

51st Annual ISNA Convention

August 29 – Sept 1, 2014

Cobo Center, Detroit, MI

GENERATIONSRISE: Elevating Muslim American Culture

SIX TRACKS TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE THE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

This year the Convention Program Committee Designed the main and parallel sessions in 6 major tracks, keeping in mind the theme of our convention and the critical needs of the American Muslim community. These sessions are identified with an icon to help you navigate through the program schedule.



Track I: Healthy Culture

This track will feature critical conversations on how to cultivate culture that is reflective of Islam's highest spiritual and ethical values.



Track II: Effective Engagement

This track will highlight the importance of service (khidmah) as a chief characteristic of Muslim culture. The many ways in which Muslims can and are serving will be discussed as well as best practices.



Track III: Social Trends

This track will examine some of the broader social issues and forces shaping American culture today, and how Muslims should be responding to these trends from an Islamic perspective.



Track IV: Healing Divides

This track will look at how we heal relationships after conflict in our families, local communities, and more globally as we strive for an ethos of togetherness in the midst of our diversity.



Track V: Masjid Development

This track will focus on best practices to make our Mosques even more welcoming, relevant, and responsive to the needs of its congregants.








Track VI: Education

This track will reflect on the high importance given to the pursuit of knowledge in Islam and will offer best strategies in acquiring holistic education for all generations of Muslims in America.



ASL Interpreters are available for these sessions

Friday, August 29, 2014

8:30 AM	Registration Starts	Lobby
1:00 – 2:45 PM	Jumu'a Prayer & Lunch <i>Kateeb:</i> Imam Mohamed Magid	Hall B
3:00 – 4:15 PM 	SESSION 1A Opening Session Welcome address: Imam Mohamed Magid, ISNA President <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Snyder, Governor of Michigan • Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America • Honorable Adam Shakoor, Former Chief Judge of the 36th District Court and Deputy Mayor of Detroit • State Rep. Rashida Tlaib • MMCC Representative • ISNA Leadership, Representatives of Constituent Organizations, Members of the Steering Committee, Volunteers, and Guests will be recognized <i>Moderator: Azhar Azeez, Vice President of ISNA</i>	Grand Ballroom AB
4:30 – 5:45 PM  	SESSION 2A Fiqh of Culture As Muslims continue to engage in the production of culture, there are important questions being asked about the fiqh of it all. This session will offer insights on the place of culture ('urf) in the Shari'ah, principles and maxims to guide the way, and walking the fine line between creativity and corruption. <i>Speakers:</i> Jamal Badawi, Tahir Anwar, Hassan Qazwini, Abdalla Idris Ali <i>Host:</i> Patricia Anton	Grand Ballroom AB
5:30 PM	Asr Prayer	Hall B
6:00 – 7:15 PM  	SESSION 3A GenerationRise This session will feature some of the most remarkable young Muslim leaders and activists who are elevating Muslim American culture in the new millennium. The conversation will focus on some of the ideas, opportunities, and challenges shaping the future of Islam in America and beyond. <i>Speakers:</i> Zahra Billoo, Mehdi Hasan, Maryam Amirebrahimi, Mansoor Sabree <i>Discussant:</i> Haroon Moghul	Grand Ballroom AB

8:20 PM

Maghrib Prayer

Hall B

9:00 – 11:00 PM



SESSION 4A

Why Culture Matters

This opening night conversation will discuss why culture matters and what healthy culture looks like for a vibrant religious community in America. The discussants will offer reflections on how culture can be used as a positive vehicle for transmitting Islamic values from one generation to the next.

Speakers: *Su'ad Abdul Khabeer, Alex Kronemer, Zaid Shakir, Ali Newman, Sherman Jackson*

Host: *Mariam Sobh*

Grand Ballroom AB



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Saturday, August 30, 2014

10:00 – 11:15 AM



SESSION 5A

Restoring Dignity

This critical conversation will consider best ethics and practices in really doing the good. What does it mean to engage in charity, service, and social justice in ways that elevate and dignify those we intend to help rather than just feeling good about ourselves?

Speakers: Asma Hanif, Altaf Husain, Charlene Elder, Usama Canon

Discussant: Altaf Husain

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10:00 – 11:15 AM

SESSION 5B – SPONSORED SESSION

Investing Using Islamic Principles

In this session you will learn about the specific principles that are used to create sharia-compliant mutual funds in the United States and the value of planning ahead for your financial goals

Speaker: Owaiz M. Dadabhoy

Islamic Financing: Making a Difference One Community at a Time

This session will discuss how UIF home, masjid and commercial financing programs are impacting Muslim communities all across America. Financing models, cost considerations and risk management strategies will be discussed as part of this session. Highly recommended for Community leaders, Masjid Board members and future home owners.

Speaker: John Sickler, Executive Vice President, UIF Corp.

Moderator: Amin Saumik

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10:00 – 11:15 AM



SESSION 5C

Writing Poetry from the Soul

Learn how to write poetry that reflects your thoughts, emotions, beliefs, and values while still retaining its quality. Participants should bring notebooks, pens, or tablets in order to write.

Presenter: Mona Haydar

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11:30 AM – 12:45 PM



SESSION 6A

Collective Conscience

This session will examine what forces and values drive our social priorities, both as the larger American society and in the Muslim-American discourse, and how we can move toward a culture that equally advocates for moral causes that are important to the whole community, especially the disenfranchised and disenfranchised.

Speakers: Linda Sarsour, Ingrid Mattson, Keith Ellison

Host: Dawud Walid

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11:30 AM – 12:45 PM 	SESSION 6B Educating the Ummah Never has knowledge been so easily available to the ummah. Gone are the times of travelling to far off lands to learn a subject or waiting for months without seeing a person of knowledge to learn from. Not only has knowledge become more accessible, but even the modes of delivery and learning have become different and varied. Learn about the different models available, the different audiences they cater to, and see if any fit what you are looking for. <i>Speakers:</i> Tamara Gray, Shadee Elmasry, Usama Canon <i>Host:</i> Zainab Kabba	420AB
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM 	SESSION 6C How to Run and Get Elected to Public Office Is there a local issue in your city that is making you upset? Do you think you have what it takes to represent the voice of the people around you? Be a part of the solution and run for office! This session will inform you of the realities, strategies, and commitment to run for and serve in public office. <i>Speakers:</i> Jacqueline El Sayed, Salim Patel, Rashida Tlaib <i>Discussant:</i> Mohammed Hameeduddin	410A
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM 	SESSION 6D Modesty and the Garment of God-Consciousness “Every religion has a chief characteristic, and the chief characteristic of this religion is modesty (hayaa),” said our beloved messenger, Muhammad (s). The scholars in this session will reflect on why inner and outer modesty is prescribed to be at the heart of Islamic culture and how it is the fountain of so many other virtues. <i>Speakers:</i> Abdalla Idris Ali, Zaynab Ansari, Mansoor Sabree <i>Host:</i> Isra Chaker	410B
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM 	SESSION 6E Islam and Science: Conflict or Integration? Western accounts of Islamic science often claim that after a brief Golden Age, religious orthodoxy stamped out scientific creativity. Muslim apologists, however, claim that modern science is not only congruous with Islam, but that it is also anticipated in the Qur’an and hadith. This panel will address the Islamic scientific heritage, focusing on its historical relationship with classical Islamic law and theology, and modern science. Accordingly, it will invite Muslims to reevaluate traditional responses to modern evolutionary science and neurosciences. <i>Speakers:</i> Nahyan Fancy, Asad Ahmed, Ebrahim Moosa <i>Moderator:</i> Mahan Mirza	338

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SESSION 6F

Kashmir—Time for Justice and Peace

One of the oldest agenda items on the United Nations Security Council, with mounting count of human life & property, Kashmir continues to be a nuclear flash point in Southeast Asia. The session will showcase three outstanding scholars on this issue who will analyze the strategic and tactical facts about Kashmir, based on the current situation.

Speakers: Victoria Schofield, Lars Rise, Ghulam Nabi Fai

Moderator: Ghulam N. Mir

310B

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM



SESSION 6G

Bullying Prevention: Keeping our Children Safe and Secure

Bullying is a prevalent problem in American schools, affecting all students. While Muslim students have long been a target for teasing and harassment, this problem escalated considerably after 9/11, with some surveys reporting up to 70% of Muslim students experiencing bullying in school. This session examines the problem and highlights strategies and options to address and help prevent or reduce bullying, all while empowering your children to feel safe and secure.

Speakers: Zahra Billoo, Maha Elgenaidi

Discussant: Tabassum Haleem

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11:30 AM – 12:45 PM



SESSION 6H

Can Technology Bring Us Closer?

This session will allow for discussion on the capacity of technology for dividing people or for bringing them together. Participants will share their experiences of how technology platforms and projects can bring the community closer through shared stories, common causes, and the exchange of ideas and resources. The discussion is meant to help the audience reflect on how they might want to engage technology to bring people together in beneficial ways.

Speakers: Omar Usman, Haaris Ahmad, Chris Blauvelt, Rabiah Ahmed

Host: Patricia Anton

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11:30 AM – 12:45 PM



SESSION 6J

Avoid Common Mistakes for Mosques Projects:**A Panel Discussion with Experienced Muslim Architects**

There are many mosque projects across the United States. Due to our community's lack of expertise in the design and construction fields, many common mistakes are made. A panel of some of the top Muslim architects and designers from across the United States will share their experiences with the community and advise the community on how to avoid common mistakes in designing and/or building a mosque in North America.

