

Islamic Society of North America

Hilton Anatole - Dallas, TX

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# 61<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL ISNA CONVENTION

ISNA

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AUG 30<sup>th</sup>  
SEP 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Muslim American: Forging Faith & Action

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ إِنَّا لَا نُضِيعُ أَجْرَ مَنْ أَحْسَنَ عَمَلًا (الكهف 30)  
As for those who believe and do good deeds- We do not let  
the reward of anyone who does a good deed go to waste  
(Al-Kahf (The Cave) 18:30)

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## Convention Directory

Art Exhibit	Chantilly Foyer
Bazaar	Trinity Exhibit Hall
Childcare	Wyeth & Travertine
Children's Program	Rosetta & Steuben
CSRL	Chantilly West
Film Festival	Governors Lecture Hall
Food Court	Trinity Exhibit Hall
Health Fair	Lobby
ISNA Booth	Chantilly Foyer
ISNA Parallel Room 1	Cortez Ballroom
ISNA Parallel Room 2	Miro
ISNA Parallel Room 3	Topaz
Main Hall	Trinity Ballroom
Matrimonial Banquets	Peacock Terrace
MSA	Metropolitan Room
MUHSEN Special Needs	Obelisk & Peridot
MYNA Main Hall	Coronado Ballroom
MYNA Parallel Room	Desoto AB
Prayer hall	Chantilly Ballroom
Robotics	Madrid Foyer
Science Fair	Manchester

### Prayer Times: Chantilly Ballroom



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MSA



Childcare

Children's Program

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INDOOR POOL

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GRAND BALLROOM  
GRAND BALLROOM FOYER

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CHANTILLY BALLROOM  
EAST WEST  
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TOPAZ

ISNA PARALLEL

TOWER

LOBBY LEVEL



Health Fair Hours: Lobby  
Friday 3:00 - 8:00 PM  
Saturday 12:00 - 8:00 PM  
Sunday 12:00 - 8:00 PM

Film Festival



Chantilly Entrance

Health Fair

Qira'at Competition



**Bazaar Hours**  
 Fri. 3:00 PM - 10:30 PM  
 Sat. 8:30 AM - 10:30 PM  
 Sun. 8:30 AM - 10:30 PM  
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# Information

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# Information



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*“The world is green and beautiful and Allah has made you His Stewards over it.” - Hadith*

Global warming and environmental issues are critical problems the world faces today. As Muslims, who believe that humankind was entrusted with the stewardship and welfare of our planet, it is incumbent upon us to take environmental issues seriously and do our part, collectively and individually, to live and act ecologically. To this end, ISNA has taken steps towards making the convention more eco friendly and requests you to do your part by observing the following guidelines.

### At the Convention

- Recycle all bottles, cans, and scrap paper in the appropriate containers
- Recycle name tags and extra convention bags at the end of the convention
- Conserve water and paper towels while making wudu
- Avoid wasting unnecessary food containers and utensils

### In Your Hotel Room

- Conserve electricity and A/C
- Turn off lights, TV and A/C when leaving your room
- Avoid long showers
- Choose option of not changing linens and towels during your stay



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### Childcare and Children's Program Provided by First Choice Sitters

**Childcare: Wyeth & Travertine**

**Children's Program: Rosetta & Steuben**

**Friday**

1:00 AM - 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM - 11:00PM

**Saturday & Sunday**

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM,  
7:30 PM - 11:00 PM

## Art Exhibit - Chantilly Foyer

This convention will host an art exhibition, where talented artists from our community and beyond will display their works. This exhibition will not only be a feast for the eyes but also a testament to the creative expression within our faith. It will serve as a reminder of the profound impact that art can have in bridging cultural gaps and fostering mutual appreciation.

### Featured Artists

Hina Chaudhry  
Moina Sajjad  
Erum Khan  
Mohamed Ahmed  
Noon Eltoun  
Enas Abusaad  
Binte Aziz





# Information

## Film Festival - Governors Lecture Hall

**Saturday, August 31, 2024**

**12:00 – 12:20 PM** “Time Hoppers; The Silk Road”

**12:25 - 12:35 PM** Filmmakers Panel

**Synopsis:** 3D animated children’s movie in which a group of Muslim children travel back to the Golden Age of Islam to save the great scientists of that period from an evil alchemist.

**12:50 – 1:10 PM** Introduction by filmmakers

**1:00 – 2:40 PM** “36 Seconds”.

**2:40 – 3:00:** Panel and Q/A

**Synopsis:** In 2015, three Muslim-American students were executed while eating dinner in their home in Chapel Hill, NC. In 36 Seconds: Portrait of a Hate Crime, filmmaker Tarek Albaba makes an impassioned case for justice for these innocents and for his community. The film charts the victims’ families’ agonizing overnight pivot from trauma to advocacy as they struggle to prevent their loved ones’ deaths from being dismissed as the result of a random parking dispute.

**3:20 – 3:30 PM** John Bornman introduction

**3:30 – 5:10 PM** “Unexpected Peace”

**5:10 – 5:20 PM** Panel

**Synopsis:** Film follows social anthropologist Jonathan Bornman as he explores 3 separate interesting stories; Amish school shooting, murders of Muslim migrants from Senegal and the Muslim-Christian conflict in Indonesia.

**Sunday, September 1, 2024**

**12:00 – 12:15 PM** Introduction by Graham’s team

**12:20 – 2:20 PM** Six 20-minute films from the “American Muslim Project”

**2:20- 2:45:** Panel and Q/A

**Synopsis:** Untold stories of individual Muslims in USA.

**2:55 – 3:20 PM** “Planting Seeds for Pluralism in America: The Syeed Family”

**Synopsis:** A short poetic film highlighting the example of Dr. Sayyid Syeed and Rafia Syeed as two among many American Muslims who have contributed to a larger interfaith movement for true and equitable pluralism in America.

**3:30 – 3:45 PM** Sneak peak into “Adam’s Fire” which will be released in 2025. (By Bob Ahmed)



## Health Fair - Lobby

Welcome to the Health Fair at our convention! We are excited to bring you a comprehensive showcase of health and wellness resources, designed to empower and inspire you on your journey to well-being. Explore a variety of exhibitors, informative workshops, and interactive activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional wellness. Join us in discovering the latest advancements, expert advice, and practical strategies for leading a healthier and more vibrant life. Get ready to embark on a transformative experience at our Health Fair, Where your well-being takes center stage.



### Hours:

**Friday 3:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Saturday 12:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Sunday 12:00 - 8:00 PM**

- Medical Care
- Dental Screening
- Mental Health
- Blood Drive
- Stem Cell Donor Drive

# Information

Entertainment Lineup - Trinity Ballroom

Sunday 8:15 - 10:30 PM



**Preacher Moss**  
Comedian



**Alman Nusrat**  
Singer Songwriter



**Umer Zaman**  
Nasheed Artist



**Riyaz Qawwali**  
Group



**Najam Sheraz**  
Singer

3rd Annual



Friday - Cortez Ballroom - 8:30 PM

Ticket Required  
**Comedians**

Preacher Moss  
Sabeen Siddiq  
Moses The Comic  
Antheer Yacoub  
Marlin Hill

3rd Annual  
**PREACHER MOSS'S MUSLIM COMEDY FESTIVAL**  
"CELEBRATING MUSLIM WOMEN"  
@ the 61ST ANNUAL ISNA CONVENTION

A Permissible Laughter Records production featuring...

**Host Preacher Moss** | **SABEEN SADIQ** | **MOSES THE COMIC** | **ATHEER YACCOUB** | **MARLIN HILL**

Fri., Aug. 30, 2024 / Doors 8:30 PM / Show 9 PM  
Hilton Anatole, 2201 N. Stemmons Fwy, DALLAS, TX  
TICKET: \$25 BIT.LY/PMMCF-24DAL

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Competition Judges

ISNA NATIONAL QIRA'AT COMPETITION

Saturday 9am-6pm  
**AUGUST 31, 2024**

ISNA IS ORGANIZING A NATIONAL QIRA'AT COMPETITION DURING THE 61ST ANNUAL CONVENTION ON AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2024  
Hilton Anatole - 2201 N Stemmons Fwy, Dallas, TX

Pre-registered participants, boys & girls, will be tested in groups according to their category

<p><b>CATEGORY ONE ADVANCED LEVEL Ages 11-16</b></p> <p>Option 1: Surah Al-Baqarah Option 2: Surah Al-Kahf Option 3: Surah Al-Rahman</p> <p>Recitation will be judged based on Tajweed rules, points of articulation, fluency, and tone.</p>	<p><b>AWARDS &amp; PRIZES</b></p> <p>1st Place: \$500 2nd Place: \$300 3rd Place: \$200</p> <p>&amp; certificates of recognition in their respective categories. Each participant will get a certificate.</p>	<p><b>CATEGORY TWO MIDDLE LEVEL Ages 6-10</b></p> <p>Option 1: Surah Yaseen Option 2: Surah Al-Mulk Option 3: Surah Al-Infitar</p> <p>Recitation will be judged based on Tajweed rules, points of articulation, fluency, and tone.</p>
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**Qira'at Competition**  
**Saturday**

**Senators Lecture Hall - 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

Pre-registered boys and girls will participate

**Judges**

Imam Dr. Zafar A. Anjum - Chair  
Sheik Abdelkader Mohamed  
Sheik Adbelkarim Edghouch  
Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Elhaddad  
Sheik Ramadan Elsbagh  
Imam Dr. Masoud Elagamy  
Sheikh Yasser Elkady  
Sr. Jehan Al Aishat  
Sr. Lobna Allam

\*registration is full



# Information

**Meet the Author - Trinity Pre-Function Foyer  
Saturday, August 31, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM**



Join Us for the Inaugural  
**ISNA**  
SCIENCE FAIR

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VENUE:  
Hilton Anatole, Dallas, TX

**Why Participate?**

- Gain practical experience in scientific research and experimentation.
- Showcase your scientific talents to a diverse audience.
- Explore the intersection of science and faith.

