


10 – 11:15 AM

Young Professionals



Marginalized Muslims

Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Sameera Ahmed and Khalilah Sabra

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, “The believer is kind and gracious, for there is no goodness in one who is neither kind nor gracious.” Among Muslims, there is a group that is unfortunately often ostracized. This group includes women, people of color, and converts. How can we work to create an inclusive, loving, and accommodating space for our Muslims brothers and sisters within our communities?

Youth

The Pain Within

Location: Grand Ballroom West — Speakers: Suleiman Hani and Suzy Ismail

The trials we face in life have the capacity to leave deep emotional scars, making it increasingly difficult to go through life. We start having thoughts like why does Allah allow us to experience this pain if he is the most merciful? How do we reconcile these thoughts before they manifest as spite and anger toward Allah?

Parallel A



المسلم بين العزة بالإسلام والرفق بالخلق

Location: S103 — Speakers: Abdelgawad Konsouh and Mohammad Ratib Al-Nabulsi

عزة الإسلام تورث النفس الثقة في المنهج والشجاعة في الالتزام به والعزيمة على الدعوة إليه ولكنها لا بد أن تكتمل بالشفقة على الخلق والحرص عليهم حتى نخرج من خطر الغرور والعلو. ولنا في رسول الله القدوة المثلى في ذلك فهو صاحب القلب الرقيق القائل (الحمد لله الذي أنقذ بي نفساً من النار) والذي تحمل الأذى من قومه رافضاً عقاب الله لهم قائلاً (بل أرجو أن يخرج الله من أصلابهم من يعبد الله وحده لا يشرك به شيئاً) كيف نجتمع بين العزة بالإسلام والرفق بالخلق خاصة العصاة منهم؟ كيف نوفق بين (طوبى للغرباء من أمتي) وبين (الذي يخالط الناس ويصبر على أذاهم خير من الذي لا يخالط الناس ولا يصبر على أذاهم)؟ كيف نحمل ذلك في قلوبنا وعقولنا ونحن نتعامل مع من يخالفوننا في العقيدة من مواطنينا الأمريكيان من الجيران وزملاء العمل؟

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— 11:15 – 11:30 AM Break —

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

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America and Religious Pluralism: Muslim Perspectives

Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Jasser Auda and Suleiman Hani

“You have your religion, and I have mine” (109:6). Does Islam coexist harmoniously with other religions in America? Unlike other religious groups, Muslims seem to be most frequently targeted and make the headlines. Islamophobia has become an all too common concept, one that is engraved in many minds. Is this a result of our own lack of integration into society?


Youth

Just Trust Him, He Has Plans

Location: Grand Ballroom West — Speakers: Abdul Nasir Jangda and Saad Tasleem

There has been a sense of hopelessness since the November elections, but we are not alone. The Quran mentions the stories of the previous prophets and messengers to ease our hearts and give us guidance for handling tough situations like the ones they passed through. But we must trust in Allah’s plan. This session will teach us how to trust in Allah’s plan.

Parallel A



وعسى أن تكرهوا شيئاً ويجعل الله فيه خيراً كثيراً

Location: S103 — Speakers: Mohammad Qatanani and Mohammed Moussa

أن الإنسان قد يقع له شيء من الأقدار المؤلمة، والمصائب الموجهة، التي تكرهها نفسه، فرمها جزع، أو أصابه الحزن، وظن أن ذلك المقدور هو الضربة القاضية، والفاجعة المهلكة، لآماله وحياته، فإذا بذلك المقدور منحة في ثوب محنة، وعطية في رداء بلية، وفوائد لأقوام ظنوها مصائب، وكم أتى نفع الإنسان من حيث لا يحتسب!. والعكس صحيح: فكم من إنسان سعى في شيء ظاهره خيراً، وأهبط إليه، واستمات في سبيل الحصول عليه، وبذل الغالي والنفيس من أجل الوصول إليه، فإذا بالأمر يأتي على خلاف ما يريد، وهذا هو معنى القاعدة القرآنية التي تضمنتها هذه الآية باختصار. أيها المؤمن بكتاب ربه - فأدرك أن أعمال هذه القاعدة القرآنية من أعظم ما يملأ القلب طمأنينة وراحة، ومن أهم أسباب دفع القلق الذي عصف بحياة كثير من الناس، بسبب موقف من المواقف، أو بسبب قدر من الأقدار المؤلمة - في الظاهر - جرى عليه في يوم من الأيام ولو قلبنا قصص القرآن، وصفحات التاريخ، أو نظرنا في الواقع لوجدنا من ذلك عبراً وشواهد كثيرة،

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— 12:45 - 1:30 PM, Break & Dhuhr Prayer (+ Asr Prayer for travelers) —

1:30 – 2:30 PM

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Born & Raised in the USA: The Need for American Muslim Imams and Scholars

Location: Main Hall B — Speakers: Suhaib Webb and Mohamed Abutaleb

Imams and scholars who grew up here in the United States are often better able to connect with the larger society. This session addresses how to overcome the lack of American Muslim scholars and imams and how to work toward building initiatives to address this need.



Youth

Parallel A

Sharia and Law of the Land

Location: S103 — Speakers: Jamal Badawi and Jonathan Brown

Islam respects the law of the land and the local cultures and traditions, but are there restrictions? Are all man-made laws violating shariah law? What should Muslims do when the law of the land and shariah come into conflict?

Parallel B	<div></div> <div>Where is Your Place in Your Community? Creating Belonging & Acceptance as an Islamic Duty (MUHSEN) <i>Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Abdul Nasir Jangda, Yasmin Mogahed, Joohi Tahir, and Baba Ali</i> Muslims are under the microscope now more than ever. Are we fulfilling and living the Sunnah? Our goal should be to exemplify civic values including freedom, justice, equality, diversity and tolerance within our own communities for all our brothers and sisters. Living this way will lead to the development of socially responsible participants who engage actively and shine a light on the beauty of Islam. This session sheds light on our responsibilities toward one another and the benefits of sustaining inclusivity within our communities. Special guest appearance by Baba Ali to discuss the collaboration between MUHSEN and www.HalfOurDeen.com to help Muslims with disabilities find their match!</div>
Parallel C	<div>American Muslims in Volunteerism: Islamic Mandate & Citizenship Duty <i>Location: Grand Ballroom West — Speakers: Abdool Rahman Khan and Mazen Mokhtar</i> The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: (أحب الناس إلى الله أنفعهم للناس) “The dearest to Allah is the one who is most beneficial to people.” (Tabarani) Volunteerism is of the most fundamental acts of citizenship in our society and it is a special expression of one’s faith. The meaning of volunteerism in Islam is the offer of time, energy, efforts, skills, talent and knowledge of your own will for the sake of gaining God’s pleasure.</div>
Dawah Workshop	<div>Dawah Projects for Muslim Families <i>Location: S105bc — Speakers: Karen Danielson and Sabeel Ahmed</i> This session will offer tips to involving the youth and the whole family to embark on practical dawah projects. We will explore the benefits of involving the youth and parents in common dawah projects and encouraging youth in realizing their role in combating Islamophobia.</div>
Education Workshop	<div>Handling Students’ Psychological Challenges (In Islamic and Public Schools) <i>Location: S105a — Speaker: Duaa Haggag</i> In encouraging students to speak out against negative experiences in school, such as bullying and racism, teachers should also be proactive in their involvement to help the student overcome the situations they may face.</div>
Family Workshop	<div>Growing and Developing with the Family: Establishing a Family Development Plan <i>Location: S104 — Speakers: Sameera Ahmed and Nadeem Siddiqi</i> Whether we want to strengthen our worship, personal relationships, or career prospects, change doesn’t just happen. It requires focus, time, and evaluation. We also want to make sure our whole family develops and grows. Using a framework developed by the Quran, and integrating psychological and business techniques, the session will help you grow and develop with the family.</div>
Latinos Workshop	<div></div> <div>Mi País, Mi Religión, Mi Realidad/My Country, My Deen, My Reality <i>Location: S105d — Speaker: Abu Sumayyah Lebron</i> Los Latinos han sido siempre una parte muy importante de este país. En esta sesión se hablará de la realidad de no solo ser Musulmano pero de ser un Musulmano que a la vez es Americano y Latino. Latinos have always formed an integral part of this country. In this session we will discuss the realities of being not only a Muslim but an American Latino Muslim in today’s world. The struggles that are faced on a daily basis to balance who we are with our new found faith and the challenges that are predicted to come with the new phase America has entered.</div>

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— 2:30 – 3 PM Break (+ Asr Prayer for locals) —

Bad Blood: The Road to Mending Relationships

Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Omar Suleiman

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) was on the pulpit and he said:

ارْحَمُوا تُرْحَمُوا وَإِغْفِرُوا لَكُمْ

“Be merciful to others and you will receive mercy. Forgive others and Allah will forgive you.”

وَلْيَعْفُوا وَلْيَصْفَحُوا أَلَا تُحِبُّونَ أَنْ يَغْفِرَ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

“Let them pardon and overlook. Would you not love for Allah to forgive you? Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.” (24:22)

Our most beloved are usually the ones we tend to hurt the most. Ironically, they are also the hardest people to forgive or be forgiven by. Naturally, negative feelings grow more and more the longer we go without forgiving others. How can we work toward mending these relationships? More importantly, why should we forgive people that have hurt us in the first place?

Young Professionals

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Muslim Immigration Challenges in the Trump Era

Location: S103 — Speakers: Khalilah Sabra and Sehla Ashai

The day after Donald Trump won the White House, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) tweeted if the president-elect attempts “to implement his unconstitutional campaign promises, we’ll see him in court.”

But when it comes to the immigrant registration programs that would target Muslims entering the United States, three constitutional lawyers say the ACLU won’t have much of a shot before a judge. Which narrative of the two is correct? Should immigrants among the Muslim community be able to challenge these new laws in court?

Parallel A

Muslims and the Latino Communities: Navigating Through Tough Times

Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Altaf Husain and Omar Hernandez

Both Muslim and Latino communities were primary targets in Trump’s presidential campaign talks. With threats of a ban on entering the US, deportation, subjection to profiling, and establishing an identification registry, hate incidents against both communities skyrocketed. How should we react together toward a proactive role? A leader from both communities presents guidelines for navigating these tumultuous times.

