,”** a presentation for *The Second Emory Conference on Religion, Conflict, & Peacebuilding* (June 2011).

**“Religion and the Reinterpretation of National Boundaries,”** *International Studies Association Annual Convention*, (March 2011)

**“Thinking Outside the Box: Theorizing as a Peacebuilding Practice,”** *International Studies Association* (February 2010)

**“Knowledge-Production and Re-Production: Scholarship, Policy-Making & The Think-Tanks Industry,”** *International Studies Association* (February 2010)

“**The Glocalization of Justice and the Transferability of Protest,**” a presentation for the Annual Conference of the *Association for the Study of Nationalism and Ethnicity* at the London School of Economics (March 2009)

“**It’s Nothing Personal’: The Globalization of Justice, the Transferability of Protest, and the Case of the Palestine Solidarity Movement,**” a presentation for Globalization, Peacebuilding and Social Movements Workshop at the *Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies* (University of Notre Dame, October 2009)

“**Religious Studies and the Study of Religion and Peacebuilding,**” a presentation for the Religion, Social Conflicts and Peace Group, *American Academy of Religion*, Chicago (November 2008)

“**Religion and Peacebuilding: Expanding the Conversation,**” a presentation for the *Peace and Justice Studies Association*, Oregon (September 2008)

“**Religion, Liberalism and the Question of Peace in Israel,**” a presentation given at The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the *Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism* London School of Economics (April, 2007).

“**Post-Zionist Judaism: The Religious Peace Camp and the Hermeneutics of Israeli Citizenship,**” a presentation to *Beyond the Nation? Critical Reflections on Nations and Nationalism in Uncertain Times* sponsored by Queen’s University Belfast’s School of Politics, International Studies & Philosophy (September 2007).

### *Discussant/Panelist/Chair Role*

**Convener & President,** “Walking through the Twilight: A Visual Exploration of Contemporary Jewish Anti-Occupation Activism” Harvard’s Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative, April 12, 2022.

**Convener & President,** “Yom Ha’atzmaut and the Colonization of American Judaism” Harvard’s Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative, April 19, 2022.

**Discussant,** “Reassessing Religion and American Foreign Policy Twenty Years after 9/11”, Keough School of Global Affairs at the University of Notre Dame, October 2021

**Panelist,** “Palestine is Burning” John Hopkins University May 19, 2021  
[https://vimeo.com/553154470?fbclid=IwAR243\\_eghbqUgOTZFENt6uYMTqY3KAnNWT1MptC5mxBGXub\\_uIwSwQHTyQ](https://vimeo.com/553154470?fbclid=IwAR243_eghbqUgOTZFENt6uYMTqY3KAnNWT1MptC5mxBGXub_uIwSwQHTyQ)

**Panelist,** “Live from Jerusalem: Notre Dame Faculty Discuss Recent Events and Their Repercussions” May 20, 2021 <https://kroc.nd.edu/news-events/events/2021/05/20/unfolding-events-in-israel-and-palestine-why-now-and-paths-forward/>

**Co-convener & President,** “Between the Sacred and the Profane in Contemporary Jerusalem” The case of Silwan” Harvard’s Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative, September 21, 2021.  
<https://rpl.hds.harvard.edu/news/2021/10/25/Video-Between-the-Sacred-and-the-Profane-in-Contemporary-Jerusalem-The-case-of-Silwan>

**Co-convener & President**, “When Politics are Sacralized: Comparative Perspectives on Religious Claims and Nationalism” Harvard’s Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative, September 28, 2021. <https://rpl.hds.harvard.edu/news/2021/10/25/Video-When-Politics-are-Sacralized-Comparative-Perspectives-on-Religious-Claims-and-Nationalism>

**Convener & President**, “Justice for Some: Law and the Question of Palestine: A Conversation with Noura Erakat” The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies & Harvard’s Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative April 13, 2021 <https://rpl.hds.harvard.edu/programs/religion-conflict-peace/events?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D152153998>

**Co-convener**, “The Decolonizing Rubric: Modernity, Religion and Re-Imagining Palestine/Israel” Harvard’s Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative November 9, 2021 <https://rpl.hds.harvard.edu/news/2021/11/09/video-the-decolonizing-rubric-modernity-religion-and-reimagining-palestine-israel>

**Co-convener**, “What’s New About the New B’Tselem Report: A Moment of Moral Clarity” Harvard’s Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative February 23, 2021 <https://rpl.hds.harvard.edu/programs/religion-conflict-peace/events?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D150779703>

**Co-convener**, “The Christian Right and the Shaping of American Policies in Israel/Palestine” Harvard’s Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative October 26, 2021 <https://rpl.hds.harvard.edu/%5B10/20/2021%201%3A22%20PM%5D%20Beasley%2C%20Jonathan%20G%20Custom%20URL%20%28Add%20date%20in%20URL%20before%20publishing%29%20news/2021/10/26/video-the-christian-right-and-the-shaping-of-american-policies-in-israel-palestine>

**Co-convener**, “Defragmenting Palestine: Breaking the Barriers from Sheikh Jarrah to Lydda, Gaza, and Beyond” Harvard’s Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative, October 5, 2021 <https://rpl.hds.harvard.edu/news/2021/10/20/video-defragmenting-palestine-breaking-barriers-sheikh-jarrah-lydda-gaza-and-beyond>

**Co-convener**, “Theologies of Hope and Resistance: Palestine, South Africa, and Transnational Indigenous Communities” Harvard’s Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative November 30, 2021 <https://rpl.hds.harvard.edu/programs/religion-conflict-peace/events?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D156591399>.

