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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Muslim identities and geographies in the West, identity formation, gender, religion, Islamic feminism, conversion to Islam, ethnographic and qualitative methods, phenomenological anthropology.

Geographic areas: U.S., Europe, Sweden

### EMPLOYMENT

#### University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Associate Professor of Geography and Women's and Gender Studies	Aug. 2013-
Assistant Professor of Geography and Women's Studies	2006-2013
Lecturer, Department of Anthropology and Women's Studies Program	2003-2006

### EDUCATION

#### Lund University, Sweden

Ph.D., Department of European Ethnology Advisor: Professor Gunnar Alsmark	Dec. 2002
Visiting graduate student at University of California-Santa Cruz Department of Anthropology, Advisor: Professor Daniel Linger	1996-97 1999-2001
M.A., Department of European Ethnology	June 1996
B.A., Department of European Ethnology	June 1994

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Book

2006 *Becoming Muslim: Western Women's Conversions to Islam*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. (Culture, Mind, and Society book series. Paperback edition, 2009).

#### Book Manuscript in Progress

*Muslims in Milwaukee: Place, Identities and Activism* (co-authors Caroline Seymour-Jorn and Kristin Sziarto)

## Journal articles (peer-reviewed)

- 2018 Seymour-Jorn, C., Sziarto K., and **A. Mansson McGinty**. The American prophetic tradition and social justice activism among Muslims in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. *Contemporary Islam*. (Published online August 18, 2018, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11562-018-0423-0>)
- 2018 Embodied Islamophobia: Lived Experiences of anti-Muslim discourses and assaults in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. *Social & Cultural Geography*. (Published online, July 20, 2018, <https://doi.org/10.1080/14649365.2018.1497192>)
- 2017 Laliberte, N, Bain, A, Lankenau, G, Bolduc, M, **Mansson McGinty, A** and K. Sziarto. The Controversy Capital of Stealth Feminism in Higher Education. *ACME: An International E-Journal for Critical Geographies*. 16(1): 34-58.
- 2015 Palestinian, Arab, American, Muslim: “Looping Effects” of Categories and Meaning. *ACME: An International E-Journal for Critical Geographies*. 14(4).
- 2014 Emotional geographies of veiling: The meanings of the *hijab* for five Palestinian American Muslim women. *Gender, Place and Culture*. 21(6): 683-700.
- 2014 Sziarto, K., **Mansson McGinty, A.** and C. Seymour-Jorn. Diverse Muslims in a Racialized landscape: Race, Ethnicity, Islamophobia, and Urban Space in Milwaukee, WI. *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*. 34(1): 1-21.
- 2013 Sziarto, K., **Mansson McGinty, A.** and C. Seymour-Jorn. The Muslim Milwaukee Project: Muslims Negotiating Racial and Ethnic Categories. *The Wisconsin Geographer*. 25: 67-93.
- 2013 **Mansson McGinty, Anna**, Sziarto, Kristin and Caroline Seymour-Jorn. Research within and against Islamophobia: A collaboration project with Muslim communities. *Social & Cultural Geography*. 14(1): 1-22.
- 2012 The “mainstream Muslim” opposing Islamophobia: Self-representations of American Muslims. *Environment and Planning A*. 44(12): 2957 – 2973.
- 2012 “Teaching against culture” in Geography of Islam. *The Professional Geographer*. 64(3): 358-369.
- 2012 “Faith drives me to be an activist”: Muslim American women’s struggle for recognition and social justice.” *The Muslim World*. 102(2): 371-389.
- 2007 Formation of alternative femininities through Islam: Feminist approaches among Muslim converts in Sweden. *Women’s Studies International Forum*. 30(6): 474-485.
- 1997 Att vara svensk och muslim: Reflektioner kring svenska kvinnors konversion till islam. (To be Swedish and Muslim: Reflections on Swedish women’s conversion to Islam). *Kulturella Perspektiv (Cultural Perspectives)* 1997:4.

## Articles in books

- 2000 Möten mellan “svenskt” och “muslimskt”. (Cultural Encounters between “Swedish” and “Muslim?”) In: *Att möta främlingar*. Göran Rystad and Svante Lundberg (eds.) Lund: Arkiv Förlag.