Parallel B

Parallel C	American Muslims and the Pursuit of Authenticity & Credibility in Society <i>Location: Grand Ballroom West — Speakers: Karen Danielson and Mohamed Abutaleb</i> This session highlights the tenants of interfaith engagement as a direction for giving authenticity to Islam and Muslims. It emphasizes achieving credibility in the society through practicing leadership and role modeling.
Dawah Workshop	Can Science Prove Islam’s Validity? <i>Location: S105bc — Speaker: Jamal Badawi</i> There is a trend amongst certain Islamic leaders to discard the ‘Quran and Science’ argument during dawah discussion. This workshop will discuss the pros and cons of using science to validate the authenticity of Quran and Islam.
Education Workshop	Theories of Teaching Arabic as a Second Language <i>Location: S105a — Speaker: Hamed Ghazali</i> The session will examine how the theories of teaching a second language will impact the methods of teaching Arabic as a second language. No doubt, learning these theories will impact how you teach Arabic whether in full-time school or weekend school. These theories include behavioral theories and cognitive theories.
Family Workshop	Tarbiya Tools: Methods with Mindful Parenting <i>Location: S104 — Speakers: Duaa Haggag and Mohamed Rida Beshir</i> How do we establish a mindful, deep relationship with our children? From both a psychological and spiritual perspective, this session will offer tools and ideas to better connect with your child so they can better manage their emotions, learn appropriate behavior, and master new skills.
Latinos Workshop	Starting from Scratch: Challenges of Establishing a Latino Muslim Community <i>Location: S105d - Speakers: Abu Sumayyah Lebron</i> Being the first generation of Muslims is always a beautiful and difficult challenge. In this session we will discuss the different personal and community struggles that are faced on an individual basis when making the choice to accept Islam. This may involve raising children differently, finding a spouse, or finding a welcoming masjid. In this segment we will also cover the ways we can support this growing community.
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Mission Possible: The Seerah Reborn <i>Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Nouman Ali Khan</i> The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was known for standing against oppression and taking care of his community. Eventually the very city that opposed him accepted his message. We often think that stories from the past are not relevant to our time, but a closer look reveals how our past parallels our present and will influence our future.	Young Professionals
	Youth
كن يوسف قومك: سجنوه وأنقذهم <i>Location: S103 — Speakers: Abdelfattah Mourou and Kifah Mustapha</i> إن قصة يوسف عليه الصلاة والسلام مليئة بالوعظ والتذكير. لقد كان من ثمار تدبير يوسف عليه السلام وتخطيطه أن حفظ شعباً من الهلاك والجوع، خرج من الشدائد وعاد إلى الرخاء. رغم أنهم استعبدوه وباعوه بدراهم معدودة وهو العزيز ابن الأعة ثم اتهموه في عرضه ظلماً وزوراً وسجنوه بضع سنين دون جريرة إلا أن ظلمهم له لم يمنعه من مد يد الإنقاذ لهم لما طلبوه. فلم يمنعم علمه ورؤيته بظلمهم له ولم يخدعهم بنصائح فاسدة إنتقاماً منهم ولم يكتف بتقديم نصائح بسيطة هامشية بل أعطاهم خطة إقتصادية إستراتيجية بعيدة المدى لمدة ١٥ عام بتفاصيل فنية عالية المستوى على ثلاث مراحل تتضمن إنتاجاً دؤوباً ثم إستهلاكاً مرشداً ثم إعادة استثمار للمدخرات. لم يفكر يوماً أن هؤلاء ليسوا بأهله وأن هذا ليس «بوطنه» الذي ولد فيه وأن هؤلاء ممن ظلموه فلا يستحقون مساعدته ولا أنه قد حان وقت الإنتقام. ولم يساومهم على حريته مقابل أن ينصحهم بل قام بواجبه الشرعي تجاه من عاش بينهم. كم هي حاجتنا أن نحمل هم مجتمعاتنا ونشارك في إنقاذها حين حاجتها وإعمارها وفهوها حال نهضتها فنحن شركاء الوطن وإن لم يولد كثير منا فيه.	Parallel A
Mental Health Stigma & the Muslim Community <i>Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Sameera Ahmed and Duaa Haggag</i> Although mental health treatment has improved significantly over the last decades, many people still choose not to seek treatment or quit prematurely, and relapse. While a number of factors contribute to these disparities, stigma against mental illness is among the most significant. Stigma creates injustices, contributes to declining health outcomes, and results in devastating consequences for the person and the family. We will talk openly about the reality of the mental health issue in the Muslim community and the stigma notion associated with it. Our goal is to increase mental health competence and broaden our horizons on insight and knowledge of these topics.	Parallel B
تین چیزیں نجات والی اور تین چیزیں ہلاکت والی/ تین دیوان <i>Location: Grand Ballroom West — Speakers: Yusuf Islahi and Hafiz Inayatullah</i> اس سیشن میں پیغمبرانہ نصیحت کی وہ تین چیزیں بیان کی جائیگی جو ہلاکت کا سبب بنتی ہیں اور ہمیں اس سے دور رہنا چاہئے، اور تین وہ چیزیں جو نجات کی طرف لے جاتی ہیں، اور ہمیں انہیں ضرور اختیار کرنا چاہئے • اور تین وہ حقوق جو ہمیں پورے کرنا ضروری ہے •	Parallel C
Responding to the Top 7 Allegations Against Islam and Muslims <i>Location: S105bc — Speakers: Sabeel Ahmed</i> The top 7 allegations against Islam and Muslims will be presented and dispelled, myth by myth. The session will empower the attendees with talking points and make them confident in their dawah interactions.	Dawah Workshop

4 – 4:45 PM

Education Workshop

Quranic Tarbiya Models

Location: S105a — **Speakers:** Hamed Ghazali

In this session the speaker will present tarbiya models from the Quran that will enhance the theme of the convention and our vision for our children in the United States. The model of Prophet Yusuf for example, lays the foundation for building a contributing citizen who loves to contribute positively to the society and to serve everyone regardless of their religion or race. It is an outstanding leadership model for our children and for young Muslims. It is a model for parents as well.

Family Workshop

Children and Teen Power Struggles: Rules and Boundaries

Location: S104 — **Speakers:** Lobna Mulla

Sometimes we confuse loving our children with not setting boundaries, and then find ourselves overwhelmed with conflict as a result. This session will go over ways in which parents can create a loving environment at home with effective rules and boundaries in place.

Latinos Workshop



Americano, Musulmano, Latino y los Retos que Tendremos por Delante. American, Muslim and Latino and Challenges that Lay Ahead

Location: S105d — **Speakers:** Abu Sumayyah Lebron and Omar Hernandez

Latino converts to Islam have been part of the US religious landscape since the 1930s. Islam gave them the moral structure they were looking for, but Muslim communities and institutions didn't provide the support they needed. Furthermore, the current political environment is even more challenging for Latinos.

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— 4:45 – 7 PM Dinner Break and Kids Pick-Up —

— Discussion and Brainstorming Forum Groups (see page 39) —

7 - 7:45 PM



Opening Remarks

Location: Main Hall B — **Speakers:** Convention Chairman and Organization Representatives

Opening and welcoming remarks for the 2016 MAS-ICNA Convention. Why the theme was chosen, its inception, and the goal of the convention will be addressed. We should speak out against oppressions, stand up against injustice, and promote peace and harmony all of which are in line with our Islamic teachings. Our theme this year aims to encourage American Muslims to fulfill their Islamic duty of contributing to society in any way they can.

7:45 – 8:20 PM



MAS-ICNA Theme - American Muslims: Islamic Duties and Civic Obligations

Location: Main Hall B — **Speaker:** Omar Suleiman

Whether we live in a small town or big city, in a predominantly Muslim neighborhood or are the only Muslims on the block, it's important to be involved and engaged in society as a whole. And that's where our civic obligations come in. As Muslims, our Islamic duties are what push us to be involved. Whether we are temporary guests, visitors, or citizens, Islam mandates that Muslims should be an integral component part of society.

Strategy of the Muslim Community After the 2016 Elections

Location: Main Hall B — **Speaker:** Dalia Mogahed

What is the expected impact on civil rights and civil liberties as president-elect Donald Trump prepares his cabinet? What steps should the American Muslim community take to ensure not only Muslim rights but the rights of other marginalized groups? Join us as our speakers discuss one of the most controversial events in modern American History.

8:20 – 8:40 PM



Overcoming Challenges Facing the Ummah: The Turkish Experience

Location: Main Hall B — **Speaker:** Guest of Honor from the Republic of Turkey:

Sumeyye Erdogan Bayraktar

Vice Chair of KADEM (Women and Democracy Association)

"That which does not kill us, makes us stronger." a quote attributed to the German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche. It turns out that he was right. Facing challenges with a deep belief in your cause and strong will helps you overcoming your tough situations making your back stronger and your capacity higher. Turkey is an example for that.

8:40 – 9 PM



— 9 – 9:20 PM Break and Kids Pick-Up —

"If you will not aid him, Allah has already aided him" إِلَّا تَنْصُرُوهُ فَقَدْ نَصَرَهُ اللَّهُ

Location: Main Hall B — **Speaker:** Abdul Nasir Jangda

Challenges should not deter us. They should bolster our determination to pursue what is good. While we may be living during trying times, we must remember that Allah promised to support the believers. We must stand strong and keep our trust in Allah.

9:20 – 9:55 PM



"Don't Be Sad, Allah is With Us" لَا تَحْزَنْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَنَا

Location: Main Hall B — **Speaker:** Yasmin Mogahed

Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) made his famous statement, "don't be sad, Allah is with us" to Abu Bakr to calm him. A similar statement was made by Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) when he reassured his people of Allah's support, even when all hope seems lost. It's a statement that gets to the core belief that no one can save you from harm. Only Allah can protect you. As American Muslims face an uncertain future, it's important to keep this ayah in mind.

9:55 – 10:25 PM



Proud and Unapologetic American Muslim

Location: Main Hall B — **Speaker:** Nouman Ali Khan

It can be challenging to practice Islam in America today. The bigotry, Islamophobia, xenophobia, media bias, and constant need to apologize for Muslim extremist actions can take its toll on us. Part of being an American Muslim is standing up for our beliefs and speaking truth to ignorance. It is time for us to stop apologizing, and to unapologetically declare that we are proud to be Muslims in America.

10:25 - 11 PM



Talent Show

Location: Main Hall B

Join us as we showcase up and coming talent in the American Muslim community. This first ever event at MAS-ICNA is aimed at inspiring people to share their talents and use them in ways that can positively benefit the world around us.

11 - 11:30 PM

— 11:45 PM Qiyam Prayers Grand Ballroom Foyer —

10 – 11:15 AM

Young Professionals

Trumping Our Emotions

Location: *S406 Vista Room* — **Speakers:** *Suhaib Webb & Siraj Wahhaj*

At times our passion for certain causes can blind us and lead us to make hasty decisions. We are passionate about justice and unity, but when the face of injustice and bigotry takes office, we have the potential to get angry. But even in our most enraged internal states, we cannot use our emotions as an excuse for poor decision-making. Instead, we will take this time to reassess our feelings and take charge of our situations.



Parallel A

Activism, Not “Victimism”

Location: *S103* — **Speakers:** *Mazen Mokhtar, Nihad Awad, and Mohammed Faris*

The victim mentality makes one bitter, angry, depressed, and unable to do anything productive. But Allah teaches to be both active and proactive. Therefore, shift your mentality from that of victim to survivor. What are some to be productive ways Muslims can use to overcome the challenges and makes the change?