**Co-Convener & President**, “The Politics of Defining: A Roundtable Discussion about the Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism” Harvard Divinity School’s Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative & Harvard’s the Center for Middle Easter Studies, April 20, 2021 <https://rpl.hds.harvard.edu/news/2021/05/17/video-politics-defining-roundtable-discussion-about-jerusalem-declaration-antisemitism>

**Co-Convener & President**, “The Not So Nice Passover Haggadah” Harvard’s Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative April 1, 2021 <https://rpl.hds.harvard.edu/news/2021/05/17/video-not-so-nice-passover-haggadah>

**Co-Convener & President**, “Reimagining and Rewriting Jewish Liturgy” Harvard’s Religion, Conflict, and Peace Initiative, March 23, 2021 <https://rpl.hds.harvard.edu/news/2021/04/28/video-reimagining-and-rewriting-jewish-liturgy>

**Convener & President**, “What’s Peace Got to Do With It? Peace Studies at the Intersection of Race, Class, and Gender” an event marking International Day of Peace, Kroc Institute for International Peace studies, September 20, 2019

**Convener & President**, “Interrogating the Christchurch Shooting: How Global Racism, Islamophobia, and White Supremacy Manifested in New Zealand” (University of Notre Dame, April 16, 2019), access here: <https://kroc.nd.edu/news-events/events/2019/04/16/interrogating-the-christchurch-shooting-how-global-racism-islamophobia-and-white-supremacy-manifested-in-new-zealand/>

**Discussant**, “Racism, Xenophobia and the Rise of the Far Right at Home and Abroad: Navigating the Call of Justice” (University of Notre Dame, Nov 27, 2018), access here: <https://kroc.nd.edu/news-events/events/2018/11/27/racism-violence-and-xenophobia-confronting-the-rise-of-far-right-populism-at-home-and-abroad/>

**President & Discussant**, “Forced Migration: How Religion Causes and Eases Displacement”, Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion, Launch (University of Notre Dame, October 26, 2018)

**President**, “Authorizing Peaceful Coexistence: Domestic and Global Challenges,” A Contending Modernities Conference, The State Islamic University/ Syarif Hidayatullah (Jakarta, Indonesia 10 July 2017)

**President**, “What Hope for an Evolutionary Ethics of Virtue? Cooperation, Altruism and the Future of Theological Ethics: A keynote address by Sarah Coakley,” A Contending Modernities Plenary Conference, Notre Dame Global Gateway (Rome, June, 2015)

**Discussant**, a panel titled “The Public Ethics of Deep Pluralism: featuring Tariq Modood and Meyda Yegenoglu, A Contending Modernities Plenary Conference, Notre Dame Global Gateway (Rome, June, 2015)

**President**, “*Assessment and Future Trajectories in the Study of Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding: A Panel Discussion of the Oxford Handbook of Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding eds., Atalia Omer, Scott Appleby, David Little,*” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (November, 2015)

**Panelist**, *Ask Me about Peace Studies! An Interactive Conversation with Faculty in Peace Studies*, University of Notre Dame (November 11, 2014).

**Panelist**, *Understanding Gaza*, University of Notre Dame (August 28, 2014).

**Panelist**, “Is Peace Studies My Field Too?” *Kroc Institute’s Summer Institute Teaching Peace in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Summer 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014)

**Panelist**, *Religion as a Driver of Violence and/or Source for Peace” Kroc Institute’s Summer Institute Teaching Peace in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Summer 2017)

**Panelist**, “Syllabus for Introduction to Peace Studies,” *Kroc Institute’s Summer Institute Teaching Peace in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Summer, 2014 & 2015)

**Discussant**, a panel titled “Peace, Morality and International Studies: Research and Teaching in a University Setting,” *Notre Dame and BYU: Leading the Way in Ethics Education*, University of Notre Dame (Nov 21, 2013)

**Discussant**, *Music, Literature, and Peacebuilding Workshop*, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame (April 19, 2013)

**“Introduction and Discussion of Five Broken Cameras: A Film co-directed by Emad Burnat and Guy Davidi,”** *ScreenPeace Film Festival 2013*, The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies & the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, University of Notre Dame (January 31, 2013)

**“Introduction to and chairing of a Panel,”** *The ethical, Strategic & Legal Implications of Drone Warfare*, (Notre Dame Chicago Commons, March 19-21, 2013).

