

Curriculum Vitae of Esmé Lily Katherine Partridge

Profile

Interfaith coordinator, consultant, researcher and writer holding a First Class BA (Hons) in Religion from SOAS and specialising in Islamic thought, secularism and religion in a digital age. Equipped with advanced writing and research skills in addition to professional experience in writing, editing and communications.

Education

2018-2021 SOAS, University of London

BA (Hons) Religion, Culture and Society (with Arabic)

Modules in the Religions of the Middle East; Islamic Studies; Arabic Language; Islam in Britain; and Religion in World Politics. Final year dissertation on digital spirituality in a secular age. Awarded a **First Class** degree classification.

2011-2018 Wood Green School, Oxfordshire

A-Levels

Extended Project (AS Equiv): **A***; Religious Studies: **A***; Drama: **B**; English: **C**.

GCSEs

Attained ten GCSEs including English and Mathematics, achieving five **As** and **A*s**.

Professional Experience

July 2021 - Good Faith Partnership

Present Interfaith Coordinator

Coordinating relationships between religious leaders and communities towards launching a UK chapter of a Muslim civic engagement initiative. Assisting with a number of projects at the intersection of religion, politics and civil society including the development of a Religion and diplomacy training programme for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and managing the secretariat for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Christianity in the Holy Land.

October 2020 - Freelance Writer and Editor

Present

Regularly writing articles on Islam, philosophy and secularism published by The Journal of the [Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society](#), Temenos Academy Review, [ArabLit Quarterly](#), [Renovatio](#) (The Journal of Zaytuna College), [Alif](#), [ArabLit Quarterly](#), [Muslim Institute](#), [Traversing Tradition](#), [Athwart Magazine](#), [Genealogies of Modernity](#), [Theos Think Tank](#), [The Royal Society of Arts](#), [UnHerd](#) and [The Critic](#). Professionally editing an academic volume on Islam and Ancient Greek Philosophy.

July 2020 - Everyday Muslim

July 2021 Interviewer, Podcast Writer & Presenter

Conducted oral history interviews with individuals on their experiences as Muslims living in Britain and adapting their stories into radio-style podcast scripts. Produced and presented the podcast series '[Stories from the Archives](#)' narrating the stories of British Muslims.

- July 2020 - December 2020** - **Freelance Historical Consultant**
 Researched and presented on the religions and philosophies of the Early Modern Silk Road to develop a convincing narrative for a startup fantasy roleplaying game.
- October 2018 - June 2020** - **SOAS Students' Union Student Representative**
 Proposed suggestions for the running of the History, Religions and Philosophies department on a termly basis and mediated staff-student dialogue. Elected by students for two consecutive academic years.
- Student Representative Training Facilitator**
 Devised and led interactive training workshops for prospective student representatives.
- July 2017** - **Oxford City Council Arts & Culture Intern**
 Assisted with planning and promoting cultural events in the City of Oxford during a short summer placement.
- June - November 2016** - **Bestival Public Relations Intern**
 Assisted with internal and external communications, content writing for the Bestival website, and representing the company on Soho Radio as part of their weekly promotional programme, announcing artist line-ups and competition winners live on air.

Awards, Publications and Presentations

- Awarded a commendation in the international Ibn Arabi Society Young Writers Competition 2019 for an essay on the mystical dimension of the Moon in the cosmology of Ibn Arabi which has since been published in Volume 68 of the peer-reviewed Journal of The Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society.
- Awarded Top Student Thesis in Digital Religion Studies for 2021 by the Texas A&M University.
- Presented a lecture on *Creativity and Imagination Within Islamic Mysticism* at The Temenos Academy's Young Scholars Day 2019 at the University of Cambridge.
- Gave a talk on *The Mystical Symbolism of The Moon in the Writing's of Ibn 'Arabi* in the Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society's Interdisciplinary Research Hub 2021 lecture series.
- Presented at the 2021 Annual Assembly of the Abu Dhabi Forum For Peace on the theme of Inclusive Citizenship.
- Featured by SOAS, Jewish News, The Week, Front Porch Republic and the Ujazdowski Castle Centre for Contemporary Art.
- Featured on several podcasts and panel discussions (see portfolio for details).