Parallel B

Moving the American Muslim Community Up the Prioritization Ladder

Location: *Grand Ballroom East* — **Speakers:** *Dalia Mogahed and Omar Suleiman*

The shocking and unexpected results of the 2016 presidential elections made it mandatory for the American Muslim community to reconsider its direction, envision its future, prioritize its objectives, and adopt long-term initiatives. This session sheds light on the essential components of the thought process our community must follow moving forward.

Parallel C

Community Investment: Developing Youth Resources

Location: *Grand Ballroom West* — **Speakers:** *Ibtihaj Muhammad, Nadeem Siddiqi, and Suleiman Hani*

According to a survey conducted by the Pew Research Center, the Muslim American population is much younger, on average, than the non-Muslim population. The survey finds that 59% of adult Muslims are between the ages of 18 and 39, compared with 40% of adults in the general public. This should add to the wealth of the American Muslim community and its potential for flourishing and development, but do the youth have a real chance to grow within the Muslim community?

Muslim World



دروس من الإنقلاب العسكري في مصر

Location: *S102bc* — **Speakers:** *Aly Khafagy and Mohamed Soltan*

في حال سُمح لها بالاستمرار، كان الخميس ٣٠ يونيو ٢٠١٦ سيمثل نهاية فترة محمد مرسي لرئاسة الجمهورية والتي تبلغ أربعة سنوات جاءت بعد فترات من الاستبداد في مصر. وبدلاً من ذلك، شهدنا الذكرى الثالثة للإبعاد القسري لمصري عن طريق انقلاب عسكري أعاد فرض ديكتاتورية أبدية على ٩٠ مليون مواطن مصري. لا تزال تلك الكارثة الكبرى في مصر تتكشف يوماً مع انتهاكات حقوق الإنسان، وتضييق الخناق على المعارضة، وانتشار الفساد على نطاق واسع، بالإضافة إلى الأزمة الاقتصادية وتوطيد الحكم في يد حاكم مستبد جديد. وتقر جميع القوى السياسية المستقلة في مصر بأن الحالة المزريّة التي تمر بها البلاد تمثل خيانة للحركة الثورية في مصر والتي بدأت عام ٢٠١١. في الوقت نفسه، لا يمكن القول بأن جذوة الثورة في مصر مازالت مشتعلة، حتى ولو بصورة خافتة، إذ لا يمكن إحياء تلك الثورة دون تقييم حقيقي لأحداث ٣٠ يونيو/حزيران ٢٠١٣ وعواقبها. أين وقع الخلل ومن المسؤول عنه ولو بشكل جزئي وما هي الدروس الواجب أخذها بكل حيادية وتجرد وواقعية مع وضع مصلحة مصر فوق أي مصلحة شخصية أو طائفية أو حزبية؟ هل هناك من رؤية للخروج من هذه الأزمة؟

Handling the Media

Location: *S102a* — **Speakers:** *Nihad Awad and Kristin Szremski*

When dealing with the media, this session will prepare you to handle tough situations while explaining the issue carefully and patiently. It will also include tips on capturing the essence of what information to relay to the media.

Interfaith 101 - Getting the Message Right

Location: *S105bc* — **Speakers:** *Karen Danielson and Leslie Williams, Jewish Voice for Peace*

This session will address Christianity, Judaism and the common good, what has to be said in interfaith dialogue, and how to build collaboration through avenues of interfaith, such as open mosque days.

Models of Teaching

Location: *S105a* — **Speakers:** *Habeeb Quadri*

In this session, the speaker will go over different categories of teaching models such as the direct and indirect teaching models. This session will cover some of these models and will explain the circumstances under which each model is preferred. At the end of the session the audience will be given a scenario to choose a teaching model for it.

Parenting: Helping Children Challenge and Rise Above Anti-Islamic Bigotry

Location: *S104* — **Speakers:** *Sameera Ahmed and Altaf Husain*

With the election of Donald Trump as president and the ensuing rise of hate on the streets and in school, young people and adults are left unequipped for the challenges ahead. This has created confusion, fear, and anxiety for ourselves and our children. What can we as parents do to help nurture our children?

Latinos Como Parte de la Comunidad Musulmana Americana/Bridging the Gap: Latinos as Part of the American Muslim Community

Location: *S105d* — **Speakers:** *Alma Campos and Vilma Lopez*

Esta sesión se enfocará en interactuar con la comunidad para compartir nuestras luchas y encontrar soluciones relacionadas con nuestra cultura y nuestra fe. This is an interactive workshop where we welcome the community to share their struggles and resolutions as they bridge the gap between cultures and faiths.

Private One-on-One Legal Consultation with Muslim Legal Fund of America

Location: *S102d* — **Organization:** *Muslim Legal Fund of America (MLFA)*

Come to MLFA's Free Legal Clinic and get your legal questions answered by some of the nation's top attorneys. Have questions about FBI interviews, visas, discrimination, family law, immigration, civil rights or criminal law? This is where you need to be.

— 11:15 – 11:30 AM Break —

Activism Workshop

Dawah Workshop

Education Workshop

Family Workshop

Latinos Workshop



Muslim Legal Fund

Reshaping the Contemporary Muslim Mind

Location: Main Hall B — **Speaker:** Jamal Badawi, Jonathan Brown, and Mohamed Abutaleb

The American Muslim community is under pressure to conform and let go of its morals and beliefs. Due to the negative climate and constant barrage of Islamophobia, many Muslims lose hope or suffer trauma and anxiety.

Young Professionals

Like a Good Neighbor, Muslims are There

Location: S406 Vista Room — **Speakers:** Dalia Mogahed and Linda Sarsour

“The best of people are those that bring most benefit to the rest of mankind.” [Daraqutni, Hasan] As American Muslims, we have our own problems. We are dealing with crises in almost every Islamic land - Syria, Palestine, Myanmar, Kashmir, Afghanistan, Yemen, Pakistan, and the list goes on. Is it our duty to fight for causes such as #BlackLivesMatter or should we only work on justice in “Muslim causes?”

Youth

Parallel A



إن الله يدافع عن الذين آمنوا

Location: S103 — **Speakers:** Mohammad Ratib Al-Nabulsi and Mohammed Qatanani

وعدهم النصر والتمكين، على شرط أن ينهضوا بتكاليف عقيدتهم التي بينها لهم في الآيات. إن المعركة مستمرة بين الخير والشر والهدى والضلال، والصراع قائم بين قوى الإيمان وقوى الطغيان منذ أن خلق الله الإنسان. ولم يشأ الله أن يترك الإيمان والخير والحق عزلاً تكافح قوى الطغيان والشر والباطل، اعتماداً على قوة الإيمان في النفوس. للصبر حد وللاحتمال أمد، وللطاقة البشرية مدى تنتهي إليه. ومن ثم لم يشأ أن يترك المؤمنين للفتنة. ولهم أن يطمئنوا إلى حماية الله لهم ونصره إياهم: وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ نَصْرِهِمْ لَقَدِيرٌ.. فقد ضمن للمؤمنين إذن أنه هو تعالى يدافع عنهم. ومن يدافع الله عنه فهو ممنوع حتماً من عدوه، ففيم إذن يأذن لهم بالقتال؟ وفيم إذن يكتب عليهم الجهد والمشقة، والتضحية والآلام... والعاقبة معروفة، والله قادر على تحقيق العاقبة لهم لا جهد ولا مشقة، ولا تضحية ولا ألم؟ وحكمة الله هي العليا. لقد شاء الله تعالى أن يجعل دفاعه عن الذين آمنوا يتم عن طريقهم هم أنفسهم كي يتم نضجهم هم في أثناء المعركة. وذلك فوق أن النصر السريع الهين اللين سهل فقدانه وضياعه

Parallel B

The Medina Model: Coexistence, Rights, and Citizenship Duties

Location: Grand Ballroom East — **Speakers:** Siraj Wahhaj, Jasser Auda and Suleiman Hani

One of earliest applications of tolerance and coexistence occurred in Medina upon the arrival of the Prophet (peace be upon him) with the establishment of a covenant between Muslims and citizens of other religions in Medina. Differences in beliefs, socioeconomic status, race, and religion were never barriers against peaceful coexistence and positive collaboration. Accepting differences and respecting personal preferences does not diminish one’s beliefs and convictions.

Parallel C

Islam, Justice, and Human Rights

Location: Grand Ballroom West - **Speakers:** Suhaib Webb, Khalilah Sabra, and Nihad Awad

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ بِالْقِسْطِ شُهَدَاءَ لِلَّهِ وَلَوْ عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَوِ الْوَالِدِينَ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ إِن يَكُنْ غَنِيًّا أَوْ فَقِيرًا فَاللَّهُ أَوْلَىٰ بِهِمَا فَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا الْهَوَىٰ أَنْ تَعْدِلُوا وَإِنْ تَلُوتُوا أَوْ تَغْرِضُوا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانِمًا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرًا ﴿١٣٥﴾

[O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice, witnesses for Allah, even if it be against yourselves or parents and relatives. Whether one is rich or poor, Allah is more worthy of both. So follow not [personal] inclination, lest you not be just. And if you distort [your testimony] or refuse [to give it], then indeed Allah is ever, with what you do, Acquainted.] [4:135] What is the basic understanding of justice in Islam? Are we, as Muslims, practicing the true meaning of justice in Islam? How does Islam look at and deal with the issue of human rights?

American Muslims Serving the Ailing Muslim Ummah

Location: S102bc - **Speakers:** Nakibur Rahman and Akram Elzend

Muslim Americans are part of the global Muslim ummah. The widely-spread Muslim ummah is facing similar internal problems because of the corrupt governance systems in many ailing parts of the ummah. There are many working groups and organizations among the American Muslim community serving different local parts of the Muslim ummah. How can American Muslims coordinate their efforts in serving their ummah to make their efforts more effective and their actions more impacting?

Muslim World

Safeguard Muslim Community Against Extremism

Location: S102a - **Speaker:** Oussama Jammal

As Muslim communities, we recognize that extremist narratives are contrary to the teachings of Islam as taught by the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) “وكذلك جعلناكم أمة وسطا”. To safeguard our community and especially our youth from extremism we will discuss countering extremist ideologies, building partnerships, and building cohesive communities.

Activism Workshop

Empowering Youth to Tackle Islamophobia

Location: S105bc - **Speakers:** Br. Eddie and Hamza Tzortzis

This workshop will empower youth with tips on combating Islamophobia in schools; answering questions about dawah from the youth; instilling confidence about Islam in the young ones.

Dawah Workshop

Alternative Education Methods: Montessori and Online Education

Location: S105a - **Speaker:** Habeeb Quadri

The Montessori system offers a hands-on approach to education that is designed to produce independent and responsible children. The first lecture will give background information about the Montessori school system and will contrast it with the public school system identifying the main difference between the two systems. The online-school system offers a good alternative to parents who are not putting their children in the Islamic school and do not want to put them in public school. The second lecture will explore the online-school system showing its advantages and disadvantages and how it works.