**“Introduction to and chairing of a Panel,”** *Democratic Revolution in the Middle East* (University of Notre Dame, February, 2011)

**“Introduction to and chairing of a Panel,”** *Transitions to Democracy & the Arab Spring: Does Latin America Hold Lessons for the Middle East?* (University of Notre Dame, October, 2011)

**“Introduction to and chairing of a Panel,”** A Discussion of Daniel Philpott’s *Just and Unjust Peace: An Ethic of Political Reconciliation* (University of Notre Dame, October, 2012)

**“A Response,”** moderated and responded to *Human Rights and Human Identities: A Panel, Global Governance and the Future of Strategic Peacebuilding: A Conference in Honor of Robert C. Johansen* (University of Notre Dame, April, 2012)

**“Panelist,”** *Wait A Second: Am I in Peace Studies Too? Teaching Peace in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Annual Summer Institute for Faculty* University of Notre Dame, (2015, 2014, 2013, 2011, 2010)

*Media & Policy (a selection):*

- Co-edited and wrote “Introduction” with Ruth Carmi, “Women and Peacebuilding” *Peace Policy* (Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, May 2022), <https://peacepolicy.nd.edu/>
- Moderated, A Kroc Podcast with contributors for Kroc’s *Peace Policy* issue of May 2022 <https://go.nd.edu/WomenPeacebuildingPod>
- Quoted in Zainab Iqbal and Umar A Farooq, “Pro-Palestine activists welcome Congress resolution recognising Nakba.” *Middle East Eye*. 18 May 2022 <https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/palestine-activists-welcome-nakba-resolution-united-states-congress>
- Participated in George Mason University-Harvard Divinity School’s Workshop on “New Approaches for Religion in U.S. Foreign Policy: The Domestic-External Nexus” (February 2022, virtual).

- Served, Steering Committee for “New Approaches to Religion in U.S. Foreign Policy,” Luce Foundation’s driven consultation intent on offering a synthetic introspection of approaches to religion and US foreign policy in addition to highlighting new horizons, led by Professor Peter Mandaville, George Mason University, since January 2022.
- Participated in a Consultation (Phase 1): Transforming Divided Cities, March 15, 2022.
- Participated in consultation with the **United Nations’ Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief**, Ahmed Shaheed (consultation took place on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Statement from Atalia Omer on Israel’s designation of Palestinian human rights groups as “terrorist organizations” *Kroc Institute* October 25, 2021 <https://kroc.nd.edu/news-events/news/statement-from-atalia-omer-on-israels-designation-of-palestinian-groups-as-terrorist-organizations/>
- Participated in [a panel](#) of experts on SCOPE, *Indus News* August 12, 2021
- An Interview on Podcast, *Hidden Grief* <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/grief-nation/id1554016182?i=1000528349341> (July 2021).
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### *Editorial Boards & Consulting*

*Edinburgh Studies on Diasporas and Transnationalism*, a book series of Edinburgh University Press (2019-present)

*Journal of Religious Ethics* (2018-2024)

*Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (2013-present)

*Journal of Religion, Conflict, and Peace* (2011-2014)

*Journal of the Sociology of Religion* (2011-2014)

*Catholic Relief Service* (consultant for Learning Event in Bosnia, 2017)

*Jesuit Refugee Service* (Serve on Advisory Committee to review JRS’ mission, values, capacity-building tools, and programs from an interfaith perspective)

*Alliance for Peacebuilding* (Consulted as part of a 2016 Conference in Istanbul focusing on developing a Guide for Effective Inter-Religious Action in Peacebuilding)

*International Studies Association, Religion & International Relation Unit*, Committee for the selection of best graduate student paper.

### *Other Selected Service*

Serves on the Executive Committee of the American Academy of Religion, (elected 2021)

Co-Chair, Religion, Social Conflicts, and Peace Unit, *American Academy of Religion* (since 2015)

Co-Director, *Contending Modernities: A Global Research Initiative exploring how religious and secular forces interact in the modern world* (since 2015)

Faculty lead organizing Peace Research Education Seminar (2015-2017 & 2019-2020)

Faculty lead organized informal reading groups of Kroc students, faculty, and visiting fellows (spring 2016 & Spring 2019)

Participant, SEED (Seeking Education Equity & Diversity) Program, involving monthly sessions throughout the year (2016-17)

### *Selected Courses*

The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict through Film (undergraduate and graduate)

Decolonizing the Palestine/Israel Syllabus (graduate)

Introduction to Peace Studies (undergraduate)

Jerusalem: Peace or Apocalypse? (undergraduate and graduate)

Religion, Nationalism, and Peace (undergraduate and graduate)

Religion in International and Global Relations (undergraduate)

Jewish Politics and Modernity (undergraduate and graduate)

Religion, Violence & the Practice of Peace (undergraduate and graduate)

Religion in Global and International Contexts: Theories & Methods in the Study of Religion (graduate)

Religion, Gender, and Development (undergraduate and graduate)

A History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (undergraduate)

Junior and Senior Seminars in Peace Studies (undergraduate)