Speaker: Christopher McCoy, Fakhruddin Sabir

Discussant: Irfan Rydhan

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11:30 AM – 12:45 PM 	SESSION 6K Sustainable Financing for our Mosques One of the most frequently cited challenges for mosques and community centers in America is the lack of funding for the projects and facilities that they believe they need. This session will go beyond traditional fundraising techniques and talk about best practices for financial sustainability from across the nation and present creative solutions that have worked. <i>Speakers: Iman Kovlais, Saud Inam, Salman Azam, Shazeen Mufti</i> <i>Moderator: Ziauddin Mahmood</i>	414AB
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM 	SESSION 6L Elder Muslims: Challenges on an Aging Generation The population of the United States is ageing, and Muslim Americans are no exception. There is a growing number of elder Muslims who are both a resource for the community – wise, experienced, with time and money to spare - and a responsibility – in need of medical, social or financial assistance. This session will deal with how the elderly can live a meaningful life as they advance in years, and give back to the community through service and volunteerism. <i>Speakers: Farida Ejaz, Achmet Salie</i> <i>Moderator: Iqbal Unus</i>	415AB
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM 	SESSION 6M Meet the Author: Marriage and Prosperity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Five Pillars of Prosperity: The Essentials of Faith-Based Wealth Building, <i>M. Yaqub Mirza</i> Before You Tie the Knot: A Guide for Couples, <i>Salma Abugideiri</i> and <i>Mohamed Magid</i> <i>Moderator: Nadia Bazzzy</i>	311AB
11:30 – 12:45 PM	SESSION 6N Inner and Outer Dimensions of Hajj Are you preparing to go for Hajj this year or in the near future? You will not want to miss this session with three outstanding scholars as they offer guidance and insight on how to prepare for the journey of a lifetime. <i>Speakers: Muzammil Siddiqi, Yasir Qadhi, Azhar Azeez, Hana ElGamal</i> <i>Moderator: Azhar Zaidi</i>	330A

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12:45 – 3:30 PM

Community Service Recognition Luncheon (CSRL)

The Community Service Recognition Luncheon (CSRL) is an event where a prestigious group of the nation's leaders, scholars and government officials join to honor an individual dedicated to community service. This year marks the 15th annual luncheon, hosted by the ISNA Founders Committee, and is considered a major highlight of the annual convention. Almost 1,000 people from all over the country attend this special celebration of Muslim community service. This year will feature former President Jimmy Carter as the Keynote Speaker. *Tickets required for admission—See a representative at the ISNA Booth for more information.*

Grand Ballroom AB

1:45 PM

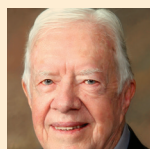
Zuhr Prayer

Hall B

2:00 – 3:30 PM

Lunch

3:30 – 4:30 PM

**SESSION 7A****A Call to Action with Former President Jimmy Carter**

Former President of the United States, Jimmy Carter, will address the convention on the historic need for religious communities to mobilize against discrimination and violence that is directed toward girls and women throughout the world. President Carter has visited 145 countries with his wife, Rosalynn, building an interfaith coalition to alleviate unconscionable human suffering. Muslim leaders at the convention will be invited to sign a Declaration for Peaceful Communities to join President Carter's movement for greater human rights.

Moderator: Hazem Bata

Hall C

4:45 – 6:15 PM

**SESSION 8A****Radiating Beauty**

Wherever Islam has gone it has produced wondrous beauty, a reflection of inward and outward excellence (ihsan), from the arts to human character. This session will move us to rediscover the meaning of beauty, and how to achieve and manifest it in the making of Muslim American culture.

Speakers: Zaynab Ansari, Omar Suleiman, Abdul Nasir Jangda

Host: Emman Allebban

Hall C

4:45 – 6:15 PM





**SESSION 8B****Positive Citizenship**

This discussion will bring together Muslims making positive social contribution and change in different spheres of society. The speakers will reflect on the importance of cultivating a cultural paradigm in which wider social moral obligations (fard kifayah) are prioritized and met.

Speakers: Rashida Tlaib, Mohamed Magid, Salim Patel, Sultan Mohammad, Adam Shakoor

Discussant: Fatima Salman

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4:45 – 6:15 PM 	SESSION 8C Successfully Fighting Against Hate in Your Backyard Anti-Muslim hate is at an all-time high, and Muslims across the country are grappling with this growing problem. Make your community safe from bullying, hate, and violence by building coalitions and learning about your rights. Attendees will hear directly from policymakers, community leaders, and communication experts about how to develop the right strategy to defend their communities. <i>Speakers:</i> Rebecca Lenn, Faran Tahir, Salman Azam <i>Discussant:</i> Madihha Ahussain	420AB
4:45 – 6:15 PM 	SESSION 8D All from Adam and Hawa: Addressing Intra-Muslim Racism The reality of being the most ethnically diverse religious community in America challenges us to live up the teaching found in our tradition for respecting people of all ethnic backgrounds. Moving beyond stereotypes and racism among ourselves to truly knowing one another is important for us to be healthy as communities, families and individuals. This session will examine the impact of racism in our community and outline steps to recognize and change harmful attitudes and behaviors. <i>Speakers:</i> Mohamed Almasari, Dawud Walid, Su'ad Abdul Khabir <i>Discussant:</i> Aisha Al-Adawiya	410A
4:45 – 6:15 PM 	SESSION 8E Responding to Neo-Atheism Modern atheism—the rejection of God—has taken on new forms, arguments, and subtleties. In this session, we feature a Muslim theologian, a journalist, and a university chaplain who have taken on this neo-atheist movement with their own writings, speeches, and debates. Join us for an intellectually and spiritually rich conversation. <i>Speakers:</i> Mehdi Hasan, Yasir Qadhi <i>Discussant:</i> Tayyisir Safi	410B
4:45 – 6:15 PM 	SESSION 8F Impacting Communities Where We Live Selfless service for humanity with no expectations of thanks or gratitude has always been fundamental to Islam. People in strange lands came across great Muslim men and women immigrants, only to be spell bound by the beauty of their hearts and by the solace they provided. These Muslims built khanqaahs, serais, langars and many other institutions where where any injured soul or any hungry person could come in, stay there and leave in peace. Irrespective of color, creed or religion. Join us on a journey through those amazing people's lives, their impact on Muslims as well as non-Muslims. How can we adapt at least a small part of what they did? Learn from examples of those great men and women so you can pass on those values to the next generations in America. <i>Speakers:</i> Altaf Husain, Farhat Siddiqui, Abdulla Idris Ali <i>Moderator:</i> Manzoor Ghori	330A

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**SESSION 8G****Would you Adopt Muhammad?**

Adoption on a local and international level has been on the increase in the Muslim community in the United States. There are many misconceptions about adoption that are based on misunderstandings of Islamic legal principles as well as cultural taboos. This session hopes to shed some light on the issue, not just from a legal perspective but also dealing with the realities of adoption. This includes the emotional process for families, costs, and support from leadership and agencies that cater to the needs of Muslim families interested in adoption.

Speakers: Fozia Saleem-Rasheed, Sameena Zahoor, Mona Youssef, Tahir Anwar, Ingrid Mattson

Moderator: Sarah Mohiuddin

310B

4:45 – 6:15 PM

**SESSION 8H****The Year of American Muslim #Hashactivism:****What Went Right? What Went Wrong?****Strategies for Future Engagement**

This past year, social media has been at the core of several controversies regarding the representation and treatment of Muslim women - ex: "Mipsterz" video, comments of Imam Abu Eesa, and ABC's "Alice in Arabia" pilot. This panel brings together key opinionators from these controversies to discuss lessons learned, how to better navigate social media interactions, healthy dissent strategies and creating spaces for Muslim activists to build constructive relationships even when in disagreement

Speakers: Sana Saeed, Omar Usman, Hind Makki, Firdaus Arastu

Discussant: Nadia Mohammed

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4:45 – 6:15 PM




**SESSION 8J****Unstuck, Alhamdulillah**

We all have times in our lives when we feel off course, and sometimes we can get stuck in those moments. This session will look at how our community can help us get back on course by promoting spiritual and mental well-being of individuals and families. This session will explore what the real issues are, what resources are available from Muslim organizations, and how we can work together to promote the spiritual and mental well-being of our Muslim community.

Speakers: Salma Abuigideri, Nadim Ali, Maryum Khwaja

Discussant: Halim Naeem

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4:45 – 6:15 PM 	SESSION 8K Key Insights from Studies of the American Muslim Community <p>The mosque and community center has traditionally been at the heart of the American Muslim community. As our community has grown we find our centers needing to provide relevant programming and services to a diverse set of stakeholders. This session will share the fascinating findings of several landmark studies that have been done to identify our community's needs and challenges, and explore how we can build vibrant programs and services based on these findings.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Yasir Shareef, Muna Ali, Dalia Mogahed <i>Discussant:</i> Ihsan Bagby</p>	413AB
4:45-6:15 PM 	SESSION 8L Challenges, Solutions and the Role of Islamic Schools in America <p>What are the opportunities that exist in an Islamic school environment? What are the challenges? Have you considered sending your child to an Islamic school but worry about the academic quality and support systems available? This session will explore the role of Islamic schools and provides an overview of the strengths, challenges and potential solutions to continuously boost teacher quality and effective school management in Islamic schools in America.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Amaarah Decuir, Nur Aziz, Safaa Zarzour <i>Discussant:</i> Sufia Azmat</p>	414AB
4:45 – 6:15 PM 	SESSION 8M AMSET Session I: An Islamic Model of Technology-Based Entrepreneurship <p>This session will explore the Islamic constructs around Islam's support for entrepreneurial behavior with particular reference to technology-based initiatives. Leveraging information from the life of the Prophet (saw), Qur'an, and hadiths the speaker will explore an Islamic perspective on entrepreneurial behavior and how we can do good while doing well.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Mohammad Alam, Yaqub Mirza, Miles Davis Moderator: Shaik Jeelani</p>	415AB
4:45 – 6:15 PM 	SESSION 8N Meet the Author: Sharing our Narratives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bargain from the Bazaar, <i>Haroon Ullah</i> • Islam is a Foreign Country: American Muslims and the Global Crisis of Authority, <i>Zareena Grewal, Aminah McCloud</i> • EXTREMIST: A Response to Geert Wilders & Terrorists Everywhere, <i>Qasim Rashid</i> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Iqbal Unus</p>	311AB
5:30 PM	Asr Prayer	Hall B

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6:30 – 7:45 PM



SESSION 9A

Re-Thinking Education

The pursuit of scientific and sacred knowledge has been the hallmark of Muslim cultures through the centuries. Today, as we strive to build new institutions of education, this critical session will reexamine what the real purpose of education is and how to achieve it in the modern world.