Education Workshop

Love Language: Getting to Know Your Unique Child

Location: S104 — **Speakers:** Duaa Haggag

Every child has a unique way of connecting and understanding love from others. How do we best speak our child’s language of love so they deeply feel connected, appreciated, and understood? Using Drs. Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell’s enlightening book, “The Five Love Languages of Children” and our prophetic tradition, this session will help attendees become ‘multilingual’ to uniquely connect with each of their children.

Family Workshop

No Quiero Regresar Hacia Atras! Entendiento los Dias de Ignorancia I Don’t Want to go Back! Understanding the Days of Ignorance



Location: S105d — **Speakers:** Abu Sumayyah Lebron and Omar Hernandez

“And He found you lost and guided you” (97:7) Todos hemos leído de los días de Jahiliyah/ Ignorancia pero para muchos esos días son parte de su historia. Hacer cambios puede ser difícil y elegir no regresar hacia atrás puede ser una lucha constante. We have all read about the days of Jahiliyah but for many, those days are part of their history. Making a change is hard and choosing not to go back can be a continuous and overwhelming struggle.

Latinos Workshop



11:30 AM – 12:45 PM	
Muslim Legal Fund	Private One-on-One Legal Consultation with Muslim Legal Fund of America <i>Location: S102d — Organization: Muslim Legal Fund of America (MLFA)</i> Come to MLFA's Free Legal Clinic and get your legal questions answered by some of the nation's top attorneys. Have questions about FBI interviews, visas, discrimination, family law, immigration, civil rights or criminal law? This is where you need to be.
— 12:45 – 1:30 PM, Break & Dhuhr Prayer (+ Asr Prayer for travelers) —	
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	
	Community Transition at Risk: Where are the Emerging Leaders? <i>Location: Main Hall B — Speakers: Altaf Husain, Saad Tasleem, and Suzy Ismail</i> American Muslim leaders are aging, and they are leaving behind a void that isn't being filled. It's time to lay down a foundation that can encourage and grow young American Muslims into the leaders that are needed.
Young Professionals	What is Love? <i>Location: S406 Vista Room — Speakers: Yasmin Mogahed and Lobna Mulla</i> Allah says, "And of his signs is that he created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them," (30:21). A stolen glance here, a text there, a couple laughs. That's pretty much what society has illustrated love as. Year after year at these conventions we find ourselves talking about what love is and how the prophet used to love his wives. But how about the constant media we're surrounded by that gives a very different description?
Youth	
Parallel A	<div>فهم الإسلام وتطبيقه في محيط الزمان والمكان</div> <div><i>Location: S103 — Speakers: Mohammed Moussa and Abdelgawad Konsouh</i></div> <div>لا شك أن لتغير الزمان والمكان أثر على الأحكام الشرعية وإسقاطها على الواقع ولكن ما هي الأحكام التي من الممكن أن تتغير بتغير الزمان والمكان والأخرى التي لا تتأثر؟ وما هي الضوابط التي تحكم فهمنا لعملية التغيير؟ وكيف نفهم مراعاة الشريعة لعوامل مثل «التدرج» و«المصلحة» وتطبيقها في واقع المسلم الأمريكي دون التنازل عن الأساسيات الشرعية؟</div>
Parallel B	What are the Islamic Rules of Collaboration? <i>Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Jonathan Brown and Jasser Auda</i> How do we collaborate with individuals and organizations with whom we might have clear differences in beliefs and practices? If Muslims are always asked to encourage what is good and eradicate what is bad, then how do we follow this creed in times of differences with our collaborators?
Parallel C	American Muslims and the Challenge of Media Production <i>Location: Grand Ballroom West — Speakers: Muhammad Bayazid and Hesham Izzedin</i> The Muslim community lacks a strategy for presenting our narrative, defending our backs, and integrating our efforts within the fabric of the society. Media production is one of the beneficial tools towards that end. Substantial efforts and resources need to be directed in support of founding and developing professional Muslim institutions and personnel. This session will discuss the need, the necessity, and the way ahead.

<div>خُدا اور مخلوق خُدا سے اچھا برتاؤ</div> <div><i>Location: S102bc - Speakers: Yusuf Islahi and Hafiz Inayatullah</i></div> <div>بی کریم صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم نے بیان فرمایا کہ احسان بلند ترین عبادت ہے</div> <div>ہم کس طرح احسان پر عمل کریں کہ اللہ اور اس کے بندوں کے حقوق کی صحیح ادائیگی ہو ؟</div>		Muslim World	
The Mosque and LGBT <i>Location: S102a - Speaker: Leo Yu</i> Does the law require mosques and other religious institutions to accommodate homosexual and transgender individuals? How can mosque leaders and imams address transgender bathroom usage issues? Learn what the law says and how it impacts your mosque operations.		Activism Workshop	
Top 50 Dawah Activities for Muslims <i>Location: S105bc - Speakers: Sabeel Ahmed and Hamza Tzortzis</i> This workshop provides a comprehensive list of dawah projects for Muslims of various backgrounds. Participants will be able to obtain instructions and embark on one or many of the above projects.		Dawah Workshop	
A Spectrum of Interfaith <i>Location: S101 — Speakers: Hartford Seminary, Gift of Hope, Jewish Voice for Peace, Parliament of World Religions, and more</i> A panel and interactive breakout session with interfaith guests. Session extended to 3:30pm.		Interfaith Symposium	
Teaching and Learning Juzaa Amma: A New Graphical Approach <i>Location: S105a - Speaker: Hamed Ghazali</i> The speaker will explore a new method of understanding Juzaa Amma and teaching it. He will utilize graphics and visual summaries to present each surah. This new approach links the different parts of each surah to the name of the surah and shows the strong relationships among the different parts.		Education Workshop	
Supporting Children and Youth in Navigating the Realities of Islamophobia <i>Location: S104 — Speakers: Zahra Billoo and Linda Sarsour</i> Over 50% of Muslim children reported experiencing bullying before the elections. Since then, the stories of children being harassed and targeted at school and stressing out about registries and deportations have only increased.		Family Workshop	
Buscando la Guia: Mi Camino hacia el Islam/Seeking Guidance: My Journey to Islam <i>Location: S105d — Speaker: Omar Hernandez</i> Esta sesión inspirará a todo Musulmán, ven y escucha a esta bella historia de toda una familia que vino al Islam. This is a session to inspire every Muslim, listen to the beautiful journey of a family who came to Islam.		Latinos Workshop	
Private One-on-One Legal Consultation with Muslim Legal Fund of America <i>Location: S102d — Organization: Muslim Legal Fund of America (MLFA)</i> Come to MLFA's Free Legal Clinic and get your legal questions answered by some of the nation's top attorneys. Have questions about FBI interviews, visas, discrimination, family law, immigration, civil rights or criminal law? This is where you need to be.		Muslim Legal Fund	
— 2:30 – 3 PM Break (+ Asr Prayer for locals) —			

Young Professionals

Confident Muslims

Location: Main Hall B — Speakers: Omar Suleiman and Yaqeen Institute

“Confident Muslim” is a new platform that aims to engage the brightest minds and encourage participants to come up with positive ways to impact society. The yearly event, put on by the Yaqeen Institute of Islamic Research, will award the best presentation with the Muhammad Ali Confidence Award. Come and learn more about this incredible opportunity and how it relates to our rich Islamic history.



Parallel A



الإمام أحمد والثبات على المبدأ رغم المحن

Location: S103 — Speaker: Abdelfattah Mourou

«لو وضعت الشمس في يميني، والقمر في يساري ما تركت هذا الأمر حتى يظهره الله، أو أهلك في طلبه» مقولة رسول الله التي استلهمها إمام أهل السنة أحمد ابن حنبل وهو يعاني محنته التي استمرت ١٤ عاماً لا لشيء إلا لأنه ثبت على الحق في وجه ثلاث خلفاء عباسيين متتالين فحفظ الله به عقيدة المسلمين في القرآن.

إن الثبات أمام الشدائد والمحن والخطوب، وأمام تلون الدنيا ومغرياتها سمة من سمات عباد الله الراشدين، الذين يعلمون أن الفتن إنما هي تمحيص للمؤمنين وفتنة للغافلين اللاهين، وتظهر جليا حقيقة الثبات على دين الله والمبدأ والمنهج وتستبين وتتضح عند أمرين في الغالب (١) عند المغريات، (٢) عند مقابلة المحن والابتلاءات. فلا تأمن من الفتن ولا تقل سأنجو منها بقوتي بفهمي بعقلي السدي بمالي بعشيرتي بعلاقاتي الواسعة كلا وحاشا، فوالله لا نجاة منها إذا لم تستعن بالله. ما هي الوسائل المعينة على معرفة الفتن حين قدومها فنقل من أثرها وننجو من السقوط فيها؟ وما هي الوسائل المعينة على الثبات في وجه المغريات والمصيبات؟

Parallel C

Protecting Your Civil Rights in the Trump Era

Location: Grand Ballroom West — Speakers: Hina Shamsi and Khalil Meek

The plans Trump openly talked about during his presidential campaign and the history of the advisors he has nominated have sent early precursors of erosion of civil rights and liberties against minorities, especially Muslims and Latinos. This session emphasizes civil rights, how to protect them, and what to do when facing discrimination and profiling.

Muslim World

الثورة الليبية: وحقيقة الصراع

Location: S102bc — Speaker: Abdulmoneim Tabuni

ما هو البعد التاريخي لصراع المنطقة؟ وما هو دور إسرائيل في هذا الصراع؟ وما هي الخصوصية الليبية في هذا الصراع؟ وما اثر نظام القذافي على الصراع؟ وما هو دور المجتمع الدولي السلبي في هذا الصراع؟ وهل هناك من مقترح لحل الأزمة؟

Activism Workshop

Building Coalitions & Forming Alliances

Location: S102a - Speaker: Oussama Jammal

Forming alliances and building coalitions can be an effective way of improving Muslim’s chances of success in influencing public policy and achieving their objectives. There are considerable benefits from forming coalitions and these benefits go beyond increased power in relation to the target of the initiative. Coalition building may also strengthen the members internally, enabling them to be more effective in other arenas. A coalition can fight on more fronts than a single organization working alone, though there is little doubt that fighting more than one battle at a time is more difficult than sticking to just one issue.

Responding to Out-of-Context Passages from the Quran

Location: S105bc - Speaker: Abdool Rahman Khan

Is it true that the Quran says to “kill them all wherever you see them?” A text with no context is a pretext, and this session will help clarify the appropriate context and historical background behind beautiful verses of the Quran that are smeared by controversy.