**How to Participate:**

- Choose a scientific topic or project idea.
- The submission deadline is Monday, August 26.
- Scan the QR code and fill out the form for your participation.
- Form a team or work individually.

**Prizes:**  
FIRST PRIZE: \$500  
2ND PRIZE: \$250  
3RD PRIZE: \$125

**CALLING ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!**

Are you passionate about science and innovation? Show your creativity and problem-solving skills at ISNA's Science Fair!

STUDENT SIGN-UP | VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

## Science Fair - Manchester August 31 - September 1, 2024

Come join us for the inaugural ISNA Science Fair. Support our middle and high school students venturing into the world of science. Experience innovation, creativity from our youth!

**ISNA61 Mushaira**  
Islamic Society of North America  
On Sunday September 1st 2024 Time: 9:00PM Sharp  
Venue: Hilton Anatole, 2201 N Stemmons Fwy, Dallas, TX 75207 Room - Topaz

**DR. NOOR AMROHVI**  
PRESIDED BY

Guest of Honor  
**Abbas Tabish** (Pakistan)

**Out of Town Poets**

Nazim-e-Aala Sheikh Ijaz  
Faizan Haq  
Dr. Asaf Qadeer  
Israr Ayub

**Coordinator**  
Wasif Hussain

**Local Poets**  
Tariq Hashmi  
Masood Quazi  
Nadir Durrani  
Rizwan Hasnie

**Compering**  
Nahid Shaad

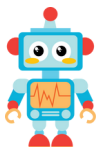
**For more Info:**  
Sheikh Ijaz Ahmad - 321-298-7722 • Wasif Hussain - 703-554-7707

## Mushaira - Topaz - Sunday

Urdu Mushaira 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Chair: Sheikh Ijaz

Renowned Urdu poets Abbas Tabish, Noor Amrohvi, Israr Ayub, Faizan Haq, Tariq Hashmi, Nadir Durrani, Rizwan Hasnie, Wasif Hussain, Masood Quazi & Nahid Shaad will present their poetry.



## Robotics Show - Madrid Foyer

## Robotics Session - Miro - Sunday 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Preserving the Islamic Identity of our Muslim Youth by facilitating a world-class STEM education through hands-on robotics with speakers Mohammed Elida & Marwan Marouf

- ITKAN has launched over 80 teams in 25 Islamic centers across 10 U.S. states, using an innovative training system that involves parents as coaches. It reminds us of Islamic obligations to excel in science and technology, urging every Islamic center to be a hub for both religious and scientific learning. Join this session to inspire Muslim youth to become technical leaders and innovators while preserving their Islamic identity.



# Information



## ISNA Matrimonial Banquets - Peacock Terrace



## Basketball Tournament - Verandah Athletic Club

Come support and cheer on our youth during the basketball tournament being hosted by MYNA at the 61st Annual ISNA Convention. Games and registration will take place at the Verandah Athletic Club. The schedule below is tentative for both guys and girls. Please check with the MYNA staff at the Verandah Athletic Club to confirm game times.

### Saturday:

- 12:00 PM Arrival & Registration
- 12:20 PM Registration closes for guys
- 12:20 PM Court games start
- 2:00 PM Guys games end
- 2:30 PM Arrival & Registration
- 2:50 PM Registration closes for girls
- 2:50 PM Games start for girls
- 4:40 PM Games end and cleanup

### Sunday:

- 11:00 AM Semifinal guys game start
- 11:30 AM Finals guys
- 12:00 PM Semifinal girls start
- 12:30 PM Finals girls
- 12:45 PM Clean-up

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# BASKETBALL

Tournament

Join us for the first MYNA CONVENTION Basketball tournament! Build bonds, grow a stronger connection with Allah (SWT), and compete to win the first ever MYNA Convention basketball tournament!

**AUG 31, 2024**  
12 - 5 PM

**SEPT 1, 2024**  
11 AM - 1 PM

**LOCATION**  
HILTON ANATOLE  
2201 NORTH STEMMONS FREEWAY  
DALLAS, TEXAS 75207

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 Sun. 8:30 AM - 10:30 PM  
 Mon. 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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730	Knight Bird LLC	
305	La Freesia Boutique	
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208, 210	Lawung	
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817	Manha	
517	Maniere by Zareen	
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607	Maya Cosmetics LLC	
911	Mercy USA for Aid and Development	SPONSOR
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808, 810	Minhas Collection	
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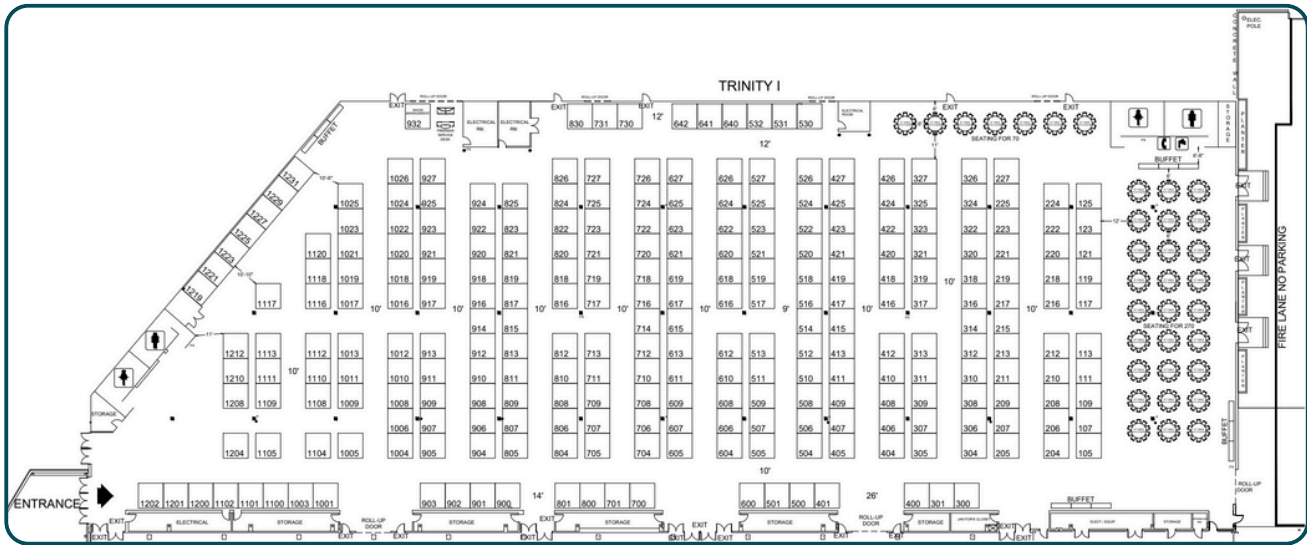
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506, 407	Modern Abayati
216	Modest Essence
512	Mona Garments
212	Moughal creations
1003	Mubarak Mortgage/ Nama Private Wealth
805, 807	MUHSEN
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819	Noorart INC
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600	OBAT Helpers
321	Olympia Sawr International INC
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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024



### JUMMAH 1:25 PM Chantilly Ballroom

- Azan: 1:25 PM
- Jumma Prayer: 1:45 PM
- Khateeb: ISNA President Safaa Zarzour



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### MAIN 3:30 - 4:30 PM Trinity Ballroom

#### Opening Ceremony



- **Speakers:** ISNA President Safaa Zarzour, CPC Chair Rasheed Rabbi, Rev. Bob Roberts, State Rep. Salman Bhojani, Prof. Amirullah Khan, NTIC President Mujeeb Kazi, MUNA President Nakibur Rahman, Irving Councilman Abdul Khabeer & CAIR Exec. Director Nihad Awad
- Illuminating remarks by ISNA leaders, representatives and leaders of other organizations
- Introducing the convention's sessions and objectives
- **Host:** Azhar Azeez



### MAIN 4:30 - 6:00 PM Trinity Ballroom

#### Session 1: Embracing Faith Holistically



- **Speakers:** Faraz Khan, Rania Awaad & Abdalla Idris Ali
- **Moderator:** Gulam Bakali
- *To mark the height of His blessings, Allah has perfected our religion, Islam, which is the Deen or a complete way of life (5:3). Beyond key rituals like praying, fasting, zakat, or performing pilgrimage, Islam encompasses all aspects of life from the cradle to the grave, infusing every moment with purpose and meaning. Let our prayers inspire us to rise as His compassionate vicegerents, our fasting instill discipline, our charity foster generosity, and our pilgrimage ignite a deeper connection with humanity, leading to intimacy with the Creator. Embracing Islam holistically results in transcending our mundane routines and enriching our lives with divine wisdom and guidance. This session focuses on the transcendence of daily life despite being surrounded by a complex social milieu.*