Speakers: Muhammad Mendes, Muneer Fareed, Yasir Qadhi

Host: Safaa Zarzour

Hall C

6:30 – 7:45 PM



SESSION 9B

Bridging Communities: Immigrant and Indigenous

This session will focus on bridging the gap between immigrant-heritage Islam and American Islam. This session will address the issues of cross-cultural stigmatization that sometimes emerge in the encounters between indigenous American Muslims and Muslims coming from immigrant backgrounds. New generations of American Muslims have the opportunity to become culture brokers and break down some of the assumptions that created discord in the past. They have the opportunity to establish goodwill and to foster better relations within the community.

Speakers: Sherman Jackson, Jihad Saleh, Zareena Grewal

Discussant: Sami Catovic

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6:30 – 7:45 PM



SESSION 9C

The Quran and I

The miracle given to our Prophet (S) was the Qur'an, the words of God that can never be changed. How close do you feel to this revelation of God? How in tune are you with what is in this sacred book? This session will help you gain an understanding of how to develop a relationship with the Quran.

Speakers: Omar Suleiman, Ingrid Mattson, Daoud Nassimi

Host: Saif Omar

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6:30 – 7:45 PM



SESSION 9D

Facing the Crisis in Syria: An Analysis and Call to Action




The deaths of innocents in Syria is a call to the conscience of all Muslims and could affect Muslims around the world for decades to come. It is already a historic humanitarian crisis; with a death toll fast approaching 200,000 people and 40% of Syrians forced from their homes, the Syrian crisis will likely be recorded as one of the worst catastrophes to befall the Muslim World in modern history. But in the past year especially, things have gotten even worse. Today, the crisis in Syria is rapidly metastasizing into a geopolitical and security crisis of regional or even global proportions. What can American Muslims do to address the crisis in a way that promotes peace and stops the killing?

Speakers: Loubna Mrie, Qusai Zakarya, Robert Ford,

James Hooper

Moderator: Mohammed Alaa Ghanem

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6:30 – 7:45 PM 	SESSION 9E Rohingya Muslim and Islam in Myanmar (Burma): A Population and a Faith Under Threat of Extermination Rohingya Muslims in Burma face serious human rights violations. Their citizenship has been systematically revoked. The radical Buddhist movement '969' has killed thousands of Rohingya and Myanmar Muslims and destroyed numerous mosques, schools, and Muslim businesses, rendering over 140,000 Rohingya Muslims homeless in camps. The situations in camps are dire due to shortages of food, water, and medicine. The denial of restatement of the citizenship and basic human rights by the Burmese Government has further fueled the violence against Muslims in Burma. <i>Speakers:</i> Ufuk Gokcen, T. Kumar, Tom Andrews, Abdul Malik Mujahid, Wakar Uddin <i>Host:</i> Sayyid Syeed	330A
6:30 – 7:45 PM 	SESSION 9F Grassroots Activism: Building from the Ground Up From the time of the Prophet Muhammad (s) and beyond, Muslims have respected the time honored tradition of building from the ground up, rather than from the top down for social justice. This important session will explore the relationship between grassroots efforts and national organizations in making positive changes that benefit everyone in society. If you consider yourself a grassroots activist or want to learn more about how to become one, you will want to attend this session! <i>Speakers:</i> Kristin Szremeski, Dawud Walid, Salam Marayati <i>Discussant:</i> Corey Saylor	310B
6:30 – 7:45 PM 	SESSION 9G What Would the Prophet Muhammad (S) Buy? In an age of materialism and consumerism, how should Muslims live in accordance with prophetic principles? This critical conversation will explore spiritual teachings about simple living, living debt-free and God-conscious investing. Practical advice will be given about moving toward a culture of moral consumerism. <i>Speakers:</i> Zaid Shakir, Omar Usman, Laura Berry, Gita Ram <i>Moderator:</i> Priscilla Martinez	411ABC

6:30 – 7:45 PM

**SESSION 9H****Creating a Culture of Successful Meetings**

One of the most common mechanisms used by any organization is the meeting. But are we using this tool effectively? Are our meetings holding us back or moving us forward? Come learn how to plan and run God-driven and effective meetings with relevant agendas and clear follow-up while minimizing unhealthy conflict. This session could be the key to success for your organization or project and the lessons taught here will even come in handy in business settings. Presenters will also conduct a sample meeting to demonstrate the principles of this session.

Speakers: Necva Ozgur, Nadia Bazzy, Abdalla Idris Ali

Moderator: Haaris Ahmed

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6:30 – 7:45 PM

SESSION 9J – SPONSORED SESSION**Islamic Home Financing**

Understanding the difference between conventional and Islamic financing models and exploring the positive impact of Islamic financing on our community.

Speaker: Amjad Quadri

Moderator: Taher Rasheed

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6:30 – 7:45 PM

**SESSION 9K****Turkey at a Crossroads**

This session will take a closer look to recent developments in Turkey, a nation going through a very fragile period. Though issues in Turkey may appear domestic, the results will affect the entire region. Speakers will share their perspectives and listen to attendees' perspectives during the Q & A part at the end.

Speakers: Ibrahim Kalin, Erol Cebeci, Kilic Bugra Kanat

Moderator: Murat Kose

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6:30 – 7:45 PM 	SESSION 9L AMSET Session II: Robotics/Artificial Intelligence: What Does the Future Look Like? <p>This session deals with the socio-economic effects of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence (AI). As more and more tasks are performed by robots, will robots cause more joblessness or allow humans to pursue more challenging endeavors? In many countries the population is growing rapidly old and robots are used increasingly to assist the elderly. What will the effects be on society from the increased use of household robots? AI has seen tremendous progress in the last decade. This session discusses its benefits to society as well as its potential dangers.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Iqbal Unus, Houssaine Waled, Mona Orady <i>Moderator:</i> Sayid Masroor Shah</p>	415AB
6:30 – 7:45 PM 	SESSION 9M 5 Keys to Learning Arabic Calligraphy <p>A hands on workshop that teaches students the basics of naskh calligraphy including standards introduced by American calligrapher Mohamed Zakaria. Participants are encouraged to bring notebooks and pens.</p> <p><i>Presenter:</i> Faraz Khan</p>	311AB
7:45 – 8:45 PM	Dinner/Maghrib Prayer	Hall B
9:00 – 11:00 PM 	SESSION 10A Generations Rise: Elevating Muslim-American Culture <p>Our highly anticipated Saturday night program will feature an address by ISNA's outgoing president and a secret special guest. This special night will be capped off by 4 dynamic and renowned speakers who will each offer one BIG idea to take Muslim Americans to the next level in the next 5 years. You will want to be there for this one!</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Mohamed Magid, Najah Bazzy, Rami Nashashibi, Siraj Wihhaj, Suhaib Webb <i>Special Guest:</i> Amirul Mu'minin Shaykh as Sultan Muhammadu Sa'audu Abubakar III, the Sultan of Sokoto <i>Hosts:</i> Habeeb Quadri, Hadia Mubarak</p>	Hall C

Sunday August 31, 2014

9:00 – 10:00 AM

**The Higher Purpose of Higher Education**

In today's world, higher education is rapidly devolving into vocational training. We believe, though, higher education has a higher purpose than material ends. It teaches not how to do, but how to think. Join Zaytuna College, as we find our way back to the higher purpose of higher education.

Speakers: Scholars from Zaytuna College

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10:00 – 11:15 AM

**SESSION 11A****Truth to Power**

This interfaith discussion will ponder what it means to, at times, be courageous and countercultural in bearing witness to the truth and to moral integrity in the secular public sphere.

Speakers: Robert George, Zaid Shakir, Brenda Rosenberg

Host: Maha Elgenaidi

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10:00 – 11:15 AM

**SESSION 11B****Women Scholars and the Question of Religious Authority**

The Prophet (s) advised, "Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave" without discriminating between men and women. But, are we doing everything we can as a culture to make sure that women have as much access as men do to Islamic scholarship? Do we honor women scholars just the same? This conversation will seek to address these and other questions as we seek to advance women's scholarship and religious authority in our community.

Speakers: Ingrid Mattson, Zaynab Ansari, Tamara Gray, Tahira Ahmed

Discussant: Zainab Kabba

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10:00 – 11:15 AM







**SESSION 11C****Join the Campaign to Improve our Masjids:****The Masjid Network**

Masjid leaders and all Muslims who are interested in the strengthening and growing of our masjids are invited to this session to learn about and join in the discussion about ISNA's masjid development project. The goal of the project is to create a network of masjid leaders, scholars and experts to develop best practices, policies and recommendations for improving our masjids.

