Thursday, April 6, 2017 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Dr. Sufia Uddin | Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Connecticut College

Shared Rituals, Shared Ecology: Hindu and Muslim Honey Collectors and Fishermen of the Sundarbans
This talk examines the shared religious narratives and everyday practices of different social and religious groups in rural Bangladesh, demonstrating the importance of the natural environment in constructions of selfhood and community.

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Dr. Emilio Spadola | Associate Professor of Anthropology and Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, Colgate University

Is There a Muslim Body? Reflections on a Moving Target
Contemporary readings of Muslim politics as a continuous tradition of ritual embodiment lose sight of the global technological conditions by which modern Muslim bodies have been constructed as targets and thus subjected to novel regimes of bodily visibility and vulnerability.

Thursday, April 27, 2017 • 6-7:30 p.m.
Dr. Mikaela Rogozen-Soltar | Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Nevada, Reno

Ambivalent Encounters: Migration, Conversion, and Historical Anxiety in Spain’s “Muslim City”
This ethnographic talk explores how historical entanglements across the Mediterranean impact the politics of multiculturalism in modern Spain. It examines how Spanish anxieties about the implications of medieval Iberian Islam shape possibilities for Muslim inclusion.

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