### Asr Prayer 6:00 PM Chantilly Ballroom



### MAIN 6:15 - 7:30 PM Trinity Ballroom

#### Session 2: Standing in Solidarity with the Victims in Gaza & Palestine



- **Speakers:** Haifa Younis, Muhammad Qatanani, Miko Peled, Nihad Awad & Yaser Birjas
- **Moderator:** Khalid Hamideh
- *American Muslims are shocked and deeply saddened by the ongoing wave of violence and brutal murder of thousands of innocent lives in Gaza and Palestine. This violence is the result of bigotry, hate, and ignorance, which is being condemned nationally and globally. American youth and people of conscience are raising their voices at university campuses and streets, but aggressors are not paying attention to their protests. American Muslims stand in deep solidarity with our Palestinian brothers and sisters during this time, and we call on all parties and governments around the world to exert pressure on Israel to cease its violence and war on the Palestinian people.*



### Maghrib Prayer 8:00 PM Chantilly Ballroom



### MAIN 8:30 - 10:30 PM Trinity Ballroom

#### Session 3: Action Must Follow Faith



- **Speakers:** Akram Nadwi, Muzammil Siddiqi, Ieasha Prime, Zaid Shakir & AbdulNasir Jangda
- **Moderator:** Azhar Azeez
- *Faith without action is futile. Life is merely the testimony of deeds (Qur'an 67:2) and we will be rewarded by our actions (Qur'an 16:97). Therefore, true faith necessitates action, extending our service to neighbors, community, society, country, and the world. It urges us not to live within the bubble of temporal dimension of the world but create impact for lasting life. How that awareness can be reflected in our every action. This session aims to deepen our understanding of the Quranic perspective to balance between faith and action to live a life of purpose, integrity, and spiritual fulfillment.*



### Isha Prayer 10:00 PM Chantilly Ballroom

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**Fajr Prayer & Spiritual Talk 6:15 AM - 6:45 AM Chantilly East Ballroom**



**MAIN 10:00 - 11:15 AM Trinity Ballroom**

**Session 4: Fortifying Our Family: Cultivating Respect and Resilience**



- **Speakers:** Rami Nour, Zainab Alwani, Waleed Basyouni & Mohamed Magid
- **Moderator:** Risana Nizam Chowdhury

• *The seeds of resilience, cohesion, and societal growth are sown within the sturdy foundation of family bonds. For Muslims, family constitutes the most profound yet subtle test, although we often take it for granted and instinctively seek solace and support within it. The Qur'an offers invaluable reminders and guidance to cultivate strong, tightly knit family units, where every member communicates and acts with a harmonious blend of empathy, even amidst disagreements (Surah Ash-Shura 42:41-43). Translating these teachings into actionable goals for our time will foster an environment conducive to the greater good of all, advancing towards a more united and thriving community.*



**MAIN 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Trinity Ballroom**

**Session 5A: Threads of Unity: Strengthening Our Divine Bond within the Muslim Community**



- **Speakers:** Arsalan Haque, Mohammed Faqih, Mohammad Ninowy & Siraj Wahhaj
- **Moderator:** Marwan Marouf

• *We must hold firmly to the rope of Allāh altogether without becoming divided (3:103). Effective communication, compassion, and empathy collectively can create an environment where family members thrive and support one another, from local concerns to international causes. By nurturing a strong and resilient family unit, we can strive for a connected community to harness the growth and unity globally. Together, we can build stronger relationships, address challenges, and create a harmonious environment that reflects the values of Islam.*



**PARALLEL 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Room Cortez**

**Session 5B: Embracing Everyday Fiqh - Q&A with Scholars**

- **Speakers:** Reem Shaikh, Zainab Alwani, Tamara Gray, Mohammed Qatanani & Muzammil Siddiqi
- **Moderator:** Zulfiqar Ali Shah

• *The Muslim communities in North America need fiqh guidance in marriage, divorce, prenuptial agreements, post-divorce financial settlements, asset distributions, house mortgages, business loans, end-of-life issues, organ donation, and other day-to-day events. This session invites renowned scholars and Fiqh Council members to offer an interactive session for attendees.*



**PARALLEL 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Room Miro**

**Session 5C: HURMA Project: Upholding the Sanctity of All Believers and Improving Safety in Muslim Spaces**

- **Speakers:** Ingrid Mattson, Mohammad Nur Abdullah & Mariam Sheibani

• *The Hurma Project aims to narrow the gap between our stated Islamic values and the reality of community practices, which, instead of upholding the sanctity of all believers, sometimes enable abuse and harm. In this panel, speakers will discuss the proper scope of Islamic supervisory and accountability processes, how power dynamics create vulnerability and impair consent, practical steps that can be taken on an interpersonal and institutional level to protect the vulnerable, restore trust in leadership, and strengthen the spiritual community.*



**PARALLEL 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Room Topaz**

**Session 5D: Islamic Education in America: Pursuing Excellence for the Greater Good**

**Perspectives from TISA, Qalam, ALIM, Bayan & Zaytuna**

- **Speakers:** James Jones, Fatima Lette, Faraz Khan, Jibril Latif & Ubaydullah Evans
- **Moderator:** Ameena Jandali

• *In an era of digital advancements, Islamic education is at the forefront of empowering Muslim communities. With a proud legacy spanning six decades in the U.S., Muslim institutions, seminaries, and educational platforms are on the rise. Join us to explore how this educational revolution inspires a generation to pursue knowledge, work towards meaningful causes, and make a lasting impact on the world.*

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**Qur'an Recitation & Duhur Prayer 1:45 PM Chantilly East Ballroom**

**CSRL Luncheon 1:00 - 3:00 PM Chantilly Ballroom West**  
**Community Service Recognition Luncheon - Entry by Ticket Only**



- This year the Community Service Award will be presented to **Dr. Yusuf Ziya Kavakci** for his distinguished scholarship and outstanding service to the community.
- **Azhar Azeez & Safaa Zarzour**
- **Keynote Speaker: Professor Cornel West**



**MAIN 3:30 - 5:00 PM Trinity Ballroom**



**Session 6A: Inclusive Vision: Fostering Collective Empowerment for Gender and Youth**

- **Speakers:** Nadim Bashir, Muslema Purmul, Yusuf Ziya Kavacki & Hussain Kamani
- **Moderator:** Bilal Mohammed
- *Our vision for empowerment must embrace all, including women and youth, ensuring a comprehensive approach to progress. Gender inclusivity fosters harmony, while youth engagement infuses vibrancy into the Muslim community. Such a commitment to inclusivity paves the way for unity, compassion, peace, and a balanced worldview. This session aims to share Quranic insights and actionable strategies as guiding principles to cultivate a shared culture of empathy and global progress.*



**PARALLEL 3:30 - 5:00 PM Room Cortez**

**Session 6B: Translating Faith into Action: Imam's Role in Community Transformation**

- **Speakers:** Ahmed Alamine, Ayman Kabire, Nisar ul Haq, Shpendim Nadzaku & Abdul Jami
- **Moderator:** Mujeeb Kazi
- *Imams play a pivotal leadership role in the American Muslim community, taking on diverse responsibilities from leading prayers and counseling to organizing youth programs and engaging in interfaith and chaplaincy services. Esteemed imams will offer insights and solutions to the spiritual, moral, and mental health challenges that Muslim families and communities face today in the US.*



**PARALLEL 3:30 - 5:00 PM Room Topaz**

**Session 6C: Syria's Status Today: Crisis or Recovery**

- **Speaker:** Ghassan Hitto
- *Described as the greatest humanitarian disaster since WWII, the Syrian crisis has affected every citizen over the past decade. Yet, Syrians have refused to succumb to despair. Discover how thousands at home and abroad have united through faith, hope, talent, and expertise to transform their reality and forge a new path forward.*



**PARALLEL 3:30 - 5:00 PM Room Miro**

**Session 6D1: AMSET Generative AI Including Large Language Models for Social Good**

- **Speaker:** Latifur Khan
- **Moderator:** Sohel Anwar
- *Latifur Khan will discuss Large Language Models (LLMs), a branch of AI and deep learning, and their application in monitoring conflicts and political violence through specialized text analysis. Collaborating with a multidisciplinary team, he developed ConflIBERT, a domain-specific pre-trained language model available in English, Arabic, and Spanish.*

**Session 6D2: Innovate with AI: Transforming Your Daily Life with Artificial Intelligence**

- **Speaker:** Moazzam Ahmed
- *This talk will explore how to use AI (will include several subcategories within AI like Generative AI, predictive modeling, automation etc.) to create new products.*



**ASR Prayer 6:00 PM Chantilly East Ballroom**



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**MAIN 5:15 – 6:45 PM Trinity Ballroom**

**Session 7A: Dismantling Systematic Injustice and Social Prejudice**



- **Speakers:** Jamillah Karim, Wisam Sharieff, Ubaydullah Evans & Nihad Awad
- **Moderator:** Majida Abdul-Karim
- *“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere”. These words by Martin Luther King Jr. resonate deeply with the teachings of Islam, which call upon believers to stand firm and bear witness for justice, impartial and unwavering in our commitment, regardless of the circumstances (5:8). Yet, in today’s world, we confront the enduring reality of Islamophobia, which disproportionately affects diverse communities in America, including African Americans, Native Americans, Latinx, and Asian Americans. As we navigate through a critical election year, the urgency for active and strategic engagement to shape leadership and policies becomes evident.*



