

## Rebecca A. Karam

Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology  
City University of New York-Graduate Center

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### EDUCATION

2012-pres. Ph.D. in Sociology, CUNY Graduate Center  
Dissertation: *Making Muslim Americans: Parenting Practices, Parochial Schools, and the Transmission of Faith Across Generations in Metro-Detroit*  
Committee: Nancy Foner (chair), Richard Alba, Philip Kasinitz, Prema Kurien

2011 B.A. in Sociology, University of Michigan-Dearborn  
Summa Cum Laude

2009 A.A. in Liberal Arts, Oakland Community College  
Summa Cum Laude

### Additional Educational Experience

2010 Summer Institute for Intensive Arabic Language and Culture, Lebanese American University

### RESEARCH SPECIALTIES

Ethnic and Racial Studies, International Migration, Sociology of Religion, Islam in America

### GRANTS & AWARDS

2017 Arab American Studies Association Travel Award

2017 CUNY Graduate Center Dissertation Award

2016-2017 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Committee for the Study of Religion at the CUNY Graduate Center

2015 ARC Research Praxis Fellowship, Advanced Research Collaborative at the CUNY Graduate Center

2012-2017 Enhanced Chancellor's Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center.

2012 Michigan Difference Maker Award, University of Michigan-Dearborn

2011 Chancellor's Medallion, University of Michigan-Dearborn

### PUBLICATIONS

2017 Karam, Rebecca. "Rust Belt Revitalization, Immigration, and Islam: Toward a Better Understanding of Mosques in Declining Urban Neighborhoods." In *City & Community*, 16(3). doi: 10.1111/cico.12244

2017 Karam, Rebecca. "Ethnic Options." *Encyclopedia of Social Theory*. Bryan Turner, ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Wiley-Blackwell.

- 2017 Karam, Rebecca. *Muslims for American Progress: An Impact Report of Muslim Contributions to Michigan*. Dearborn, MI: Institute for Social Policy and Understanding.
- 2013 Karam, Rebecca. "Anti-Muslim Xenophobia." *American Immigration: An Encyclopedia of Political, Social, and Cultural Change*. James Ciment and John Radzilowski, eds. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe.

*Articles in Progress*

- Karam, Rebecca. "Leaving the Cultural Baggage Behind: How Second-Generation Muslim Parents Negotiate the Role of Immigrant Culture in the Next Generation."

**CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION & INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- 2017 "Leaving the Cultural Baggage Behind: How Second-Generation Muslim Parents Negotiate the Role of Immigrant Culture in Promoting Success in the Next Generation," presented at the Immigration Working Group, CUNY Graduate Center.
- 2016-2017 "Muslims for American Progress: Understanding Muslim Contributions to Michigan," presented at academic and community venues throughout the nation.
- 2016 "Making Muslim Americans: Parenting Practices, Parochial Schools, and the Transmission of Faith Across Generations in Metropolitan Detroit," presented at the Committee for the Study of Religion seminar series, CUNY Graduate Center.
- 2016 "Redefining Islam: Adult Religiosity and Social Incorporation of Second-generation Muslim Americans," presented at the American Sociological Association 2016 Annual Meeting, Seattle. Regular session.
- 2016 "Anti-Immigrant Xenophobia in the United States," Anthropology & Sociology Department, Baruch College.
- 2015 "The Impact of Childhood Mosque Participation on Adult Religiosity and Civic Participation," presented at the Growing Up Muslim in Europe and the United States Conference, City University of New York.
- 2015 "Faith in the Second Generation: South Asian Second-Generation Muslim Americans in Metro-Detroit," presented at Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York City. Roundtable Session.
- 2014 "The Making of Arab Americans," Book Launch for *From Syrian Nationalism to U.S. Citizenship*, Middle Eastern and Middle Eastern American Center, CUNY Graduate Center.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2015-2017 Principal Investigator, Muslims for American Progress Project, Institute for Social Policy and Understanding
- 2014-2016 Co-Principal Investigator, The Second Generation Project, University of Michigan-Dearborn
- 2013 Lead Interviewer & Ethnographer, Doing Business in Hamtramck Study, University of Michigan-Dearborn
- 2012-2013 Graduate Research Assistant, CUNY Graduate Center

- 2012            Research Assistant, University of Michigan-Dearborn
- 2010            Research Assistant, University of Michigan-Dearborn

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2013-2016      Graduate Teaching Fellow, “Introduction to Sociology,” Baruch College, Sociology and Anthropology Department
- 2013-2016      Graduate Teaching Assistant for Professor Robin Root, Baruch College, Sociology and Anthropology Department. “Introduction to Anthropology,” “Medical Sociology,” and “Sociological Research Methods”
- 2015            Adjunct Lecturer, “Introduction to Sociology,” Baruch College

*Syllabi Developed for:* Introduction to Sociology, Race and Ethnicity, Sociology of Religion, International Migration, and Qualitative Research Methods.

### **UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2017-2020      Arab American Studies Association Board of Directors, Web Coordinator
- 2016-2017      Discussant, Immigration Working Group, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2016            Distinguished Fellowship Selection Committee, Advanced Research Collaborative, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2014-2015      Curriculum and Exams Committee, Sociology Students Association, CUNY Graduate Center

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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| Eastern Sociological Society   | Arab American Studies Association        |
| American Sociological Association,<br><i>International Migration Section</i><br><i>Sociology of Religion Section</i> | American Association of University Women |
|  | Society for the Study of Social Problem  |

### **PROGRAMMING KNOWLEDGE**

- Quantitative:    STATA, R, SPSS, ARCGIS
- Qualitative:    NVIVO, Dedoose

### **MEDIA APPEARANCES & CONTRIBUTION**

- 2017            Interview in *The Metro Times*, “Everyone in Michigan should read this new report on the state's Muslims,” September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. (Shared by *The Huffington Post* and Moveon.org)
- 2017            Radio discussant on 910 AM Super Station, “Redline with Bankole Thompson,” July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

- 2017 Radio interview on 910 AM Super Station, “Between the Lines,” May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 2017 Podcast interview on “Unsung Heroes: Stories to Inspire,” April 14, 2017.
- 2016 Radio interview on WCEV Chicagoland’s Ethnic Voice entitled “Radio Islam,” May 6, 2016.