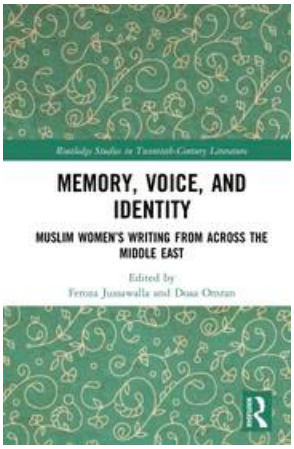
Faculty Highlight: Doaa Omran, PhD and Feroza Jussawalla, PhD





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Dr. Feroza Jussawalla, Professor Emerita in the English Department and Dr. Doaa Omran, one-time student, now colleague, and UNM English Department Alumni, have been very active doing research and publications in the area of Muslim Women's Writing from the Middle East, as also from South and South-East Asia. The pandemic was the perfect time for them to get on with their projects!

Their *Memory Voice and Identity: Muslim Women's Writing from Across the Middle East* was published by Routledge in 2021. The twenty chapters of the volume read colonization and post-colonization in conjunction with Islamic feminism. Their book problematizes how Muslim women have been stereotyped by Western academic representations as oppressed and voiceless. Subsequently, they have given several presentations on the topic, at the virtual Modern Language Association, in 2021 and 2022.

The details about the above-mentioned co-edited special issue are as follows:

They were invited by the journal to co-edit this special issue after their panel and presentation at the virtual MLA 2021. The volume includes a co-authored introduction by the co-editors as well as individual articles by them. This is in addition to eight articles, five book reviews, and an interview that explore Muslim women in the Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and the diaspora.

Both scholars have been invited nationally and internationally to give talks about their scholarship on Muslim Women. They gave book presentations at Social Affairs Journal and Postcolonial/Decolonial Thought Group, co-organized with Dr. Siri Gamage of Western Sydney University, Australia. They have also been invited to present on their book by the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (CSAMES), University of Illinois, Urbana Champagne, and at the Nazarbaytev University Library & Department of Kazakh Language and Turkic Studies. They were also interviewed by Chris Mallika Bhadra of Swinburne University, Australia to give a talk to Coconut Chats.

In addition to giving these talks and interviews, Jusswalla and Omran have also been active organizing conferences and panels. Together with other academics, they organized the South Asian Literature Association (SALA) conference. They co-organized a panel on pandemic connections in which Muslim scholars from the Middle East read the works of South Asian women writers. They also co-organized a panel for “Decentering the Irish World: Contemporary and New Directions in Global Irish Studies.” The symposium was organized by the British University in Egypt, 7-8 May 2022. Their virtual panel was titled “Comparative Partitions” and included also other scholars who discussed similar partitions in Mexico, India, Palestine, Syria, and Sarajevo.

Both Jussawalla and Omran are currently working on other projects and are active in future conferences. Omran will be teaching a class titled “Arab Women: Conflict & Resistance” in Fall of 2022.