**PARALLEL 5:15 – 6:45 PM Room Cortez**

**Session 7B: Global Issues: Kashmir, Sudan & Palestine**

- **Moderator:** Faizan Haq

**Session 7B1: Kashmir: Occupied, Annexed and Colonized by India**

- **Speaker:** Israr Ayub and Farhan Chak
- *In early 2024, Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir saw continued repression and counter-insurgency operations with severe human rights violations. Despite widespread atrocities, including property confiscation, torture, and extrajudicial executions, the international response remained inadequate. This session offers an authentic insider’s view.*

**Session 7B2: Catastrophic Implications of Civil War in Sudan**

- **Speakers:** Muhammed Nur Abdullah
- *Sudan is enduring a devastating civil war with profound humanitarian, political, and economic consequences. This session seeks to shed light on the ongoing conflict, delving into its root causes, current state, and profound impact on its people. It aims to raise awareness, foster a deeper understanding, and inspire collective compassion and action to bring healing and hope to this troubled region.*

**Session 7B3: Palestine: Injustice and Oppression in the Holy Land**

- **Speaker:** Haifaa Younis
- *Human rights violations persist in Palestine, with Israel imposing institutionalized discrimination and excessive force. Home demolitions and coercive measures have displaced hundreds, while many Palestinians, including children, have been killed in the Occupied Territories. This session will explore actionable steps we can take to address these issues.*



**PARALLEL 5:15 – 6:45 PM Room Miro**

**Session 7C: Indian Muslims and Their Contemporary Challenges**

- **Speakers:** Rasheed Ahmed, Amirullah Khan, Ubaidur Rahman & Arfa Khanum Sherwani
- **Moderator:** Manzoor Ghori
- *Indian Muslims face significant challenges, including socio-economic deprivation, safety concerns, and discrimination exacerbated by policies like the CAA and the UAPA. To address these challenges, this session will explore strategies to promote equality, inclusivity, education, and employment opportunities, combat discrimination and violence, and foster interfaith dialogue for a stronger and more inclusive democracy.*



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**PARALLEL 5:15 – 6:45 PM Room Topaz**

**Session 7D: Green Masjid & Eco-friendly Environment - An Islamic Imperative**

- **Speakers:** Huda Alkaff, Uzma Mirza & Johari Abdul Malik
- **Moderator:** Saiyid Masroor Shah
- *The summer of 2024 is set to be the hottest globally, urging us to take action. While we are the Khalifatul Ard (caretakers of the earth) to maintain mizan (balance) on the earth (Qur'an 2:30), masjid should lead by adopting eco-friendly practices and educating us. This presentation will outline practical, Quran-based steps for existing and new masjid to reduce their carbon footprint and promote environmental stewardship.*

**Networking 7:00 - 8:00 PM Reunite & Reconnect**



**Maghrib Prayer 8:00 PM Chantilly East Ballroom**



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**MAIN Theme Session 8:15 – 10:30 PM Trinity Ballroom**

**Session 8: The Muslim American: Forging Faith and Action**



**Award Presentation to the Muslim American Doctors Who Provided Relief in Gaza**

- **Speakers:** Safaa Zorzour, Azhar Azeez, Ingrid Mattson, Mehdi Hasan, Cornel West & Yasir Qadhi
- **Moderator:** Hadia Mubarak
- *The act of forging shapes something, from the undesirable to the desirable, from the imperfect to the perfect, from the unfinished to the finished. It describes our faith, which ebbs and flows at times and is in continuous need of perfection. Similarly, our actions to initiate or change any situation are in constant need of improvement, going through various phases to achieve the desired results. Both faith and action need forging. Through Convention themes, we do not speak only to the Muslim attendees or the Muslim community but to all Americans. They wonder if Muslims can approach American issues only from the lens of their own faith and only offer solutions that satisfy their own perception of good and bad. We need to grapple with American issues from an all-American perspective and seek solutions that address all Americans, while continuing to advance our understanding of our faith, seeking continuous enhancement of those solution to be pleasing to Allah SWT. "Faith and Action" in the theme comes from a hadith "Every just pact from the time of ignorance is not increased by Islam but in strength and affirmation" in reference to Hilf al-Fudul.*



**Isha Prayer 10:00 PM Chantilly East Ballroom**



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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



**Fajr Prayer & Spiritual Talk 6:15 – 6:45 AM Chantilly Ballroom**



**HAJJ REUNION 9:30 - 10:30 AM Room Topaz**

**Hajj Reunion from ISNA & Darelsalam: Preparing for Hajj and Umrah**

**Speakers:** Yasir Qadhi, Mohamed Magid, Yaser Birjas, Haifaa Younis, AbdulNasir Jangda, leasha Prime & Hussain Kamani

- *An informal session with renowned scholars and hujjaj*



**MAIN 10:00 - 11:15 AM Trinity Ballroom**

**Session 9: Self-Care: Prioritizing Health and Mental Well-being**



- **Speakers:** Wadud Hassan, Mohamed Magid, Yaser Birjas & Rania Awaad

- **Moderator:** Marium Husain

- *In the face of adversity, Islam bestows strategies for building inner strength and coping mechanisms to empower individuals to navigate the challenges with grace and fortitude. Drawing upon practical tips and spiritual insights, we find solace and hope in difficult times. This session provides perspectives and actionable guidance on promoting holistic well-being within Muslim communities, integrating faith-based principles with contemporary approaches to health and wellness. Through education, dialogue, and support, we can work together to cultivate healthier lifestyles and more vital communities guided by the wisdom and compassion of our faith.*



**MAIN 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Trinity Ballroom**

**Session 10A: Muslim American Empowerment via Education**



- **Speakers:** Habeeb Quadri, Muzammil Siddiqi, Tamara Gray & Safaa Zarzour

- **Moderator:** Mona Islam

- *The first divine decree was to read and educate ourselves in the name of God (96:1) because education is the key to enlightened minds, fostering courage to harmonize religion and nation without conflict. It shapes our minds and hearts to embrace differences while collectively pursuing shared resolutions. Muslim Americans carry a proud legacy of Islamic institutions, seminaries, and educational platforms for decades on American soil. Engaging with and expanding upon this legacy further is imperative to ensure a timely contribution to society.*



**PARALLEL 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Room Cortez**

**Session 10B: Islamic Finance**

**Sponsors:** Iman Fund, AMANA Funds, Guidance

- **Moderator:** Hud Williams

**Session 10B1: Halal Money Mastery: Empowering Your Wealth Ethically**

- **Speaker:** Ahmad Elmahi

- *Explore the ethical dimensions of financial management in "Halal Money Mastery." Learn to align your financial goals with Islamic principles, from saving for college to planning for retirement and establishing a family trust and will. Discover practical strategies to grow wealth while adhering to Islamic investing principles, ensuring your financial decisions reflect your values and beliefs.*

**Session 10B2: Iman Fund: Unlocking Halal Investing: Ethical Profits in a Modern World**

- **Speaker:** Salah Obeidallah

- *Navigating today's investment landscape presents challenges for professional investors. Fortunately, halal investment opportunities have become more accessible, offering a range of options. Join us as we explore these challenges, strategies for risk mitigation, leveraging tax advantages, and fundamental investing principles to build halal wealth effectively.*

**Session 10B3: Guidance Residential: Islamic Home Financing in the U.S.**

- **Speaker:** Salman Ali

- *In this session, Guidance Residential will discuss Islamic home financing. Discover the unique benefits of their Declining Balance Co-ownership Program and understand how it stands apart from traditional banking. Rather they are a partner in helping you achieve your homeownership dreams while staying true to your values.*



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**PARALLEL 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Miro**

**Session 10C: Robotics: Preserving the Islamic Identity of American Muslim Youth by Facilitating a World-Class STEM Education Through Hands-on Robotics**

- **Speakers: Mohammed Elida & Marwan Marouf**
- *ITKAN has launched over 80 teams in 25 Islamic centers across 10 U.S. states, using an innovative training system that involves parents as coaches. It reminds us of Islamic obligations to excel in science and technology, urging every Islamic center to be a hub for both religious and scientific learning. Join this session to inspire Muslim youth to become technical leaders and innovators while preserving their Islamic identity.*



**PARALLEL 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Topaz**

**Session 10D: Civil Rights, Media & Politics: The Future is Now: Mobilizing Muslim Americans for Civic Action**

- **Speakers: Asad Rahman, Rifat Malik, Mustafaa Carroll & Ameena Jandali**
- **Moderator: Zehra Hussain**
- *The diverse Muslim American community, representing every race and ethnicity, is the youngest faith group in the country, making up 1% of citizens and eligible voters. With many young voters, this demographic is poised to reshape the American political landscape. Join the conversation on how young Muslim Americans harness their potential to drive civic engagement and create lasting change.*



