

Distance learning student mentors

Due to the unique concerns of distance learning students, we have appointed three student mentors, all distance learning PhD students, who are available to answer any questions you may have, and to share their experience of studying via distance learning with the University of Birmingham.

To contact Annette, Ghazala or Joshua, please email dlmentors@contacts.bham.ac.uk (<mailto:dlmentors@contacts.bham.ac.uk>)

Annette Amerman

- Distance learning PhD, Modern History



Originally from the Finger Lakes region in New York State, Annette received her bachelors in History from Shenandoah University of Winchester, Virginia, in 1997. During her time at Shenandoah, she interned with the Marine Corps History Division in Washington DC. Annette lived in Wyoming for several years working as a curator at the Wyoming Territorial Prison Historic Site and later for the Wyoming Research Institute.

In 2003 she returned to the Marine Corps History Division as a historian in the Historical Reference Branch. While working, Annette completed her masters in history at George Mason University of Fairfax, Virginia, in 2010. Today she continues as a senior historian with the Marine Corps, has published many articles, presented several papers at conferences and is currently completing her first book - a reference work on Marines in World War I. She started working on her PhD at Birmingham in 2012, and is working with [Dr Peter Gray](#) ([staff/profiles/history/gray-peter.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/history/gray-peter.aspx)) on Marine and Navy Aviation Integration in World War I.

Ghazala Qadri

- Distance learning PhD, Theology and Religion

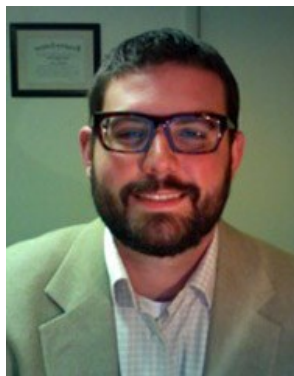
British by birth, Pakistani by origin, Ghazala received her LLB from the University of Southampton in 1993. Upon completion of law school and legal training she qualified as a solicitor in 1996. During her time as a solicitor Ghazala worked as a family lawyer. She spent several years living in Pakistan, gaining her MA in Islamic Studies as well as teaching. In 2002 she returned to the UK to complete her Master of Laws from the University of East London.

Today Ghazala lives and works in Canada. She works for Minhaj-ul Quaran International, an NGO that works to promote peace, tolerance and inter-faith harmony. She has written many articles and is a public speaker who has addressed numerous conferences on women's rights in Islam throughout Europe and North America. Her current research focuses on women's rights to divorce in Islam and Pakistan. Ghazala started working on her PhD at the University of Birmingham in 2012, and is working with [Dr Haifaa Jawad](#) (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/staff/profiles/tr/jawad-haifaa.aspx>).



Joshua Rhone

- Distance learning PhD, Theology and Religion



Joshua received his bachelor of arts in Religion from Houghton College of Houghton, New York, in 2004. Upon completing his degree at Houghton, Joshua entered into vocational ministry and was ordained by the Wesleyan Church in 2008. While working, Joshua completed two degrees - a master of arts in ministry leadership and a master of divinity degree - at George Fox Evangelical Seminary of Portland, Oregon, in 2012.

Today he serves a parish in Mount Union, Pennsylvania, as pastor, has published numerous articles and presented several papers at conferences. Joshua started working on his PhD at the University of Birmingham in 2012, and is working with Dr Mark Cartledge in the area of Wesleyan ecclesiology.