## Invited Articles, Essays, Book Reviews and Interviews

- 2018 Muslims. *Encyclopedia of Milwaukee*. <https://emke.uwm.edu/entry/muslims/>
- 2017 Belonging and Making Home among Muslim American Youth. *Intersections*. Vol. 5 (1): 52-64. Published by the UWM Center for International Education. <https://people.uwm.edu/diversities/files/2017/04/Intersections-Vol-5-qny4vt.pdf>
- 2016 Fellows Interview. Center for International Education. Diversities Conference. <http://people.uwm.edu/diversities/fellows-interview-anna-mansson-mcginty/>
- 2016 The Ontology of Western Liberalism. Invited to contribute to Book Review Forum on Joseph Massad’s “Islam in Liberalism.” *Dialogues in Human Geography*. 6(2): 232-234.
- 2013 Blog “Research collaboration with Muslim leaders: Common aspirations and compromises” for The Center for 21st Century Studies, UWM. January 17. <http://www.c21uwm.com/2013/01/17/research-collaboration-with-muslim-leaders-common-aspirations-and-compromises/>
- 2013 Anna Mansson McGinty and Abdur-Rahman Abou Almajd in dialogue about Becoming Muslim. (Interview about my book for Islamic website *Alukah*). May 20, 2013: [http://en.alukah.net/World\\_Muslims/0/2021/](http://en.alukah.net/World_Muslims/0/2021/)
- 2012 Commentary to “A Strategy for Approaching the Sensitive Topic of Islamic Fundamentalism in Cultural Geography Courses for American Undergraduates” by Ronald Runeric, *The Arab World Geographer*, 15(3): 243-248.
- 2011 The French Ban on Full-face Veils. *Sightings*. University of Chicago, Divinity School, online publication. June 16. [http://divinity.uchicago.edu/martycenter/publications/sightings/archive\\_2011/0616.shtml](http://divinity.uchicago.edu/martycenter/publications/sightings/archive_2011/0616.shtml)
- 2009 On-the-ground activism. Muslim women’s work for civil rights and social justice. *Global Currents*. Fall 2009, Vol. 6, Issue 1.
- 2003 Muslim efter noggrant val. *Invandrare och Minoriteter*, nr 1.
- 2003 Konversion till islam. Identitetsskapandets dynamik. *Invandrare och Minoriteter* nr 6.

## Book reviews

- 2013 Review of Gudrun Lachenmann and Petra Dannecker (eds.), *Negotiating Development in Muslim Societies: Gendered Spaces and Translocal Connections*. Plymouth, UK: Lexington Books. *Gender, Place and Culture*. 20.5 (2013): 691-693
- 2013 Review of Maaïke Voorhoeve (ed.), *Family Law in Islam: Divorce, Marriage and Women in the Muslim World*. *Contemporary Islam*. Published online, August 2013. <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11562-013-0267-6#>
- 1999 Review of Lena Gerholm (ed.), *Behag och begär. Kulturella Perspektiv på kroppens, intimitetens och sexualitetens transformationer*. *Rig*.
- 1996 Review of Marianne Liliequist, *I Skuggan av "Inte utan min dotter."* *Ethnologia Scandinavia*.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2019 C21 Collaboratory Grant. The Muslim Milwaukee Project, continued: Deepening local collaborations, and artistic production beyond Muslim identity. (together with Kristin Sziarto (P.I.) and Caroline Seymour-Jorn). Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies, UWM.
- 2018 C21 Collaboratory Grant. Artistic and Cultural Production among Muslims in Milwaukee. Muslim Milwaukee Project (together with Kristin Sziarto (P.I.) and Caroline Seymour-Jorn). Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Studies, UWM.
- 2016 Global Studies Research Fellow, "Belonging and 'Making Home' among Muslim American Youth: Diverse Identities, Geographies and Politics," Center for International Education (CIE), UWM, Academic Year 2016-2017.
- 2015 Fromkin Research Grant and Lectureship, UWM. *Da`wa in Milwaukee: Social Justice and Civic Activism among Muslims in Milwaukee, WI*. UW-Milwaukee, Libraries.
- 2014 Global Studies Research Fellows. Center for International Education. *Translating Islam and Muslimness: "Looping Effects" of Meaning in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America*. **Denied**.
- 2013 National Endowment for the Humanities. Collaborative Research. Project Proposal: *Muslims in Flyover Land*. Budget Proposal: \$102,710.00. Submitted December 6, 2012. (Together with Caroline Seymour-Jorn (P.I.) and Kristin Sziarto). **Denied**.
- 2013 American Council of Learned Societies, ACLS. Collaborative Research Fellowships. Project Proposal: *Muslims in Flyover Land*. Budget Proposal: \$119,700.00. Submitted October 2, 2012. (Together with Caroline Seymour-Jorn and Kristin Sziarto). **Denied**.
- 2012 Fellow, Center for 21 Century Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. *Young, Muslim, and American: An Ethnography of Muslim American Youth in Milwaukee*, 2012-2013

