

## Biography



### **Facilitator: Dr. Shari Golberg (she/her)**

Shari Golberg holds a PhD in Religion from UofT. Her academic work explores feminist approaches to Jewish and Islamic texts and contemporary text-based collaborations between Jewish and Muslim women. Dr. Golberg has developed and taught numerous courses and workshops in university, community-based, and corporate settings on world religions, gender issues, and competing human rights. Although working primarily outside of academia, she is also a frequent guest lecturer and panelist speaking about interfaith engagement and activism, systemic racism (including antisemitism and Islamophobia), religious accommodation, and creating inclusive workplace cultures. She has worked as a researcher, facilitator, and consultant for a number of organizations including the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, and the Ontario Public Service's Inclusive Diversity Office, an internal centre for excellence with expertise in research, data analysis, learning and program development on diversity, equity, and inclusion. For eight years, she also coordinated and facilitated Shema & Iqra': The Jewish-Muslim Text Project, a grassroots initiative which brought communities of Muslims and Jews together using classical religious texts as a springboard for dialogue to explore issues of mutual concern, including gender and religious leadership, environmental ethics, and creative expression. As part of that work she led a collaborative arts project called Blood, Milk, and Tears that explored the intersections between creativity, religiosity, and embodiment. She currently works on legislative policy in the Ontario Public Service is leading the development of an outcomes-based Anti-Racism Action Plan.

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