

## **Abdul Rashied Omar**

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### **II – HIGHER EDUCATION:**

- Doctor of Philosophy in Religious Studies from the University of Cape Town - South Africa (December 2005). Ph.D. Dissertation Title: “Religion, Violence & The State: A Dialogical Encounter Between Activists and Scholars” (Available at UCT Library).
- Master of Arts Degree in International Peace Studies – The Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies - University of Notre Dame – Indiana - USA (June 2001).
- Master of Arts Degree in Religious Studies - University of Cape Town - South Africa (December 1992). Master’s Thesis Title: “Ibn Hazm on the Doctrine of Tahrif” (Available at UCT Library).
- Bachelor of Arts Honors Degree in Religious Studies - University of Cape Town - South Africa (June 1989).
- Bachelor of Arts Honors Degree in History - University of Cape Town - South Africa (June 1987). Honors Thesis Title: “The Impact of the Death of Imam Abdullah Haron on Cape Muslim Political Attitudes” (Available at UCT Library).
- Higher Diploma in Education (Post-Graduate), Teaching Subjects - History and Economics - University of Cape Town - South Africa (December 1981)
- Bachelor of Arts Degree, Majors in African History and Economics - University of Cape Town - South Africa (December 1980).

### **III – ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

- Imamat Certificate - Specialization in Recitation & Memorization of the Qur’an – Madrasa Shamsul Islam – Salt River – Cape Town – South Africa (March 1975).
- Certificate - Islamic Leadership Training Course – International Islamic University Islamabad – Pakistan (1984).

- Certificate in Arabic and Islamic Studies – African Islamic University – Khartoum – Sudan (June 1985).
- Certificate - Islamic Leadership Training Course –International Islamic University of Malaysia & World Council of Mosques– Kuala Lumpur (1992)
- Student of Shaykh Abubakr Najaar (d.1993) in Muslim Family Law – Cape Town (1993).

#### **IV - LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

- Primary Language: English
- Second Language: Afrikaans (creolized Dutch)
- Third Language: Arabic (working knowledge)

#### **V. CURRENT OCCUPATION**

- Associate Teaching Professor - The Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies based in the Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA. The position involves teaching annual Spring Semester Undergraduate and Graduate courses in Peace Studies, as well as Senior Level and Graduate courses on Islamic Ethics of War and Peace and Islam, Nonviolence and Peacebuilding. In addition, acting as faculty field advisor to the Kroc Institute’s Masters Students in Global Affairs (International Peace Studies Concentration) during their internships in Cape Town during the Summer and Fall Semesters. Also serving as Faculty Fellow of the Keough School’s Ansari Institute for Global Engagement with Religion, the Pulte Institute for Global Development, the Pamoja ND Africa Initiative and the Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns.
- Imam of the Claremont Main Road Mosque, Cape Town, South Africa (since 1986). Delivering Sermons, Pastoral Responsibilities and Leadership Role in Interfaith Peacebuilding and Civil Society Solidarity Campaigns)

#### **VI-PUBLICATIONS**

##### **A. Monographs**

- *Do No Harm: A Muslim Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic.* (Wipf & Stock Eugene, OR, 2023)
- *The Socio-Spiritual Dimensions of Hajj: A Collection of Khutbahs* (Claremont Main Road Mosque: Cape Town, Revised Second Edition, 2019).
- *Islam Beyond Violent Extremism* (Durban: Afrika Impressions Media, 2017).
- *Beyond State Idolatry in Post-Mubarak Egypt* (Claremont Main Road Mosque: Cape Town, 2011).
- *Tolerance, Civil Society and Renaissance in Post-Apartheid South Africa.* (Claremont Main Road Mosque: Cape Town, 2002).