Speakers: Ihsan Bagby, Shawn Grubb, Maher Budeir, Tahir Anwar, Sarah Sayeed

Host: Aisha al-Adawiya

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10:00 – 11:15 AM 	SESSION 11D Chaplaincy in Multi-Faith Settings Muslim chaplains and Imams will discuss how they faithfully represent the Islamic faith and remain within Islam's boundaries of what is right while meeting the challenges of serving in multi-faith pluralistic contexts. Real case studies will be presented and discussed. If you want to learn more about religious leadership in complex contexts, you will want to attend this session. <i>Speakers: Mohamed Magid, Jihad Turk, Shareda Hosein</i> <i>Discussant: Sohaib Sultan</i>	412AB
10:00 – 11:15 AM 	SESSION 11E Making the Best of Mobile Photography These days everyone has access to a camera through their phone and photos are shared instantaneously. But what makes up a good photograph? Learn how to make the best of your mobile camera with photography basics. Participants must bring their own camera phones. <i>Presenter: Mustafa Davis</i>	413AB
10:00 – 11:15 AM 	SESSION 11F Balancing Income and Integrity in the Arts A career in the arts and/or media may sound intriguing, but how can you be financially successful in it while still staying true to your own values? This workshop is an interactive discussion with some tangible strategies for a successful career in the arts/media. <i>Presenter: Yassin Alsalman</i>	414AB
10:00 – 11:15 AM 	SESSION 11G Healing Detroit: A Panel Discussion on the Muslim Contribution to Building Back A Great City Once the industrial powerhouse of America, Detroit is more recently known as a fabulous ruin, crumbling and bankrupt. But the Muslim Community finds itself in a position of great potential due to its long-term relationships and illustrious history. This session intends to highlight those relationships and history, speak to efforts from the community currently, and discuss ways to use this potential in making leaps forward. <i>Speakers: Mark Crain, Catherine Ziyad, Syed Mohiuddin</i> <i>Moderator: Khalil Muhammad</i>	330A
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM  	SESSION 12A ReMosqued This critical discussion will ask how we can change the culture of our mosques such that more people feel uplifted and embraced and how we can, ultimately, go from the phenomenon of “unmosqued” to “remosqued”—getting Muslims back to the masjid. <i>Speakers: Hind Maki, Muzammil Siddiqi, Sayed Saleh Qazwini, Sarah Sayeed</i> <i>Host: Ihsan Bagby</i>	430AB

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1:00-1:30 PM

National Qira'at Competition

- Announcement of winners
- Recitation from selected winners
- Presentation of awards

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11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

**SESSION 12B****Unity in Time of Crisis: Sunni and Shias Coming Together**

In the middle of political conflict, people often turn to religious rhetoric and identity to stir support for their group. The impact of this can create divisions between brothers and sisters that reverberate throughout the ummah. This session will look at how Sunni and Shia here can build on their relationships to face the impact of crisis and counteract forces of divisiveness.

Speakers: *Mohamed Magid, Hassan Qazwani, Mohammad Ali Elahi, Sherman Jackson, Sayyid Bakir Kashmiri*

Discussant: *Sayyid Syeed*

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11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

**SESSION 12C****Being Strong Muslims for Allah**

“The strong believer is better and more beloved to Allah than the weak believer, but there is good in both,” said God’s messenger (s). This session will offer insights on how we can grow physically, emotionally, and spiritually as not only individuals but also as a community. The aim of the conversation will be to examine what it means to be strong and how the concept ought to manifest itself in Muslim culture.

Speakers: *Mufti Kamani, Nadine Abu Jubara, Omar Mahmood*

Moderator: *Naajah Muhammad*

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11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

**SESSION 12D****How Do Single Muslims Meet?**

By every measure, there is a crisis happening in the Muslim community: too many single Muslims who wish to get married are finding it difficult to find each other. Some of the traditional ways of finding a suitable spouse just don’t work for everyone in the Muslim American context. This conversation is about addressing this problem, re-thinking some of our conceptions of gender relations, and figuring out how to create healthy, open, and organic communities where single Muslims can meet. This will be an interactive session in which singles will be encouraged to engage in some helpful and thoughtful exercises.

Speakers: *Sohaib Sultan, Sarah Bassal*

Discussant: *Heather Laird-Jackson*

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11:30 AM – 12:45 PM



SESSION 12E

Islamophobia and Looking Forward

By the year 2050, experts have projected that America will have undergone profound political, economic, and cultural shifts. It will also be the first time in recorded history that ethnic and racial minorities will finally become a majority of our nation's population. However, not everyone is open to embracing the coming change. As witnessed by how some have reacted to the election of America's first African-American president, there has been a backlash against the growing political clout of minority communities, particularly at the local and state levels. Targets of this fear-driven backlash include American Muslim communities. This panel seeks to explore how Islamophobia operates in its unique American context, paralleling how other racial, ethnic, and religious communities have faced challenges of discrimination. Turning their eyes toward 2050 as a moment of potential positive change, our panelists provide insights into how we can defeat the backlash against our communities and fellow American citizens.

Speakers: Saeed Khan, Hatem Bazian, Denise Spellberg,
Nihad Awad

Host: Dalia Mogahed

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SESSION 12F

Creating Enabling Mosques:**Welcoming Muslims of All Abilities in the House of Allah**

Almost one-third of all families in the United States have at least one family member with a disability, whether that disability is brought on by old age, an accident, genetics, or an illness. Yet despite their large numbers, many Muslims with disabilities and their loved ones report feeling isolated and unsupported in American Muslim community settings. How can we transform our mosques into spaces where Muslims with disabilities and their families feel welcomed for who they are and have ample opportunities for worship, friendship, and even leadership? What can we all do to make mosques more inclusive and supportive of the religious and social needs of Muslims with disabilities and their caregivers? Panelists will share best practices from their work and announce the launch of EnabledMuslim.org, a new online resource and virtual support network for Muslims with disabilities, their loved ones, and their communities at large.

Speakers: Dilshad Ali, Nashiru Abdulai, Zaynab Ansari,
Omar Suleiman

Moderator: Maggie Siddiqi

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SESSION 12G

Halal as an Identity

Halal has become more than just a term for what is ‘permissible;’ it has transformed into a complete lifestyle — encompassing food, cosmetics, finances and more. In an effort to reclaim our identity as Muslims, we must realize the power and potential of living halal. Speakers will address the concept of a halal identity, and how Muslim Americans can incorporate these principles into everyday life. Consumer awareness and activism is also needed to achieve change, in order for more mainstream companies to accommodate Muslim dietary needs in their products, as they do for kosher, vegan, organic, and others. Muslim Americans have an opportunity to help foster positive economic and social impact for the Muslim community and society at large, through their buying potential and active involvement in living halal.

Speakers: Raft-uddin Shikoh, Nadeem Siddiqui, Donald Sgontz

Moderator: Yvonne Maffei

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11:30 AM – 12:45 PM



SESSION 12H

Walking Gently on Earth

As Muslims, we are called upon by Allah to walk gently on earth. This session will engage leading environmental activists and thought leaders in our community on how we can build a green-friendly culture from our homes, our Mosques, and beyond. Spiritual tools and practical advice will be shared.

Speakers: Saffet Catovic, Inayet Sahin

Moderator: Nana Firman

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11:30 AM – 12:45 PM



SESSION 12J

**Transforming the Weekend School Experience:
Meeting the Needs of Today's Students**

Today's weekend school educator needs to be savvy and equipped with the right tools to address current challenges, like management and planning, and better prepare for forthcoming issues, like management and planning, and better prepare for forthcoming issues like educating the Muslim student. Educators working in the field will use a hands-on approach to coach participants in the three sessions listed below. Participants will take away practical tools and templates on how students learn at different stages of development, samples of varying assessments, and basic instruction on how to incorporate technology in a weekend school classroom.

Speakers: Tasneema Ghazi, Habeeb Quadri, Samana Khan

Moderator: Sufia Azmat

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11:30 AM – 12:45 PM 	SESSION 12K Influence of Turkish-American NGOs into the American Culture and Daily Life Importance and influence of NGOs are undeniable all over the world. This session will bring an overview to the influences of Turkish NGOs on American daily life. Speakers will try to address those questions: How organized they are? Is their contribution to the American Society adequate? What are the drawbacks they are faced in their activities? What are their short, mid and long term plans? <i>Speakers:</i> Mehmet Demiroglu, Mehmet Aktas, Bilgin Edogan, Sakir Yucel <i>Moderator:</i> Murat Kose	414AB
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM 	SESSION 12L AMSET Session III: Information Superhighway and Social Media This session will touch upon issues vital to a successful information superhighway and its impact on education, technology and social media. Topics will include connectivity/e-learning, education/future technologies, and networking within academia and current corporate environment. <i>Speakers:</i> Iqbal Unus, Mohammed N. Islam, Zahed Huq <i>Moderator:</i> Mohammad Alam	415AB
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM 	SESSION 12M Meet the Author: New Books in Academia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Awakening of Muslim Democracy: Religion, Modernity and the State, <i>Jocelyne Cesari</i> • Muslim American Women on Campus, <i>Shabana Mir</i> • Islam, Gender and Migrant Integration: The Case of Somali Immigrant Families, <i>Nahla Al-Huraibi</i> • Muslim and American Popular Culture, <i>Rebecca Hankins</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Patricia Anton	311AB
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Zuhr Prayer and Lunch	
2:00 – 3:45 PM 	SESSION 13A ISNA and YOU: A Town Hall Forum This is your opportunity to engage ISNA leadership in a substantial and meaningful conversation about the future of ISNA and its role in the lives of Muslim Americans. You will hear the annual report from ISNA's president for the year gone by and plans for the future. While only members may vote, all convention attendees are encouraged to attend and learn more about ISNA's activities and participate in the conversation. <i>Speakers:</i> ISNA Leadership <i>Host:</i> ISNA Executive Director, Hazem Bata	430AB

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SESSION 14A

So, Where's God in All of This?

In public debates and discussions, Islam is often spoken of more as an identity than a system of beliefs and morals. In the age of secular humanism, is liberalism or conservatism the litmus test for “good” or are there other divine values that should guide Muslim life and culture in America today?

Speakers: Sherman Jackson, Aminah McCloud

Host: Sohaib Sultan

Hall C

4:00 – 5:15 PM



SESSION 14B

Islamic Higher Education:**Professionalizing Leadership, Service and Activism**

Muslim American communities are increasingly seeking relevant Islamic higher education. A number of institutions nationwide now provide undergraduate and graduate degrees that equip emerging Muslim leaders with a well-rounded education, and prepare them for meaningful careers in various fields, including chaplaincy, organizational management, academia and public service. Learn how these institutions seek to promote religious literacy among Muslims and others, advance interfaith relations, and equip emerging leaders to meet critical challenges within our communities and positively shape our societal context.

