

55TH ANNUAL ISNA CONVENTION

AUGUST 31 –
SEPTEMBER 3, 2018

IN GOD WE TRUST

And put your trust in God,
and enough is God as a
disposer of affairs.
(Qur'an 33:3)

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HOUSTON, TX 77010

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PROGRAM



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ISLAMIC SOCIETY OF
NORTH AMERICA

ISNA SPECIAL EVENTS

Basketball Tournament/Clinic for Boys & Girls

(Organized by One Athletics and Bilqis Abdul-Qaadir)

Onsite Registration for Basketball at Booth #6130 on First Floor, Hall E
Registration fee will be \$10 per player

A basketball tournament/clinic for boys and girls will be arranged on First Floor, Hall C at the following times:

Men's Basketball Tournament (16 years and older):

Sunday, September 2nd (2:00 – 6:00 PM)

Boys Basketball Tournament (11 – 15 years old):

Saturday, September 1st (4:00 – 8:00 PM)

Girls Basketball Clinic (8 years and older) with Bilqis Abdul Qaadir:

Saturday and Sunday September 1st – 2nd (10:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

Film Festival

The Film Festival is organized on Saturday and Sunday (September 1 – 2, 2018). The Film Festival provides access to producers and directors for Q&A at the end of the film. The film schedule is below. The selected movies and documentaries will be played at the convention. Producers and directors will be given an opportunity to talk about the movie as well as to answer questions from the attendees. Featuring two feature films and one short film.

THIS YEAR'S FILM FESTIVAL SCHEDULE • LOCATION: LEVEL 3 – 352 DEF



HASSAN V. NYPD

SATURDAY: 6:30 – 7:15 PM

SUNDAY: 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

Synopsis: In a Pulitzer Prize-winning series of stories, the Associated Press revealed through leaked documents that the New York Police Department (NYPD) had secretly launched a vast program of human mapping and surveillance carried out by a so-called “demographics” unit that targeted Muslim communities in New York, New Jersey, and beyond. Hassan v. NYPD tells the dramatic story of how ten New Jersey plaintiffs – a group of imams, college students, business owners, school teachers, and a U.S. army sergeant – came together to stand up to the NYPD in a critical fight for equal protection under the Constitution and how they won.



THE JUDGE

SATURDAY: 2:15 – 3:30 PM

SUNDAY: 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Synopsis: In a land where women rarely ascend to the ranks of governance, Kholoud Al-Faqih becomes the first woman judge appointed to any of the Middle East's Shari'a courts. THE JUDGE offers a unique portrait of Judge Kholoud—her brave journey as a lawyer, and her tireless fight for justice for women.



LAST WALK IN THE MOSQUE

SATURDAY: 4:15 – 5:30 PM

SUNDAY: 2:15 – 3:30 PM

Synopsis: On the evening of January 29, 2017, a lone gunman entered an Islamic center and opened fire shortly after the end of the evening prayers. Six worshippers were killed and nineteen others injured. A whole community, a city, an entire country are left in shock. Four months later the survivors of the tragic attack and the families of those who perished deliver the journey of their grief.

ISNA SPECIAL EVENTS



HEALTH FAIR WITH BLOOD AND BONE MARROW DRIVES

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
FRIDAY STARTING AT 2:30PM, SATURDAY & SUNDAY STARTING AT 9:00 AM
GEORGE R BROWN CONVENTION CENTER
LEVEL 2
SERVICE

With the help of Shifa Clinic, Ibn Sina Clinic, various health care services and first aid will be available.

ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
8:00 – 9:00 AM
HILTON 3RD FLOOR 346A
WOMEN'S ONLY

Hour long Cardio/Zumba Class (Women's Only) by Acapella Dance Fitness



FOOD PACKAGING EVENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
8:30 AM
GEORGE R BROWN CONVENTION CENTER
LEVEL 2
SERVICE PROJECT

Attendees can help assemble kits for the homeless in partnership with SEARCH Homeless Services.

CARNIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
GEORGE R BROWN CONVENTION CENTER
LEVEL 1, HALL D
SPECIAL EVENT, REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Bounce houses, slides, face painting, and fun activities for children ages 2 – 12.
\$10/day/child for unlimited access
Registration is on-site at the carnival



GUIDANCE RESIDENTIAL PRESENTS THE ISNA CHEF CHALLENGE COORDINATED BY HALOODIE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
GEORGE R BROWN CONVENTION CENTER
LEVEL 1, HALL D
SPECIAL EVENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 4:00 PM

Come and cheer on Preacher Moss and a Special Surprise Guest as they compete in the food court in the ISNA Chef Challenge!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 3:00 PM

Join Local Houston Chefs and cheer on your favorite for Round 2 of the The ISNAChef Challenge.

BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 • 4:00 – 8:00 PM

MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 • 2:00 – 6:00 PM

GEORGE R BROWN CONVENTION CENTER • LEVEL 1, HALL C

SPECIAL EVENT, REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Boys basketball tournament organized by OneAthletics
Register at bazaar booth 6130, \$10 per person



ISNA SPECIAL EVENTS



ALMOST MIDNIGHT COMEDY SHOW

BY ALLAH MADE ME FUNNY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

11:30 PM – 1:00 AM

GEORGE R BROWN CONVENTION CENTER,

3RD FLOOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SPECIAL EVENT, REGISTRATION REQUIRED

\$20/attendee, \$30/non-attendee

Register online at www.ISNA.net/comedy-showcase or at the door

5K FUN RUN BENEFITTING MEALS ON WHEELS HOUSTON*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:00 – 9:00 AM

DISCOVERY PARK

SPECIAL EVENT, REGISTRATION REQUIRED

5K fun run to benefit Interfaith Ministries program Meals on Wheels.