## **B. E-Books**

- *Collection of Nasihahs and Khutbahs 2022* (Claremont Main Road Mosque: Cape Town, 2023)
- *Collection of Nasihahs and Khutbahs 2021* (Claremont Main Road Mosque: Cape Town, 2022)
- *Collection of Khutbahs 2020* (Claremont Main Road Mosque: Cape Town, 2021)
- *Collection of Khutbahs 2019* (Claremont Main Road Mosque: Cape Town, 2020)
- *Collection of Nasihahs and Khutbahs 2018* (Claremont Main Road Mosque: Cape Town, 2019)

## **C. Co-Edited Books**

- Co-Editor with Patrick Tom, *Transformative Pedagogy for Learning to Live Together in Southern Africa: A Guide for Teachers* (UNESCO: Geneva, 2021)
- *Interfaith Reflections on the Fight Against Corruption*. Edited by Omar, A. Rashied. Cape Town: Western Cape Religions Leaders, 2013).
- *Extremism: Dissecting A Phenomenon*, The First IPSA Spring Symposium, Sunday 18, October 2000. (Cape Town: International Peace College South Africa, 2009).
- *Hermeneutical Explorations in Dialogue: Essays in Honour of Hans Ucko*. Eds. Anantanand Rambachan, A. Rashied Omar & M. Thomas Thangaraj. ISPCK: (Delhi, India, 2007).
- *Report on Religion in Curriculum 2005*, *South African Government Gazette, Volume. 404, 23, No. 19775, February, 1999*.
- *Rainbow Religions*. Editors, Omar, A Rashied & Manila Amin. Maskew Miller Press: Cape Town, 1998.
- *Children in Islam: Rights, Legitimacy & Islamic Law*, Eds. A. Rashied Omar & E. Moosa, (Cape Town: Claremont Main Road Mosque, 1996).
- *Festivals and Celebrations: A New Approach in Religion Education for South African Primary Schools*. Eds, Omar, A. Rashied, Janet Stonier, Nokuzola Mndende, Saraswathi S. Pillay, and Azila Reisenberger. (Cape Town: Juta Educational Publishers, 1996).
- *Role of Muslims in the Reconstruction and Development Program*. Edited by Omar, A Rashied, Claremont Main Road Mosque Publications: Cape Town, 1994.
- *Religion in Public Education - Policy Options for a New Religion Education for a New South Africa*. Editors, Omar A Rashied, David Chidester, Gordon Mitchell and Isabel Apawo Phiri, second edition, revised and expanded. (Cape Town: UCT Press, 1994.)
- *Religion in Public Education: Policy Options for a New South Africa*. Editors, Omar, A. Rashied, David Chidester, Gordon Mitchell, Isabel and Isabel Apawo Phiri. (Cape Town: Institute for Comparative Religion in Southern Africa, University of Cape Town, 1992).

#### D. Chapters in Books

- “Violence Against Women and Children: A Muslim Perspective” in *Geweld Teen Vroue: Dit is tyd dat mans begin praat* edited by Bernard Lategan, Jody Hendricks, Willemien Brummer, Kopano Ratele and Chris Jones (Cape Town: Naledi, 2023)
- ‘Between Compassion and Justice: Locating an Islamic Definition of Peace’ in *Peace Movements in Islam: History, Religion, and Politics* edited by Juan Cole. (I. B. Taurus: New York, 2022)
- “Economic Justice the Fulcrum of Strong Reconciliation: A Muslim Critique of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission” in *Unfinished Business? Faith Communities and Reconciliation in a Post-TRC Context* edited by CH Thesnaar & LD Hansen. University of Stellenbosch, 2020.
- “Islam and Violence-Revisited,” Chapter for a Book titled *Reflections on Religion in the Twenty First Century: Religious Plurality, Religion, Violence and the Other* edited by Hans Ucko. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017.
- “Islam, Conflict and Violence” in *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World Second Edition*, Richard C. Martin, Editor in Chief Macmillan Reference USA. 2016.
- “Religious Violence and State Violence”, in *The Oxford Handbook of Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding* edited by Atalia Omer, R. Scott Appleby and David Little. Oxford University Press, New York: 2015, 236-258.
- “Islamic Perspectives on Conversion: Aid Evangelism and Apostasy Law”, with Rabia Terri Harris in *Religious Conversion: Religion Scholars Thinking Together*, edited by Shanta Premawardhana. WILEY Blackwell: West Sussex, UK: 2015, 119-141 (World Council of Churches).
- “Islam and Peacebuilding”, in *Dialogue and Terror: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam after 9/11* edited by Alan L. Berger. Cascade Books: Eugene, Oregon: 2012, 201-210.
- “The Right to Religious Conversion: Between Apostasy and Proselytization’, in *Peace-Building by, between, and beyond Muslims and Evangelical Christians* edited by Mohammed Abu-Nimer and David Augsburg. Lexington Books: Lanham, MD: 2009, 179-194.
- “Abraham in Islam”, in *Ancient Tales for Modern Times: Reflections on Abraham and his Children* by Chris N van der Merwe. Lux Verbi.BM, Wellington, South Africa: 2008, 186-191.
- “From Resistance to Reconstruction: Challenges Facing Muslim-Christian Relations in Post-Apartheid South Africa”, In *Muslim-Christian Encounters in Africa*, ed. Benjamin Soares, E. J. Brill, Leiden, 2006.
- “Towards a Peace Service in Islam”, In *Peace Services in the Abrahamic Traditions*, Global Peace Services, The International Fellowship of Reconciliation, USA, 2006.
- “Beyond Ambivalence: Peacemaking Through the Prophetic Example’, with Rabia Terri Harris in *Faces of the Other*, edited by Hans Ucko. A Contribution by the Group Thinking Together, Interreligious Relations and Dialogue, World Council of Churches, Geneva 2005, 22-31.
- “Islam, Conflict and Violence” in *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*, Richard C. Martin, Editor in Chief Macmillan Reference USA, 2003.