Speakers: Rami Nashashibi, Jihad Turk, Zaid Shakir, Feryal Salem

Host: Sami Catovic

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4:00 – 5:15 PM



SESSION 14C

Keeping Half of Your Deen

“Marriage is half your religion,” advised the Prophet Muhammad (s). But, maintaining a healthy marriage and preventing divorce requires that couples receive education, skills, and resources to prepare them for the long road ahead. This session will take from some of the most thorough research conducted on the topic to date and offer practical advice for couples to stay happy and together.

Speakers: Amal Killawi, Hamada Hamid, Yaser Birjas

Host: Dalia Mogahed

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4:00 – 5:15 PM



SESSION 14D


Raising the Next Generation of Ali's and Fatima's

Ali and Fatima (May Allah be well pleased with them) were among the greatest examples of youth raised in the household of the Prophet (s). One of the greatest challenges that we face today is raising righteous and mature children in North America. This conversation will focus on nurturing a culture that honors the passage of boys and girls into men and women.

Speakers: Altaf Husain, Muhammad Mendes,
Heather Laird-Jackson, Najah Bazzzy

Hosts: Habeeb Quadri, Fatima Salman

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4:00 – 5:15 PM 	SESSION 14E Towards Peace in Palestine <p>This past Ramadan the people of Gaza suffered through yet another tragic massacre in the ongoing conflict with Israel. Peace in and for Palestine is one of the most important international issues that requires the mobilization of Muslims in America. This interfaith panel will address how we as a Muslims and Americans can come together to meet the humanitarian and political rights of brothers and sisters in Palestine.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> An interfaith panel</p>	410B
4:00 – 5:15 PM 	SESSION 14F Family Friendly Masjid— A Community Center to Pray and Play <p>A Masjid should be a place that the community can worship Allah (SWT) in every way. It should be a family-friendly place that welcomes the whole family—children, parents, girls, boys, women, and men. It should have a community atmosphere with multiple activities and dynamic engagement of the community. It should be a place that welcomes friends and neighbors. It should be a place for interfaith and civic engagement. It should be a place for the family to “pray and play.” We will explore the examples, best practices, and lessons learned in developing a family-friendly masjid.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Rizwan Jaka, Waled Basyouni, Shakila Ahmad, Shirin Khan</p> <p><i>Host:</i> Rizwan Jaka</p>	330A
4:00 – 5:15 PM 	SESSION 14G Ask the Scholar: Q&A with the Fiqh Council Members <p>A special session with Islamic scholars and members of the Fiqh Council of North America on various issues which one faces in practicing Islamic principles in his/her daily life. Come prepared with your questions for our panel of scholars.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Muzammil Siddiqi, Jamal Badawi, Mohammad Nur Abdullah, Ihsan Bagby, Zainab Al-Alwani</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Zulfiqar Ali Shah</p>	310B
4:00 – 5:15 PM 	SESSION 14H Inner and Outer Dimensions of Zakat <p><i>Zakah</i> is an injunction mentioned over 30 times in the Quran. It comes from the root word that means “to purify.” We know that zakah is a means of purifying our wealth as well as our hearts. Come join us as we learn about the spiritual component of this pillar of Islam and connect the inner and the outer aspects of zakah.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Sultan Muhammad, Abdul Karim Yahya, Fahad Tasleem</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Safaa Zarzour</p>	411ABC

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SESSION 14J

Root Cause of Gender Gap in Muslim Majority Countries

When measured for economic participation, educational attainment, health and political empowerment, women in Muslim majority countries are generally lagging behind their male counterparts. No Muslim majority country is ranked in the top 30 countries with the least amount of gender disparity. In contrast, the 10 countries that are among the worst in gender equity are all Muslim majority. The highest ranked Muslim majority country, not from the former Soviet bloc, is Bangladesh. This panel will explore the root causes of gender disparity in Muslim majority countries and conduct a case study of Bangladesh, which despite poverty has been able to achieve greater parity for women than other wealthy countries.

Speakers: Mohammad Karim, Amaney Jamal, Parvez Ahmed

Moderator: Rashed Nizam

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4:00 – 5:15 PM



SESSION 14K

Reclaiming our Stories, Reclaiming Ourselves

An engaging and dynamic session in which participants are able to learn to tell their stories through different mediums, and then learn the most effective and successful ways to pitch their stories to mainstream outlets.

Presenters: Laila Alawa, Sharaf Mowjood

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4:00 – 5:15 PM



SESSION 14L

The Duty to Protect Religious Minorities

The beloved Prophet (peace be upon him) said, “Whoever violates the rights of the People of the Book, I will complain against them on the Day of Judgment.” Yet, these days we hear reports of attacks on Christians and other minorities from regions of the Muslim world. ISNA has been committed to standing up for religious minorities and working with others for their security, protection and respect in society.

Speakers: Robert George, Mohamed Elsanousi, Rashad Hussain, Manal Omar



Moderator: Catherine Osborn

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5:30 PM

Asr Prayer

Hall B

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6:00 – 7:30 PM 	MSA SESSION 15A The Role of the Muslim Student in the 21st Century <i>“And let there be [arising] from you a nation inviting to [all that is] good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and those will be the successful.” (3:104)</i> We have heard a variety of concerns, issues, and possible solutions. The question boils down to what our role as a Muslim student is, here and now. We must move forward in a proactive, authentic, and sustainable manner as we find the motivation to start and learn how and where to go from here. <i>Speakers: Zaid Shakir, Altaf Husain, Yaser Qadhi</i>	Hall C
7:40 – 8:30 PM 	SPECIAL SESSION Prayer of the Oppressed Throughout the world many of our brothers and sisters in Islam and in humanity have been facing very difficult times, they are facing war, violence, exploitation and all variety of oppression. This session is designed to bring our hearts together in prayer for those suffering from oppression through out the world by reading “The Prayer of the Oppressed” by Imam Muhammad al-Dari. Together we ask for forgiveness, mercy, justice, for well-being of our families, communities, countries, and the planet. We ask Allah to rectify all our conditions and to protect us from the harm.	On the River Walk, Outside the Atrium
8:30 PM	Maghrib Prayer	Hall B
9:00 – 11:00 PM	Entertainment This year’s ISNA entertainment promises to be great fun and enlightening. Your hosts for the evening, Azhar Usman and Tasleem Jamila, will take you on a journey through some of the best vocal art performers in Muslim America. You will experience classical, contemporary, hip hop, country and rock, and spoken word poetry all in one evening. These performances will inspire the theme — Elevating Muslim American Culture. You will want to be the first to arrive and the last to leave!	Hall C
9:00 – 11:00 PM	Bazm-e-Adab Mushaira Prominent local and international poets are invited to share their Urdu poetry to uplift the spirits of our attendees.	330A
11:15-12:15 PM	SPIRITUAL SESSION: For the Love of the Prophet (SAW) Over the past 1,400 years, many poets have written praise of the Messenger of Allah (Peace Be Upon Him). None has been more acclaimed than the Burdah of Imam Busiri. In this relaxed session, we will listen to that praise and short commentary along with other nasheeds from our reciters. <i>Speaker/Reciter: Abdul Karim Yahya, Muhammad Mendes</i>	Marriott Hotel— Mackinac Ballroom

Monday, September 1, 2014

9:00 – 11:30 AM

**Detroit Masjid Historic Bus Tour**

The bus will depart from the front of the Cobo Center at 9:00 AM, Please Sign Up at the MMCC Booth in the front of the bazaar.

Michigan's Muslim Community inherits a legacy reaching back to the 19th century. Muslims and proto-Islamic adherents built their homes and congregation sites throughout the region, leaving their marks throughout Metro Detroit. Monday's tour of masajid around Detroit offers a chance to visit the communities that came before ours and hear from modern congregants about the examples previous generations set as they lived, worked, and prayed here in Detroit.

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Visions of Peace:****Inward and Outward Dimensions**

This special session on Monday offers a once in a lifetime opportunity to learn from some of the greatest living African scholars of our time on how we can achieve internal and external peace during these troubled times of ours. You will not want to miss receiving these timeless jewels of wisdom.

Speakers:

- Amirul Mu'minin Shaykh as Sultan Muhammadu Sa'auduAbubakar III, the Sultan of Sokoto
- HRH Muhammad Samaila Mera
- Sheikh Bara Mbacke
- Sheikh Sidy Ahmed Sy
- Representatives from Tijani movement in Senegal, Nigeriaand Izala





Grand Ballroom AB

MSA National Continental Conference 2014

“Shifting Gears: Exploring the Evolving Muslim Identity”

[To the righteous it will be said], “O reassured soul, return to your Lord, well-pleased and pleasing [to Him], And enter among My [righteous] servants and enter My Paradise.” (89:27-30)

Our knowledge of the outside world depends on our modes of perception. We use our senses to grasp what the world around us is like. Yet, having our senses bombarded with unnecessary stimuli leaves our mind wandering. We lose sight of what our goals are in this world. However, by letting go of these distractions, we are able to see our greater purpose in this world so as to achieve the ultimate goal of Heaven. Imagine a world where all our worldly distractions have been taken away, and all that lies around us is motivation to perform our best. In order to succeed in this world, we must understand our Creator and love Him. Once this is achieved, everything else falls into place and the goal seems that much closer. God instilled in all of us to do good, but sometimes the illusions of this world tend to pollute that good in us. If you listen to the sound of your soul, you can hear the echoes of God’s word.

Session Key	
	ACTIVISM: These sessions give you practical tools and lessons to take back to campus.
	DISCUSSION & LEARNING: These sessions utilize audience interaction. Both speakers and attendees contribute.
	ISSUES & TRENDS: These sessions reflect what new trends effect Muslim Students across North America.
	SPIRITUAL: These sessions are meant to foster spiritual engagement and development.

