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### **Education**

- 2008-2012 McMaster University, PhD Department of Anthropology  
Dissertation Title: "Showing and Telling in *Fitna*: Anti-Islam Discourse in the Netherlands"  
Primary Supervisor: Dr. Petra Rethmann
- 2005-2007 McMaster University, MA Department of Religious Studies (with Distinction)  
Supervisory Committee: Dr. Celia Rothenberg, Dr. Ellen Badone, Dr. Jeremy Stolow  
Thesis Title: "Constructions of Islam in the Controversy of Religious Arbitration: A Consideration of the 'Shari'a Debate' in Ontario, Canada"
- 2000-2005 University of Calgary, BA (First Class Honours)  
Major in Religious Studies, Minor in International Development Studies  
Thesis Title: "Room for Discussion: Examining the Indigenous and Academic Perspectives on Research Methodology in the Study of Religion"

### **International Research and Affiliations**

- 2010-Present Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis, University of Amsterdam  
Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
Guest Researcher
- 2007-2008 International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World  
Leiden, The Netherlands  
Junior Research Fellow
- Summer 2004 Eastern Autonomous Region, Nicaragua/ University of Manitoba  
Various Field Sites, Nicaragua  
International Fieldwork Studies in Nicaragua, Focus on Women's Studies
- Fall 2001 University of Pune, India  
Pune, India  
Fieldwork and Study Abroad Program through the University of Calgary

## Publications

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- 2012 *Fitna's* Exposure: Photographs, Honesty, and the Production of Truth in the Netherlands. *Image(d) Histories: Photography, Film, Evidence*. Petra Rethmann, ed. (accepted for publication).
- 2011 Managing the Mosaic: The Work of Form in Ontario's Commission and Report on Religious Arbitration. *Debating Shariah: Islam, Gender Politics and Family Law Arbitration* Jennifer Selby and Anna Korteweg, eds. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. (forthcoming)
- 2010 Constructions of Islam in the Controversy of Religious Arbitration: A Consideration of the 'Shari'a Debate' in Ontario, Canada. *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*. 30(3): 343-356.

### Articles

- 2008 Cédric Baylocq Sassoubre. "Intégracion façon Québec" Sud Ouest 19 mai.
- 2006 Talk to Me Orange Life Magazine 6: 61-65.

## Grants, Fellowships and Awards

- 2008-2011 SSHRC Joseph Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship
- 2008-2012 Harry Lyman Hooker Senior Fellowship, McMaster University
- 2010 SSHRC Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement
- 2010 Student Research Support Grant, Institute for Globalization
- 2010 Department of Anthropology Travel Scholarship
- 2008 Graduate Entrance Scholarship, McMaster University
- 2008 *ISIMReview* Fellowship, Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM), Leiden, the Netherlands
- 2007 Junior Fellowship, ISIM, Leiden, the Netherlands
- 2006-2007 SSHRC Joseph Armand Bombardier CGS Master's Scholarship
- 2006 Best Student Paper, American Academy of Religion Eastern Region.
- 2005-2006 Graduate Scholarship, McMaster University
- 2005 Entrance Scholarship, McMaster University
- 2005 Silver Medallion in Religious Studies, University of Calgary.
- 2005 Bronze Medallion in "Nature of Religion", University of Calgary.
- 2004 Students Legislative Council Scholarship, University of Calgary.
- 2004 Award of Merit, University of Calgary.
- 2003 Louise McKinney Scholarship, University of Calgary.
- 2002 Jason Lang Scholarship, University of Calgary.
- 2002 Student's Union Scholarship, University of Calgary.
- 2000 Alexander Rutherford Award for Academic Merit, Province of Alberta
- 2000 Award of Excellence in English, International Baccalaureate Program.
- 2000 Phi Delta Kappa Prospective Educator Award.