Timed run, with bibs.

Police to block streets around the beautiful Discovery Green in Downtown Houston!

\$20 per person



ADAM'S WORLD LIVE PRESENTED BY SOUND VISION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

1:00 PM AND 4:00 PM

GEORGE R BROWN CONVENTION CENTER,

LEVEL 2 MEZZANINE C

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



Adam, the beloved star of Adam's World, is a young Muslim puppet, learning about his religion and culture while growing up in the West. But Adam is in trouble! He's being picked on by a Big Bad Bully. What can he do? Come find out in "Adam's World Live," a travelling, television-quality show at the ISNA Convention.



GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

GEORGE R BROWN CONVENTION CENTER

LEVEL 1, HALL C

SPECIAL EVENT, REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Girls basketball camp with Bilqis Abdul Qadir

Register at bazaar booth 6130, \$10 per person

MUSHAIRA – URDU POETRY SYMPOSIUM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:30 PM – 10:30 PM

GEORGE R BROWN CONVENTION CENTER,

3RD FLOOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

URDU LANGUAGE EVENT

Mushaira organized by ISNA and International Academy of Letters USA.

International Mushaira



ISNA SPECIAL EVENTS



Islamic Arts Society

Islamic Arts Program

Saturday, September 1 and Sunday, September 2 • 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Level 1 Main Lobby

Islamic Arts Exhibition:

ISNA is collaborating with Islamic Arts Society for this year's Art Exhibit. We will have interactive art classes, art displays and sales, live demonstrations, and live, evolving mural. Come and enjoy the rich tradition of Arts in Islam. Open to Public. You can buy art created by renowned artists.

Artists:	Type of Artwork:
Aadil Abedi/Ruby	Mixed Media
Altan ErginKoc	Ceramic
Basma Amro	Woodwork
Fadi Amirah/Hani Shaabi	Mixed Media
Haji Noor Deen	Calligraphy
Hina Chowdhury	Acrylic
Lobna Elfoly	Mixed Media
Morad Jasim	Ceramic
Mustafa Bhatti	Calligraphy
Nabil Afifi	Mixed Media
Saima Khan	Mixed Media
Samar Babar	Mixed Media
Sana Mirza	Traditional Calligraphy
Shaheen Rahman	Ebru

Live Art Demonstrations:

Ebru Art:

A live demonstration of centuries old Turkish art of paper marbling known as EBRU.
Experience the magic of colors on water.

Main Lobby, level 1

12:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 6:00 PM. Saturday the 1st of September and Sunday the 2nd of September.

Live Calligraphy:

Have your name or a favorite Dua written by our master Calligraphers.
Something to keep and cherish for years to come!

Main Lobby, Level 1

11:00 AM till 2:00 PM & 5:00 PM till 8:00 PM, Saturday the 1st of September and
Sunday the 2nd of September.

ISNA SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, September 1 • 11:00 AM, 1:00PM, 5:30 PM and 8:00PM
Level 1 Main Lobby

Harmony of Qalams:

A live, evolving mural of Islamic Calligraphy. Various artists will be contributing towards a homogenous final mural over the days ISNA is held – incorporating a variety of styles into an amalgamation of Islamic Calligraphy and art.

Art Classes:

Introduction to Islamic Calligraphy:

Learn the basics of contemporary Islamic Calligraphy through expert guided instruction.
Register for class at our FB page and ISNA website or just scan the QR Code.



Class room 380A.
2:00 PM
Saturday September 1st.
Introduction to Islamic Calligraphy:
Learn the basics of traditional Islamic Calligraphy through expert guided instruction. Register for class at our FB page and ISNA website or just scan the QR Code.

Class room 380A.
3:00 PM
Saturday September 1st.
Turkish Paper Marbling (Ebru):
Workshop for ages 15 and above. Students will learn basic concepts and techniques involved in this Islamic art form of Turkish paper-marbling.

Class room 380A.
2:00 PM
Sunday September 2nd
Islamic Geometric Art:
Geometric designs are an integral part of traditional Islamic Art. Learn to create mesmerizing and vibrant geometric patterns.

Class room 380A.
4:00 PM
Sunday September 2nd

Muslim Hackathon / Tech Talks / Coding Bootcamp



Sunday
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
LEVEL 3 – 380 CD
Muslim Hackathon (Coding Competition)
Learn & Build the App for UMMAH and win prizes.
FREE Swag – FREE T-Shirt – Cash Prizes & Drones
FACILITATOR: **Mohammad Azam**
More details visit ISNA website or Scan QR code.

Sunday
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
LEVEL 3 – 380 CD
Coding Bootcamp
Bring your laptop and learn & develop your first web page (HTML5 / CSS3) and build your first mobile app.
Get Started with Windows Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence sample project.
FACILITATOR: **Mohammad Azam, Omar Barlas, Uthaman Apatira**

Sunday
12:15 PM – 1:30PM
LEVEL3 – 380 CD
Tech Talks:
Learner Startups - Technology
Innovation - Strategies in a Fast Paced World
Privacy and Ethical Data Science Considerations
FACILITATOR: **Mohammad Azam**
SPEAKERS: **Junaid Ali, Uthaman Apatira**

Sunday
3:00 – 3:45 PM
LEVEL 3 – 380 CD
Blockchain & Block Reward:
How to Make Money Mining Crypto Coins
(Bitcoin & ALT coins) SPEAKER: **Mohammad Azam**

