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## Education

2018- Present Ph.D. (in progress), Department of Sociology, Rice University

2017 Bachelor of Arts Degree, Spelman College  
International Studies, Department of International Studies  
Minor: Religious Studies, Department of Religious Studies  
Thesis Title: Radical Narratives of Muslim Male Youth: A Critical Investigation of the Media Rhetoric of Radicalization

## Research Interests

American identity; Muslim communities; Nation-state; Race; Religion; Transnational identity

## Publications

Ferguson, Jauhara. 2018. "Radical Narratives of Muslim Male Youth: A Critical Investigation of The Media Rhetoric of Radicalization." *2017 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Journal*. 55-60.

Ferguson, Jauhara, Sharan Kaur Mehta, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. 2019. "Book Review: Being Muslim: A Cultural History of Women of Color in American Islam by Sylvia Chan-Malik." *Gender & Society*. 33(4): 656-65. doi: [10.1177/0891243219850060](https://doi.org/10.1177/0891243219850060).

## Publications Under Review

Ecklund, Elaine, Jauhara Ferguson, and Sharan Kaur Mehta. (Submitted; Under Review). "Muslim Scientists' Perceptions of Inclusion in the Scientific Workplace: A Cross-national Study." *Sociology of Islam*.

Jauhara Ferguson, Elaine Howard Ecklund, and Connor Rothschild. (Submitted; Under Review). "Navigating the "Double-Edged Sword": Jewish and Muslim Responses to Social Media" *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*.

Jauhara Ferguson, Christopher P. Scheitle, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. (Submitted; Under Review). "Race and Perceptions of Religious-Biased Policing." *American Sociological Review*.

## Publications in Progress

Jauhara Ferguson. (In Progress). "How American Am I?: Comparing American Identity among US Black Muslims."

## **Conferences and Presentations**

- 2019 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting  
Paper entitled “Muslim Scientists’ Perceptions of Inclusion in the Scientific Workplace: A Cross-national Study” accepted to be presented at the “*Papers in the Round: Global*” panel
- 2017 Spelman College Research Day  
Presented senior thesis on “Radical Narratives of Muslim Male Youth: A Critical Investigation of the Media Rhetoric of Radicalization”
- 2017 Georgia State University Panel Discussion  
Presented at a panel entitled “Muslim, Woman, and Student in the Contemporary US South” on the experiences of Muslim women in the South in conjunction with Georgia State University and Auburn Avenue Research Library.
- 2016 University of California-Los Angeles Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Research Symposium  
Presented research proposal on “Critiquing Radicalism: How Western Liberal Media Circulates the ‘Radical Muslim’ Image”
- 2015 Spelman College Research Day  
Presented research paper on “Women, Islam and the Black Freedom Struggle”

## **Research Experience**

- 2018- Research Assistant, Religion and Public Life Program, Rice University  
Supervising Professor: Elaine H. Ecklund, Professor of Sociology
- 2018- Research Assistant, Race and Racial Experiences workgroup,  
Rice University  
Supervising Professor: Tony N. Brown, Professor of Sociology
- 2017 Intern, Sub-Saharan Africa Program, Conflict Resolution Program,  
The Carter Center  
Supervisor: Dr. John Goodman
- 2015- Undergraduate Research Fellow, United Negro College Fund (UNCF)-  
2017 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellowship

## **Teaching Experience**

- 2020 Islam in America Course  
Invited to guest lecture on a panel for graduate level course in the Masters of Theological Studies program at Emory University
- 2020 Social Theory Course  
Teaching Assistant for undergraduate sociology course at Rice University
- 2019 Muslims in American Society Course  
Invited to guest lecture for undergraduate sociology course

(SOCl 364) at Rice University

### **Positions**

2020- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Membership Committee  
2021

### **Fellowships and Awards**

2018- Rice University Sociology Departmental Doctoral Fellowship  
Present  
2015- UNCF-Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellowship  
2017  
2017 Fulbright Research Grant Semi-Finalist  
2016 Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society-junior inductee  
2015 Critical Language Scholarship recipient  
2014 Alpha Lambda Delta National Honor Society  
2014 Middlebury Language Schools Scholarship for Students from  
Minority-Serving Institutions  
2013 Dean's Scholar  
2013 Spelman Honors Program

### **Languages**

2016 Beijing Foreign Studies University in Beijing, China  
Certified by International Education of Students as Oral Proficiency  
Interview (OPI) Intermediate-Mid Chinese Speaking Proficiency  
2015 Noor Majan Training Institute in Ibri, Oman  
Certified by the United States – State Department as Oral Proficiency  
Interview (OPI) Intermediate-High Arabic Speaking Proficiency  
Arabic (Modern Standard Arabic), Arabic (Omani Dialect)  
2014 Middlebury Summer Arabic School at Mills College in Oakland, CA  
Arabic (Modern Standard Arabic), Arabic (Egyptian Dialect)

### **Professional Memberships**

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
Society for Study of Social Problems  
American Sociological Association  
National Alumnae Association of Spelman College  
Mellon Mays Fellows Professional Network

### **References**

Elaine Howard Ecklund  
Rice University  
Herbert S. Autrey Chair in Social Sciences, Professor of Sociology, Graduate  
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Spelman College  
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