## Teaching Experience

2005-2009	McMaster University Teaching Assistant
2009	<i>Religious Studies 2Q03: Introduction to Islam</i>
2008	<i>Religious Studies 3F03: Approaches to the Study of Religion</i>
2007	<i>Religious Studies 2Q03: Introduction to Islam</i>
2006	<i>Religious Studies 3F03: Approaches to the Study of Religion</i>
2006	<i>Religious Studies 2BB3: Images of the Divine Feminine</i>
2005	<i>Religious Studies 2M03: Death and Dying: Comparative Views</i>

## Comprehensive Examination Papers

2009	“Perceiving the West Through the Lens of Islam”
2009	“The Zombie, The Stiff and The Suicide Bomber: On the Anthropology of Social Fear”
2009	“Towards the Image as Such: A Review of Recent Anthropological Engagements with Images”

## Lectures and Presentations

### Conference Presentations

2012	American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (forthcoming) Montreal, Canada “The Form of Fear: <i>Fitna</i> and Anti-Islam Discourse in the Netherlands”
2011	Practicing Theory: Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis Amsterdam, the Netherlands “Finding Theory on the Ground: <i>Fitna</i> Through Popular Discourse in the Netherlands”
2011	Imaged Histories: Photography, Film, Evidence Hamilton, Canada “ <i>Fitna</i> : Imaged Histories as Imagined Futures”
2010	American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting New Orleans, USA “Picturing Islam: The Circulation of Images in <i>Fitna</i> ”
2009	American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting Montreal, Canada “Fearing Islam: Temporality, Politics and Affect in <i>Fitna</i> ”
2009	European Summer School for Cultural Studies Copenhagen, Denmark “Imag(in)ing the Future in Geert Wilders’ <i>Fitna</i> ”
2007	Society for the Anthropology of Religion Annual Meeting Phoenix, Arizona, USA “Constructions of Islam in the Controversy of Religious Arbitration: A Consideration of the ‘Shari’a Debate’ in Ontario, Canada”
2006	American Academy of Religion Eastern Regional Conference Quebec City, Quebec, Canada “Potential Dialogue: Indigenous and Academic Study of Religion”

- 2005            University of Lethbridge Graduate Conference  
                  Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada  
                  “Room for Discussion: Examining the Indigenous and Academic  
                  Perspectives on Research Methodology in the Study of Religion”

#### Invited Guest Lectures and Presentations

- 2011            University of Amsterdam  
                  Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
                  Invited Lecturer for class “Identities in Visual and Cultural Studies”
- 2009            McMaster University  
                  Hamilton, Ontario, Canada  
                  Invited lecturer for class “Anthropological Approaches to the Study of  
                  Islam”
- 2008            University of Amsterdam  
                  Amsterdam, the Netherlands  
                  Invited lecturer for class “Gender and Islam: Ethnographic Inquiries  
                  into Persistent Stereotypes”
- 2007            International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World  
                  Leiden, the Netherlands  
                  “Constructions of Islam in the Canadian Public: Multiculturalism and  
                  the Controversy of Religious Arbitration”

#### Artistic Work

- 2011            “Violent / Field” Mixed Media Installation. Created for Ethnographic  
                  Terminalia: Field, Studio, Lab

#### Organizational and Committee Service

##### Conference Organization

- 2011            Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis, Miniconference  
                  Primary Organizer
- 2010            Re- Living Disaster Conference: Film – History – Identity  
                  London Consortium, University of London, Birkbeck April 29-30.  
                  Member of Organizing Committee

##### Conference Panel Organization

- 2012            American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (forthcoming)  
                  Montreal, Canada  
                  Co-Organizer of Invited Panel “The Visual Traces of Politics: Art,  
                  Religion and Secularism in Contemporary Europe”

## Committee Service

- 2009-present Euro-Islam.info  
Contributor for the Netherlands, Website Research Team
- 2005-2011 Anthropology and Religious Studies Research Ethics Committee,  
McMaster University  
Committee Member  
- Review ethics proposals and submit suggestions to committee chair.
- 2009 Selection Committee for Chair in Global Islam, McMaster University  
Graduate Student Representative

## Related Professional Experience

- 2008 Institute for the Study of Islam, Leiden, the Netherlands  
*ISIMReview* Fellow
- 2008 Brill Publishing, Leiden, the Netherlands  
Freelance Research Work
- 2003-2005 World Job and Food Bank, Inc.  
Project Assistant for International Non- Governmental Organization