- 2011 UWM Research Growth Initiative (RGI) grant *The Muslim Milwaukee Project* (P.I. Mansson McGinty, co-collaborators Caroline Seymour-Jorn and Kristin Sziarto) \$35,512, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2011/2012
- 2010 MENA (Middle Eastern and North African Studies) Course Development Grant, Summer 2010, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 2008 Graduate School Research Committee Award, UWM, Summer 2008, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 2008 UW System Women's Studies Consortium, Grant to develop a Women's Studies Online Hybrid Course, Summer 2008, University of Wisconsin System
- 2007 Community-University Collaboration Project Grant (CUP), *Combating Islamophobia by Empowering Women* (together with Janan Najeeb and Prof. Caroline Seymour-Jorn), Cultures and Communities Program, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 2002 Crafoord Foundation Grant, Lund University, Sweden
- 2002 Birgit and Gad Rausing Grant, Lund University, Sweden
- 2002 Lund University Graduate Student Grant, Sweden
- 2001 Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation Grant 2001, Lund University, Sweden
- 2001 Lund University Graduate Student Grant, Sweden
- 2000 Pleijel Foundation (Department of European Ethnology), Lund University, Sweden
- 1999 Swedish Institute Grant, Scholarship for a year abroad, Visiting Graduate Student at University of California, Santa-Cruz, 1999-2000
- 1996 Lund University Graduate Student Grant 1996, Sweden
- 1996 Sweden-America Foundation Grant, Scholarship for a year abroad, Visiting Graduate Student at University of California, Santa-Cruz, 1996-97

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, PANELS AND TALKS**

- 2019 Parallel and Countervailing Processes of Islamophobia and Sense of Belonging: Muslim Geographies in Milwaukee, U.S. American Association of Geographers (AAG), Washington, D.C., April 6. (co-authors Kristin Sziarto and Caroline Seymour-Jorn)
- 2017 "Embodied Islamophobia: Lived experiences of anti-Muslim discourses and assaults." Association of American Geographers (AAG), Boston, April 9.
- 2016 Belonging and "Making Home" among Muslim American Youth: Diverse Identities, Geographies and Politics. Global Studies Fellows Colloquia. UW-Milwaukee, December 15.

- 2015 In the Face of Islamophobic Rhetoric: Negotiating Gender Identity and Religious Belonging within the Muslim Student Association. National Women's Studies Association. Milwaukee, November 15.
- 2015 Discussant IGU Gender Conference, Gendered Rights to the City, UW-Milwaukee, April 20.
- 2014 The Scholarly Narrative of Muslims: Reflections on the Inevitable Backdrop of Islamophobia. Association of American Geographers (AAG), Chicago, April 8.
- 2014 *Feminist Pedagogies*. Panelist. Association of American Geographers (AAG), Chicago, April 12.
- 2012 Research within and against Islamophobia: A Collaboration project with Muslim communities. Co-authors: Kristin Sziarto and Caroline Seymour-Jorn. Association of American Geographers (AAG), New York, February 28.
- 2012 *The Muslim Milwaukee Project*: Preliminary findings on diversity, racism, and integration. Co-authors: Kristin Sziarto and Caroline Seymour-Jorn. Association of American Geographers (AAG), New York, February 28.
- 2010 Challenging the Public/Private Binary: American Muslim Women's Negotiation of Gender Identity and Space. Association of American Geographers (AAG), Washington D.C., April 15.
- 2008 Breaking down 'otherness' in the classroom. Association of American Geographers (AAG), April 16.
- 2007 Globalizing Islamic feminism and the formation of new gendered selves. American Anthropological Association (AAA), Washington D.C., November 28.
- 2007 Everyday implementations of Islamic feminism: Feminist Approaches among Muslim Converts in Sweden. National Women's Studies Association Conference (NWSA), St. Charles, IL, July 1.
- 2007 Formation of Alternative Femininities through Islam: Feminist Approaches among Muslim Converts in Sweden. Association of American Geographers (AAG), San Francisco, April 20.
- 2005 Becoming Muslim: Feminist views and gendered identity in Islam. Presentation and reading at the Feminist Theory Research Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. March 16.
- 2004 Western Women's Conversion to Islam: Crossing "Borders" and Negotiating New Identities and Versions of Femininity. National Women's Studies Association Conference (NWSA), Milwaukee, WI, June 19.
- 2001 The Transformation and Shifting of Self: Meanings of Conversion to Islam. Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting, Decatur, GA., October 19.