Friday, August 29, 2014

4:00 – 5:30 PM

**Welcome to the 51st MSA Continental Conference:
Ice Cream Social**

Meet us after Jummah Prayer as we kick-off the conference with some ice-cream! Open to all MSA Students and volunteers. Meet other MSA Leaders, as well as the MSA National Leadership Team, and see what they have in store for you at this year's conference.

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5:30 – 6:45 PM

**MAIN SESSION 1****Intersection of Identity**

"Indeed the ends you seek are diverse." (94:4)

Muslim students are more than just "Muslim" and "students." How do different parts of our identity play a role in who we are, who we become, and how we embrace different parts of identity?

*ASL Interpreter will be present

Speakers: Nesreen Gusbi, Majed Mahmoud, Usama Canon

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7:15 – 8:15 PM

**BREAKOUT SESSION 1A****Identity Intersection: The Muslim American**

We live our lives normally as Americans and as Muslims. Sometimes we wonder if there is something more we should be thinking about. What are the unique identities of being an American practicing the Islamic faith and what do we need to implement daily to embrace both identities?

Speakers: Ali Altimimy, Hatem Bazian

140 F-G

7:15 – 8:15 PM

**BREAKOUT SESSION 1B****Character Critique— The Muslim Leader**

What does the ideal Muslim leader look like? When does a leader take initiative and when is it better to take the back seat? How does one continue work in the midst of burnout?

Speakers: Ingrid Mattson, Abdalla Idris Ali, Rumana Ahmed

140 A-E



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7:15 – 8:15 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 1C Networking: Pathways to working in Family Service An opportunity for those interested in working in family service to hear from professionals and current graduate students. Come to ask questions and network. <i>Speakers: Sameera Ahmad, Amal Kilawi, Altaf Hussain</i>	142
9:00 – 10:15 PM 	MAIN SESSION 2 Losing Yourself A difficult look at reality: Why are some of us abandoning our Muslim identity, what is the root cause and what are the trends of those leaving Islam? *ASL Interpreter will be present <i>Speakers: Mohamed Magid, Yasir Qadhi, Hamzah Maqbul</i>	140 A-E
10:30 – 11:30 PM 	Ask One, Ask All: FAQ asked of the Common Muslim These speakers will be given an opportunity to answer FAQs that Muslims get asked daily and to share how they would answer these questions. Many times we are asked questions that stump us or our answers are not justified. Here is an opportunity to ask questions, discuss answers, and learn some best practices on how to answer some tough or awkward questions. <i>Speakers: Yasir Qadhi, Maryam Amirebrahimi, Zaynab Ansari</i>	142
11:45 PM – 1:00 AM	Entertainment-Enlightenment Come enjoy talented artists as they preform songs, poetry, skits, and more. There is a suggested donation of \$5 and all money will go towards relief in areas around the world such as Gaza, Syria, Burma, and others. <i>Speakers: Saad Omar and Co.</i>	Mackinac Ballroom–Marriott







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Saturday, August 30, 2014

10:00 – 11:00 AM	TEA Talks: Getting to Know Their Story Bring yourself some tea or java and come see our version of a TED Talk. Each speaker chooses their own topic which can range from a personal story, a lifelong dream, a philosophy, advice, etc. Each talk will be roughly 15 minutes followed by Q&A <i>Speakers: Mohamed Almasmari, Suhaib Webb, Hadia Mubarak</i>	140 A-E
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 2A Identity Intersection— At the crossroad of Muslim and Ethnic Cultures <i>“O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you nations and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted.”</i> Culture can be a strong influence whether we realize it or not. This session examines the role that culture and race play in our interactions with other Muslims and in our own practices of being Muslim. How do and should we allow culture to impact our image, thinking, lifestyle, marriage, location of residence and choice of occupation? <i>Speakers: Dalia Mohaged, Yaser Birjas</i>	140 A-E
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 2B Character Critique: Who Am I and Who Do I Want to Be Does the “be yourself” motto apply all the time? How do I even know who I am? What role does self-reflection play traditionally and what factors should shape who I want to be? <i>Speaker: Mohamed Almasmari, Rami Nsour</i>	142
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 2C Networking: Pathways to Chaplaincy An opportunity for those interested in working in chaplaincy to hear from professionals and current graduate students. Come to ask questions and network. <i>Speakers: Tayssir Safi, Tahera Ahmed</i>	140 F-G
12:30 AM – 1:30 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 3A Identity Intersection: Marrying the “One” We all want to get married one day. Here, we explore why we want to get married, the qualities in a spouse that complement us, and ways to maintain realistic expectations for a spouse and marriage. <i>Speakers: Zaynab Ansari, Omar Mahmood</i>	140 A-E

TIME	EVENTS SPEAKERS MODERATORS	ROOM
12:30 AM – 1:30 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 3B Character Critique: The Muslim Global Citizen Our global village is experiencing a number of problems and strife that requires human will to address. Here, we provide a historical and contemporary overview of social activism for global causes. The focus will be on our responsibility and opportunities to serve. <i>Speakers: Saeed Khan, Rami Nashashibi</i>	142
12:30 AM – 1:30 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 3C Networking: Living on Campus Student panel will share their experiences and tips for living on campus, with time for Q&A. Parents also welcome. <i>Speakers: Isa Shakir, Maria Ahmed, Muneer Khalid</i>	140 F-G
2:00 – 3:00 PM 	MSA Leaders Lunch Networking opportunity for current MSA leaders from across the nation. Bring your own lunch	140 F-G
3:15 – 4:30 PM	MAIN SESSION 3 President Jimmy Carter's Address	Hall C
4:45 – 5:45 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 4A Identity Intersection: The Muslim's Social Media Persona The Muslim Social Media Persona: here, we examine how our social media presence presents who we are and how we can be authentic to our true identity online. How do we know when our online persona has started to drive us rather than us drive our online persona? <i>Speaker: Haroon Moghul</i>	140 A-E
4:45 – 5:45 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 4B Character Critique: Defining The Muslim Feminist What is the Muslim Feminist? This session examines Islam's viewpoint on the components that define feminism. <i>Speakers: Tamara Gray, Maryam Amirebrahimi</i>	142
4:45 – 5:45 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 4C Networking: Pathways to Government and Political Activism An opportunity for those interested in working in government and political activism to hear from professionals and current graduate students. Come to ask questions and network. <i>Speakers: Zaki Barzingi, Keith Ellison, Ghada Alkiek</i>	140 A-E
6:00 – 7:00 PM   	NETWORKING SESSIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Networking: Doctors <i>Speakers: IMANA, Jawad Shah</i> Networking: Lawyers <i>Speakers: NAML, NMLSA, Sehrish Siddiqui, Zahra Billoo</i> Networking: Business <i>Speakers: Muppies, Kenan Basha</i> 	140 F-G 140 F-G 142

7:15 – 8:30 PM



MAIN SESSION 3

Body Image: Reality and Standards

"We have certainly created man in the best of stature." (95:4)
Sex, Image and Society — where does society's widespread expectations of body image, sexuality and wealth fit in with an American Muslim's identity, modesty and purpose?
*ASL Interpreter will be present

Speakers: *Altaf Husain, Dalia Mogahed, Omar Suleiman*

140 A-E

11:15 PM – 12:30 AM

**Ask One, Ask All: Finding the "One"**

Bring your questions and concerns regarding the process of finding your spouse, exploring someone of interest and how to get to know someone through an acceptable way.

Speakers: *Altaf Hussain, Maryam Amirebrahimi, Yasir Birjas*

Mackinac Ballroom–
Marriott

11:15 PM – 12:30 AM

**Ask One, Ask All: Tackling Taboos**

Come with your taboo questions to get them answered in this open Q&A.

Speakers: *Subaib Webb, Zaynab Ansari, Omar Suleiman*

Cadillac Room–
Marriott

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Sunday, August 31, 2014		
10:00 – 11:00 AM	TEA Talks: Getting to Know Their Story Bring yourself some tea or java and come see our version of a TED Talk. Each speaker chooses their own topic which can range from a personal story, a lifelong dream, a philosophy, advice, etc. Each talk will be roughly 15 minutes followed by Q&A <i>Speakers: Yasir Qadhi, Dalia Mogahed, Rami Nsour</i>	140 A-E
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 5A Identity Intersection: The Muslim Interfaith Advocate As Muslims in America, we often get called upon to share our story as a misunderstood religious minority. This session explores ways to effectively participate in interfaith work while remaining true to an Islamic identity. <i>Speakers: Najah Bazzy, Paul Galloway</i>	142
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 5B Character Critique: Progressing Worship Just one month later and the Ramadan high is long gone. Come and receive tips on improving our relationship with God through a more focused prayer, enhanced supplication and other forms of worship. <i>Speakers: Majed Mahmoud, Tayssir Safi</i>	140 A-E
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 5C Networking: Studying Abroad An opportunity for those interested in studying abroad to ask questions and hear experiences from students who have. Parents are welcome. <i>Speakers: Nesreen Gusbi, Safa Omar, Ednan Haroon</i>	140 F-G
12:30 AM – 1:30 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 6A Identity Intersection: Going Back to the Source As American Muslims, we are challenged with juggling our various identities. Understand the guidance we have received from the Quran in order to embrace our various identities. <i>Speakers: Abdulkarim Yahya, Yaser Birjas</i>	140 A-E
12:30 AM – 1:30 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 6B Character Critique: The Conscious Consuming Muslim As Muslims, we are told we stand for social justice. We explore ways to practice social justice in our every day lives from the choices we make in our consumption of goods and foods. <i>Speakers: Inayet Sahin, Sarina Bajwa</i>	140 F-G

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12:30 AM – 1:30 PM

**BREAKOUT SESSION 6C****Networking: Media Professionals**

An opportunity for those interested in working in the media to hear from professionals and current graduate students. Come to ask questions and network.

