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Shrine of Jalaluddin Rumi in Konya, Turkey

## Sufism, Rumi, and Religious Appropriation

Drawing from my recent book, *Dervishes of the North: Rumi, Whirling and the Making of Sufism in Canada*, this talk will consider some of the trajectories of Sufism's development in Canada and think about some of the challenges of the popular consumption of Rumi today.

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