Creating Safe Spaces: Schools, Islamic Centers, and Events

Location: S105a - Speaker: Kristine Cruz

Learn about risk factors regarding the protection of children and minors that your mosque, Islamic school or organization needs to know. See why vetting volunteers and employees who work with children is essential and how other risks could negatively impact your operations if you do not take the proper precautions.

Preventing Burnout and Exhaustion: Self-Care for Muslim Parents

Location: S104 - Speaker: Nadeem Siddiqi

Parents: feeling burned out? Exhausted? Is it difficult to handle the massive responsibility of being a parent and raising faithful Muslim children? Attendees will learn not only the importance of self-care, but also how to recognize signs of burnout as well as-specific tips and skills on how to care for themselves and their families.

Taking the Latino Muslims to the Next Level

Location: S105d - Speakers: Abu Sumayyah Lebron and Omar Hernandez

Open Discussion: “And you see the people entering into the religion of Allah in multitudes” 110:2 Latinos are the largest group of people coming into the fold of Islam. During this session we will discuss the work that is being done by organizations like Islam in Spanish at both a local and an international level.

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— 3:45 – 4 PM Break —

4 PM – 4:45 PM

A Spectrum of Interfaith

Location: Main Hall B — Speakers: Gift of Hope, CIOGC, Hartford Seminary, Parliament of World Religions, Jewish Voice for Peace, and Karen Danielson

Our 2nd MAS Interfaith Symposium presents a diverse panel representing well established Interfaith success components. They are just a few of the gears that spin our interfaith grass-roots and institutional collaborative efforts. As we head into a political climate with divisive rhetoric and an atypical leadership/advisory lineup, it becomes clear that it is now more than ever needed to recognize Interfaith struggles that connect neighbors, change communities, and even save lives.

Young Professionals	<p>Navigating Atheism</p> <p>Location: S406 Vista Room — Speakers: Mohamed Abutaleb and Hamza Tzortzis</p> <p>“Can there be doubt about Allah , Creator of the heavens and earth?” 14:10. One of the key factors of Muslim psychology today, this rapidly growing thought-process has made its way into the way many Americans live their lives; be they Muslim or not. This leads our community and us as individuals to have doubts in our Master and our identity as Muslim-Americans. How should we perceive the idea of no God, free will, or evolution? What do we do with our doubts?</p>
Youth	<p>Modern Family</p> <p>Location: Grand Ballroom West — Speaker: Yasmin Mogahed</p> <p>Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) reported that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, “The best of you are the best to their families, and I am the best to my family.” When it comes to being an American Muslim we don’t understand where we belong. We don’t seem to understand how to deal with our parents who may have migrated to this country a few decades ago. Sometimes it feels like our families don’t understand us. How do we maintain an American identity while trying to balance our parent’s cultural norms?</p>
Parallel A	<p>American Muslims: Owners and Stakeholders, Not Guests</p> <p>Location: S103 — Speaker: Siraj Wahhaj</p> <p>Islam is not a foreign religion in the US. Rather, it is deeply rooted in its society since its inception. Studies and reports show that Muslims landed on the New world even before Columbus. Estimates of the percentage of Muslim slaves as a total of the whole vary from 15-30%. Muslims essentially shared in building the States. This contribution of Muslims makes them shareholders in all that concerns the United States. This session will discuss how we can feel proud of what our Muslim ancestors did for America as faithful citizens and add more to our legacy. While this session will show the past and ongoing contributions of Muslims in America, it will also give guidance on how can we continue to be stakeholders on a personal and national level.</p>
Muslim World	<p>تونس: من الإطاحة بالاستبداد إلى حماية التحول الديمقراطي</p> <p>Location: S102bc — Speakers: Abdelfattah Mourou</p> <p>كيف استطاعت تونس أن تحافظ على تماسكها إلى الآن وأن تتجنب انتكاسات الربيع العربي في بلاد الجوار؟ فعلى الرغم أن الدولة العميقة في تونس طلت برأسها من جديد واستعادت الكثير من مواضعها ومراكزها إلا أن حال تونس مازال أحسن كثيراً من مثيلاتها. ماهي الدروس التي من الممكن أن تعطيها التجربة التونسية في رحلتها من الإطاحة بالاستبداد إلى التحول الديمقراطي؟ وما هي ملامح المرحلة المقبلة في التجربة التونسية؟</p>
Activism Workshop	<p>On Campus Activism</p> <p>Location: S102a — Speaker: Zahra Billoo</p> <p>This session highlights the importance and benefits of having an active campus. You will learn how to maintain momentum, especially during high turnover on campus. You will further learn how to maintain your activism after graduation</p>

Open Mic – Ask your Dawah Questions

Location: S105bc — Speakers: Sabeel Ahmed, Abdool Rahman Khan and Br. Eddie

Panelist of Daees are responding to questions from the audience. This session is for you to find the answers you were looking for. Come with your questions and learn from other experiences and answers. Only Dawah related questions, no fiqhi questions. Questions may include: Methodology of Dawah challenges in giving Dawah, common or touch questions asked about Islam, allegation about Islam by Islamophobes.

Dawah Workshop

Islamic Education: Teaching in Full Time & Weekend Schools

Location: S105a - Speakers: Hamed Ghazali and Habeeb Quadri

This session is for you to find the answers you were looking for. Come with your questions and learn from other experiences and answers.

Education Workshop

Practical Solutions to Common Family Problems

Location: S104 - Speakers: Mohamed Rida Beshir and Suzy Ismail

This session is for you to find the answers you were looking for. Come with your questions and learn from other experiences and answers..

Family Workshop

Open Discussion: A Muslim, a Believer or a Good Doer

Location: S105a Speakers: Abu Sumayyah Lebron and Omar Hernandez

Is it enough to just be a good person? Is it enough to just just believe? What does Allah really expect from us? What does being a Muslim truly mean, Is it is in our hearts, words or actions? Join us for this interesting topic

Latinos Workshop

Private One-on-One Legal Consultation with Muslim Legal Fund of America

Location: S102d — Organization: Muslim Legal Fund of America (MLFA)

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Muslim Legal Fund

— 4:45 – 7 PM Dinner Break and Kids Pick-Up —

— Discussion and Brainstorming Forum Groups (see page 39) —

Our Voices Will Be Heard!

Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Altaf Husain and Anthony Whitmore


American Muslims have a rich history in the United States dating all the way back to the 17th century. Our faith is part of the American fabric and it cannot be erased. Through civic engagement we can continue that rich tradition of contributing to our country.



7 - 7:20 PM

7:20 - 7:45 PM	Standing for Justice: Black Lives Matter <i>Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Linda Sarsour</i> Islam teaches us to take a stand against senseless violence, racism and social injustice. #BlackLivesMatters is a movement every Muslim must take part in. It's our Islamic duty to work side by side with those who are fighting against racism and police brutality every day.
7:45 - 8:05 PM	Shariah & Forbidding Evil: Limits and Etiquettes <i>Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Jonathan Brown</i> How should Muslims deal with practices reprehended by the shariah? If enjoining good and forbidding evil is a central Islamic shariah concept and a duty on Muslims in general, what are our limits in implementing it and the etiquettes we need to observe?
8:05 - 8:35 PM	Mr. Trump: We Are Assets, Not Suspects <i>Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Siraj Wahhaj</i> American Muslims have been part of the United States for generations. And they have played a vital role in law enforcement and the military. American Muslims have alerted officials to possible terror suspects, before U.S. intelligence has. As we head for uncertain times with a president-elect that has continued to feed Islamophobic rhetoric, it's important we reiterate exactly who the American Muslim community is, and what they've done to keep our country safe.
8:35 - 9:00 PM	سوريا في القلب ... يا أمة الجسد الواحد <i>Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Jawad Abouhatab and Abdelfattah Mourou</i> عن زيد بن ثابت الأنصاري رضي الله عنه قال: سمعت رسول الله عليه الصلاة والسلام يقول : (يا طوي للشام! يا طوي للشام! يا طوي للشام!) قالوا: يا رسول الله وبم ذلك ؟ قال: (تلك ملائكة الله باسطوا أجنحتها على الشام) صحيح. فيا أمة محمد صلى الله عليه و سلم أهانت عليكم شامنا؟ وقال جل وعلا:فقال الله جل في علاه : (وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتُ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ) ٧١ : سورة التوبة (وَإِنْ اسْتَنْصَرُوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ فَعَلَيْكُمْ النَّصْرُ) ٧٢ : سورة الأنفال سوريا في القلب هذا نداء نوجهه إلى كل ذي قلب يشهد أن لا إله إلا الله و أن محمداً رسول الله يا أمة الجسد الواحد يا نبض الإسلام «أغيثوا إخوانكم في سوريا» شامنا يا قرة العين... أنت في القلب.
— 9 – 9:20 PM Break and Kids Pick-Up —	
9:20 - 9:35 PM	Contributing to Your Country Despite the Odds <i>Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Ibtihaj Muhammad</i> Come listen to the inspiring story of Ibtihaj Muhammad, a fencer, who just took part in the 2016 Summer Olympics. She's the first female athlete from the United States to participate while wearing hijab. Ibtihaj brought home a bronze medal in the Women's Team Sabre event, and inspired young Muslim women not to give up on their dreams.

"...to say, 'We Believe' and they will not be tried?" <i>Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Saad Tasleem</i> Belief is not just a word we may utter, but it is a complete package with obligations and duties. Allah tests how truthful are we to our verbal claim of belief. Allah is always with those who maintain close connection to him during those trials. The results of the recent US presidential elections sent a message to American Muslims to get up and be ready for an incoming test.	9:35 - 9:50 PM
Quran Competition Ceremony <i>Location: Main Hall B</i> As the Quran competition comes to a close, join us as we celebrate and award the winners! Qari Hassan Saleh will be reciting Quran and Ibrahim Al-Dardasawi will be performing Islamic nasheed. You won't want to miss this exciting event!	9:50 - 11 PM
— 11:45 PM Qiyam Prayers Grand Ballroom Foyer —	