Speakers: Mariam Sobh, Ajmal Zaheer, Salam Al-Marayati

142

1:30 – 2:30 PM

**Higher Education with a High Price Tag:
Student Loan Debt and Paying for College**

“How can I manage my student loan debt?” “What are my repayment options, even if I’m behind?” “How do I pay for college?” These are common and challenging questions facing college graduates and students all across the country today. Come and learn first-hand the answers to these important questions from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau – the only federal government agency focused exclusively on protecting YOU in the financial marketplace! This is a unique opportunity to learn about tools and resources available to help you navigate student loan debt repayment and what to consider when deciding to take a student loan. (This event is closed to the press).

Speakers: Angela Peoples, Policy Analyst,
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

140 F-G

1:30 – 2:30 PM

**#TrendingDiscussion**

Five roundtables with 5 different topics which have been trending in the Muslim social network in the past year. Bring your lunch and join the conversation in person. Seats limited. Five chairs per table, each with a moderator you’ll love.

Speakers: Zahra Billoo, Omar Mahmood

142

1:30 – 2:30 PM

MSA National Dialogue

MSA National wants to hear from you! Please join the MSA National Board as we discuss the future of the MSA. What would you like to see from MSA? How can we work together to achieve more?

140 A-E






3:00 – 4:15 PM

**MAIN SESSION 5****Identity Tested: Lessons from the Prophets**

“Indeed in the Messenger of Allah you have a good example to follow for the one who hopes for (the Meeting with) Allah and the Last Day, and remembers Allah much. (33: 21) Nobody had it more difficult than our beloved prophets, peace be upon them all. They managed to stay grounded in their identity while living as a religious minority, staying strong in adversity and living a life of service. What lessons can we take from their examples to apply in our daily lives as we attempt to understand ourselves and progress in society?

Speakers: Farhan Abdul Aziz, Omar Mahmood, Yaser Birjas

140 A-E

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4:45 – 5:45 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 7A Identity Intersection: The Spiritual and Ritual Muslim Most of us can quickly think of someone who is focused on spirituality vs. implementing the rituals of Islam. Come understand ways we can balance both while remaining focused on achieving the true purpose of life. <i>Speakers: Imam Tahir Anwar, Shadee Elmasry</i>	140 A-E
4:45 – 5:45 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 7B Character Critique: Reality of Muslim Stigma It's 2014 where anti-Muslim sentiment exists. Outreach works continues as does the stigmas. Explore solutions to strategically address the problem along with ways we can comfortably embrace an identity that is stigmatized. <i>Speakers: Zahra Billoo, Omar Mahmood</i>	142
4:45 – 5:45 PM 	BREAKOUT SESSION 7C Networking: Getting Involved in the Extracurricular An opportunity for those trying to figure out how to get more involved while balancing the demands of student life to hear from those students who have. Come to ask questions and to network. <i>Speakers: Isa Shakir, Maria Ahmed</i>	140 A-E
6:15 – 7:45 PM  	MAIN SESSION 6 The Role of the Muslim Student in the 21st Century <i>"And let there be [arising] from you a nation inviting to [all that is] good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and those will be the successful." (3:104)</i> We have heard a variety of concerns, issues and possible solutions. The question boils down to what our role as a Muslim student is here and now. We must move forward in a proactive, authentic and sustainable manner as we find the motivation to start and learn how and where to go from here. *ASL Interpreter will be present <i>Speakers: Zaid Shakir, Altaf Hussain, Yasir Qadhi</i>	Hall C



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MYNA Convention Program

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Five tracks to help you navigate the program schedule



LEARNING: These sessions are provided to enhance your Islamic knowledge.



ACTIVISM: These sessions are provided to give you the tools and motivation to get Islamically involved in your local community.






SOCIAL TRENDS: These sessions are provided to reflect how new trends have affected Muslim youth in America.



SPIRITUALITY: These sessions are provided to strengthen spiritual engagement and development.



ACTIVITY: These sessions are provided to engage youth in stimulating activities.

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Friday, August 29, 2014		
3:00 – 4:15 PM	ISNA OPENING SESSION Welcome address by Imam Mohamed Magid, ISNA President	Grand Ballroom AB
4:30 – 5:30 PM 	Muslim, or Nah? It can be easy to pick and choose what we like about our religion and not practice the things we think are hard. Yet, in the Quran it says to “enter into Islam wholly”. This session will teach and guide us on how we can follow our religion thoroughly. <i>Saad Omar, Imam Magid</i>	313 AB
5:30 – 6:15 PM	Asr & Lunch	
6:30 – 7:30 PM 	The Pursuit of Happiness We’re always told that materialistic happiness is short-lived because it depends on things or people that can be taken away from us at any time. As Muslims, how do we control ourselves in the dunya, instead of letting the dunya control us? What exactly and truly is happiness? This session will allow us to discover the Quranic definition of true happiness, and how we can apply it in our lives. <i>Mufti Kamani</i>	310 A
7:45 – 8:45 PM	Maghrib & Dinner	
9:00 – 10:30 PM 	MYNA Jam Join us for a night of fun and excitement as we listen to your favorite Islamic artists perform some of their work. <i>Your Favorite Islamic Artists</i>	313 AB



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Saturday, August 30, 2014

10:30 – 11:30 AM



Throwback to the Sahaba

Everyone knows who the homeboys of the prophet were. They demonstrated tolerance, honesty, and courage, even though they faced many challenges—yet we often forget that they, too, were human and made mistakes. Use this session to learn the stories of the Sahaba and how they overcame their own struggles.

Abdul Nasir Jangda

313 AB

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM



It's a Boy Thing

It's a no brainer that guys and girls are different. Boys like cars, snagging the latest gadgets and drowning in the latest video game. Come join us for a round table discussion open to topics of interest for all brothers. We'll explore anything ranging from gender relations to the latest technologies.

Mufti Kamani, Habeeb Quadri

310 A

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM



It's a Girl Thing

It's a no brainer that guys and girls are different. Come join us for a round table discussion to talk about feminism, gender relations, Muslimah fashion and more.

Zainab Salman, Melanie Elturki, Maryam Amirebrahimi

313 AB

1:00 – 2:00 PM



The Lifeline

The Qur'an is considered to be a rope to Allah SWT, a type of direct connection to Him. But it's hard to connect when we interact with it so infrequently. Use this session to realize it's time to open up to the words of Allah SWT and use them as our guiding light..

Abdul Nasir Jangda, Imam Suhaib Webb

310 A

2:00 – 3:00 PM

Lunch & Duhr

4:30 – 5:30 PM



Food for Thought

Mental health is a growingly important field of issues, especially important to understand with our increasingly hectic and ever-changing society. As mental health becomes an increasingly more relevant to youth issue, it is important to understand what our responsibilities are as Muslims to understand mental health situations and care for those facing mental health issues. Join as we talk about what steps are needed to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Omar Mahmood, Nadine Abu Jubara

310 A

5:30 – 6:00 PM

Asr

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6:15 – 7:45 PM



MIST Mini-Tournament

MYNA is proud to partner with MIST (the Muslim Inter Scholastic Tournament) to offer a series of competitions to allow attending youth to artistically express themselves. Join us for a demonstration of the artistic talent of Muslim youth through 2D and 3D art, photography, and spoken word! Winners will be announced briefly after the competition.

310 A

8:00 – 9:00 PM

Maghrib & Dinner



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10:30 – 11:30 AM



ACE Your College Applications – SECRETS from Harvard & Yale Insiders.

Set yourself apart with the right high school plan and high-impact college application. The panelists will share their insider knowledge on class selection and standardized tests; how to write outstanding essays, get glowing letters of recommendation, organize activities into strong resumes, research final list of first choice colleges, decide if early admission is right for YOU; and interview techniques that impress.

Amer Rehman, Zainab Khan

313 AB

10:30 – 11:30 AM



To Be Honest...

There are people in our lives that are part of our circle of concern. Our parents, siblings, friends, mentors, and relatives are amongst them. How can we make sure we are performing our duties towards them in order to keep our relationship with Allah strong, especially if they aren't always the easiest people to deal with?

Abdelrahman Murphy, Maryam Amirebrahimi

310 A

10:30 – 11:30 AM



Youth Director Networking Session

Are you a youth director at your local masjid? Come join The Majlis Youth Committee and the ISNA Youth Programming and Services Department as we host a networking session and discuss the problems and challenges that come up as youth workers, and how we can help you and how you can help one another.

*Youth Programming and Service Department,
Majlis Youth Committee*

312 B

11:50 AM – 12:50 PM



God, Are You There?

Sometimes we may feel spiritually numb when trying to connect with Allah SWT. Shaytan's insidious ways cause us to feel distant from the comfort in faith we used to know. This session will provide us with the necessary steps to achieve a stronger relationship with Allah SWT.

Imam Zaid Shakir

310 A

12:55 – 1:55 PM

Dhuhr & Lunch

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM



#TheStruggleIsReal

Join us in this open space to discuss how you feel about the present-day pressure of being a Muslim. Discuss with us any issues you've encountered with family or peers. Our team of MYNA counselors will provide their input by guiding conversations and helping you with issues they've encountered through their own experience. Topics: Family issues, social media, school/identity, peer pressure, etc.