**Qur'an Recitation & Zuhur Prayer 1:45 PM Chantilly Ballroom**



**MAIN 2:30 - 4:00 PM Trinity Ballroom**

**Session 11A: Political and Civic Engagement**



- **Speakers: Wael Alzayat, Farhan Latif, Mazen Basrawi & Salam Marayati**
- **Moderator: Raheela Ahsan**
- *While religion often begins as a personal journey, its impact extends into the public sphere, where Islam effectively engages us in political dialogue and the pursuit of creating a just and equitable society. The Prophet's life is a model for Muslims in political activism, empowering us to be agents of change and advocate for justice and a sustainable planet. From wearing masks to challenging gender stereotypes, from addressing domestic mass shootings to confronting international genocides, and from combating global warming to embracing electric cars, all issues have become inherently political in America, further dividing our nation. Therefore, political awareness is not merely an option for Muslim Americans in the US but an obligation.*



**PARALLEL 2:30 - 4:00 PM Room Cortez**

**Session 11B: ISNA General Assembly**

- **Hosted by: ISNA Leadership**
- *ISNA will provide an update on its current programs and present the Annual Report to its membership. This is a valuable opportunity to engage with ISNA leadership, discuss the organization's plans, and offer your feedback. The ISNA Treasurer will present the annual financial report. All convention attendees are welcome to attend, learn about ISNA's activities, and participate in the conversation. Only ISNA members are eligible to vote on any matters before the General Assembly.*



**PARALLEL 2:30 - 4:00PM Room Miro \*Session in Spanish**

**Session 11C: Latino Muslims in Action: Bridging Communities for Common Good**

- **Speakers: Omar Hernandez, Abdul Shaheed Massey, Abdullah Puerto, Sakinah Gutierrez, Abdul Rahman Vega & Isa Parada**
- *Join us to find out why Latinos and Muslims are the two demographic groups changing the worldwide narrative within the Muslim Community and American society.*



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### PARALLEL 2:30 - 4:00 PM Room Topaz

#### Session 11D: AMSET: Navigating AI: Unveiling Opportunities and Challenges

- **Speaker:** Arafat Hossain Khan, Ashiq Rahman, Samreen Khan & Farid Ahmed
- **Moderator:** Rasheed Rabbi
- *Artificial Intelligence (AI) promises to tackle all daunting challenges, and this session will guide us through its multifaceted landscape. Discover how Muslims can harness AI to achieve a disciplined way of life, promote truth and justice, and solve complex societal problems. It will explore strategies to ensure AI technologies are developed and deployed ethically, responsibly, and with equitable access.*



### MAIN 4:15 – 5:30 PM Trinity Ballroom

#### Session 12A: Message to Take Home



- **Speakers:** Mohamed Magid, Zainab Alwani, Iqbal Unus, Safaa Zarzour, & newly elected ISNA President
- **Moderator:** Basharat Saleem
- *Amidst the bustling energy of hundreds of speakers, countless sessions, and a sea of enthusiastic attendees, it's easy for the core message and essence of the convention to get lost in the whirlwind. As a result, many in the audience may be unaware of the vital messages they should carry home. Speakers in this session will give comprehensive guidance with action items that convention attendees can apply to their individual and community lives this upcoming year.*



### PARALLEL 4:15 – 5:30 PM Room Cortez

#### Session 12B: Prioritizing Holistic Wellbeing: Embracing Mental Health in the Islamic Framework

- **Speakers:** Shamsi Ali, Marium Husain, Urooj Yazdani & Rania Awaad
- **Moderator:** Bilal Mohammed
- *Our faith emphasizes holistic well-being, yet mental health remains a silent struggle in Muslim communities. It's time to break the stigma and prioritize care for the mind, body, and soul. Join us to explore how Islamic teachings can complement modern mental health approaches, fostering vibrant and resilient individuals.*



### PARALLEL 4:15 – 5:30 PM Room Miro

#### Session 12C: Ethics Education for Sustainable Development: A NABIC Initiative

- **Speakers:** Ataul Karim & Abu Baker Ahmed
- **Moderator:** Rashed Nizam
- *Despite remarkable strides in economy, education, and health, Bangladesh remains plagued by endemic corruption, which undermines all potential. To combat this, NABIC in collaboration with DAM launched an Ethics and Education program five years ago. This initiative has reached thousands, fostering ethical values in the next generation. This session will share its impact and outline future steps.*



### PARALLEL 4:15 – 5:30 PM Room Topaz

#### Session 12D: Do Blasphemy Laws Violate Quranic Teachings?

- **Speakers:** Basheer Ahmed, Rick Halprin & Zulfiqar Ali Shah
- *In Pakistan, Nigeria, and other Muslim countries, minority members are often falsely accused of blasphemy against Islam, resulting in unjust imprisonment and even death sentences. Many victims are denied due process, facing attacks, killings, and their bodies being set on fire by vigilantes claiming to defend Islam and the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). This panel discussion will shed light on this critical issue.*



### Asr Prayer 6:00 PM Chantilly Ballroom

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### MAIN 6:15 – 7:15 PM Trinity Ballroom

#### Session 13: Bound by Belief: Holding Firm to the Rope of Allah

- **Speakers:** Abdullah Waheed, Waseem Khan & Yusuf Kahloon
- **Moderator:** Zainedeen Abuhalmeh
- *Feeling like life's challenges are pulling you in different directions? In this session, we'll explore how staying connected to your faith can keep you strong and focused no matter what comes your way. We'll reflect on the profound concept of holding fast to the rope of Allah (SWT), as He commands us in Surah Ali-Imran, and discover the essence of steadfastness as we embark on a journey of growth as individuals and as a community. Join us as we unpack the timeless guidance of this verse and discover its relevance in navigating the complexities of modern life with unwavering commitment to our faith.*

### Networking 7:00 – 8:00 PM Reunite & Reconnect



### Maghrib Prayer 8:00 PM Chantilly Ballroom

### Urdu Mushaira 9:00 - 11:00 PM Room Topaz

#### Chair: Sheikh Ijaz

- Renowned Urdu poets Abbas Tabish, Noor Amrohvi, Israr Ayub, Faizan Haq, Tariq Hashmi, Nadir Durrani, Rizwan Hasnie, Wasif Hussain, Masood Quazi & Nahid Shaad will present their poetry.



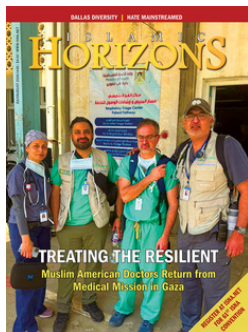
### MAIN 8:15 – 10:30 PM Trinity Ballroom

#### Entertainment Program: Nasheed, comedy, and performances from renowned Muslim artists

- Preacher Moss - Comedy
- Alman Nusrat - American Muslim Singer Songwriter
- Umer Zaman - Quran Reciter & Nasheed Artist
- Riyaz Qawwali Group - Qawwali Ensemble
- Najam Sheraz - Singer



### Isha Prayer 10:00 PM Chantilly Ballroom



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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024

### MSA Panel 7:00 - 8:00 PM Metropolitan Room

#### Session 1: Social Media Panel

- **Speaker:** Hoopfinesse and Browniesaadi
- **Moderator:** Tayseer Abubakar
- In today's interconnected world, social media has become an integral part of our daily lives. For Muslims, it offers a platform to share knowledge, foster community, and express faith. However, it also presents significant challenges and potential pitfalls. This session will explore both the dangers and the profound benefits of social media from an Islamic perspective.

### MSA Lecture 9:30 - 10:30 PM Metropolitan Room

#### Session 2: Balancing School, Family, and Friends in the Wake of a Genocide

- **Speaker:** Rania Awaad
- **Moderator:** Ammaar Kazi
- *Join us for a profound session where we explore the harmonious equilibrium of school, family, and companionship amidst a genocide through an Islamic lens. Unveil the wisdom of prioritizing mental well-being, harmonizing academic pursuits with spiritual devotion, and the timeless verity of centering our lives around Allah. Together, let's embark on a transformative journey towards fulfillment guided by Islamic principles.*

### MSA Interactive 10:30 - 11:30 PM Metropolitan Room

#### Session 3: Breaking the Stigma Around Love

- **Speaker:** Yaser Birjas
- **Moderator:** Tanua Elder
- *Join us as we dismantle the misconceptions surrounding love and relationships, all within the framework of Islamic teachings. What are the Islamic limits when approaching someone for marriage? What are the halal pathways to finding the one? Is it okay to text someone to get to know them? Is arranged marriage the only halal option? Learn about the differences between what is culture and what Islam actually says when approaching marriage. Discover the tranquility that stems from embracing Allah's decree, finding contentment in His divine plan as we navigate the beautiful teachings of Islam.*

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024

### MSA Social Luncheon 1:00 - 2:30 PM Metropolitan Room

- *Connect with MSA leaders and members from across the country while enjoying great food. Let's strengthen our bonds, foster community, and build lasting connections.*

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024****MSA Keynote Panel 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Metropolitan Room****Session 4: Learning from the Journey of Malcolm X**

- **Speakers:** Siraj Wahhaj
- **Moderator:** Mehreen Syed
- *Join Imam Siraj Wahhaj as he delves into the concept of submission to Allah, learning from Malcolm X's journey as a key example from his days in the Nation of Islam to his Hajj journey. Reflect on what it means to truly submit to Allah and gain insights from one of the greatest Muslim American leaders.*