- “Does Public Policy Need Religion”, in *Religion in Public Life*, ed., Jim Cochrane, University of Cape Town, 1999: 26-30.
- “The Theoretical Underpinnings of Interreligious and Intercultural Education: The Work of the Institute for Comparative Religion in Southern Africa,” by A. Rashied Omar, *Interreligious and Intercultural Education: Methodologies, Conceptions, and Pilot Projects in South Africa, Namibia, Great Britain, the Netherlands, and Germany*, ed. Wolfram Weisse (Münster: Comenius Institute, 1996): 27-30.
- “The Rights of Children in Islam.” In *Children in Islam: Rights, Legitimacy & Islamic Law*, Eds. A.R. Omar & E. Moosa, Claremont Main Road Mosque, Cape Town, South Africa, 1996.
- "Intrinsic Motivations for Interfaith Co-operation, A Response to Beyers Naude's Peace Lecture", in a *Decade of Interfaith Dialogue*, Ed. G. Lubbe, World Conference on Religion and Peace: 1994.
- "Islamic Experience of Religious Freedom in the South African Context" in *Religious Freedom in South Africa*, ed., J. Killian, University of South Africa: 1993
- " Muslims and Inter-Religious Education in South Africa", in *EZZIEHUNGSWISSENSCHAFT*, ed., Wolfram Weisse, University of Hamburg: 1993
- "Perils of the Third Option –A Muslim response to Albie Sachs” in *Believers in the Future*, ed., Kritzinger, K. World Conference on Religion and Peace – South African Chapter, 1992.

#### **E. Refereed Journal Articles**

- “Interreligious Solidarity in South Africa: Analyzing the Role of the Muslim Community” in *Interreligious Studies and Intercultural Theology*", Special Issue: Limits, Possibilities, Needs of Interreligious Dialogue. Voices from the Global South, 7(1), 253-274 (November 2023). <https://doi.org/10.1558/isit.26884>
- “Archbishop Desmond Tutu (1931-2021): Prophetic Witness for Social Justice,” in *Research Africa* Volume 5, Issue 3 -December 2021. Duke University WordPress, USA. See: <https://sites.duke.edu/researchafrica/files/2022/01/2-3-Omar-Tribute-Desmond-Tutu-2021.pdf>
- “Islam and Violence – Revisited,” in *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* Winter 2017, Volume 52, Number 1, 67-78.
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- “Muslim Prayer and Public Spheres: An Interpretation of the Qur’anic Verse 29:44”, with Mun`im Sirry in *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*, Volume 68 (1) 2014, 39-53.
- “*Ta`aruf*: Islam Beyond Tolerance” in *New Routes: A Journal of Peace Research and Action*, Volume 16, 2011. Life and Peace Institute: Sweden.
- “Embracing the ‘Other’ as an Extension of the Self: Muslim Reflections on the Epistle to the Hebrews 13:2”, in *The Anglican Theological Review* Volume 91 Number 3, Summer 2009, 433-441. Evanston, Illinois.

