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Anna Bigelow is Associate Professor of Islamic Studies in the Department of Religious Studies at Stanford University. She received her MA from Columbia University (1995) and PhD in Religious Studies from UC Santa Barbara (2004) with a focus on South Asian Islam. Her book, Sharing the Sacred: Practicing Pluralism in Muslim North India (Oxford University Press, 2010) is a study of a Muslim majority community in Indian Punjab and the shared sacred and civic spaces in that community. Bigelow's current projects include a comparative study of shared sacred sites in India and Turkey and an edited volume on material objects in Islamic cultures.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Religious Studies

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE)

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Death, Power, and Religion: RELIGST 215, RELIGST 315 (Win)
- Exploring Islamic Mysticism: RELIGST 62 (Aut)
- Religion, Conflict, and Peace: RELIGST 119 (Win)
- South Asian Islam: RELIGST 203A, RELIGST 303A (Aut)

2025-26

- Islam and Material Culture: RELIGST 234, RELIGST 334 (Win)
- The Good Death: RELIGST 10N (Aut)
- Theories and Methods: RELIGST 304B (Aut)

2024-25

- Hindu-Muslim Encounters in South Asia: RELIGST 277, RELIGST 377 (Aut)
- Sacred Space: RELIGST 235, RELIGST 335 (Win)
- Theories and Methods: RELIGST 304A (Aut)

2023-24

- Interfaith Peacebuilding and Global Justice: RELIGST 115 (Win)
- The Good Death: RELIGST 10N (Aut)
- Theories and Methods: RELIGST 304B (Aut)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Nicole Carroll, Avraham Kelman, Oriane Lavole, Utsavi Singh, Adele Stock, Valeria Vergani

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Doctoral (Program)

Muhammed Anees T A, Nicole Carroll, Christopher Gurley, Palchen Gyal, Julia Hirsch, Anup Hiwrale, Lanai Huddleston, David Monteserin Narayana, Johanna Mueller, Naseef Parasseri, RJ Vasquez, Julian Zumbach

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Ekata Work Minorities and National Belonging in Malerkotla, Punjab** *COMPARATIVE STUDIES OF SOUTH ASIA AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST*
  Bigelow, A.
  2025; 45 (1): 69-82
- **The Thing about Religion: An Introduction to the Material Study of Religions (Book Review)** *JOURNAL OF CONTEMPORARY RELIGION*
  Book Review Authored by: Bigelow, A.
  2023; 38 (1): 191-193
- **Defending Muhammad in Modernity. (Book Review)** *JOURNAL OF ASIAN STUDIES*
  Book Review Authored by: Bigelow, A.
  2020; 79 (4): 1049–50
- **Lived Secularism: Studies in India and Turkey** *JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION*
  Bigelow, A.
  2019; 87 (3): 725–64