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Associate Professor of Political Science - Long Island University.

Dr. Fahmy is a Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Policy in Washington DC, a Visiting Scholar at the Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights and the UNESCO Chair at Rutgers University for 2018. Dr. Fahmy has published several articles in academic journals focusing on democratization and most recently on the effects of Islamophobia on US foreign policy. Dr. Fahmy has won several academic awards and fellowships for her research. In 2014, she was one of the recipients of the prestigious Kleigman Prize in Political Science. She was the 2016 recipient of the Newton Prize for Excellence in Teaching, and in 2017 she was named NPR's "Source of the Week."

Suzy Ismail

Founder and Communication Consultant at Cornerstone, a faith-based communication center that focuses on youth, identity, and relationship rebuilding.

Suzy previously taught for over 15 years in the Communication Departments at Rutgers University and DeVry University. She is the author of several books including "Modern Muslim Marriage." She specializes in presenting a range of communication lectures and diversity workshops. Suzy provides seminars nationally and internationally and is the student adviser at a private high school. She has also traveled to the border of Syria to work with refugee families and orphans and continues her work with refugees through recovery and integration counseling. She currently serves as an executive officer and director on several non-profit boards, commissions, and organizations. She is completing her Doctorate in Human Services with a focus on Family Studies and Intervention Strategies.

Rabia Khan

Principal – Stems School

Rabia Khan is a resident scholar and school leader. She has been an interfaith leader and scholar in her community for over 25 years. She has served as the Islamic Studies department chair and school principal for decades at Salah Tawfik Elementary and Middle School. Rabia has an MA in Leadership, MA in Islamic Studies, and an MA in Arabic Language.

Mark Mitchell

Vice President National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) (DC)

As vice president of NAIS, Mark oversees knowledge creation initiatives supporting more than 2,100 K-12 schools and other organizations. Mark has authored dozens of articles, book chapters, and blogs and is a frequent presenter at local, state, regional, national, and international conferences on the topics of tuition pricing, affordability, demographic and income trends, and school financial aid policy and practices. Prior to joining NAIS, Mark worked as coordinator of new student financial aid at Lake Forest College and as an account executive for Access Group, Inc., a firm specializing in graduate student education financing. Mark earned his BS in communication studies from Northwestern University, where he also served as assistant director of financial aid.

Habeeb Quadri

MCCA School Superintendent

Habeeb serves on the Harvard University Graduate School of Education Principals' Advisory Board. He is also a part-time staff member and student at Harvard University. Habeeb is on the National Advisory Board for MYNA (Muslim Youth of North America) and the board of the Illinois Coalition of Non-Public Schools. Habeeb previously served on the CISNA board. Habeeb has delivered hundreds of lectures and conducted numerous workshops throughout the United States, Canada and abroad on Islam, society, and social problems confronting Muslim youth and the community at large. He has co-authored five books on parenting and other social issues related to Islam and Islamic education including “War within Our Hearts: The Struggles of Muslim Youth.”

Sr. Magda Elkadi Saleh

Head of School– Bayaan Academy

Sr. Magda served as Vice Principal and then Principal at Universal Academy of Florida (UAF) from 1992 – 2003. While at UAF, she led the accreditation process which led UAF to becoming the first Islamic school in Florida to be fully accredited by FCIS & FKC. In 2004 she joined American Youth Academy (AYA) as its founding principal and served as AYA’s Head of School until 2015. At AYA, she spearheaded and oversaw Strategic Planning, Marketing & Fundraising, the development of new programs within the school, and building relationships with other schools and organizations in the region. She also led the school through two successful accreditation visits and full authorization of the IB Diploma Program. In 2014, she became President of Radiant Hands, a non-profit, social services organization, whose mission is to help empower women and families in the community.

Dr. Shadee Elmasry

Dr. Elmasry was born and raised in New Jersey and studied in the Muslim world in Fez, Hadramawt, Cairo, Makka, and Madina. He completed a Masters from The George Washington University in comparative religion, then earned a PhD from the University of London, SOAS on “Da’wa in the Works of Imam al-Haddad.” Dr. Elmasry is the Scholar in Residence and Director of Religious Education at New Brunswick Islamic Center (NBIC) & Safina Society.