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- “Islam Beyond Tolerance: The Qur’anic Concept of *Ta`aruf*”, in *Brethren Life and Thought*, Volume 53 Number 2 (Spring 2008), 15-20. A Journal published in the Interests of the Church of the Brethren. Bethany Theological Seminary; Richmond, Indiana, USA, 2008.
- “Overcoming Religiously Motivated Violence”, in *Crosscurrents*, Volume 55, Number I, Spring 2005.
- “The Significance of the Holy Land in Our Sacred Stories”, in *Interreligious Insight*, Volume 2 Number 4, October 2004.
- “Democracy and Multiple Muslim Identities in Post-Apartheid South Africa”, in *Annual Review of Islam in South Africa*, Issue No. 7, 2004. Center for Contemporary Islam: University of Cape Town.
- “Opportunities & Challenges for Islamic Peacebuilding After September 11”, in *Interreligious Insight*, Volume 1 Number 4, October 2003.
- “Islam and Violence”, in *The Ecumenical Review*, Volume 55 Number 2, April 2003, World Council of Churches: Geneva.
- “Towards a Polycentric Theory on Religion and Violence”, in *Journal of the Henry Martin Institute*, January-June 2002, Hyderabad, India.
- “Muslims and Religious Pluralism in Post-Apartheid South Africa”, in *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*, Volume 22, Number 1, 2002.
- “The African Renaissance: A Muslim Perspective”, in *Journal of Constructive Theology* Volume 6, Number 1, July 2000. University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa.

### Book Reviews

- Review of Nuraan Davids, *Out of Place: An Autoethnography of Postcolonial Citizenship*, in *Journal of Education in Muslim Societies* (Forthcoming 2023).
- Review of Muhammad Qasim Zaman, *The Ulama in Contemporary Islam: Custodians of Change*, in *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 36, 2004, pp. 340-341.
- Review of Richard T. Antoun, *Understanding Fundamentalism: Christian, Islamic, and Jewish Movements*, in *Peace & Change*, Vol, 29, Issue 2, 2004, pp.322-346.
- Review of John L. Esposito, *Unholy War: Terror in the Mind of God*, in *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*, Vol. 22, No. 2, 2002, pp. 485-488.

### Non-Refereed Materials

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- “Fasting During the Month of Shawwal” in *Al-Qalam*, 19 April 2024. For online version see here: <https://alqalam.co.za/fasting-during-the-month-of-shawwal/>
- “Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr Amidst Famine in Gaza” in *Contending Modernities*; A blog about Catholic, Muslim, and Secular interaction in the Modern World. University of Notre Dame: March 25, 2024. For online blog article see here:

<https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/global-currents/ramadan-eid-famine-in-gaza/>

