Eman Abdelhadi, University of Chicago. Our society is increasingly composed of multiple subcultures—ethnic, religious and political. Eman Abdelhadi’s research uses the case of second-generation immigrant Muslim Americans to answer several questions: How do these subcultural communities reproduce themselves across generations? Why are some more successful at this than others? Abdelhadi traces individuals’ relationships with Muslim communities across the life course, showing the ways in which attachment is gendered at individual, household and institutional levels.

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