**MSA Lecture 2:30 - 4:00 PM Metropolitan Room****Session 5: Addressing the Biggest Issues Facing the Community**

- **Speaker:** Yasir Qadhi
- **Moderator:** Yaseen Syed
- *Join us for an engaging session with Dr. Shaykh Yasir Qadhi as we tackle the critical issue of sectarianism and its impact on our community. Shaykh Yasir will offer insights into how divisive ideologies can hinder our unity and distract from addressing pressing concerns like the Palestine crisis. Bring your questions and get ready for a thought-provoking discussion that will inspire and empower you to make a difference.*

**MSA Lecture 4:15 PM - 5:30 PM Metropolitan Room****Session 6: Staying Away from Fitna**

- **Speaker:** AbdulNasir Jangda
- **Moderator:** Mustafa Syed
- *Join Shaykh AbdulNasir Jangda as he addresses how to navigate and avoid fitna in a college environment. Learn practical tips for managing interactions with the opposite gender, handling peer pressure, and avoiding common pitfalls like gossip. Shaykh AbdulNasir will emphasize the importance of returning to Allah after committing sins and offer guidance on maintaining strong iman. This lecture will provide valuable insights and strategies for staying steadfast in your faith.*

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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024

**MYNA Welcome** 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM Room Coronado

**Session 1 - Unity In Faith: Embrace the Journey**

- **Speakers:** Fiyyaz Jaat, Rayyan Salam & Salwa Syed
- *“Unity in Faith” signifies a collective commitment to fostering harmony and collaboration among individuals of varying backgrounds, cultures, and experiences. It emphasizes the strength that emerges when a community unites under the common banner of faith, transcending differences and building bridges that connect hearts and minds. Join us as we open this year’s convention by discussing the importance of bringing hearts together in a shared pursuit of divine guidance and success.*

### 6:00 PM - Asr Prayer

**MYNA Lecture** 6:15 PM - 7:00 PM Room Coronado

**Session 2: Faithful Friends: Sahabah’s Guide to Unity and Companionship**

- **Speakers:** Mohamed Magid & Rania Awaad
- *Friendship plays a crucial role in our lives, and the Sahabah (companions of the Prophet Muhammad) provide us with powerful examples of how unity in faith enhances our bonds. In this session, we’ll dive into the stories of the Sahabah to uncover how their deep friendships were rooted in shared faith and mutual support. We’ll explore how their sense of togetherness helped them overcome challenges, and we’ll walk away with lessons we can apply to build stronger, faith-centered relationships in our lives.*

**MYNA Game Night** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Room Coronado

**Session 3: MYNA Game Night**

- *Come and enjoy a fun and exciting Islamic trivia game with prizes and more at the MYNA area to improve our knowledge of Deen while indulging in some friendly competition.*

### 8:00 PM - Maghrib Prayer

### 10:00 PM - Isha Prayer

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024

### 6:15 AM - Fajr Prayer

**MYNA Lecture** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Room Coronado

**Session 4: Level Up: Embracing Divine Change for a Better You**

- **Speakers:** Ieasha Prime & Ubaydullah Evans
- *Ready for a transformation that goes beyond the surface? This lecture explores the Quranic principle that “Allah will not change the state of a nation until they change what is within themselves” (Qur’an 13:11). We’ll dive into how embracing divine change can help you grow and improve from within, overcome negative traits, and foster virtues like patience and gratitude. Join us to find out how you can level up your life by becoming the best version of yourself.*

**MYNA Workshop** 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Room Coronado

**Session 5: Harvard Muslim Alumni: College Application Tips from Insiders**

- **Speaker:** Jenna Albezreh
- *Hear from a Harvard alumna how to develop a personal strategy to maximize your potential for college admissions. From comprehensive academic planning and rigorous standardized test preparation to expert essay, coaching, and interview preparation, come get support for wherever you are on your college admissions journey. Previous students have been accepted into the most prestigious colleges and programs across the country, including Stanford University, Yale University, Princeton University, Cornell University, University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania, and Wellesley College.*

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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024

**MYNA Lecture 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Room Coronado**

**Session 6: Building Bridges: Fostering Unity Among Muslims and Interfaith Communities**

- **Speakers: AbdulNasir Jangda & Yasir Qadhi**
- *Ever wondered how to connect with people who aren't Muslim while staying true to your faith? In this enlightening session, we will explore the profound teachings of Islam that emphasize the importance of building bridges within the Muslim community and with people of other faiths. The lecture aims to deepen our understanding of Islamic principles of unity, compassion, and mutual respect, providing practical insights into fostering harmonious relationships. Join us for practical tips on creating respectful and genuine connections with people of different backgrounds.*

### 1:45 PM - Zuhr Prayer

**MYNA Special Session 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM Room Coronado**

**Session 7: MYNA Sponsor Workshop: Humaniti Youth Ambassador Program**

- **Speakers: Fiyyaz Jaat, Waleed Gabr & Firaaz Azeez**
- *Are you a youth looking for a unique volunteer opportunity? Two epic organizations are coming together to bring you The MYNA x HUMANITI community ambassador certification program. This session will explore what these organizations do and how they're coming together to produce young leaders working together to solve the world's most monumental challenges. We invite parents and young people to this session to learn and meet the brains behind this one-of-a-kind opportunity developed specifically for those from middle school to college.*

**MYNA Lecture 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Room Coronado**

**Session 8: Beyond Me: The Power of Selflessness in Islam**

- **Speakers: Hussain Kamani, Rania Awaad & Ahmed Alamine**
- *Want to make a real difference in your life and the lives of those around you? In this session, we'll explore the concept of Ethaar—putting others before yourself—and how it can transform your interactions at home, school, work, and in your community. Join us to learn what Ethaar means and how it reflects the core values of Islam. Ponder practical ways to practice selflessness in everyday situations, strategies to balance your own needs with the well-being of others, and foster stronger relationships for a supportive community.*

**MYNA Lecture 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM Room Coronado**

**Session 9: Together We Rise: Uniting the Ummah in Times of Calamity**

- **Speakers: Siraj Wahhaj & Haifaa Younis**
- *In this lecture, we explore the critical importance of facing calamities united as an Ummah, or a global Muslim community. This unity is essential for providing support and resilience in times of crisis, drawing on the shared values of compassion, solidarity, and mutual aid prescribed in Islam. As we witness the ongoing struggles in Palestine, Sudan, Congo, and Haiti, the concept of an umma becomes even more vital. By standing together, offering support, and advocating for justice, the global Muslim community can provide not only immediate relief but also a powerful voice against oppression and violence.*

### 6:00 PM - Asr Prayer

**MYNA Parallel Session - Girls Only 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Room Coronado**

**Session 10A: Girl Talk: Faith as Female**

- **Speakers: Muslema Purmul, Haifaa Younis & Haida Mubarak**
- *Women have a high status in Islam, but too few of us truly understand and embrace our positions in Muslim society. Join us as we explore our roles in this beautiful faith as we open the floor for Q&A with some of our most renowned female scholars to provide not only immediate relief but also a powerful voice against oppression and violence.*



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## SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024

**MYNA Parallel Session - Boys Only 6:15 PM - 7:15 PM Room DeSoto**

- **Session 10B: I'll Make a Man Out of You**
- **Speakers: Hussain Kamani, Habeeb Quadri & Rami Nsour**
- *The standards of masculinity have evolved significantly over time and differ depending on various societies. Being a "sigma male" is the latest trend, but what does Islam have to say about what it means to be a man? Join us for a round table discussion open to topics of interest for all brothers. We'll explore anything from gender relations to the latest ideologies and technologies.*

**MYNA Special Session 7:15 PM - 8:00 PM Room Coronado**

**Session 11: Qur'an Recitation Session**

- *Listen to our amazing Qaris in our unforgettable Quran Recitation that will show the beauty of our Holy Book.*

**8:00 PM - Maghrib Prayer**

**10:00 PM - Isha Prayer**

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

**6:15 AM - Fajr Prayer**

**MYNA Lecture 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Room Coronado**

**Session 12: Good Vibes Only: Embracing Positive Assumptions**

**Speakers: Rami Nsour & Ieasha Prime**

- *In today's world, we often judge and "cancel" others without understanding their circumstances or having complete knowledge. Join us in this session, where we explore the concept of Husn al-Dhan (having a good opinion of others) as taught in Islam, how fostering positive assumptions can strengthen our bonds as an Ummah to create a more supportive and understanding community, and to explore the proper Islamic etiquette for advising someone if we observe them engaging in sinful behavior.*

**MYNA Special Session 11:10 AM - 12:20 PM DeSoto**

**Session 13A - Alumni Reunion**

- **Speaker: Zaid Shakir**

**MYNA Workshop 11:10 AM - 12:20 PM Room Coronado**

**Session 13B: #TrendingDiscussion: Roundtable Conversations**

- **Speaker: Ahmed Alamine**
- *Five roundtables with 5 different topics that have been trending in the Muslim social network in the past year. Topics include race in Islam, atheism, feminism, social media, and more. Bring your friends and join the conversation in person.*

