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## Anna Bigelow

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### Bio

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#### BIO

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

### Teaching

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#### COURSES

##### 2023-24

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

##### 2022-23

- Death, Power, and Religion: RELIGST 215, RELIGST 315 (Aut)
- Exploring Islamic Mysticism: RELIGST 62 (Win)
- Theories and Methods: RELIGST 304A (Win)

##### 2021-22

- Religion and Conflict: RELIGST 119 (Win)
- Sacred Space: RELIGST 235, RELIGST 335 (Aut)
- The Good Death: RELIGST 10N (Aut)

##### 2020-21

- Exploring Islam: RELIGST 61 (Win)
- Freedom Fighters, Terrorists, and Social Justice Warriors: Protest and Decolonization in South Asia: HUMCORE 134, RELIGST 118 (Spr)
- Theories and Methods: RELIGST 304A (Win)

## STANFORD ADVISEES

### Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Marina Johnson, Saad Lakhani, Utsavi Singh, Valeria Vergani

### Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Antonio Lopez

### Orals Evaluator

Adele Stock

### Doctoral (Program)

Nicole Carroll, Christopher Gurley, Julia Hirsch, Lanai Huddleston, Avraham Kelman, Jeffrey Sanchez, Julian Zumbach

### Postdoctoral Research Mentor

Jason Schwartz

## Publications

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### PUBLICATIONS

- **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