**Description:** Relationships between individual Muslim Americans and Muslim community spaces--like mosques and Islamic schools--shift over the life course, but these trajectories are gendered. While both women and men wander out of Muslim communities in emerging adulthood, women who leave tend to stay away while men often return. Using life history interviews, this talk empirically establishes this discrepancy and explains it. I argue that Muslim communities express their anxieties about assimilation by monitoring women’s bodies and behaviors, creating unintended pressures that complicate women’s relationships with Islam and drive women out of Muslim communities.

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