— Wednesday, December 28 —		
10 – 11:15 AM		
Young Professionals	Thinking Positively, Overcoming Negativity <i>Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Altaf Husain, Mohammed Faris, and Mohamed Soltan</i> “All praise and thanks are exclusively for Allah, the Master of all nations” - (1:2) Rumi said, “Yesterday I was clever so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise so I am changing myself.” We have more power over our situation than we have come to realize. Our attitudes have the ability to redesign the world around us. We hold the authority of the direction of our attitudes as our attitudes will direct our actions and our actions will direct our fate.	
Youth	Being That Weird Kid <i>Location: Grand Ballroom West — Speakers: Lobna Mulla and Suzy Ismail</i> The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said: “Islam began as something strange and will revert to being strange as it began, so give glad tidings to the strangers.” Living in America, people look at our religious traditions as strange. We should embrace this and be okay with others judging us. Allah is the one we are striving to please.	
Parallel A	Islamic Investing vs. Conventional Investing: Real or Cosmetic Differences? <i>Location: S103 — Speakers: Bashar Qasem (Azzad), Mohamad Nasir (Iman Fund), and Amjad Quadri (Amana Mutual Funds)</i> Join leaders from the three U.S. companies offering halal mutual funds to learn how applying particular ethical screens to investing can make it halal, how to identify riba and find alternatives through halal investing, how halal investing has grown over the past 30 years, and why you don’t have to compromise to invest in a halal way, and how shareholder advocacy gives us a way to work for justice in uncertain political times.	
Muslim World	<div> <div>ع</div> <div> <p>العالم العربي وخطر التقسيم: اليمن، العراق، الخليج</p> <p><i>Location: S102bc — Speakers: Abdulsamad Elfegheeh and Osama Abu Irshaid</i></p> <p>لقد أصبح العالم العربي ساحة للصراع الدولي من أجل المصالح. السياسية والإقتصادية القطرية والدولية. ويهدد خطر التقسيم الكثير من بلاده. نقاش وتحليل لواقع صراع البقاء في اليمن وخطر التقسيم الطائفي والجغرافي في اليمن والعراق والخليج .</p> </div> </div>	
Spousal Workshop	A Lifelong Plan - Growing and Development of a Stronger Marriage <i>Location: S104 — Speaker: Nadeem Siddiqi</i> Growing, strengthening, and developing our marriages requires intentional focus and effort. Marriages don’t just randomly blossom on their own. We want to make sure we balance between individual growth and growth as a couple.	
Reverts Workshop	Allah: Discovering the Divine <i>Location: S105d — Speakers: Jamal Badawi and Suhaib Webb</i> Discovering the Divine means firm belief that everything, good and bad, takes place by the will of Allah, who does whatever He wills. While He commands His servants to do good acts and forbids evil, He gives them free will to do whatever they please. He guides whomever He wills in His mercy and misguides whomever He wills in His absolute wisdom. This session explores the implications of the main tenets of faith on daily life and how those implications should help us build trust in Allah’s shariah.	
Building Bridges Through Interfaith Dialogue		
Location: S102a — Speakers: Karen Danielson and Jewish Voice for Peace Representative This session will teach you the do’s and don’t do’s in Interfaith dialogue. Learn to avoid the common “faith-wash” pitfall of interfaith dialogue.		Activism Workshop
Media Production (Part 1): The Words - Message and Content <i>Location: S105a — Speaker: Samah Safi</i> When it comes to filmmaking, it is all about the content. This intensive session will cover the development of the concept into screen-write-up with the right message. This is applicable for any short film, PSA or TV Commercial.		Media Workshop
Making Spaces: Is Your Masjid Inclusive? <i>Location: S106a — Speakers: Muslema Purmul and Suroor Raheemullah</i> Following the prophetic model for masjid spaces, the increased involvement of women in the masjid can be achieved through active engagement with leadership. Research has shown that mosques that that are inclusive to women have significantly increased participation from other groups such as youth and converts. Our goals are to promote common prayer spaces, elevate female scholar voices at the masjid, and ensure women serve on leadership boards.		Muslim Women’s Alliance
Private One-on-One Legal Consultation with Muslim Legal Fund of America <i>Location: S102d — Organization: Muslim Legal Fund of America (MLFA)</i> Come to MLFA’s Free Legal Clinic and get your legal questions answered by some of the nation’s top attorneys. Have questions about FBI interviews, visas, discrimination, family law, immigration, civil rights or criminal law? This is where you need to be.		Muslim Legal Fund
— 11:15 – 11:30 AM Break —		
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM		
Palestine, Syria & Turkey <i>Location: Main Hall B — Speakers: Turkish Speaker, Osama Abu Irshaid, and Jawad Abouhatab</i> This session will discuss the latest developments in three strategic hot spots in the Muslim Ummah. (1) Palestine as it is always in the heart of every Muslim where all regional and even international developments are affected by it and are leaving an effect on it. (2) Syria which is currently the most bleeding wound in the Muslim Ummah with all human genocide crimes and atrocities committed by its regime for nothing but to stay in power. (3) Turkey with its growing role in the area and influence on it and how it was able to not only survive the July 5th failing coup in 2016 but to continue growing as one of the most important players in the region and internationally.		
The American Dream — Is it Endangered? <i>Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Zaid Shakir and Dalia Mogahed</i> To be rich and famous or poor and homeless? The most successful are those who are content with whatever Allah blesses them with. What is the American Dream? Do Muslim Americans have the opportunity to experience a ‘successful’ life in America? Are we at a disadvantage? Is success based on the accomplishment of a goal, or the contentment of the outcome?		Young Professionals 

Youth	<p>Islamophobia Past, Present, and Future</p> <p><i>Location: Grand Ballroom West — Speakers: Nihad Awad and Zahra Billoo</i></p> <p>«وَلَا تَسْتَوِي الْحَسَنَةُ وَلَا السَّيِّئَةُ ادْفَعْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ فَإِذَا الَّذِي بَيْنَكَ وَبَيْنَهُ عَدَاوَةٌ كَأَنَّهُ وَلِيٌّ حَمِيمٌ»</p> <p>“The good response and the evil response are not the same. Defend with what’s better. Then, if the one you’re talking to is being hateful, it is as though they may be a close, intimate friend.” (41:34) We live in a world full of Islamophobic bigots and bullies. Hate crime rates are soaring, and it feels like everything from the hijab to our beloved Prophet (peace be upon him) is under attack. What is the prophetic method in dealing with such obstacles?</p>
Parallel A	<p>إذا ما القوم قالوا من الفتى</p> <p><i>Location: S103 — Speakers: Abdelfattah Mourou, Ahmad Shukri, and Mohammed Moussa</i></p> <p>كلمة من معلقة «طرفة بن العبد» ندب فيها نفسه الى معالي الأمور والإستعلاء عن سفاسفها</p> <p>أحس فيها بعظيم ما أعطاه الله له من النعم فخرج بها عن حظ نفسه وجعلها في خدمة قومه مستعداً في كل وقت للبقاء. همته عالية وهمومه راقية فسهل عليه خدمة أهله عند الحاجة دون تردد ولا تأخر. فما هو السبيل إلى علو الهمة والتخفف من معوقات الدنيا وحب مساعدة الآخرين والبذل عند الطلب؟</p>
Muslim World	<p>المراة ورحلتها الى اعلى درجات الجنة [Women Only]</p> <p><i>Location: S102bc — Speakers: Mohammed Ratib Al-Nabulsi</i></p> <p>(ألا إن سلعة الله غالية ... ألا إن سلعة الله الجنة) تطوافة مع د. راتب النابلسي حول رحلة المرأة المسلمة إلى الفردوس أعلى درجات الجنة حيث أمهات المؤمنين والقداوات عبر الزمان و صحبه الحبيب المصطفى وصحبه الكرام الأطهار.</p>
Activism Workshop	<p>Hate Speech and the First Amendment</p> <p><i>Location: S102a — Speakers: Marwa Elbially and Zainab Khan</i></p> <p>What’s the difference between hate speech and free speech? Does the First Amendment protect Muslims from Islamophobic comments? Does the freedom of speech mean that people have the right to offend? Learn what the law says about our freedom of speech, religion and expression and how it impacts the daily lives of Muslims across America.</p>
Spousal Workshop	<p>Conquering Family Challenges and Conflict Resolution</p> <p><i>Location: S104 — Speakers: Suzy Ismail and Mohamed Rida Beshir</i></p> <p>Families will inevitably face challenges, and conflicts will arise. These can include common issues like finances, in-laws, fertility, and children. This session will explore these challenges and best ways to resolve conflicts when they arise.</p>
Reverts Workshop	<p>Success Stories: Real Life Case Studies</p> <p><i>Location: S105d — Speakers: Karen Danielson, Hamza Tzortzis, and Br. Eddie</i></p> <p>Speakers will share real life success stories. They will share their experiences with maintaining relationships with their non-Muslim friends and family as well as integrating into the community despite cultural differences.</p>

Having a good script is a good start. The challenge is turning this script into a final heart-touching movie. In this session we will discuss the visual techniques and how they affect your audience: Shot size, camera angles, camera movement, blocking and staging.

This session explores balancing life and work, developing mentors, and fostering relationships with the youth in the community. It will also emphasize the importance of exploring diverse careers and will also discuss how women should lift each other.

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The idea of reforming the Islamic jurisprudence is not a new sentiment; rather, it is an inherently legitimate statement with a historic basis founded in the era of prophet (peace be upon him) and beyond. What are the reasons for the need to reform and rationalize the Islamic jurisprudence along with the corresponding changes in reality, customs and people’s needs? This session will include a quick explanation of the “objective of shariah and understanding its role in reforming contemporary Islamic jurisprudence.

This is not the first time Muslims have felt afraid in this country. In fact, many Muslims have even experienced fear in other countries. The history of our prophet (peace be upon him) thoroughly guides us in how to deal with our current political situation. As a Muslim community, we must regroup and assess the appropriate way to react to this situation. It’s time to follow Allah’s advice and seek his aid regarding our fears.

This panel will discuss how American Muslims should define themselves for the sake of correcting their picture in the public eye and dismantling Islamophobic rhetoric. Daily life action items in different aspects of life will be suggested.

