

Curriculum Vitae of Esmé Lily Katherine Partridge

Profile

Religion consultant, researcher and published writer holding a First Class BA (Hons) in Religion from SOAS and studying for an MPhil in Philosophy of Religion at the University of Cambridge. Equipped with advanced writing, research and communication skills and professional experience at the intersection of faith and politics.

Education

- 2022-2024 Clare College, University of Cambridge**
MPhil Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion
Part-time Postgraduate studies in the Faculty of Divinity.
- 2018-2021 SOAS, University of London**
BA (Hons) Study of Religions
Modules in the Religions of the Middle East, Islamic Studies, Arabic, Islam in Britain, and Religion in World Politics. Final year dissertation on digital spirituality in a secular age. Awarded a **First Class** degree.
- 2011-2018 Wood Green School, Oxfordshire**
A-Levels
Completed three A-Levels and an Extended Project (AS-Level Equivalent), achieving two **A*s**.
GCSEs
Attained ten GCSEs, achieving five **As** and **A*s**.

Professional Experience

- July 2021 - Present Good Faith Partnership**
Associate Consultant
Authoring a policy handbook on Freedom of Religion or Belief and continuing to serve on the secretariat for the APPG on Christianity in the Holy Land.
- Interfaith Coordinator**
Coordinating several projects at the intersection of religion and politics. Incubating the Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace in the UK; serving as the secretariat for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Christianity in the Holy Land; developing a Religion and diplomacy training programme for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO); and organising events surrounding the International Freedom of Religion or Belief Ministerial.
- October 2020 - Present Freelance Writer and Editor**
Writing on religion, philosophy and politics for publications including The Royal Society of Arts, Theos Think Tank, UnHerd, The Critic, Genealogies of Modernity, Athwart Magazine, Renovatio (The Journal of Zaytuna College), ArabLit Quarterly, Muslim Institute, The Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society and Temenos Academy Review. 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 podcast scripts. Produced and presented the podcast series 'Stories from the Archives' narrating the stories of British Muslims.
- October 2018 - June 2020 SOAS Students' Union Student Representative**
 Represented the student cohort for the History, Religions and Philosophies department, contributing to meetings and mediating staff-student dialogue. Elected by peers 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.

Awards and Achievements

- ❖ Awarded Top Student Thesis in Digital Religion Studies for 2021 by Texas A&M University.
- ❖ Awarded a commendation in the international Ibn Arabi Society Young Writers Competition 2019 for a paper which has since been published in Volume 68 of the peer-reviewed Journal of The Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society.
- ❖ Delivered a online course on Islam, Christianity and Modernity for the Paideia Forum.
- ❖ Gave a lecture on *Islam and Modernity: 'Protestant Mahometism' and other Outliers of Orientalism* at the Paideia Forum Summer Course, Oriel College, University of Oxford (2022).
- ❖ Spoke at the Eighth Assembly of the Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace on the theme of young people, technology and inclusive citizenship (2021).
- ❖ Led a seminar on *The Mystical Symbolism of The Moon in the Writings of Ibn 'Arabi* for the Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society's Interdisciplinary Research Hub (2021).
- ❖ Gave a lecture on *Creativity and Imagination in Islamic Mysticism* at The Temenos Academy Young Scholars Day, Robinson College, University of Cambridge (2019).
- ❖ Featured in Church Times, Jewish News, The Week, Front Porch Republic and the Ujazdowski Castle Center for Contemporary Art.