1:30 – 2:30 PM
LEVEL 1 HALL C

JUMU'AH PRAYER

KHATEEB: **Azhar Azeez**, ISNA President

3:00 – 4:00 PM
LEVEL 3 – 361
OPENING SESSION

Recitations from the Holy Quran —

Welcome Address – Azhar Azeez, ISNA President

- **Altaf Husain**, ISNA Vice President and Program Committee Chair
- **Zeyn Patel**, Houston Steering Committee Chair
- **MJ Khan**, President of ISGH

MODERATOR: **Habibe Ali**

4:15 – 5:15 PM
LEVEL 3 371 ABDE
TALK SHOW

YEAR IN REVIEW

Newsmakers

PANELIST: **Lisa Vogl, Khaled Beydoun, Zahra Billoo**

HOST: **Safiah Chowdhury**

5:30 PM
LEVEL 1 HALL C

ASR PRAYER

5:45 – 7:00 PM
LEVEL 3 361
LECTURE

God as Our Protector and Guardian

- God Will Deliver Us Out of Difficulty – **Rania Awaad**
- God is Sufficient as a Guardian and Protector – **Muhammed Nur Abdulla**

MODERATOR: **Sehrish Siddiqui**

7:45 PM
LEVEL 1 HALL C

MAGHRIB PRAYER

8:00 – 10:00 PM
LEVEL 3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FAMILY MOVIE

Bilal: A New Breed of Hero

Q&A PANEL: **Alex Kronemer**

FACILITATOR: **Abdalla Idris Ali**

8:00 – 9:15 PM
LEVEL 3 361
TALK SHOW

Nations, Tribes, and Internalized Racism

SPEAKERS: **Dawood Yasin, Shaun King, Abdul El Sayed, Omar Suleiman**

HOST: **Dalia Fahmy**

10:00 PM
LEVEL 1 HALL C

ISHA PRAYER

6:15 AM

FAJR PRAYERSpiritual Talk (Hilton Hotel) – **Hassan Aly**Spiritual Talk (Marriott Hotel) – **Ahmed Alamine**10:00 – 11:00 AM
LEVEL 1 HALL A&B
LECTURE**Historical Role Models**Hajar, peace be upon her – **Tamara Gray**Prophet Musa, peace be upon him – **Shamsi Ali**MODERATOR: **Mariam Noor**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
LEVEL 3 – 352 DEF

FILM & DISCUSSION

The Sultan and the Saint

A discussion on how Evangelical Christians and Muslims have successfully built bridges will follow the film.

PRESENTERS: **Bob Roberts, Aneelah Afzali,
Alexei Laushkin, Rashed Fakhruddin**MODERATOR: **Daniel Tutt**10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
LEVEL 3 – 380 BCD

MUSLIM LEGAL FUND OF AMERICA, INC.

Legal Clinic

Legal clinics will include senior level immigration, civil rights and nonprofit business attorneys.

FACILITATED by MLFA10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
HILTON HOTEL 343 AB*Registration will open at 9:00 AM***Qira'at Competition***18 years old and under to compete*

11:15AM –
12:45PM

LEVEL 3
362 ABDE
LECTURE

SPIRITUAL SERIES PART 1

Diseases of the Heart

Greed – Abdalla Idris Ali
Anger – Aameena Jandali

11:15AM –
12:45PM

LEVEL 3
372 ABDE
LECTURE

SEERAH SERIES PART 1

Stories from the Seerah

Rejection – Yasir Qhadi
Forgiveness – Zaynab Ansari

MODERATOR: Asra Ali

11:15AM –
12:45PM

LEVEL 3
360 BCEF
TALK SHOW

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Syrian Crisis

SPEAKERS: Mazen Charbak,
Ghassan Hitto,
Muna Jondy,
Bassam Rifai

11:15AM –
12:45PM

LEVEL 3
362 CF
ARABIC

LANGUAGE SESSION

الثقة بالله

SPEAKERS: Hanaa Gamaal,
Waleed Basyouni,
Elsayed Mohamed

11:15AM –
12:45PM

LEVEL 3
360 AD
LECTURE

COMMUNITY SESSION

Raising Youth in America

- Building Connection and Character – Sameera Ahmed
- Improving Communication and Resolving Conflict – Asma Mobin-Uddin

MODERATOR: Ghulam Bakali

11:15AM –
12:45PM

LEVEL 3
372 CF
PANEL

FIQH SESSION

Fiqh Council Q&A

SPEAKERS: Muzammil Siddiqi,
Zulfiqar Ali Shah,
Zainab Alwani

MODERATOR: Pervez Nasim

11:15 AM –
12:45 PM

LEVEL 3
361
TALK SHOW

COMMUNITY SESSION

#MeToo Movement

SPEAKERS: leasha Prime,
Tamara Gray,
Rami Nsour

Host: Amaarah Decuir

11:15AM –
12:45PM

LEVEL 3
370 AD
PANEL

ISLAMINSPANISH

Encomendarse a Alá Únicamente

SPEAKERS: Abdurahman Vega,
Jalil Navarro

Moderator: Erika Perez-Negron

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM

LEVEL 3
371 CF

LECTURE

BAYAN CLAREMONT

Creating a Dynamic Muslim Youth Culture

This session will explore best practices in passing on the faith for families and communities.

SPEAKER: **Jihad Turk**

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM

LEVEL 3 – 352 A

ROUNDTABLE

ISNA INITIATIVE CHAPLAINCY

Establishing Best Practices for Muslim Chaplains

This group of chaplains and MH Providers will discuss various situations when these two professions typically either come together to collaborate solutions or unintentionally find themselves in conflict delivering services to those in need.

FACILITATORS: **Rania Awaad, Tahara Akmal, Ali Candir, Asma Hanif, Ibraheem Abdur-Raheem, Abdul-Rasheed Muhammad**

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM

LEVEL 3
352 B

ROUNDTABLE

The Sisterhood of Salaam and Shalom

Join Muslim and Jewish sisters, to discuss building chapters across the U.S. to help foster understanding and bring an end to hate.