- “Ramadan Amidst the Genocide in Gaza” in *Al-Qalam*, 1 March 2024. For online version see here: <https://alqalam.co.za/ramadan-amidst-the-genocide-in-gaza/>
- " Three Critical Lessons for Social Activists” in *Cape Argus*, 27 February 2024.
- “Imagining a More Compassionate Post Covid-19 World” in *Virtues and Vocations: Higher Education for Human Flourishing* (University of Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns, Summer 2023). For online version see here: <https://socialconcerns.nd.edu/virtues/magazine/imagining-a-more-compassionate-post-covid-19-world/>
- “Let’s Link our Palestine Solidarity Protests to Local Actions for Social Justice” in *Muslim Views*, December 21, 2023. For the online version see here: <https://muslimviews.co.za/2023/12/21/lets-link-our-palestine-solidarity-protests-to-local-actions-for-social-justice/>
- “Gaza Genocide: Holding onto Our Humanity” in *Al-Qalam*, 17 November 2023. For the online version see here: <https://alqalam.co.za/gaza-genocide-holding-onto-our-humanity/> (accessed 26 January 2024)
- “Inter-Religious Dialogue or Solidarity Played a Major Role in Uniting the Oppressed Communities in South Africa” interview with Dr. A. Rashied Omar by Marian Pallister, Chair of Pax Christi Scotland in *WORLDWIDE*, Volume 33, Number 6 (October – November 2023). <https://www.worldwidemagazine.org/vol-33-no-6/inter-religious-dialogue-or-solidarity-played-a-major-role-in-uniting-the-oppressed-communities-in-south-africa/>
- “American Muslims: Growing Amidst a Culture War” in *Al-Qalam*, 18 May 2023. For online version see here: <https://muslimviews.co.za/2023/05/18/american-muslims-growing-amidst-a-culture-war/> (accessed 24 January 2023)
- “Don’t be an armchair critic – get up and do something to influence change” in *Al-Qalam*, 29 January, 2023. For the online version see here: <https://alqalam.co.za/dont-be-an-armchair-critic-get-up-and-do-something-to-influence-change/> (accessed 29 March 2023)
- “Time to establish an interfaith solidarity forum in wake of death of Shireen Abu Akleh” in Daily Maverick Online (29 May 2022 , Cape Town, South Africa). See here: <https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/opinionista/2022-05-29-time-to-establish-an-interfaith-solidarity-forum-in-wake-of-death-of-shireen-abu-akleh/>
- “Active Citizenship is Key to Rooting out Graft” in *Cape Argus* 11 January 2022. For the online version see here: <https://www.pressreader.com/south-africa/cape-argus/20220111/281681143231982> (accessed 15 January 2022).
- “Archbishop Tutu: A lifelong witness to human dignity, just peace and interfaith solidarity” in *Cape Times* October 8, 2021. See: <https://www.iol.co.za/capetimes/opinion/archbishop-tutu-a-lifelong-witness-to-human-dignity-just-peace-and-interfaith-solidarity-d1baaffb-2484-4bb7-bb5d-9297fd4197f7> (accessed 3 December 2021)

- “Moral Regeneration in a Post-Pandemic South Africa”, in *Leadership Magazine*, South Africa. (27 July 2021). For online version see here: <https://indd.adobe.com/embed/84cf176b-6ba0-4147-9eb8-f6361eebfd6e> (accessed 27 March 2023).
- “The Peace Dimensions of *Fratelli Tutti*: A Muslim Perspective” in *Contending Modernities*: A blog about Catholic, Muslim, and Secular interaction in the modern world. University of Notre Dame: March 21, 2021 (Accessed 8 January 2022, See: <https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/global-currents/peace-dimensions-fratelli-tutti/>)
- “Remembering Swami Agnivesh: Advocate for Interreligious Solidarity” in *Contending Modernities* <https://contendingmodernities.nd.edu/global-currents/swami-agnivesh/>
- “Hajj: A Journey of Perseverance” in the Cape Argus, August 3, 2020. For the online version see here: <https://www.iol.co.za/capeargus/opinion/hajj-a-journey-of-perseverance-b40075a7-6802-40c2-9cd4-60cc210b27b3> (accessed 23 August 2020).
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- “Dr Rashied Omar on South Africa - An Episode from the Covid-19 Chronicles: Beyond the UK Series” interview by Dr Ed Kessler, *Woolf Institute*, June 8, 2020. For online interview see here: <https://www.woolf.cam.ac.uk/videos/dr-rashied-omar-on-south-africa> (accessed 23 August 2020).
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- “Drugs, Gangs and Vigilantism in Post-Apartheid South Africa” lecture delivered at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, USA. October 5, 1999.
- “What Difference Does Religious Pluralism Make? An Islamic Experience of Religious Pluralism in Post-Apartheid South Africa” in *Current Dialogue*, World Council of Churches: Geneva, 2/1999.
- “Citizenship of Marginal/Subjugated voices”. In *Research Institute for Christianity in South Africa: Academic Workshop Papers*, Cape Town, 30 September – 2 October 1998.
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- “Language in a Future South Africa: An Islamic Perspective”. In *Language Projects Review*, 6 (3-4): 18-19, December 1991.

