

Special Events

Announcements and Information

Friday, July 3

Time	Event	Room
3:00-6:00 PM	Connecting to Halal Halal Businesses Networking Forum	156

The parameters of Halal and Haram have been established for us from the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Messenger, *sallallahu alayhi wa salam*. Today, with nearly two billion Muslims spreading through every part of the world, the concept and application of Halal is increasingly being applied to many aspects of our lives, from food to fashion to finance.

In recent years, Halal is becoming the defining parameter of an emerging lifestyle, and therefore of an emerging market. The application of the Shariah to the commercial arena is an important and timely challenge for the Muslims, and represents a unique opportunity to play an essential contribution to restoring balance and harmony in these turbulent times.

This forum will explore the ways in which Halal has become a global movement, and the impact that it is having in North America. In addition, we will examine ways for the Muslim consumers to play an active role in defining and shaping this new market paradigm.

3:00-10:00 PM	Muslim Advocates & ISNA Leadership Development Center Workshops	152B
2:45 – 4:15 PM	Nonprofit Governance 101: What Every Muslim Nonprofit Leader Needs to Know	
4:15 – 5:15 PM	International Charitable Transactions and Operations	
5:30 – 7:30	Financial Best Practices for Muslim 501(c)(3)s	
9:00 – 10:30PM	Exploring the Best Practices for Governing our Mosques	

Saturday, July 4

9:00-10:30 PM	Special Film Preview Journey Into America	146AB
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Muslim scholar, Akbar Ahmed and his team set out on a cross-country journey to discover the United States with a team of young Americans. They visited over 70 cities and more than 100 mosques on an unprecedented project interviewing countless Americans in their homes, schools and places of worship. The film explores tensions between the ideals and realities of post-9/11 America for Muslims in the United States. This complete look at both Muslims in America and larger American Society gives us a complete look at the health of the United States today.

Panel Discussion to follow: Ambassador Akbar Ahmed, Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies, American University; Imam Mohamed Magid, Executive Director, ADAMS Center; Dr. Ingrid Mattson, ISNA President; Katty Kay, BBC News Anchor; Congressman, Kieth Ellison, (D-MN).

Islamic Art Exhibit

Appreciate the aesthetics of Islam expressed through Islamic artwork and encourage the spiritual creativity of Muslim artists.

TIME: Friday: 3:00 PM – 10:00 PM
 Saturday: 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM
 Sunday: 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM

LOCATION: Foyer of Hall D

Islamic Film Festival

Entertain the idea of acknowledging history, understanding societal issues, praising Islamic values and more through the works of Muslim filmmakers.

****Inaugural Session Saturday July 4th at 10:30 AM****

Defining Islam Through the Media

Panelists: Baber Ahmed, Jennifer Taylor, Jawad Abdur Rahman, Michael Wolfe

SHOWTIMES: Friday: 3:00 PM – 7:30 PM
 Saturday: 10:00 AM – 11:00 PM
 Sunday: 9:00 AM – 7:30 PM

LOCATION: Convention Center Room 101

ISNA Entertainment Session

Sunday July 5th

TIME: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

LOCATION: Convention Center Hall D

National Qira'at Competition

Hear the beautiful recitation of the Qur'an.

Youth competition in memorization, tajweed, and recitation of the Qur'an.

TIME: Saturday: 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM
 Sunday: 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM

LOCATION: Convention Center Room 102 B

ISNA Meet the Author

Come and converse with scholars, teachers, and academics who are contributing to the world of literature and publication pertaining to Islam in America. *Meet the Author* sessions present a wonderful platform to discover, share ideas, and highlight literary contributions to the community. Learn, network and be inspired.

Saturday , July 4:

Session I: 11:30am – 12:45pm

Islamic Children's Books

Sufiya Ahmed – *Zahra's First Term at the Khadija Academy*

Elwani Najawah – *Sophia's Journal: Timewarp 1857*

Hena Khan – *Night of the Moon: A Muslim Holiday Story*

Asma Mobin-Uddin – *A Party in Ramadan*

Session II: 3:00 – 4:30pm

Personal, Family and Social Issues

Meet the Author sessions present a platform to learn, share ideas and provide literary contributions to the community. Participants have the opportunity to meet with authors who have contributed to Islam and Muslims in America and around the world.

Mohamed Beshir - *When Muslim Teens Rebel: Causes and Solutions*

Mikal Naeem Nash - *Islam Among Urban Blacks*

Radwan Kouatli - *Live Your Life on Purpose*

Sidney Rahim Sharif - *Inmates Survival Handbook: An Islamic Perspective*

Sunday, July 5

Session III: 10:00 – 11:30am

Islamic Education

John Kiser – *Commander of the Faithful: the Life and Times of Emer Abd e-Kader*

AbduKader Sinno – *Muslims in Western Politics*

Yusuf Z. Kavakci – *Methodology of Islamic Research*

Session IV: 12:00 – 1:30pm

Women and Pursuits of Peace

Maryam Kabeer-Faye – *Journey Through Ten Thousand Veils*

Jamillah Karim – *American Muslim Women: Negotiating Race, Class, and Gender within the Ummah*