FACILITATORS: **Nabila Mansoor, Emily Deakins**11:15 AM –
12:45 PMLEVEL 3
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PANEL

MEET THE AUTHOR

Family, Faith, and Community

- American Family – **Khizr Khan**
- Young Muslim America: Faith, Community, and Belonging – **Muna Ali**
- An Acquaintance – **Saba Syed**

MODERATOR: **Arshia Wajid**

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM

LEVEL 3
371 ABDE

TALK SHOW

COMMUNITY SESSION

Global Social Enterprises

SPEAKER: **Shahed Amanullah, Lisa Vogl, Yasmeen Tadia, Mehboob Ali, Irfan Alam**

HOST: **Akram Syed**11:15 AM –
12:45 PMLEVEL 3
352 C

ROUNDTABLE

ISNA INITIATIVE: MENTAL HEALTH

Muslim Marriage Crisis: Issues and Interventions

This roundtable will address many issues facing Muslim marriages and look at what solutions and interventions organizations are providing.

FACILITATOR: **Sadia Jalali**11:15 AM
12:45 PMLEVEL 3
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PANEL

ANNISA

Spiritual Bypass

In times of crisis it is easy to turn to religion, bypassing psychological help or needs. This session will show why it is important to also get psychological help along with turning to religion.

SPEAKERS: **Ketam Hamdan, Ahmad Khan, Shama Rasheed**

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM

HILTON HOTEL

3RD FLOOR ROOM 340 AB

Career Opportunities in Cloud Computing and Data Sciences

- Cloud Computing and Applications for Jobs of the Future – **Abdul Wahab**
- Artificial Intelligence with Applications in Deep Learning, Data Science – **Mo Medwani**

MODERATOR: Dawood Ahmed

11:30 – 12:30 PM

LEVEL 3

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PANEL

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Islamic Investment – Prosper in this Life and the Hereafter

SPEAKERS: Mohamad Nasir, Salah Obeidallah, Azam Nizamuddin

MODERATOR: Mohamed Nasir

Doors open at 12:30 PM

Entrance by ticket only

1:00 – 3:00 PM

HILTON HOTEL

LEVEL 2 BALLROOM

Community Service Recognition Luncheon

The Community Service Recognition Luncheon (CSRL) is an inspiring celebration where a prestigious group of the nation's Muslim leaders, speakers, scholars, and community members join to honor an individual dedicated to community service.

Co-hosted by the ISNA Founders' Committee

GUEST SPEAKERS: Shaun King, Rashida Tlaib

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Mehdi Hasan

Message from ISNA President Azhar Azeez

1:30 PM

LEVEL 1 HALL C

DHUHR PRAYER

Agriculture * Computer Science * Dentistry * Economics * Education * Engineering * Finance * Food Technology * Forestry * Human Services

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APPLY TODAY: ISNA.AWARDSPRING.COM

Islamic Studies * Journalism * Mathematics * Medicine * Nursing * Nutrition * Pharmacy * Political Science * Veterinary Science

2:00 –
3:30 PMLEVEL 3
360 BCEF

PANEL

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Yemen

SPEAKERS: **Mohamed Almasmari, Anwar Khan**
 MODERATOR: **Ayman Kabire**

2:00 –
3:30 PMLEVEL 3
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PANEL

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Leadership Evolution

SPEAKERS: **Jaime Mujahid Fletcher, Adnan Jalali**
 MODERATOR: **Diana Cruz**

2:00 – 3:30 PM

LEVEL 3 – 372 CF

PANEL

ISNA INITIATIVE: ISLAMIC HORIZONS

Muslim Media: Challenges and Prospects

This panel will discuss ways to strengthen these publications and the need for using other innovative modern media platforms to enhance Muslim media's role with Americans at large.

PANELISTS:

Marcus Funk, Arsalan Bukhari, Omer Bin Abdullah

MODERATOR:

Iqbal Unus2:00 –
3:30 PMLEVEL 3
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PANEL

COMMUNITY SESSION

Unheard Voices: Perspectives from Under-Represented Minorities

SPEAKERS: **Shamsi Ali, Megan Elizabeth, Tawakaltu Busari**
 MODERATOR: **Yunus Khaerisman**

4:30
5:30 PMLEVEL 3
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BANGLA

LANGUAGE SESSION

নৈতিক মূল্যবোধের অবক্ষয়

SPEAKERS: **Muhammad Ataul Karim, Sabina Siddiqui, Abu Baker Ahmed**

FACILITATOR: **Rashed Nizam**2:00 PM –
3:30 PMLEVEL 3
360 AD

LECTURE

COMMUNITY SESSION

My Story

Why I Chose Islam –
Abdullah Oduro
 Challenging Family Dynamics –
Hazel Gomez

2:00 –
3:30 PMLEVEL 3
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TALK SHOW

Psychological Effects of the Hook-up Culture

SPEAKERS: **Hena Zuberi, Dawood Yasin, AbdulNasir Jangda**
 HOST: **Maysan Haydar**

2:00 –
3:30 PMLEVEL 3
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PANEL

BAYAN CLAREMONT

Providing Solace, Spiritual Care, and Mental Health Support

Our community is more willing to seek support to deal with traumas, mental health issues, and spiritual challenges. Learn how we as a community can support chaplaincy efforts.