Parallel B	<p>Diversity in Solidarity: Lessons From the Struggle of African Americans and Japanese Americans</p> <p><i>Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Anthony Whitmore and William Yoshino</i></p> <p>In his recent interview with Fox news, Carl Higbie, a former Navy SEAL and a spokesman for the pro-Trump Great America PAC, discussed the plan for creating a registry for immigrants from Muslim countries and hinted to “Internment” camps which has a precedence with the American Japanese during the WWII. What is the possibility for that to happen again but for the American Muslims? If it happens, what are the viable options for American Muslims?</p>
Parallel C	<p>Muslim Communities Are Not Immune to Social Ills</p> <p><i>Location: Grand Ballroom West — Speakers: Lobna Mulla and Mohamed Rida Beshir</i></p> <p>By following the divine teachings of Islam we can find protection and safety from the social ills that surround us. Muslim families are prone to the same vices of the society they live in such as premarital relations, teen pregnancy, homosexuality, drugs, gang affiliation, and mental illness. This is a hearty message to parents on how to prevent such ills from befalling their families and how to deal with them if they happen.</p>
Muslim World	<p>الظهير الشعبي: هل نجح في غزة وفشل في الربيع العربي؟</p> <p><i>Location: S102bc — Speakers: Osama Abu Irshaid and Aly Khafagy</i></p> <p>لقد راهنت حركات الربيع العربي وفي القلب منها الحركات الإسلامية على دعم الشعوب لها معتقدة أن الخدمات الإجتماعية والدعوية التي ظلت هذه الحركات تقدمها لشعوبها ولسنوات طويلة ستؤدي ثمرتها بوقوف الشعوب معها حين تواجه هذه الحركات ظلم وبطش الحكومات المتسلطة التي قام الربيع العربي ضدها. ولكن خاب أمل الكثير من هذه الحركات حين تركتها شعوبها لمواجهة المصير الصعب وحدها. فهل ضاعت سنون العمل الخدمي والدعوي أم أن هناك ترتيب آخر محتمل ومتوقع حدوثه من هذه الشعوب؟ هل تحتاج الحركات الإسلامية إلى مراجعة تصورها للظهير الشعبي؟ هل يعطينا النموذج الشعبي في غزة صورة مختلفة تضبط هذا التقييم؟ دروس للعمل الإسلامي في أمريكا في الكيفية السليمة للتعامل مع عامة الشعب الأمريكي وخصوصاً من أجل كسب تعاطفه مع قضايا المسلمين أمام التهديد المحتمل في الفترة الرئاسية القادمة</p>
Activism Workshops	<p>Know Your Rights: Navigating Between Security and Civil Rights</p> <p><i>Location: S102a — Speakers: Zahra Billoo and Khalil Meek</i></p> <p>In this session, you will hear a quick review of your guaranteed constitutional civil rights and civil liberties as a citizen, resident and visa holder, understand how to care for both national security and your own personal security, and learn how to deal with law enforcement and the FBI.</p>
Spousal Workshop	<p>Keeping the Flame Alive</p> <p><i>Location: S104 — Speakers: Sameera Ahmed and Nadeem Siddiqi</i></p> <p>Work, children, groceries, laundry, dishes, field trips, and the list goes on. In our busy lives, we often forget the importance of investing in our marriage. This session will provide advice and tips for busy people to keep the romantic flame alive in their relationship, as they move through different stages of marriage.</p>
Reverts Workshops	<p>Marriage: The Islamic Paradigm vs. Sociocultural Constructs</p> <p><i>Location: S105d — Speakers: Karen Danielson and Kifah Mustapha</i></p> <p>Marriage and constituting a family is the cornerstone of building the society. In this session the speakers will portray some of challenges faced after accepting Islam.</p>

Media Production (Part 3): The Tools - Create and Edit

Location: S105a — Speakers: Muhammad Bayazid

A comprehensive list of tools: How to choose the best camera, rig, lighting, microphone and computer/software for your upcoming production within a reasonable budget.

Media Workshop

Get Lit: Amplifying the Muslim Women Narrative

Location: S106a — Speakers: Su’ad Abdul Khabeer, Amani Al-Khatahtbeh, and Nevien Shaabneh

Everywhere in the media, stories are told about what it means to be a Muslim woman today. It’s time to amplify the voices of Muslim women and hear the powerful stories by newly published American Muslim women authors. Muslim women are breaking barriers and stereotypes in the literary world as well.

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— 2:30 – 3 PM Break (+ Asr Prayer for locals) —

In Support of the American Muslim Community Facing Profiling: NAACP Stand

Location: Main Hall B — Speakers: Oussama Jammal and Anthony Whitmore

The National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People (NAACP) as one of the oldest civil rights groups in the US expressed concern about the consequences of Trump’s campaign and his threatening rhetoric against Muslims, hispanic, and immigrants in general. In the wake of the results of the US presidency elections NAACP used almost the same words as Black Lives Matter: “We intend to fight.” as reported by Newsweek Magazine.

#CanYouHearUsNow

Location: S406 Vista Room — Speakers: Linda Sarsour and Muslema Purmul

“Oh mankind! Be conscious of your master, who created you from a single person, and he created from that person its spouse. And he grew out from that many men and women. And maintain consciousness of Allah, the one whose name you beseech (when you seek your rights), and be conscious of the wombs (i.e. your mother). Allah is ever watchful over you.” [4:1] Allah teaches us in this verse that the foundation of society is the womb of the mother, and that relationship must be respected in its highest form. Yet we have forgotten the contributions of women to Islam and the world. We are blind to what Muslim women have been doing and continue to do in America today. Teachers, political activists, Nobel Peace Prize winners. They are making noise. Can you hear it?

Young Professionals

Youth

Parallel A	<p>«نكون أو لا نكون» الجالية المسلمة وواجب الوقت</p> <p>Location: S103 — Speakers: Mohammed Qatanani and Abdelgawad Konsouh</p> <p>لقد وضعت نتائج الانتخابات الرئاسية الأمريكية الأخيرة الجالية المسلمة في أمريكا على المحك وفي موضع المفارقة؛ فإِما أن يمارسوا واجبهم كمواطنين أمريكيين في العناية ببلدهم وتحمل همومها فيكونون فاعلين في رسم حاضرها ومستقبلها فيقطعون الطريق بذلك على من يريد تهميشهم وتحجيم دورهم ويتربص بهم المصائب وإِما أن يعيشوا على هامش الحياة فيها فيرسم لهم غيرهم دورهم ويشوه صورتهم ويحدد مستقبلهم. ما هي التحديات الفكرية والنفسية والاجتماعية والسياسية التي يجب على المسلمين الأمريكيين مواجهتها بكل صراحة وواقعية وما هي الحلول العملية التي يجب البدء فيها بسرعة ودون تراخٍ. فإِما أن نكون أو لا نكون.</p>
Parallel B	<p>American Muslims Archiving Their Historical Narratives</p> <p>Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Altaf Husain and Riad Ali</p> <p>Have you been told to “go back to your country.” “Go back to Islamia.” The fact of the matter is Muslims have called America home before the inception of the declaration of independence; in fact, Muslims were brought by the shiploads during the seventeenth century as slaves against their will. Though Muslims started immigrating to the United States in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, their real impact and presence was observed in the second half of the twentieth century. Therefore, It is crucial for the American Muslims to archive their history and contribution to their country so their generations will feel the depth of their presence and continue the legacy of their ancestors.</p>
Parallel C	<p>American Muslims and the Mandate of Helping Refugees</p> <p>Location: Grand Ballroom West — Speakers: Hadia Zarzour, Zaher Sahloul, and Suzanne Akhras Sahloul</p> <p>The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimates there are over 65 million refugees worldwide, 5 million registered Syrian refugees and over 7.5 million internally displaced persons inside of Syria. In this session we will explore the root cause of the refugee crisis in Syria, the response of the diaspora community and how we can all support and welcome refugees to our community using the prophetic model.</p>
Muslim World	<p>The State of Islam, Human Rights, and Democracy in Bangladesh</p> <p>Location: S102bc — Speakers: Nakibur Rahman</p> <p>In 2016, 3 top leader of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami were executed including the Ameer and secretary General of the party. It didn't stop there, the children of the executed leaders were abducted by the law enforcement agencies and are still missing. Government passed a law to confiscate the properties of the executed leaders. Meanwhile, extra judicial killing is on the rise, attack on Islamic values is becoming rampant, harassment of women is increasing and overall human rights abuse is at a new level. On top of that, there is clear evidence of rise of extremism in Bangladesh, “Daesh” claimed responsibility for killing 20 foreigners at a Cafe in Dhaka on July 1st and released subsequent videos threatening further attack. But Bangladesh government is in denial, attributing those atrocities to the opposition parties.</p>
Activim Workshop	<p>Countering Islamophobic Rhetoric</p> <p>Location: S102s — Speakers: Nihad Awad</p> <p>Islamophobia has become one of the biggest challenges facing American Muslims today. Anti-Muslim hate crimes, acts of vandalism and discrimination have reached a record high. What is Islamophobia? Who is behind it and how do we counter it? And how can we counteract it?</p>

Clearing Doubts Around Sharia and Aqeeda

Location: S105d — Speakers: Jamal Badawi

When doubts about our faith creep into our thoughts, it can be difficult to get rid of those doubts without proper knowledge. This session will confront common doubts regarding aqeeda and sharia in simple terms. It will also suggest credible sources for expanding knowledge of and correct understanding of sharia and aqeeda.

The Lifetime Companion

Location: S104 — Speakers: Mohamed Rida Beshir

Companionship is a lifelong commitment. As we go through life, our circumstances and situations may change, but our companionship with our spouse should be constantly nurtured and strengthened as we move forward through life. This session will focus on methods to revitalize and solidify your relationship with your spouse.

Power Up with Self Defense [Sisters Only]

Location: S106 — Speakers: Zaineb Abdulla

Shaping the Social Media Landscape: Your Voice Matters

Location: S105a — Speakers: Mariam Sobh

Social media provides platforms to share more than personal life events. They are diverse outlets that allow once silent voices to be heard. It is a collective and personal responsibility to be representatives of the community, rather than relying on how many fans or followers we have.

Private One-on-One Legal Consultation with Muslim Legal Fund of America

Location: S102d — Organization: Muslim Legal Fund of America (MLFA)

Come to MLFA's Free Legal Clinic and get your legal questions answered by some of the nation's top attorneys. Have questions about FBI interviews, visas, discrimination, family law, immigration, civil rights or criminal law? This is where you need to be.

— 3:45 – 4 PM Break —

4 – 4:45 PM

العبرة بكمال النهايات لا بنقص البدايات

Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Mohammad Ratib Al-Nabulsi and Yusuf Islahi

كلمات رائعة للإمام ابن تيمية وأخرى لابن الجوزي قال فيها (إن الخيل إذا شارفت نهاية المضمار بذلت قصارى جهدها لتفوز بالسباق فإِما الأعمال بالخواتيم فإن لم تحسن الاستقبال فأحسن الوداع) و(إِما الأعمال بالخواتيم). فكيف نتغلب على وهن نفوسنا في أوقات ضعفنا ونحسن خاتمة أعمالنا وأعمارنا؟

اور وه (الله) جس نے تم کو زمین کا خلیفہ بنایا

اللہ تعالیٰ نے اپنی عظیم حکمت سے انسانوں کو مختلف نسلوں، رنگوں،رتبوں اور مختلف درجوں میں پیدا فرمایا، اور ہمیں بے مقصد اور بے کار نہیں بنایا، اور ہمیں ہماری مختلف حیثیتوں سے آزمایا جائیگا، لہذا اللہ کی نعمتوں پہ غور سے مشاہدہ کرو جو اُس نے تمہیں عطا کئے۔