- 1998 Att vara svensk och muslim: Svenska kvinnors konversion till islam. (To be Swedish and Muslim: Swedish Women's Conversion to Islam). Brown bag seminar at the Department of European Ethnology, Lund University. March.

### INVITED TALKS, WORKSHOPS AND PANELS

- 2017 "Everyday embodiment of citizenship and religion. Narratives of belonging among Muslim American youth." Center for International Education, UWM, Diversities, Annual Conference. April 20.
- 2017 The Visa Promise. Emergent C21. Panel. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Center for 21st Century Studies. March 31.
- 2017 "Bans, Borders and Belonging. A Conversation on the Executive Order." Global Studies Fellows on the EO Panel. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, February 20.
- 2017 "Building Ummah: Transcending Racial and Ethnic Divisions in the Muslim Community." Moderator together with Ermitte St. Jacques. Sponsored and organized by MSA, BSU and Africology Department. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. February 13.
- 2016 Social Justice Activism among Muslims in Urban America: Intersections of Religion, Gender, and Race. Anna Mansson McGinty, Caroline Seymour-Jorn, Kristin Sziarto and Department of Geography at University of Paris-Est Créteil. March 16.
- 2015 Social Justice Activism among Muslim in Milwaukee. The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Morris Fromkin Memorial Lecture. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, October 29 (together with Caroline Seymour-Jorn and Kristin Sziarto).
- 2015 Muslim Lives in Milwaukee: Work, Civic Engagement and Experiences of Discrimination, together with Kristin Sziarto and Caroline Seymour-Jorn, at the Islamic Resource Center, Milwaukee, January 28.
- 2014 Imagery and the Meanings of the Veil in the West. St. John's on the Lake, Milwaukee, June 30.
- 2014 Facilitator of Let's Talk about it: *Muslim Journeys: American Stories*. Islamic Resource Center, Milwaukee, March 30.
- 2013 Facilitator of Let's Talk about it: *Muslim Journeys: American Stories* together with Caroline Seymour-Jorn and Kristin Sziarto (Presented by NEH in cooperation with American Library Association and Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies, George Mason University). AGS Library, UWM, November 6.
- 2013 Feminist Geography Workshop. University of Guelph, Ontario. May 2-4.

- 2013 Workshop in 21st Century Studies: Public Engagement, Community Collaboration, and Participatory Research. Center for 21st Century Studies, UWM, together with Caroline Seymour-Jorn and Kristin Sziarto. February 1.
- 2010 'Blue-and-Yellow' Islam? Muslim Identities in Sweden. The AGS Academic Adventurers Series. December 3. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
- 2007 Orientalism then and now. Visual Representations of Muslim Women. Introduction Talk, Combating Islamophobia: A Seminar on the Role of the Media. The Islamic Society of Milwaukee, October 20.
- 2007 Islamic Feminism – Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women. Broad Vocabulary, June 14.
- 2007 Becoming Muslim. Western Women's Conversions to Islam. Panel – Meet the SPA Book Series Authors. Society for Psychological Anthropology Biennial Meeting (SPA), Los Angeles, March 10.
- 2003 Becoming Muslim. Western Women's Conversion to Islam. Colloquium at the Department of Cultural Anthropology, University of Wisconsin, February 21.
- 1998 Svenska kvinnors konversion till islam. (Swedish Women's Conversion to Islam) Presentation at a conference *The Presence of Islam and the Orient in Sweden*, Stockholm.
- 1997 Svenska kvinnors konversion till islam. (Swedish Women's Conversion to Islam) Presentation at the Swedish Church, Lund.
- 1996 Att vara svensk och muslim: vi och dom. (To be Swedish and Muslim: Us and Them). Presentation at the Red Cross in Lund, Sweden.