SPEAKERS: **Tahara Akmal, Hamada Hamid Altalib, Ingrid Mattson**
 MODERATOR: **Munir Shaikh**

2:00 –
3:30 PM

LEVEL 3
372 ABDE

LECTURE

MENTAL HEALTH

Comprehensive Social Services for Domestic Abuse Survivors

Immigration– **Hareema Mela**
Social Services – **Hind Jarrah**
Mental Health – **Sadia Jalali**

MODERATOR: **Irfana Hussain**

2:00–
3:30 PM

LEVEL 3
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LECTURE

COMMUNITY SESSION

Respecting Our Elders

Understanding Our Social Obligations – **Mazhar Kazi**
Why it Matters: Care and Prevention – **Farida Kassim Ejaz**

MODERATOR: **Arshia Wajid**

2:00 –
3:30 PM

HILTON HOTEL

3RD FLOOR
ROOM 340 AB

New Frontiers in Cancer Diagnostics and Biosensors

Nanotechnology for Early Cancer Diagnosis – **Samir Iqbal**
Biosensor Research and Graduate Education – **Hasina F. Huq**

MODERATOR: **Sohel Anwar**

2:00 –
3:30 PM

LEVEL 3
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TALK SHOW

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The Impact of Public Islamophobia

Join us as we discuss the findings from ISPU's third annual American Muslim Poll that compares attitudes across religious groups and measures anti-Muslim prejudice in America.

PANELIST: **Khalid Griggs, Zahra Billoo, Khalid Beydoun**

HOST: **Dalia Mogahed**

2:00 –
3:30 PM

LEVEL 3
352 A

WORKSHOP

ISNA INITIATIVE: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

How to Do Faith-Based Advocacy Effectively

TRAINERS: **Colin Christopher, Sara Swetsoff, Wardah Khalid, Afif Rahman, Nadia Mozaffar**

SPEAKERS: **Rashida Tlaib, Abdul El-Sayed, Zulfat Suara, Mansoor Khadir**

2:00 – 3:30 PM

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PANEL

MEET THE AUTHOR

Children's Books

Nanni's Hijab – **Khadijah Abdul Haqq**

The Blessed Banana – **Tayyaba Syed**

Meet Yasmin! – **Saadia Faruqi**

MODERATOR: **Freda Shamma**

2:00 – 3:30 PM

LEVEL 3
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ROUNDTABLE

ISNA INITIATIVE: GREEN MASJID

Renewing Our Green Heritage for Existing Mosque

FACILITATORS: **Saiyid Masroor Shah, Nana Firman, Ihsan Baghy**

2:15 –
4:15 PM

LEVEL 3
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PANEL

SPONSORED BY GUIDANCE COLLEGE

Tools and Resources to Prepare Professional Muslim Teachers

Two national Muslim journalists will discuss the need to elevate Muslim stories in an era of heightened Islamophobia and anti-Muslim rhetoric.

SPEAKERS: **Hamed Ghazali, Amy Barnhill, Noor Mobeen, Main Alqudah**

2:00 –
3:30 PM

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PANEL

2018 Elections: Getting out the Vote

SPEAKERS: **Salam AlMarayati, Wa'el Elzayat**

MODERATOR: **Umarah Zakaria**

**4:00 –
5:30 PM**

**LEVEL 3
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LECTURE

SPIRITUAL SERIES PART 2

Diseases of the Heart

- Pride – **Mohamed Magid**
- Envy – **Hasib Noor**

MODERATOR: Hajjah Kamara

**4:00 –
5:30 PM**

**LEVEL 3
372 ABDE**

LECTURE

SEERAH SERIES PART 2

Stories from the Seerah

- Racism – **M. Nur Abdullah**
- Gratitude – **Altaf Husain**

MODERATOR: Nadim Islam

4:00 – 5:30 PM

**LEVEL 3
360 BCEF**

PANEL

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Kashmir: Tale of Subjugation and Resistance

Human rights violations in Kashmir are systematic and officially sanctioned. Despite sanctions, the situation continues to deteriorate and international intervention is needed.

SPEAKERS: Ghulam N. Mir, Masrur Javed Khan, Imtiaz Khan

MODERATOR: Ghulam Nabi Fai

4:00 – 5:30 PM

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SISTERS' PANEL

ISLAM IN SPANISH

Thank You for Your Deeds

SPEAKER: Sadia Jalali, Paulina Rivera

MODERATOR: Estefania Gonzalez

**4:00 –
5:30 PM**

**LEVEL 3
ROOM 361**

TALK SHOW

COMMUNITY SESSION

Suicide

A candid discussion on the signs, prevention, and aftermath of suicide.

SPEAKERS: Hooman Keshavarzi, Sameera Ahmed, Kameelah Rashad

HOST: Tahir Anwar

**4:00 –
5:30 PM**

**LEVEL 3
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PANEL

MUHSEN

An Imam, a Mom, an Advocate and a Guide Dog

This session will take a look at the power of diversity when it meets the beauty of inclusion.

SPEAKERS: Suhaib Webb, Yadira Thabata, Hussain Kamani, Zeba Khan, AbdelRahman Murphy

MODERATOR: Joohi Tahir

**4:00 –
5:30 PM**

**LEVEL 3
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TALK SHOW

CIVIL DISCOURSE

Humanity and Security: Can we have both?

SPEAKERS: Amina Ishaq, Tara Turk-Zafraan, Sofia Kamal

HOST: Sherif Zafraan

4:00 –
5:30 PMLEVEL 3
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PANEL

CIVIL DISCOURSE

Covering Islam in the Age of Trump

Two national Muslim journalists will discuss the need to elevate Muslim stories in an era of heightened Islamophobia and anti-Muslim rhetoric.

