

## Ajami Sources of Knowledge: The Case of the Muridiyya Tradition



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All are invited to join us for a talk on *Ajami Sources of Knowledge: The Case of the Muridiyya Tradition* by Fallou Ngom, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Director of the African Language Program at Boston University. It will take place on Thursday, February 23rd, in Bass Library LO1.

Muridiyya is an African Islamic tradition dating to 1883, founded by Cheikh Amadou Bamba, and is widespread in Senegal and the Gambia. Ngom's research interests include the interactions between African languages and non-African languages, the adaptations of Islam in sub-Saharan Africa, and Ajami literatures—records of African languages written in Arabic script. He seeks to understand the knowledge buried in African Ajami literatures and the historical, cultural, and religious heritage that has found expression in this manner. His work has appeared in several leading scholarly journals, including *African Studies Review*, *Journal of Arabic and Islamic Studies*, *Language Variation and Change*, and *International Journal of the Sociology of Language*. He is the author of *Muslims beyond the Arab World: The Odyssey of Ajami* and *The Muridiyya* (Oxford University Press, 2016).

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