### RESEARCH FEATURED IN MEDIA

- “UWM, Muslim organizations to survey community.” Annysa Johnson. *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. July 6, 2011.
- “Conversion Unveiled. Appeal of Islam to women explored.” Mark Johnson. *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. March 15, 2007.
- “UWM researcher's book explores why Western women choose Islam.” Laura Hunt. *UWM Report*. May 7, 2007.
- “Islam som ett medvetet val.” *Dagens Nyheter* (one of the two major national newspapers in Sweden). January 2, 2003. (Article about my Ph.D. thesis)
- “Därför tar de steget in i islam: Kvinnor berättar om sin livshistoria.” *Skånska Dagbladet*. Dec. 7, 2002. (Article about my Ph.D. thesis)
- Radio interview in *Sveriges Radio P3* (National Swedish radio station) about my Ph.D. thesis. 2003.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Courses at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

GEOG 231(130): Muslim Geographies	Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2017, Spring 2019
GEOG 381: Honors Seminar Gendered Spaces	Spring 2010, Spring 2012, Spring 2014, Fall 2016
GEOG 410: Gendered Geographies	Spring 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2011
GEOG 437: Qualitative Methods in Geography	developed syllabus and course plan, not taught yet
WGS 300: Gender and Spirituality: Women and Gender in Islam	Spring 2008, Spring 2012, F2015
WGS 401: Global Feminisms face-to-face and hybrid formats	Spring 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2012, Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017
WGS 411: Research and Methods: Feminist Ethnography	Spring 2010, Spring 2014 (online), Spring 2016, 2018
WGS 500: Advanced Social Science Seminar: Gender and Culture	Fall 2004, Fall 2007
WGS 599: Gender and Culture	Spring 2004
WGS 599: Muslim Women in the West Representations, Gender, and Identity	Fall 2003
WGS 700: Feminist Issues and Scholarship: Gendered Bodies	Fall 2014
WGS 701: Global Feminisms	Fall 2017, Spring 2019
WGS 711: Feminist Methods and Research	Spring 2018
ANTHRO 102: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	Spring 2003, Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Spring 2006
ANTHRO 445: Psychological Anthropology	Fall 2004

### Guest Lecture:

WGS 411, Feminist Methods and Research (Spring 2015, 2017)

GEOG 870, Research Ethics (Fall 2011, 2014)

WGS 700, Feminist Issues and Scholarship (Fall 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)

## **GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING/COMMITTEE MEMBER**

### **Advisor/Committee Chair:**

Geography, Ph.D.:

Katlyn Merkle, 2016-

Women's and Gender Studies, MA:

Rachel Skarsten, 2016-2018

Kelsey Jandrey, 2015-2016

Mary-Lynne Donohue 2014-2016

Katharine Perella, 2010-May 2013

### **Committee Member:**

Geography, Ph.D.:

Rebecca Wolfe, 2017-

Yui Hashimoto, 2012-2018

Nicholas Padilla, 2016

Chris Schroeder, 2007-2010

Aswin Subanthore, 2007-2008

Geography, M.A.:

Claire Reuning, 2011-2013

Carrie Philpott, 2010-2012

Women's and Gender Studies, M.A.:

Jess Howard, 2019

Mai Xiong, 2016-2017

Natalie Peters, 2015

Anthropology, M.A.:

Jessie Heyd, 2004-2005

English, Ph.D.:

Siwar Masannat, 2019-

Yasmine Lamloum, 2017-

Molly Ubbesen, 2015-

Anna Kuroczycka Schultes, 2011-2012

Michael Macdonald, 2012 (reader)

History, Ph.D.:

Jackleen Salem, 2011-2012

School of Education, Ph.D.:  
Patricia Hanson, 2006-2007

School of Nursing, P.D.:  
Faten Alfaifi, 2018-2019

Sociology, M.A.:  
Rachel Verde, 2015  
Melinda Brennan, 2008-2009  
Multidisciplinary Ph.D. Program  
Estrella Sotomayor, 2017-

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Conference Co-Organizer:** IGU Gender Conference, Gendered Rights to the City, UW-Milwaukee, April 19-20, 2015 (together with Kristin Sziarto, Hyejin Yoon, Anne Bonds, Rebecca Wolfe).