Young Professionals	Blurred Lines: Living Within the Bounds of Faith <i>Location: S406 Vista Room — Speakers: Zaid Shakir</i>
Youth	“These are the limitations set by Allah, so don’t cross them; and whoever crosses the limitations of Allah, then they are the wrongdoers.” [2:229] American society seems to conflict with our deen in many ways. Everyday occurrences that were once seen as blasphemous and taboo have become socially acceptable. These occurrences include gender interactions, making an interest-free living, or supporting people’s choice of sexual expression. Sometimes the lines of our boundaries become blurred. Is it okay to just fit in and “go with the flow” since Allah is the most forgiving and merciful? This session will clarify those boundaries and limitations.
Parallel A	Empowering the Muslim Family Against the Coming Wave <i>Location: S103 — Speakers: Duaa Haggag and Hamed Ghazali</i> What are the expected challenges the Muslim family faces in the Trump era with its Islamophobic rhetoric? How will these challenges impact our children psychologically and academically? This sessions offers Muslim families and community institutions tips on overcoming these challenges with emphasis on solidifying and strengthening parents-children relationship, having more active community youth programs, and working toward community collaborations with other local groups in services projects.
Parallel B	Contributions of African Americans to the Civil Rights Movement <i>Location: Grand Ballroom East — Speakers: Khalilah Sabra and Anthony Whitmore</i> The Civil Rights Movement or 1960s Civil Rights Movement are sometimes referred to as the “African-American Civil Rights Movement.” It encompasses social movements in the United States whose goals were to end racial segregation and discrimination against African Americans and to secure legal recognition and federal protection of the citizenship rights enumerated in the Constitution and federal law. This session covers the phases of the movement and the role the African Americans played in it. What lessons American Muslims can take from that struggle while shaping their way in defending their civil rights against the the expected tough time in the Trump era?
Parallel C	Post Coup Attempt: Democracy Struggle of Turkey and the Regional Challenges <i>Location: Grand Ballroom West — Speakers: Ilnur Cevik, Emine Nur Günay, Zeynep Jane Kandur, and Kılıç Bugra Kanat</i> Turkey seems to be on the growth path economically and its political role regionally and internationally is growing as well but it is facing a lot of challenges internally, regionally and internationally. The July 15th 2016 failed attempted coup is one of such challenges. What are the opportunities Turkey has and the challenges it is facing
Muslim World	سوريا ستنهض من جديد <i>Location: S102bc — Speakers: Jawad Abouhatab, Yahya Abdulrahim, and Mohammed Khairallah</i> قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: (عليكم بالشام ، فمن أبي فليحق بيمينه ، و ليستق من غدره ، فإن الله عز و جل تكفل لي بالشام وأهله) فمن تكفل الله به فلا ضيعة عليه
Activism Workshop	Q&A: Activism Challenges and Panel Discussion <i>Location: S102a — Speakers: Osama Abu Irshaid and Karen Danielson</i> This session is for you to find the answers you are looking for. Come with your questions and learn from other experiences and answers.

Q&A Session: Love Your Spouse Challenge <i>Location: S104 — Speakers: Suzy Ismail and Kifah Mustapha</i> This session will help you find the answers you’ve been looking for. Come with your questions and learn from other experiences and answers.	Spousal Workshop
Family Ties: “Accompany your parents in this world with kindness” وَصَاحِبُهُمَا فِي الدُّنْيَا مَعْرُوفًا <i>Location: S105d — Speakers: Omar Hernandez and Hamza Tzortzis</i> “Be grateful to me (Allah) and to your parents, to me alone is the final return. And even if your parents struggle against you in shirk (worshipping other than Allah), then do not obey them, but accompany them in this world in the most decent manner.” (31:14-15). Maintaining your relationship with your family is essential. This session will focus on navigating the tumultuous feelings your parents may have regarding your conversion to Islam. You will learn how to avoid controversial subjects and how to relieve tense situations.	Reverts Workshop
What’s Next in the New Normal? <i>Location: S106a — Speakers: Zahra Billoo, Aisha El Amin and Linda Sarsour</i> The ramp up to the presidential elections has created an abnormal “new-normal” in America. Hear from community leaders and activists who talk about strategies for civic engagement to continue to build and strengthen the American Muslim community.	Muslim Women’s Alliance
Your Narrative Through Your Lens <i>Location: S105a — Speaker: Mohannad Rachid</i> This session will focus on proper camera manipulation: the subject, the lighting, the frame with fore and background. This is an opportunity to explore new modalities of expression and broaden the creativity.	Media Workshop
Private One-on-One Legal Consultation with Muslim Legal Fund of America <i>Location: S102d — Organization: Muslim Legal Fund of America (MLFA)</i> Come to MLFA’s Free Legal Clinic and get your legal questions answered by some of the nation’s top attorneys. Have questions about FBI interviews, visas, discrimination, family law, immigration, civil rights or criminal law? This is where you need to be.	Muslim Legal Fund

— 4:45 – 6:15 PM Dinner Break and Kids Pick-Up —

— Discussion and Brainstorming Forum Groups (see page 39) —

Recognition of National Leaders <i>Location: Main Hall B — Speakers: Mukhtar Hadi Kabuka, Abdool Rahman Khan, Ous-sama Jammal, Osama Abu Irshaid, Nihad Awad, Khalil Meek, Mir Masum Ali, and W.D. Mohammed</i> Short messages to the community from the leaders of national Muslim organizations.	6:15 - 6:45 PM
The Prophetic Model: Adoring the Creator and Serving the Creation <i>Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Zaid Shakir</i> Being a Muslim doesn’t mean you only do the rituals and forget about those around you. Islam is about living your life in a way that also leads to the betterment of society. One way to increase your spirituality is through standing up for justice. The Prophet is our example of someone who practiced spiritual development through civic engagement.	6:45 - 7:15 PM

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<p>“Unquestionably, by the Remembrance of Allah Hearts are Assured” ألا بذكر الله تطمئن القلوب</p> <p>Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Mohammed Ratib Al-Nabulsi</p> <p>عن أبي هريرة - رضي الله عنه - قال : قال النبي - صلى الله عليه وسلم - : يقول الله تعالى : (أنا عند ظن عبدي بي ، وأنا معه إذا ذكرني ، فإن ذكرني في نفسي ، وإن ذكرني في ملأ ذكرته في ملأ خير منهم ،) رواه البخاري ومسلم</p> <p>ذكر الله سبحانه وتعالى أن من صفات المؤمنين أنهم إذا ذكر الله وجلت قلوبهم وإذا تليت عليهم آياته زادتهم إيماناً وعلى ربهم يتوكلون. ومن صفاتهم أنهم تطمئن قلوبهم بذكر الله، توجل أي تخاف من الله وأيضاً ترغب فيما عند الله وتطمئن، فهي تجمع بين الوجل والطمأنينة. المؤمن يأنس بذكر الله، بالتسبيح والتلهيل والتكبير، ذكر الله باللسان وتلاوة القرآن، وأيضاً يطمئن قلبه بذكر الله بالأعمال الصالحة، بالصلاة والصيام والحج وغير ذلك، فتتشرح صدورهم وتطمئن قلوبهم بذكر الله عز وجل، وتستوحش من الغفلة وعدم ذكر الله عز وجل</p> <p>يقول الإمام ابن القيم رحمه الله أنه جاء إلى شيخه شيخ الإسلام ابن تيمية يريد أن يكلمه في شيء أو يأخذ عنه العلم فوجده جالساً يذكر الله، فهاب أن يكمله حتى فرغ من ذكر الله ثم أقبل عليه وقال: من كم أنت هنا؟ قال من كذا وكذا وأنا أنتظر، فقال الشيخ رحمه الله: هذا غداً لو لم أتغدى ما قويت على العمل في ذلك اليوم، فورده رحمه الله هو غدائه الذي يقويه على مواجهة الأعمال في يومه، فهكذا المسلم</p> <p>وقد شبه النبي صلى الله عليه وسلم العبد مع ذكر الله بالذي خرج العدو في طلبه مسرعين يريدون قتله فأوى إلى حصن حصين فنجأ منهم، قال: «وكذلك ذكر الله عز وجل هو حصن المسلم» الذي يتحصن به من أعدائه من شياطين الإنس والجن، فينبغي للمسلم أن يلازم ذكر الله بلسانه وبقلمه وبأفعاله</p>	
7:35 - 8:10 PM	69
<p>Islam is Relevant, But are Muslims Relevant?</p> <p>Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Muslema Purmul</p> <p>Islam does not contradict our identity as Americans. Our faith is relevant for all times and places. Unfortunately there are Muslims without any understanding of Islam who claim to be speaking on behalf of the faith, which they end up tarnishing it instead.</p>	
8:10 - 8:40 PM	69
<p>Struggling Between Islamic Teachings and American Etiquette</p> <p>Location: Main Hall B — Speaker: Suhaib Webb</p> <p>Whether it's a hug from your neighbor or a handshake from your boss, sometimes we find ourselves struggling between following the Islamic traditions and the American etiquette. Where is the balance?</p>	
8:40 - 9:00 PM	69
<p>Concluding Remarks and Duaa</p> <p>Location: Main Hall B</p> <p>Join us in bidding this year's convention farewell, reflecting upon what we learned, thankig those who made it happen this year, and planning ahead for next year's 16th Annual MAS-ICNA convention. Concluding duaah will take place as well.</p>	
9:00 - 11:30 PM	
<p>Entertainment</p> <p>Location: Main Hall B — Entertainers: Mesut Kurtis, Hamza Namira, Native Deen, Mohammad Abbas and Omar Regan</p>	
— 11:45 PM Qiyam Prayers Grand Ballroom Foyer —	

DISCUSSION & BRAINSTORMING FORUM GROUPS

OBJECTIVES:

Adding more benefits to attending the convention by translating the topics covered in the lectures into action plans for application in the local communities all year round.

How does it work?

Format: This is not a lecturing forum where might expect listening to a speaker but it is a Discussion & Brainstorming forum where attendees are expected to think, talk and discuss.

Topics: Few topics of importance to the community, which will be already covered in the lectures, will be selected for the (Discussion Groups) module.

Process: Topics will covered first in the lectures then an invitation will be extended to whoever are interested in joining a 1hr (Discussing Group) to brainstorm on an action plan for taking the topic into application locally.

Logistics: Groups will be meeting for 1-hr during the dinner break of the three days and topics and rooms will be posted in the booklet and online.

Management: Discussions will be moderated for maximizing the benefit of the limited time.

Outcome: All produced action plans will be published online for the benefit of all local communities.

MONDAY (5:40 - 6:40 PM)

- Marginalized Muslims: Making Muslim Community More Inclusive **(S105a)**

- Building Coalitions and Forming Alliances **(S105bc)**

- Safeguard Muslim Community Against Extremism **(S105d)**

TUESDAY (5:40 - 6:40 PM)

- American Muslims serving the Ailing Muslim Ummah **(S102a)**

- Where are the Emerging Leaders? **(S105bc)**

- On Campus Activism **(S105a)**

- Empowering Youth to Tackle Islamophobia **(S105bc)**

- Parenting: Helping Children Challenge and Rise Above Anti-Islamic Bigotry **(S105d)**

WEDNESDAY (5:40 - 6:40 PM)

- Promoting Media Production in the Muslim Community **(S102a)**

- #CanYouHearUsNow Empowering Muslim Women in the Community **(S105bc)**

- Making Mosques More Women-Friendly **(S105a)**

- Empowering the Muslim Family Against the Coming Phase **(S105bc)**

- Building Bridges through Interfaith Dialogue **(S105d)**