Speakers: MYNA Advisors and Counselors [Abidah Ali, Asif Akhtar, Tesneem Alkiek, Wardah Khalid, Muneer Khalid]

310A

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3:10 PM – 4:00 PM	Red, White and Blue... and Muslim Too! You are a citizen of the United States, but what exactly does that mean? Nowadays there aren't many people open to learning about Islam and its teachings. There has to be some way to change that, right? It starts with you. Understand and realize what rights you have as a Muslim American teen and what responsibilities are placed on you to best represent that identity. <i>Speakers: Linda Sarsour, Zahra Billoo, Amal Ali</i>	310AB
3:00 – 4:00 PM	MYNA Alumni Meetup No longer camper aged? Not a problem! Come join us in reminiscing about the good old camp days and reconnecting with friends, advisors, and counselors.	313 AB
4:15 – 5:15PM 	Putting the YOU Back in Youth Programming DMH workshops require active participation ONLY. Welcome to a crowd workshop where you will be challenged to think differently about youth programming in your community. Are you getting what you need as a Muslim American youth? What kind of youth program will embrace your identity, strengths and weaknesses while also developing you into the best version of yourself? Put your thinking caps on and delve into deep discussion and discovery with the Detroit Minds and Hearts fellowship. And remember, if you don't exercise your voice, someone else will do it for you. <i>Detroit Minds and Hearts</i>	310 A
5:30 – 6:00 PM	Asr	
6:00 – 7:00 PM 	The Salah Crisis It's happened to the best of us. We've all used the "in a little bit" excuse that pops up more than we would like to admit. Either we get caught up in work/school or it slipped our mind that we were supposed to pray. Learn the value, benefits, and blessings of prayer through this session. <i>Mufti Kamni</i>	310 A
7:10 – 7:55 PM 	Traveling the Straight Path Join us as we discuss the opportunities available with MYNA and how it can help guide youth along the straight path not only to understand essential Islamic principles and values, but also to provide platforms for expression of those values through activism and community engagement. <i>MYNA President, Habeeb Quadri</i>	313 AB
8:00 – 8:30 PM	Maghrib & Dinner	

Meet the Author

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11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

Marriage and Prosperity

SESSION 6M

Room 311AB

- ***Five Pillars of Prosperity: The Essentials of Faith-Based Wealth Building***
M. Yaqub Mirza
- ***Before You Tie the Knot: A Guide for Couples***
Salma Abugideiri and Mohamed Magid

Moderator: Nadia Bazzy

4:45 PM – 6:15 PM

Sharing our Narratives

SESSION 8N

Room 311AB

- ***Islam is a Foreign Country: American Muslims and the Global Crisis of Authority***
Zareena Grewal, Aminah McCloud
- ***The Bargain from the Bazaar***
Haroon K. Ullah
- ***EXTREMIST: A Response to Geert Wilders & Terrorists Everywhere***
Qasim Rashid

Moderator: Iqbal Unus

Sunday, August 31, 2014

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

New Books in Academia

SESSION 12M

Room 311AB

- ***The Awakening of Muslim Democracy: Religion, Modernity and the State***
Jocelyne Cesari
- ***Muslim American Women on Campus***
Shabana Mir
- ***Islam, Gender and Migrant Integration: The Case of Somali Immigrant Families***
Nahla al-Huraibi
- ***Muslims and American Popular Culture***
Rebecca Hankins

Moderator: Patricia Anton

Trends in Technology and Social Change

Association of Muslim Scientists, Engineers and Technology Professionals (AMSET)
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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4:45 – 6:15 PM

SESSION 8M

415AB

AMSET Session I: An Islamic Model of Technology-Based Entrepreneurship

This session will explore the Islamic constructs around Islam's support for entrepreneurial behavior, with particular reference to technology-based initiatives. Leveraging information from the life of the Prophet (saw), Qur'an, and hadiths, the speakers will explore an Islamic perspective on entrepreneurial behavior and how we can do good while doing well.

Speakers: Mohammad Alam, Yaqub Mirza, Miles Davis

Moderator: Shaik Jeelani

6:30 – 7:45 PM

SESSION 9L

412AB

AMSET Session II:

Robotics/Artificial Intelligence:

What Does the Future Look Like?

This session deals with the socio-economic effects of robotics and artificial intelligence (AI). As more and more tasks are performed by robots, will robots cause more joblessness or allow humans to pursue more challenging endeavors? In many countries, the population is aging rapidly, and robots are more often used to assist the elderly. What will the effects be on society from the increased use of household robots? AI has seen tremendous progress in the last decade, and this session discusses its benefits to society as well as its potential dangers.

Speakers: Iqbal Unus, Houssaine Waled, Mona Orady

Moderator: Sayid Masroor Shah

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11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

SESSION 12L 415AB

AMSET Session III:

Information Superhighway and Social Media

This session will touch upon issues vital to a successful information superhighway and its impact on education, technology, and social media. Topics will include connectivity/e-learning, education/future technologies, and networking within academia and the current corporate environment.

Speakers: Iqbal Unus, Mohammed N. Islam, Zahed Huq

Moderator: Mohammad Alam

ISNA-IMANA Healthcare Sessions and Health Fair

Saturday, August 30, 2014

7:30 AM – 12:00 PM	CME Session: Pre-registration required “End-of-Life Care and Bio-Ethical Decisions” <i>Faculty:</i> Hosam Fadel, Faroque Khan, Aasim Padela, Malika Haque, Hasan Shanawani “Living with High Blood Pressure” <i>Faculty:</i> Ayaz Samadani, Yousef Alyamen	Room: 320
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Reaching All HIV+ Muslims In America (RAHMA): Addressing HIV/AIDS, primarily in the American Muslim community through education, advocacy, and empowerment. <i>Panelists:</i> Khadijah Abdullah, President and Founder, RAHMA Karim Amin, Vice President, RAHMA	Room: 320
2:00 – 3:30 PM	Obamacare: What Does the Affordable Care Act Mean for You? This session will focus on Muslim community leaders’ roles in the rollout of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), aka “Obamacare.” The ACA is the most important health reform legislation since the enactment of Medicare and Medicaid in the 1960s, namely because of the “individual mandate” for universal coverage. Grassroots organizing by community leaders, in conjunction with government agencies, was key to successfully enrolling thousands of previously uninsured Americans in health care. Panelists will address what our communities should understand about health insurance under the new law: why it matters, what’s required, and what options are now available for both those needing insurance and those already insured. They will also share resources, strategies, and best practices for community-based outreach—both local and national—to improve healthcare access for all Muslim Americans. <i>Panelists:</i> Madiha Tariq, Umbereen Nehal, Ashley Allison, Lisa Carr, Sarah Dar	Room: 320
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Providing Affordable and Free Healthcare An interactive session designed to bring clinic founders, administrators, physicians, pharmacists, legal, and other experts together. There are multiple options to provide affordable healthcare clinics and healthcare provider networks. All stakeholders of established and underdeveloped clinics are encouraged to join. Those who are interested in providing access to healthcare to the underserved—or not served at all—would also benefit from this discussion and connect with experienced clinic administrators for advice and mentorship. <i>Moderators:</i> Sohaib Mohiuddin, Rasheed Ahmed	Room: 320

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10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Women’s Health: Annual Symposium on Women’s Health A women’s health talk by women, for women. Our panel of female doctors will discuss heart health, gynecological issues, and depression, a condition often overlooked. Being informed is being empowered, and knowledge is the first tool towards a healthier lifestyle. <i>Panelists:</i> Lubna Varcie-Zahir, Sabeena Rahman, Shamaila Khan	Room: 320
12:15 – 1:30 PM	Volunteering and Internship Opportunities for Healthcare Professionals in the US and Abroad <i>Panelists:</i> Imran Qureshi, Kanwal Chaudhry, Asif Malik, Ismail Mehr	Room: 320
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Medical Students & Physicians Networking: Come and network with medical students, medical residents, practicing physicians, and medical faculty. Exchange ideas and contacts. Pre-med students are welcome to join. Some of the practice areas: general internal medicine, cardiology, gastroenterology, pulmonary/critical care, pediatrics, general surgery, orthopedic surgery, radiology, pathology, dermatology, and neurosurgery. <i>Moderators:</i> Marium Husain, MD and Uzair Sarmast, MD	

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Sunday: August 31, 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM

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ISNA Workshops

The theme of this year's ISNA Convention, "GenerationsRise: Elevating Muslim American Culture", lends itself to embracing the artistic contributions made by Muslim Americans throughout the history of our country. The best way to experience art, and of course culture, is experiential. Thus, we have designed a series of workshops that allow participants to engage directly with the visual arts, poetry, storytelling, and how to pursue a career in the arts with integrity. Hands-on learning will be encouraged and facilitated.

Saturday, August 30, 2014

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| 10:00 – 11:15 AM | SESSION 5C
Writing Poetry from the Soul
Learn how to write poetry that reflects your thoughts, emotions, beliefs, and values while still retaining its quality. Participants should bring notebooks, pens, or tablets in order to write.
<i>Presenter: Mona Haydar</i> | 311AB |
| 6:30-7:45 PM | SESSION 9M
5 Keys to Learning Arabic Calligraphy
A hands on workshop that teaches students the basics of naskh calligraphy including standards introduced by American calligrapher Mohamed Zakaria. Participants are encouraged to bring notebooks and pens.
<i>Presenter: Faraz Khan</i> | 311AB |

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| 10:00 – 11:15 AM | SESSION 11E
Making the Best of Mobile Photography
These days everyone has access to a camera through their phone and photos are shared instantaneously. But what makes up a good photograph? Learn how to make the best of your mobile camera with photography basics. Participants must bring their own camera phones.
<i>Presenter: Mustafa Davis</i> | 413AB |
| 10:00 – 11:15 AM | SESSION 11F
Balancing Income and Integrity in the Arts
A career in the arts and/or media may sound intriguing, but how can you be financially successful in it while still staying true to your own values? This workshop is an interactive discussion with some tangible strategies for a successful career in the arts/media.
<i>Presenter: Yassin Alsalman</i> | 414AB |
| 4:00 – 5:15 PM | SESSION 14K
Reclaiming our Stories, Reclaiming Ourselves
An engaging and dynamic session in which participants are able to learn to tell their stories through different mediums, and then learn the most effective and successful ways to pitch their stories to mainstream outlets.
<i>Presenter: Laila Alawa, Sharraf Mowjood</i> | 413AB |