**Board member:** *Gender, Place and Culture* June 2013-June 2019

**Reviewer for academic journals** – *Annals; Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute; Czech Sociological Review; Ethnic and Racial Studies; Feminist Media Studies, Gender and Society; Gender, Place and Culture; Identities; Religion and Gender; Open Cultural Studies; HUMOR: International Journal of Humor Research; Social and Cultural Geography, Ethnography and Education, Political Geography*

**Reviewer for grant agencies** – *Austrian Science Fund* (FWF Vienna) grant proposal

**Reviewer for Presses:** Routledge (Book proposal review)

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

### University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

#### *Department of Geography*

Undergraduate Committee, Fall 2017-  
PR Committee, Fall 2013-2018  
PR Committee, Chair, Fall 2007-May 2012

#### *Women's and Gender Studies Program*

Chair, Fall 2019-  
Director of Graduate Studies, 2015-2016, 2018-2019  
Program Committee, 2009 – present  
Advisory Committee 2015-present  
Brown Bag Co-organizer, F2015  
Scholarship Committee, F2014, S2016  
Judge for the MPS Essay Contest, S2015  
Judge, Paper and Project Contest, S2018

Steering Council, 2006-present  
Curriculum Committee, (on which I served as Chair 2006/2007)  
Search Committees, ad-hoc (2007/2008, 2012, 2013, 2014)

*Religious Studies Program*

Steering Committee, Fall 2014-present  
Reader of Capstone awards applications, May 2017

*Cultures and Communities/Comparative Ethnic Studies*

Joint Advisory Board, Spring 2018-

*Global Studies*

Advisory Board, Fall 2018

*Le&S Degree Requirement Subcommittee*, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

*Program Review of Political Science Undergraduate Committee*

(together with Margaret Noodin and Vivian Lei), Spring 2017

*Honors College*

Honors College Advisory Committee, 2009-2012

*Center for International Education*

UISFL Advisory Committee, 2009-2011

*Department of Psychology*

Senior Thesis Committee, Fall 2017

**Coordinator** of *Feminist Theory Research Workshop*, supported by the Center for 21st Century Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. 2006/2007.

**University Faculty Advisor** for the Student Organization “Women in Islam” 2011-2013

**Facilitator Common Reading Experience** 2012 (Persepolis)

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Columbia Center, Parent Council, Member (2006-2010)

**University Advisor** in a Community-University Collaboration Project, *Combating Islamophobia* together with the Milwaukee Muslim Women Coalition (MMWC) funded by the Cultures and Communities Program, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Organized seminars for campus and the community, 2007/2008.

## FIELDWORK

I am currently conducting an ethnographic research project on Muslim youth in Milwaukee titled *Young, Muslim, and American: Diversities of Identities, Geographies and Politics*, which centers on the social, political, religious, and personal expressions of Muslim youth cultures and identities, and what they suggest with respect to the future directions of Islam in the post-9/11 era. The project involves fieldwork and in-depth interviews with Muslim American youth (within the age group 18-25 years), including politically and religiously active, secular, as well as non-organized and “non-mosque.”

Current research project *The Muslim Milwaukee Project* (together with Profs. Caroline Seymour-Jorn and Kristin Sziarto) entails a collaborative partnership with Muslim community leaders. Fieldwork at different mosques and Muslim organizations and designing household and individual surveys to map the small but growing Muslim community in Milwaukee. Conducting focus groups and individual interviews on belonging and experiences of discrimination in different spaces and neighborhoods. Book project, *Muslims in Milwaukee: Place, Identities and Activism*.

Research project *Gender Identity and Activism among Muslim Women in the Midwest* (2007-2012) entailed fieldwork on Muslim women’s organizations in the Midwest, their activism, and identity formation as American Muslim women. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

*Becoming Muslim*. Between the fall of 1997 and spring of 2000, I did in-depth ethnographic interviews in Sweden and in the U.S. with female Muslim converts. Fieldwork on identity-making, change and continuity, personal models and transcultural encounters with family, friends, and others. Doctoral work, Department of European Ethnology, Lund University, Sweden.

Fieldwork in Kiruna, Sweden (in the fall of 1994 and the following spring of 1995). The research focused on the immigration policy and its local implementation and organization in the city of Kiruna. Interviews were done with the police, people working within health care and schools, politicians, lawyers, and representatives from local organizations, the refugee camp as well as the Swedish Board of Immigration. Graduate Assistant, Department of European Ethnology, Lund University, Sweden.

September 1993 to March 1994. Fieldwork in the county of Kristianstad, Sweden. Through participant observations and ethnographic interviews, the research focused on the wedding traditions and identity-making of immigrants in the county. Project Assistant for the County Museum of Kristianstad, Sweden.