**MYNA Lecture 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Room Coronado**

**Session 14: Trailblazers and Team Players: Exploring Leadership and Followership in Islam**

- **Speakers: Abdullah Waheed & Hadia Mubarak**
- *What does it mean to be a leader in Islam, and how you can inspire and guide others with integrity and purpose? What is the value of followership, and how can we best support others in a way that makes us a key player in any team? Join us in a session that will explore real-life examples of Islamic leaders and followers who made a difference by balancing leadership with teamwork. Come and gain practical tips for applying these principles in your everyday life, whether you're leading a project at school, working on a group activity, or collaborating with your community.*

**1:45 PM - Duhur Prayer**

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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

**MYNA Lecture 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Room Coronado**

**Session 15: Mind Matters: Find Your Inner Strength**

**Speakers: Mohamed Magid & Rania Awaad**

- *Life brings many challenges. At times, those challenges feel too hard to face. Yet, even when we're overwhelmed with the punches thrown our way, our faith is always there to fall back on. Join us in a session that explores why mental health is essential in Islam and how it ties into your spiritual journey. Gain practical strategies for managing stress, anxiety, and other mental health issues while maintaining your faith and learning.*

**MYNA Lecture 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM Room Coronado**

**Session 16: Humbling Hearts: Surrendering Our Egos for the Sake of Allah**

- **Speakers: AbdulNasir Jangda & Ubaydullah Evans**
- *Discover the transformative power of humility in this session focused on surrendering the ego for the sake of Allah. Through Quranic teachings and practical insights, explore how shedding arrogance and self-centeredness leads to a deeper connection with The Most Merciful. Join us as we embark on a journey of self-discovery and spiritual refinement. Learn to align actions with the will of Allah and experience true inner peace.*

### 6:00 PM - Asr Prayer

**MAIN 6:15 – 7:15 PM Trinity Ballroom**

**Session 17: Bound by Belief: Holding Firm to the Rope of Allah**

- **Speakers: Abdullah Waheed, Waseem Khan & Yusuf Kahloon**
- **Moderator: Zainedeen Abuhlimeh**
- *Feeling like life's challenges are pulling you in different directions? In this session, we'll explore how staying connected to your faith can keep you strong and focused no matter what comes your way. We'll reflect on the profound concept of holding fast to the rope of Allah (SWT), as He commands us in Surah Ali-Imran and discover the essence of steadfastness as we embark on a journey of growth as individuals and as a community. Join us as we unpack the timeless guidance of this verse and discover its relevance in navigating the complexities of modern life with unwavering commitment to our faith.*

### 8:00 PM - Maghrib Prayer

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## Who's Who

**Abdalla Idris Ali** is the former president of ISNA and a founding member of the Council of Islamic Schools based in North America (CISNA).

**AbdelKader Mohamed** is a Qari and an Imam. He is also a judge for the ISNA National Qirat Competition.

**Abdul Hakim** is a Texas-born Islamic scholar who completed his Quranic and Islamic studies in South Africa, specializing in various modes of Quranic recitation. He now serves as the imam and resident scholar of the Northside Islamic Center of San Antonio after previous roles in Florida and Louisiana.

**Abdullah Waheed** is a Detroit-born Islamic scholar who memorized the Quran at a young age, completed extensive Shariah studies in Toronto with a specialization in Quranic exegesis, and now serves as a co-founder of Miftaah Institute and is Director of Islamic Affairs at Flint Islamic Center.

**AbdulNasir Jangda** is the founder, director, and instructor at Qalam.

**Abu Bakar Ahmed** earned his MPH and Ph.D. in environmental health from the University of Minnesota. He retired in 2018 after working 30 years as a safety professional at a sizeable government-funded facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

**Ahmed Alamine** is director of religious affairs at the Indianapolis Muslim Community Association (IMCA), and imam, or leader, of its mosque, Masjid Al-Fajr, the Mosque of the Morning Prayer, the oldest continuously operating Sunni Muslim mosque in the city dating from the 1970s.

**Ameena Jandali** is a founding member of ING. She co-designed and developed ING's educational presentations and cultural competency seminars.

**Amirullah Khan** is a development economist and adjunct professor at the MCRHRDI of the Government of Telangana. He is the research director of CDPP.

**Arfa Khanum** works as a senior editor at The Wire, a financially and editorially independent multimedia news website. Currently, she leads the multimedia team for India's largest digital news site.

**Arsalan Haque**, a Texas-raised Islamic scholar with degrees from Texas A&M and Al-Azhar University, studied extensively in the Middle East and now serves as the resident scholar of the Islamic Association of Collin County and is director of Taqwa Seminary.

**Asad Rahman** is an Attorney and Counselor at Law based out of Texas.

**Ashiq Rahman** is an AI leader in Dallas-Fort Worth with a PhD in Physics and Mathematics and founded ashiq.org to offer AI services. He served as Chief AI Officer at Midpoint Consulting.

**Ataul Karim** is a professor of electrical and computer engineering at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Until recently, he served as provost, executive vice chancellor, and chief operating officer of the university.

**Ayman Kabire** is an engineering professional and Muslim community leader. He holds a senior management position at Halliburton Energy Services and has extensive experience with the Islamic Society of Greater Houston (ISGH).

**Azhar Azeez** currently serves as the CEO of Muslim Aid USA. He is a current board member and a former president of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA).

**Basheer Ahmed** is an Indian-American psychiatrist, academic, and philanthropist. He is a distinguished fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and has held various academic positions in psychiatry at prestigious institutions.

**Bilal Muhammad** is a Hafiz of Qur'an and a public speaker and is associated with Baitul Maal.

**Cornel West** is an American philosopher, theologian, political activist, politician, social critic, public intellectual, and occasional actor.

**Faizan Haq** is an academic and lecturer specializing in intercultural communication, Islamic studies, and international relations. He has been teaching at The State University of New York College at Buffalo since 2004.

**Faraz Khan** is a scholar of Ash'ari and Maturidi philosophical theology with field specialties in Hanafi jurisprudence, prophetic biography, hadith, and logic.

**Farhan Chak** is a Canadian-Kashmiri scholar. He is also an associate professor of political science and international affairs and a visiting research fellow at the Alwaleed Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding in the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

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**Farhan Latif** is the president of the El-Hibri Foundation, a Harvard-educated philanthropic leader and social entrepreneur who focuses on fostering inclusion across religious and political divides, with extensive experience advising government agencies, promoting interfaith understanding, and combating extremism.

**Fatima Lette** is an instructor at Qalam and a faculty member at the Qalam Seminary, where she teaches ulum al Quran, usul al tafsir, and tafsir.

**Firaaz Azeez** is widely acknowledged as an agent of change, a community builder, and an inspiring leader deeply committed to community service, partnership building, and philanthropy. For over two decades, Firaaz has actively engaged with various non-profit organizations and was appointed as the first executive director at Humaniti in December 2020, where he provides strategic leadership and operational guidance to a growing team dedicated to enabling global giving and social impact.

**Fiyyaz Jaat** is ISNA's Youth Development Department director. He has over ten years of experience as a youth worker and dedicates his life to empowering youth with leadership skills as they explore their identity in the West.

**Ghassan Hitto** is a Syrian-American politician who briefly served as the first prime minister of the Syrian opposition's interim government. Born in Damascus, he lived in the United States for over three decades, working in the technology sector before becoming involved in Syrian opposition politics.

**Habeeb Quadri** is an educator, author, and youth activist. He has a bachelor's in teaching of history and a master's in school administration.

**Hadia Mubarak** is an assistant professor of religion at Queens University of Charlotte, where she teaches courses on Islam, comparative scriptures, women and gender in the Muslim world, the history of Islam in America, and religious representation in popular culture, among other courses.

**Haifaa Younis** is an American board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist, and the founder and chairperson of Jannah Institute.

**Huda Alkaff** is an ecologist, environmental educator, founding member of the Islamic Society of North America's Green Initiative, and International Interfaith Peace Corps chairperson.

**Hussain Kamani** is an instructor at Qalam. He is a faculty member at the Qalam Seminary, where he teaches sahih Muslim, mishkat al Masabih, fiqh, and tazkiya.

**Ieasha Prime** is the director of women's programming at Dar al Hijrah Islamic Center in Virginia and the founder of the DC Muslim Women's Conference.

**Ingrid Mattson** is a Canadian religious leader and the first woman president of the Islamic Society of North America. She is a Professor Islamic Studies at Huron University in Canada.

**Israr Ayyub** has multidimensional expertise, spanning three decades, particularly in disaster management and knowledge management.

**Iqbal Unus** In community service since 1970, Dr. Iqbal J. Unus has served as President of Muslim Students Association of the United States and Canada (1975), ISNA Secretary General, Member of ISNA Majlis, Vice President and Trustee of All Dulles Area Muslim Society, and more.

**James Jones** is the executive vice president of the Islamic Seminary of America.

**Jamillah Karim** is an award-winning author, lecturer, and blogger. Karim specializes in race, gender, and Islam in America.

**Jenna Albezreh** is a business analyst at Mckinsey and Company. She recently graduated from Harvard University with a degree in regenerative biology where she focused on the intersection between science and ethics.

**Johari Abdul-Malik** has served as the director of outreach at the Dar Al Hijrah Islamic Center, the first Muslim chaplain at Howard University (HU), and is the former head of the National Association of Muslim Chaplains in Higher Education.