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### **E. Unpublished Dissertations**

- “Religion, Violence & The State: A Dialogical Encounter Between Activists and Scholars.” Doctoral Dissertation in Religious Studies, University of Cape Town - South Africa (December 2005).
- "Twelve Century Muslim Scholar -Ibn Hazm and his Muslim Perspective on the Judeo – Christian Scriptures". In partial fulfillment of the Master of Arts Degree - Religious Studies. University of Cape Town, 1992.
- "Interreligious Solidarity in the Midst of the anti-Apartheid struggle". In partial fulfillment of Bachelor of Social Science Honors Religious Studies. University of Cape Town, 1989.
- "The Impact of the Deaths in Apartheid Detention on Political Consciousness in Cape Town". In partial fulfillment of Bachelor of Arts Honors in History. University of Cape Town, 1986.

## **V11 - WORK EXPERIENCE:**

### **A. PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT**

- Interreligious Researcher at the Institute for Comparative Religion in Southern Africa, Religious Studies Department, University of Cape Town (1992-2000).
- Director of the Muslim Youth Movement of South Africa (1983-84)
- Imam (Minister) of the Queens Bridge Mosque in Durban, South Africa (1983-1984)
- Teacher in History and Economics at Crestway Senior Secondary High School in Cape Town, South Africa (1982-83).

### **B. COLLEGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Undergraduate Teaching**

- University of Notre Dame (Spring 2014): Islam, Nonviolence and Peacebuilding
- University of Notre Dame (Spring 2005-2020): Islamic Ethics of War and Peace
- University of Notre Dame (Spring 2017-24) Peace Studies Junior Seminar
- University of Notre Dame (Spring 2014 -2016): Peace Studies Senior Seminar
- University of Notre Dame (Fall 2010 & Spring 2023) Introduction to Peace Studies
- University of Notre Dame (Fall 2007) Islam and Muslim-Christian Dialogue
- University of Cape Town (1995-2000): Second and Third-year lectures in Studies of Sacred Scriptures –Module on the Qur`anic Hermeneutics; Religion, Conflict, and Violence; Introduction to Islamic Law.
- Cape Town College of Education (1996-2000): Second- and Third-Year lectures on Teaching Islam in a Multi-Religious Educational Context.

### **Graduate Teaching**

- University of Notre Dame (Spring 2014): Islam, Nonviolence and Peacebuilding
- University of Notre Dame (Spring 2022): jointly with Dr. Norbert Koppensteiner, Capstone Course for Master of Global Affairs (International Peace Studies Concentration)
- University of Notre Dame (Spring 2021) jointly with Dr. Norbert Koppensteiner. Capstone Course for Master of Global Affairs (International Peace Studies Concentration)
- University of Notre Dame (Spring 2020) Capstone Course for Master of Global Affairs (International Peace Studies Concentration)
- University of Notre Dame (2006 - 2020): Islamic Ethics of War and Peace
- University of Denver – Illiff School of Theology – (Spring 2007) Islamic Ethics of War and Peace
- University of Notre Dame (Spring 2006): Co-Teaching of Religion and Culture Core Course to Masters Students in International Peace Studies.
- University of Cape Town School of Education (1995-2000): Semester Course in Inter-cultural and Inter-Religious Education

### **C. RESEARCH AND POLICY FORMULATION EXPERIENCE**

- **Coordinator of the Program in Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding (PRCP)**  
(July 2001 – June 2006)

This interdisciplinary, inter-religious program explores the complex roles of diverse Religious traditions in contemporary conflicts. The PRCP encompasses the full spectrum of religious involvement in contemporary conflict, from the religious legitimization of violence to religious peacebuilding efforts, such as mediation by religious groups and efforts to promote inter-religious and intra-religious dialogue. Research focuses on the phenomenon of "lived religion" by examining how religious leaders and movements "translate" sacred scriptures and traditional norms into practical principles that shape decisions and behaviors "on the ground." Through deeper understanding of religion's complex role in conflict situations, the Program hopes to strengthen the potential for peacebuilding within all religious traditions.