Cathy Sultan – *Tragedy in South Lebanon*

Session V: 4:00 – 4:30pm

Islam Yesterday and Today

Zulfiqar Ali Shah – *The Astronomical Calculations and Ramadhan: A Fiqhi Discourse*

Zaid Shakir – *Treatise for the Seekers of Guidance*

Warith-Deen Umar – *Jews for Salaam*

Louay Safi – *The Journey of Life as Told in the Qur'an*

Turkish Symposium

July 4-5 2009

Session-1- Educational and Social Problems of Turkish-American-Muslims in the USA: A Collection of Issues Reported by Community Leaders (ABD'deki Turk toplumunun egitim ve sosyal meseleleri- Gençlik, Aile, ve Eğitim Meseleleri)

Community leaders including Imams, Teachers, Directors will share their observations and experiences regarding the problems facing the Turkish-American-Muslims from different perspectives and regions.

Moderator: Murat Kose, *Founder and President, Nurtel Telecom, New Castle, DE*

Speakers:

Mehmet Aktas, *President of Religious Counsel, United American Muslim Association, Brooklyn, NY*

Halil Demir, *Executive Director, Zakat Foundation, Chicago, IL*

Bekir Aksoy, *President, Golden Generation Student Association, Philadelphia, PA*

Kadir Gunduz, *Religious advisor, Islamic Center of Pittsburgh, PA*

Kemal Bozkurt, *Editor & Publisher, Green Pages & Habername.com*

Mesut Hazar, *Correspondent & Reporter*

Session-2- Educational and Social Problems of Turkish-American-Muslims: Organizational Needs for Healthy Integration (ABD'deki Turk toplumunun egitim ve sosyal meseleleri- Saglikli Uyum için gerekli organizasyonlar)

Community leaders, thinkers and academicians will discuss organizational needs and alternatives to support and integrate the community, especially the youth, spiritually, socially, financially and politically

Moderator: Dr. Mehmed Demiroglu, *GE Research, Schenectady, NY*

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Mehmed Paçacı, *Professor, Ankara University (invited)*

Prof. Yusuf Ziya Kavakçi, *ISNA Shura Council Member; Scholar-in-Residence/Imam; Founder & Alim Program Teacher, Quranic Academy to raise Muslim Scholars; Founding Dean & Instructor, Suffa Islamic Seminary, Dallas, Texas, U.S.*

Dr. Merve Kavakçi, *George Washington University, ex-member of Turkish Parliament*

Dr. Gazi Erdem, *Religious Affairs attaché of NY Turkish Consulate, NYC*

Session-3- Strategies for Enhancement of Inner Strength of the Muslim Youth in the USA

(ABD'de yetisen gencliginin yetismesinde ruh dunyalarinin zenginlestirilmesi)

This panel will present fundamental, yet basic, guidelines for youth to enrich and strengthen their spiritual standing against the adversarial currents taking place within their larger society.

Moderator: Dr. Tuncay Bayrak, *Professor, Western New England College, Springfield, MA.*

Speakers:

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Professor Erdogan Gürmen, *Scientist & Social Adviser, GE Medical (retired)*

Shayk Kasim Kopuz, *Imam and Hafiz, Islamic Organization of Southern Tier, Binghamton, NY.*

Ali Aiello, *Mechanical Engineer and Social Adviser, Iowa*

Session-4- Social Problems and Solutions to the Turkish-American-Muslims: (ABD'deki Turk toplumunun egitim ve sosyal meseleleri)

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**2009 ASSOCIATION OF MUSLIM SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS
CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

Friday, 7/3/09

Session I: 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Networking and AMSE Business Meeting

Room 144C

Discussion on the importance of networking in the job market followed by the annual AMSE Business Meeting and election for the new AMSE executive committee.

Speakers: Khurshid A. Qureshi, Shaik Jeelani, Iqbal J. Unus

Moderator: Mohammad S. Alam

Saturday, 7/4/09

Session II: 10:00 – 11:15AM

Room 149AB

Improving Science and Technology Education in Developing Countries

This panel will focus on the growing disparity between the quality of science and technology education in the developed and developing countries, and possible ways to bridge this gap.

Speakers: Osman A. Shinaishin, Sayed A. Nassar, S. Malik

Moderator: Mohammad S. Alam

Session III: 3:15-4:30PM

Telecom Infrastructure Development in Developing Countries

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Telecom infrastructure is the lifeline of today's information technology dependent economy. This panel will focus on issues pertaining to the state of the art of telecom infrastructure in developing countries and the opportunities and challenges associated with more integrated and agile infrastructure development.

Speakers: Omar Atia, Sayed Nassar, Abdul Hossain

Moderator: Shaik Jeelani

Sunday, 7/5/09

Session IV: 10:00-11:15 AM

Renewable/alternate Energy for Developing Countries

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The opportunities and challenges associated with the development of renewable and alternate energy sources in developing countries will be discussed in this session.

Speaker: Saifur Rahman

Moderator: Mohammad A. Karim