**Latifur Khan** is an international leader in big data analytics (BDA), a key aspect of data science. He has been instrumental in educating students in BDA at UTD for several years.

**Majida Abdul-Karim** is a passionate and experienced educational leadership consultant at Connecting 2 Impact, a firm that specializes in providing customized solutions for schools, districts, and organizations.

**Manzoor Ghori** is a founding member and executive director of Indian Muslim Relief and Charities. He works to implement IMRC's mission and objective to help India's Muslims and minorities achieve security, freedom, and equality and to provide economic and educational assistance to the needy, especially children and women.

**Maria Khan** is a professional footballer who plays midfielder and captains the Pakistan women's national team.

**Mariam Sheibani** is a scholar of Islamic thought and practice committed to engaging key issues facing Muslims and Muslim communities.

**Marium Hasain** is an oncology hospitalist at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. She grew up and studied in Dayton and attended the University of Dayton, majoring in pre-medicine and human rights.

**Marwan Marouf** is the PR and fundraising director of the Muslim American Society (MAS)

**Mazen Basrawi** is a Trial Attorney, Civil Rights Division, US Department of Justice.



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**Mehdi Hasan** is a British-American progressive broadcaster, political commentator, columnist, author and co-founder of the media company Zeteo.

**Miko Peled** is an Israeli-American activist, author, and karate instructor.

**Mohamad Joban** is a full-time Imam at MAPS. He is also the current president of the Imam Fatwa Committee in WA, an instructor at Internet Islamic University, and the Muslim chaplain for the Department of Corrections in WA.

**Mohamed Ebeida**, a principal member of technical staff at Sandia National Laboratories since 2010, leads the VoroCrust software development and specializes in computational geometry. He holds a Ph.D. in mechanical and aeronautical engineering from UC Davis.

**Mohamed Magid** is the executive imam of All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) Center in Sterling, Virginia. He is the chairman of the International Interfaith Peace Corps (IIPC) and the former president of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA).

**Mohammad Akram Nadwi** is an Islamic scholar, the dean of Cambridge Islamic College, and the principal of Al-Salam Institute in the UK.

**Mohammad Qatanani** has been the Imam of the Islamic Center of Passaic County since 1996. Dr. Qatanani received a bachelor's degree in Islamic legislation and jurisprudence from the University of Jordan in 1985 and a master's degree in Islamic jurisprudence in 1989.

**Mohammed Faqih** is a distinguished Islamic scholar and imam with roots in Harar who completed his Islamic studies in the U.S. and Saudi Arabia.

**Muhammad Ninowy** is the founder and director of Madina Institute, an Islamic seminary in Atlanta, Georgia, with campuses in South Africa, the United Kingdom, Norway, Sudan, and Malaysia.

**Muhammed Nur Abdullah** is an Islamic scholar with extensive education from the Islamic University of Medina and Ummal Qura University. He has served in various roles, including imam of the Islamic Foundation of Greater St. Louis, ISNA president, and a member of the Fiqh Council of North America.

**Mujeeb Kazi** is an entrepreneur who has been a resident of Keller, near Fort Worth, for over 20 years. He has run for office in the Keller city council and is involved in the local Islamic community.

**Munir Sheikh** is an adjunct research professor specializing in social policy, tax policy, and fiscal policy, with research expertise in income distribution, carbon taxation, and census studies.

**Muslema Purmul** serves as Muslim chaplain at the University of Southern California. She graduated from the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) with a double major in religious studies and Middle Eastern studies.

**Mustafaa Carroll** is executive director of the Texas chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

**Muzammil Siddiqi** is the former chairman of the Fiqh Council of North America and a member of the executive board of the International Assembly of the Council of Ulama' in Makkah. He is a former President of ISNA.

**Nadim Bashir** is the Imam of Epic Masjid and a well known public speaker and family counselor.

**Nihad Awad** is the executive director and co-founder of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the largest non-profit Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States.

**Nisar ul Haq** has a PhD in comparative religion and a master's in Islamic theology and world religions from International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan. He has a higher studies teaching certification from Harvard University.

**Rami Nsour** is a scholar, counselor, public speaker, teacher, and translator of Islamic texts.

**Rania Awaad** is a clinical associate professor of psychiatry at the Stanford University School of Medicine.

**Rashed Nizam**, an accomplished ophthalmologist and founding director of Mid Missouri Eye Center, has served as ISNA Majlis Shura member and chair of the ISNA development funding committee. He was also president of NABIC from 2008-2011 and 2014-2017.

**Rasheed Rabbi** is a senior data scientist at the State Department, founder of the E-Dawah, and the secretary of AMSET. He is the current chair of ISNA Convention Program Committee.

**Rayyan Salam** is a rising junior at the University of Washington, majoring in law, economics, and public policy with a minor in directing. She works with a local organization to get Muslims more politically active in the Washington community.

**Reem Shaikh** memorized the Quran at age seven and studied Arabic in Egypt. After earning a bachelor's degree in Islamic studies from Qatar University and a master of theological studies from Harvard Divinity School, where she also served as the Muslim chaplain at Boston University, Reem taught at Guidance College and recently earned her ijazah in Quranic recitations.

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## Who's Who

**Rick Halprin** is a professor at Southern Methodist University (SMU) and serves as the chair of the division of human rights.

**Saadi Browni** is a social media personality and TikTok content creator best known for his browniesaadi account. He shares conversational videos about the tenets of Islam and his personal views on being a better Muslim.

**Safaa Zarzour** is an educator, attorney, and a community activist. Professionally, he is the superintendent of Universal Schools in Illinois and Indiana. He is the current President of ISNA.

**Saiyid Mansroor Shah**, born in 1938 in British India, is a retired physicist and dedicated ISNA volunteer. He has received awards for his professional and social contributions, including the State of Indiana Senior Volunteer Award.

**Salah Obeidallah** is the executive director of NAIT, the largest waqf organization in the Western Hemisphere. Before that, he was in charge of running three Islamic Schools in New Jersey while owning his own business.

**Salam Al-Marayati** is president and co-founder of the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC).

**Salman Ali** is a senior executive in the Islamic finance industry. He serves as the senior vice president and division manager for the south region at Guidance Residential, a company specializing in sharia-compliant home financing solutions in the United States.

**Salwa Syed** is the current MYNA president. She is a rising junior in college studying computer science at the University of Cincinnati and just completed an internship as a software developer with GE Aerospace.

**Sayid Ahmed Abdullahi** is the imam of the Islamic Association of Carrollton.

**Samreen Khan** is a Quantitative Modeling Analyst in McKinney, TX with a PhD in Mathematics.

**Shamsi Ali** is a prominent moderate Muslim scholar known for promoting interfaith dialogues among Abrahamic Religions in the United States, the chairman of the Al-Hikmah Mosque, and director of Jamaica Muslim Center in Jamaica, Queens, New York City.

**Shpendim Nadzaku** is a Macedonian-born Islamic scholar, studied at the Islamic University of Al-Madinah, and has served as an imam and scholar, most recently as a resident scholar at the Islamic Association of North Texas before transitioning to a public service role in Dallas.

**Siraj Wahhaj** is the imam of Al-Taqwa mosque in Brooklyn, New York and the leader of The Muslim Alliance in North America (MANA). He was also the former vice-president of the Islamic Society of North America.

**Tamara Gray** founded Rabata, an organization dedicated to promoting positive cultural change through creative educational experiences.

**Ubaidur Rahman** is an Indian author, journalist, and scholar who has written extensively on Muslim history in India, including books on peaceful Islamic expansion, forgotten Muslim empires, and Muslim freedom fighters, while also contributing to various publications and participating in international programs.

**Ubaydullah Evans** is ALIM's first scholar-in-residence and a renowned speaker.

**Urooj Yazdani** holds an M.D. from Chicago Medical School and an M.Ed. from Johns Hopkins University School of Education. She completed her adult psychiatric residency training at the University of Louisville and her pediatric psychiatry fellowship from the University of Chicago.

**Uzma Mirza** is a Canadian-Pakistani-American architect and artist who combines her professional focus on sustainable architecture with a spiritual art practice that blends Islamic calligraphy, architectural elements, and natural imagery to explore human nature and balance.

**Wa'el Alzayat** is CEO of Emgage Foundation, a national civic education and engagement grassroots organization for Muslim Americans.

**Wadud Hassan** is a Dallas-based mindfulness and emotional intelligence coach who founded the Mindfulness Matters Leadership Institute, with graduate studies from Vanderbilt and additional leadership training from prestigious institutions.

**Waleed Basyouni**, PhD, is the president of Al-Maghrib Institute and head of the Islamic Theology and Ethics Department.

**Waleed Gabr** is the co-founder of Humaniti Foundation USA and a champion of non-profit and charity work for over 17 years. He has played a big part in raising over \$100 million and steering various projects covering education, support for orphans, microfinance, water and sanitation, health and nutrition, and emergency relief.

**Wasim Khan** graduated from Darul Uloom Zakariyya in South Africa and currently is the Director and Resident Scholar of ISRA Foundation.

**Yaser Birjas** is the head of the Islamic Law and Theory department and the president of Al-Maghrib Institute.

**Yasir Qadhi** born in Houston, Texas to Pakistani parents, is a renowned Muslim scholar and theologian, deeply committed to the pursuit of Islamic knowledge and academic excellence.







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