- **Coordinator of The Research Initiative in Ethnic Conflict (RIREC)**  
(July 2001 – June 2004)

RIREC is a new project of the Kroc Institute focusing on post-accord peacebuilding and the difficult but pressing questions of how to create a sustainable, just peace after a period of protracted conflict. The project develops an interdisciplinary team of scholars and practitioners working around three research themes - violence, youth/the next generation, and transitional justice. At the heart of the project is an effort to develop new theoretical lenses for comprehending the nuances of post- accord peacebuilding, which will integrate conflict management and conflict transformation concerns, techniques and methodologies. The project will test these lenses against cases and develop relevant policy recommendations.

- Interreligious Researcher at the Religion in Public Education Policy and Curriculum Designer at the Institute for Comparative Religion in Southern Africa (ICRSA) University of Cape Town (1992-2000). Launched in July 1991, ICRSA is a research unit of the University of Cape Town. One of its two projects, the Religion and Public Education Project, has produced a widely distributed report on policy options, a teacher-training manual, and textbooks, and has conducted pilot projects in local schools and teacher-training colleges to develop new programs and materials for religion education. In addition to academic and action research, ICRSA sponsors public lectures, regular seminars, community workshops, and occasional publications.
- Served on Religion Education Policy Committee for the South African Ministry of Education that produced a draft Inter-religious educational policy (1998). This committee produced the Report on *Religion in Curriculum 2005*, *South African Government Gazette, Vol.404, 23, No. 19775, February, 1999.*

### **VIII - PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- President of the Muslim Students Association of South Africa (1980-1982)
- President of the Muslim Youth Movement of South Africa (1986-1989)
- Principal of the Claremont Main Road Mosque Saturday School (1986-1994)
- Short listed as Commissioner for the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission (1995)
- National Vice President of the World Conference on Religion and Peace - South African Chapter. (1995-1999)
- Co-chair of the Cape Town Parliament of the World's Religions (1999)
- Deputy-Chair of the Interreligious Commission on Crime and Violence in the Western Cape (1997-1999)
- Deputy Chair of the Electoral Code of Conduct Observer Commission – 1999 South African National Elections.
- Co-Chair of the Assembly of Religious Leaders, 2004 Barcelona Parliament of the World's Religions
- Principal of the Muslim Sunday School of the Islamic Society of Michiana (2003-04).
- Imam of the Claremont Main Road Mosque – Cape Town – South Africa (1985 - Continuing)
- Trustee of the Institute of the Healing of Memories – Cape Town - South Africa (2006 – Continuing).
- Member of the Interfaith Council on Ethics Education for Children, Arigatou International, sponsored by a Japanese Buddhist organization, Myochikai (2013 – 2018)
- Chairperson of the Western Cape Religious Leaders Forum (2012-2014)
- Trustee of the Desmond Tutu Peace Foundation – Cape Town-South Africa (1999)
- Advisory Council Member of the Knowledge Center for Religion and Development – The Netherlands. (2004)

- Consortium Member of the Center for the Study of Muslim Networks, Duke University's Franklin Center, Durham, NC, USA.
- Trustee of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, Chicago (2000)
- International Participant to the "Thinking Together Consultations" convened by the Inter-Religious Office of the World Council of Churches-Geneva, Switzerland
- International Consultant to Aurora University's Wackerlin Center for Faith and Action – IL, USA.
- Advisory Board Member, Global Studies Institute at the Culver Academies, IN, USA.
- Associate Imam of the Islamic Society of Michiana, IN, USA.
- Advisory Board Member of [www.cihablog.com](http://www.cihablog.com) (Critical Investigations into Humanitarianism in Africa).
- Advisor to an International 'Consortium on Nurturing Values and Spirituality in Early Childhood for the Prevention of Violence' (Geneva, 2018 and continuing).
- Board Member of the Cape Cultural Collective (Cape Town, 2022 and continuing). The Mission of the Cape Cultural Collective is to unite diverse communities through providing a platform for the development and growth of Arts and Culture. See: <https://capeculturalcollective.org.za/the-board/>