

Syllabus: Unique 41575  
**Sacred and Ceremonial Textiles:  
A Study of Various Rites of Passage  
& Cultural Objects in Muslim Societies  
Fall 2016**

**August 25, TH– First day of class**

**A- Gender, Culture, Dress, and Cloth**

**Introduction to course**

**Grant McCracken.** Clothing as Cloth... Expressive Properties of Material Culture

**August 30, T**

**Beverly Gordon.** The Fiber of our Lives: A Conceptual Framework for Looking at Textiles' meanings

**Robin O'Brian.** Who Weaves and Why? Weaving, Loom Complexity and Trade

**September 1, TH**

**Claire Nicholas.** Of texts and Textiles... contemporary Moroccan

**Sonda Andrew.** Textiles Semantics: Considering a Communication based readings of Textiles

**September 6, T**

**Kathryn S. March.** Weaving writing and Gender

**Myrien Naji.** Gender and Materiality in the making (Weaving in Southern Morocco)

**B- Islam: Jinns, Rites of Passage, Commerce, and Material Culture**

**Qur'an and Jinns**

**William C. Young.** The Ka'ba, Gender, and the Rites of Pilgrimage

**September 8, TH**

**Lila Abu-Lughod.** Islam and the Gendered Discourses of Death

**September 13, T**

**Quiz #1**

**Maria Judith Feliciano.** Muslim Shrouds for Christian Kings

**Gillian Vogelsang-Eastwood.** Dressed in Ihram

**September 15, TH**

**David Yelin.** From white stone to blue bead

**World Health Organization-** Male Circumcision, Global Trends and Prevalence, Safety, and Acceptability

**September 20, T**

**Parviz Tanavoli-** Lion Rugs from Fars (Iran)

**Diane D'Souza.** In the presence of the martyrs

**September 22, TH**

**Mehlika Orakciogth.** Enclothed cognition and hidden meanings in important Ottoman Textiles

**Faegheh Shirazi.** Sterility, Childbirth, Taboos and popular Religious Practices.

**September 27, T**

**Faegheh Shirazi.** The *Sofreh*: comfort and community Among Women in Iran

**Rahul Ramagundam.** Ihadi, and its Agency Organizing Structures of Philanthropic Commerce (India)

**September 29, TH**

**Susan S. Bean.** Gandhi and *Khadi*, the Fabric of Indian Independence (India)

**Heinrich Schmidt.** Turkish Brocades and Italian Imitation.

**October 4, T**

**Ruth Barnes-** Indian Textiles for Island Taste (India)

**Ronald T. Marches.** Sacred Textiles

**October 6, TH**

**Niky Guninder Jaur Singh-** Sacred Fabric and Sacred Stiches: The Underwear of the Khalsa

**Bernard S. Cohn.** Cloth, Clothes, and Colonialism: India in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

**October 11, T**

**Exam 1**

**October 13, TH**

**Nils Bubndt-** Interview with an Ancestor: Spirit and Informants and the Politics of..

**Fiona Kerlogue-** Interpreting Textiles as a Medium of Communication: Cloth and Community in Malay Sumatra (Malaysia)

**October 18, T**

**Ayami Nakatani.** Dressing Miss world with Balinese Brocades: The Fashionalization and Heritization of Handwoven Textiles in Indonesia

**Susan F. Rasmussen-** Reflections on Witchcraft, Danger, and Modernity Among the Taureg

**October 20, TH**

**Aretha Oluwakemi Asakitikpi-** Function of hand Woven Textiles among Yoruba Women in Southwestern Nigeria

**October 25, T**

**Adeyinka Theresa Ajayi-** Weaving in Ekiti Land, Nigeria: The Gendered Perspective

**Susan M. Kenyon-** Movable Feast of signs: Gender in Zar in Central Sudan

**October 27, TH**

**Quiz#2**

**Elisha P. Renne.** Water, Spirits, and Plain White Cloth: The Ambiguity of Things in Bunu Social Life (Central Nigerian- Yoruba People)

**November 1, T**

**John Piction.** Cloth and the Corps in Ebira (Nigeria)

**Patricia Darish.** Dressing for the next life: Raffia Textile Production and Use Among the Kuba of Zaire

**November 3, TH**

**Yedida K. Stillman.** New Data on Islamic Textiles from the Geniza

**Stephani Bunn.** Moving People and the Fabric of Society: The power of Felt Through Time and Place (Central Asia)

**November 8, T**

**C- The War, Politics, and Textiles**

**William Charland.** War Rugs: Women documents of Conflict and hope.

**Irine Bogoslovskaye.** The Soviet Invasion of Central Asian Applied Arts: How Artisans incorporated Communist Political Messages and Symbols

**November 10, TH**

**Kate Fitz-Gibbon.** Something Borrowed, Something Red: Textiles in Colonial and Soviet Central Asia

**D- Healing Textiles**

**Ellison Banks Findly.** A Protective Spirit in Lao-Tai Textiles. The *pii Nyak* and its Indian Antecedents

**November 15, T**

**Mac Carocci.** Textiles of Healing Native American AIDS Quilts

**November 17, TH**

**Quiz #3**

**November 22, T**

**E- Reclaimed, Up-cycled, Recycled, Reused, Secondhand Textiles**

**Lucy Norris.** Trade and Transformation of Secondhand clothing: Introduction

**Carol Young, Charlotte Jirousek, Susan Ashdown.** Undesigned: A study in sustainable design of apparel use post consumer recycled clothing

**November 24, TH** **No Class – Thanksgiving Holiday**

**November 29, T**

**Jana M. Hawley.** Digging for Diamonds: A...Reclaimed Textiles Products

**Lucy Norris.** Recycling and Reincarnation: The Journeys of Indian Saris.

**December 1, TH** **Last Day of our class- Exam 2**