PANELISTS: **Rowaida Abdelaziz, Anam Siddiq**4:00 –
5:30 PMLEVEL 3
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LECTURE

COMMUNITY SESSION

Reflections on Islam in AmericaHistorical Role Models for Today's Female Muslim Leaders – **Jamillah Karim**Islam in America's Past, Holds Key For Its Future – **Wazir Ali**
Islamic Activism, Past, Present, and Future – **Ieasha Prime**MODERATOR: **Abdullah Rasheed**4:00 –
5:30 PMLEVEL 3
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PANEL

CIVIL DISCOURSE

No Muslim Ban EverSPEAKERS: **Gadeir Abbas,
Zahra Billoo,
Linda Sarsour,
Khizr Khan**MODERATOR: **Arsalan Safiullah**4:00 –
5:30 PMLEVEL 3
352 B

ROUNDTABLE

ISNA INITIATIVE:
MENTAL HEALTH**Muslim Marriage Crisis:
Issues and Interventions**

This roundtable hopes to shed light on issues facing Muslim marriages and look at interventions.

FACILITATOR: **Rania Awaad**4:00 –
5:30 PMLEVEL 3
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PANEL

MEET THE AUTHOR

Muslim Resources

- Islamically Integrated Psychotherapy: Uniting Faith and Professional Practice – **Carrie York Al-Karam**
- Inheritance Laws and the Islamic Will – **Abdul Majid Khan**
- The American Masjid – **Riad Ali**

MODERATOR: **Iqbal Unus**4:00 –
5:30 PMLEVEL 3
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ROUNDTABLE

ISNA INITIATIVE: MASJID DEVELOPMENT

**Issues in Masjid Governance:
Best Practices and Case Studies**

Join the discussion on the good, bad and ugly of masjid constitutions, organizational structures and masjid operations.

FACILITATORS: **Rafik Beekun, Asra Ali, Mazen Asbahi,
Atiya Aftab, Ihsan Bagby**4:00 –
5:30 PMHILTON HOTEL
3RD FLOOR
ROOM 340 AB**Cybersecurity: Impact on American Muslims**Big Data Stream Analytics for Cyber Security – **Latifur Khan**
Cybersecurity – Threat for all Ages and All Businesses – **Muneer Baig**MODERATOR: **Rasheed Rabbi**

4:15 –
5:15 PM
LEVEL 3
362 ABDE
PANEL

SPONSORED BY WAHED

Digital Halal Investing: Past, Present, and Future

PRESENTERS: **Yasir Qadhi, Saad Zariff, Aris Parvizi**

MODERATOR: **Salaudeen Nausrudeen**

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2:15 –
4:15 PM
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SPONSORED BY GUIDANCE COLLEGE

Tools and Resources to Prepare Professional Muslim Teachers

SPEAKERS: **Hamed Ghazali, Amy Barnhill, Noor Mobeen, Main Alqudah**

4:00 – 5:30 PM
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LANGUAGE SESSION

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SPEAKERS: **Muzammil Siddiqi, Mazhar Kazi, Farhat Shamsi**

FACILITATOR: **Ghalib (Victor) Begg**

5:30 PM
LEVEL 1 HALL C

ASR PRAYER

5:45 –
7:00 PM
LEVEL 1
HALL A & B
TALK SHOW

Unapologetically Muslim

Join this engaging discussion comparing the common values of Islam and the American ideals of justice, fairness, and freedom.

SPEAKERS: **Linda Sarsour, Zaid Shakir, Rashida Tlaib, Dalia Mogahed, Mehdi Hasan, Mujahid Fletcher**

HOST: **Yasmin Elhady**

7:45 PM
LEVEL 1 HALL C

MAGHRIB PRAYER

8:00 –
10:00 PM
LEVEL 1
HALL A & B

In God We Trust

And put your trust in God, and enough is God as a disposer of affairs. (al-Qur'an 33:3)

SPEAKERS: **ISNA President Azhar Azeez, MSA Chair Sofina Qureshi, MYNA President Ozair Hasan, Zaid Shakir, Dalia Mogahed, Yasir Qadhi, Omar Suleiman**

MODERATOR: **Sana Baban**

10:00 PM
LEVEL 1 HALL C

ISHA PRAYER

6:15 AM

FAJR PRAYER

Spiritual Talk (Hilton Hotel) – **Mohamed AlMasmari**
 Spiritual Talk (Marriott Hotel) – **Mohammad Qatanani**

9:00 –
9:45 AMLEVEL 1
HALL A&B
PANEL**Confident Muslim**

SPEAKER: **Tahera Rahman**
 FACILITATOR: **Omar Suleiman**

10:00 –
11:00 AMMAIN HALL A & B
LECTURE**The Challenge of Pluralism in the 21st Century**

- Islam and Pluralism in the Context of Multiple Modernities – **John Esposito**
- Justice and Pluralism in the West: Myth or Reality – **Dalia Fahmy**

MODERATOR: **Abdul Alim Khandekar**10:00 AM –
5:00 PMLEVEL 3
380 CD**Muslim Hackathon Competition and Tech Talks**

Please join & learn about Startups, Blockchain, Cryptocurrencies & ICOs

FACILITATOR: **Mohammad Azam, Junaid Ali, Uthman Apatira,**
Omar Barlas, Nazia Mohamadi

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

HILTON HOTEL
343 AB**Qira'at Award Ceremony**

Please join as we recognize the accomplishments of our youth.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Saad Hassanin**MODERATOR: **M. Farooq Malik**

**11:15 AM –
12:45 PM**

**LEVEL 3
362 ABDE**

LECTURE

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SPIRITUAL SERIES PART 3

Diseases of the Heart

- Lust – **Yasir Qadhi**
- Gluttony – **Ameena Jandali**

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MODERATOR: **Rashed Nizam**

**11:15 AM –
12:45 PM**

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LECTURE

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SEERAH SERIES PART 3

Stories from the Seerah

- Power – **Dalia Fahmy**
- Trust – **Javaid Siddiqi**

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM

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TALK SHOW

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CIVIL DISCOURSE

**Reaching Persuadable Americans:
Why Conservatives Matter**

Most Americans have never met or spoken to a Muslim. If we're going to confront hate, that needs to change. Join America Indivisible for a live recording for the Neighborly Faith Podcast to discuss how engaging "persuadable Americans," conservatives, and others across ideological and partisan lines is critically important today.

