

Kerry A Saner

Personal Information

Date of Birth: April 27, 1975
Marital Status: Married
Birthplace and Citizenship: USA

Work experience

2003-Present Institute for Resource and Security Studies Cambridge, Mass.

Information Technology Assistant

- Website Maintenance and Computer Networking
- Field Representative in Afghanistan and Pakistan on "Health and Violence Reduction"

2003-2004 Solis, Inc. Allston, Massachusetts

Junior Director and Project Assistant

- Intercultural facilitation and communication
- Researching issues related to Solis' endeavor to enable college students in the United States and the Middle East to collaboratively explore the relationship between the two regions, with the aim of improving intercultural awareness
- Computer graphic design, video editing with *Pinnacle Studio 8*, web-conferencing technology, internet research

2002-2003 HGSE Financial Aid Office Cambridge, Massachusetts

Office Assistant

- Document tracking & Data Entry in *Powerfaids* financial software; Assisting Students

2001-2003 HGSE Learning Technologies Center Cambridge, Massachusetts

Audio-Visual Technician

- Set up and maintain audio-visual equipment & maintain office hours
- *MS Access* database, computer skills and setup; assisting students with software applications

1998 -2000 Prairie View, Inc. Newton, Kansas

Mental Health Worker

- Intensive supervision of emotionally troubled teenagers and children
- Clinical interactions, activity planning, daily clinical charting
- Achieved *Staff Shift Supervisor*, overseeing staff duties and making clinical decisions
- Developed a curriculum on conflict management and taught course to teens

1997-1998 Hillsboro, Kansas

Interim Community Youth Leader

- Presenting weekly services, planning events, interfaith and scripture studies
- Presenting several major congregational speeches

Education

2001-2002 Harvard Divinity School Cambridge, Massachusetts

Masters of Theological Studies Candidate

- Treasurer of *Shura*: Student Islamic Forum on Campus, 2003 & 2004
- Co-director and Treasurer and “Islam in America Conference” 2003 & 2004
- On planning committee for Islam in America Conference 2002
- Student Representative on “Committee on Academic Programs” 2004
- Member of Harvard Prison Education Organization

Related Research**(Class Title)**

- Nonviolent Hermeneutics of the Qur’an - (Major Themes of the Qur’an)
- Ethnographic field study and film treatment on the “Initiative to Educate Afghan Women” - (Transcultural Cinema)
- The Rhetoric of *Justice* in Post 9-11 Justifications for US Military Intervention - (Religion, Gender & Political Conflict)
- Policy and Ethics in the US Intervention of Afghanistan - (Moral Use of Force)
- Justice and Interpretation - (Hermeneutics and Theology)

Other Classes

- Islamic Theology and Philosophy
- Contemporary Islamic Legal Thought
- Christians and Muslims: Mutual Perceptions and Changing Views
- The Mystical Traditions of Islam
- Comparative Liberation Theology
- New Testament, Biblical Studies and the Empire
- Judaism: The Liturgical Year
- Introduction to Hinduism

1993 - 1997

Bethel College

North Newton, Kansas

Bachelor of Arts – Religious Studies

- Received *Thresher* award for senior thesis & overall academic excellence
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude
- Classes in “Interpersonal Conflict Management” and “International Conflict”
- Campus Conflict Management Team Member – 2 years
- Chairperson of Service Corps - 2 years
- Campus Religious Service Team – 4 years
- Production Manager for College Radio Station -- 2 years
- Minor in Music Theory and Performance

**Language
Education**

2000-2001

Zarka Private University

Zarka, Jordan

Intensive Arabic Language Studies Certificate

Intermediate and Advanced Classical Arabic - Graduate Level, Harvard Divinity School
 Intermediate German - Undergraduate Level, Bethel College

**Volunteer
experience**

Community Victim / Offender Reconciliation Program – Hillsboro, KS

Volunteer at Newton Area Peace Center – Newton, KS

Construction Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity & Mennonite Disaster service

**Interests and
activities**

Theology & Comparative Religions, Conflict Management and Nonviolence

Reading, Woodworking, Model Railroading, Music, Graphic Arts

References

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