SPEAKERS:

Dalia Mogahed, Bob Roberts, Anwar Khan

PODCAST HOST:

Kevin Singer, Chris Stackaruk

**11:15 AM –
12:45 PM**

**LEVEL 3
370 AD**

LECTURE

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SESIÓN DE HERMANAS

**Obteniendo Conocimiento
Actuando con Sabiduría**

SPEAKERS: **Paulina Rivera,
Sadia Jalali**

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MODERATOR: **Vilma Santos**

**11:15 AM –
12:45 PM**

**LEVEL 3
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PANEL

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Palestine

SPEAKERS: **Amer Zahr,
Hatem Bazian,
Linda Sarsour**

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MODERATOR: **Samia Assed**

**11:15 AM –
12:45 PM**

**LEVEL 3
361**

TALK SHOW

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COMMUNITY SESSION

**"Where are you REALLY...
from?"**

Join this session discussing how to best navigate intrusive questions from the ummah.

SPEAKERS: **Shamsi Ali, Iman
Yunus, Tawakaltu Busari,
Yunus Khaerisman**

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HOST: **Muhammad Yunus**

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM

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DOCUMENTARY

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ISNA INITIATIVE: CLIMATE CHANGE

The World as Our Mosque

A documentary film on Houstonian Muslims and Hurricane Harvey, presentations will highlight ISNA's groundbreaking survey on climate change in the Muslim community and sustainable actions we can all take.

SPEAKERS:

**Colin Christopher, Anita Fe'te Crews, Tamika
Evans, Zainul AbedinPale**

Nana Firman Salar Khan,

**11:15 AM –
12:45 PM**

**LEVEL 3
360 AD**

PANEL

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ISNA INITIATIVE:
MENTAL HEALTH

**Intimacy in Marriage:
A Two Way Street**

SPEAKERS: **Omar Husain,
Sadia Jalali**

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MODERATOR: **Safiya Ravat**

11:15 AM –
12:45 PM

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PANEL

COMMUNITY SESSION

**Challenges and Successes of the
Muslim American Woman**

- Inspiring Women in field of Education – **Jamillah Karim**
- Be the Change: Impacting social justice – **Kameelah Rashad**
- Sisterhood in Action: Reaching Our Full Potential – **Ieasha Prime**

MODERATOR: **Aiesha Rasheed**

11:15 AM –
12:45 PM

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ROOM 360
BCEF

PANEL

CIVIL DISCOURSE

Political and Religious Identities

Under Current Administration Policies
and Through 2018 Elections

SPEAKERS: **Linda Sarsour, Nihad Awad**

HOST: **Azhar Azeez**

11:15 AM –
12:45 PM

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PANEL

ELHIBRI

The Urgency to Serve Now

A panel discussion about the need for human capital in American Muslim
community nonprofits

SPEAKER: **Iltefat Hamzavi, Altaf Husain, Suzanne Barakat,
Kalia Abiade**

MODERATOR: **Farhan Latif**

11:15 AM –
12:45 PM

LEVEL 3
352 A

ROUNDTABLE

TAIBA

Female Inclusion

What does Inclusion mean for women in the Muslim community? How is
it defined? How can we better provide programs and services in our prayer
spaces and third spaces?

FACILITATORS: **Nadeen Mustafa, Suzanne Itani, Tehmina Masud**

11:15 AM –
12:45 PM

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PANEL

MEET THE AUTHOR

America: How We Got Here

- My Story as a Muslim Immigrant – **Basheer Ahmed**
- Born With Wings: The Spiritual Journey of
Modern Muslim – **Daisy Khan**

MODERATOR: **Maysan Haydar**

11:15 AM –
12:45 PM

LEVEL 3
352 B

ROUNDTABLE

ISNA INITIATIVE: GREEN MASJID

Global Climate Change – Islamic Declaration and Our Role

FACILITATOR: **Awadh Binhazim, Abdullah Faiz Rahman,
Saiyid Masroor Shah**

11:30 – 12:30 PM

LEVEL 3
ROOM 342BE

LECTURE

SPONSORED BY AMANA MUTUAL FUNDS

Islamic Investing and Finance 101

Attend this session to learn about some of the basics and why so many people are taking advantage of faith based investing and finance.

SPEAKER: **Owaiz M. Dadabhoy**

MODERATOR: **Amjad M Quadri**

11:30 – 12:30 PM

LEVEL 3 342 CF

LECTURE

SPONSORED BY GRAND MEDINA RESORTS:

The Global Growth of Halal Tourism

SPEAKER: **Zafir Rashid**

MODERATOR: **Rebecca Garner**

1:00 – 3:00 PM

HILTON
2ND FLOOR – BALLROOM

Young Professionals Luncheon

Recitation of the Holy Qur'an

SPEAKERS: **Lisa Vogl, Sherif Zaafran, Saleha Khumawala**

MODERATOR: **Rehan Aslam**

1:30 PM

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DHUHR PRAYER

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ISNA

BUSINESS SESSION

ISNA and You: General Assembly

Join ISNA leadership in a meaningful conversation about the future of ISNA and its role in the lives of Muslim Americans. All convention attendees are encouraged to attend and learn more about ISNA.

HOSTED BY: **ISNA Leadership**

2:00 – 3:30 PM
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LECTURE

ISLAMINSPANISH

Critics Don't Own You

SPEAKERS: **Jameel Besada, Craig Considine, Isa Parada**

MODERATOR: **Jaime "Mujahid" Fletcher**

2:00 – 3:30 PM
LEVEL 3 360 AD
PANEL

NEW STAR KAFALA

Engaging the Community in Building Foster Care Support

SPEAKERS: **Amy Bezecny, Saira Shah, Ateka Zaki,**
Former Foster Care Youth

MODERATOR: **Sarah Haider**

2:00 – 3:30 PM
LEVEL 3
371 ABDE
TALK SHOW

ISPU

Pride and Prejudice: The Impact of Internalized Bigotry

Join us as we unpack media coverage and political rhetoric and the impact it is having on us.

PANEL: **Kameelah Rashad, Omar Suleiman, leasha Prime**

HOST: **Dalia Mogahed**

2:00 – 3:30 PM
LEVEL 3
372 CF
PANEL

ISNA INITIATIVE: MASJID DEVELOPMENT

Realizing the Prophetic Masjid

Join us to discuss how to make our masjids more welcoming, inclusive, and dynamic.

SPEAKERS: **Ihsan Bagby, Asra Ali, Mohamed Magid**

MODERATOR: **Atiya Aftab**

2:15 – 3:15 PM
LEVEL 3
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PANEL

SPONSORED BY EMGAGE

Organizing Engagement in the Age of Hate

SPEAKERS: **Vetnah Monessar, Mohamed Gula**

2:00 –
3:30 PM
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PANEL

CIVIL DISCOURSE

Activists and Scholar Tensions

SPEAKERS: **Dawood Yasin, Tamara Gray, Yasir Qadhi**

MODERATOR: **Hazem Bata**

2:00 – 3:30 PM

**LEVEL 3
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LECTURE

ART & CULTURE

Intersection of Chinese and Ottoman Culture

PRESENTER: Haji Noor Deen Mi Guang Jiang

MODERATOR: Kashif Irfan

2:00 – 3:30 PM

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LECTURE

COMMUNITY SESSION

Healthy Families

SPEAKERS: Sameera Ahmed, Faraz Khan, Ameena Jandali

MODERATOR: Muna Jondy

2:00 – 3:30 PM

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360 AD**

PANEL

MUHCEN

Hidden in Plain Sight

Find out how SEEMA, a new organizational arm of MUHCEN, supports Muslim families across the U.S. who are hiding from the shame and stigma of mental illness in their own lives.

SPEAKERS: Omar Husain, Sarah Sultan, Naureen Ahmed

MODERATOR: Saima Ahmed

2:00 – 3:30 PM

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PANEL

MEET THE AUTHOR

Current Affairs

- Shariah: What Everyone Needs to Know – **John Esposito**
- Islamophobia: Understanding the Roots and Rise of Fear – **Khaled Beydoun**
- RISE UP: Knowledge Ends Extremism – **Daisy Khan**

MODERATOR: Maaria Mozaffar

2:00 – 3:30 PM

**LEVEL 3
362 ABDE**

PANEL

INSTITUTE OF MUSLIM MENTAL HEALTH

Models of Delivering Mental Health to the Muslim Community

SPEAKERS: Hamada Hamid Altalib, Osman Ali, Farha Abbasi

**2:00 –
3:30 PM**

**LEVEL 3
352 A**

ROUNDTABLE

CIVIC DISCOURSE

Elevating the Muslim Voice Within National Media

Join us as we discuss how to pitch stories, address what journalists look for in a pitch, how to amplify the work the Muslim community, and break the cycle of negative stories

FACILITATOR: Rowaida Abdelaziz

**2:00 –
3:30 PM**

**LEVEL 3
352 B**

ROUNDTABLE

EL-HIBRI

Working Together in the American Muslim Nonprofit Sector

Discussing opportunities and barriers for greater collaboration in the American Muslim nonprofit sector.

FACILITATOR: Farhan Latif and El-Hibri Staff

**2:00 –
3:30 PM**

**LEVEL 3
352 C**

ROUNDTABLE

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MUSLIM LAWYERS (NAML)

Leading Muslim Lawyers in a Time of Need

Leaders of Muslim bar associations and Muslim public interest lawyers will discuss the opportunities and challenges posed by an ever-growing and increasingly vibrant American Muslim legal community.

FACILITATOR: Sehrish Siddiqui, Salman Azam

2:15 – 3:15 PM
LEVEL 3 – 342 BE
PANEL

SPONSORED BY INDIAN MUSLIM RELIEF & CHARITIES

Defeating Hate. Challenges of Islamophobia in the US and India

SPEAKERS: **Manzoor Ghori, Hatem Bazian**

MODERATOR: **Maqsood Quadri**

4:00 – 5:00 PM
LEVEL 3 371 ABDE
TALK SHOW

COMMUNITY SESSION

Keeping Faith

Join this thoughtful discussion on ways to build, maintain and keep our faith during easy and difficult times.

SPEAKERS: **Zaynab Ansari, Sayyid M. Syeed**

HOST: **Suzanne Barakat**

4:00 – 5:00 PM
LEVEL 3 ROOM 361
PANEL

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Standing for Rohingya

Join this panel, discussing options for government and civil society.

SPEAKERS: **Wakar Uddin, Sameer Hossain, Abdul Malik Mujahid**

MODERATOR: **Hena Zuberi**

5:15 PM
LEVEL 1 HALL C

ASR PRAYER

5:30 – 7:30 PM
LEVEL 1 HALL A&B
LECTURE

MSA SESSION

Generation Thrive: Our Ancestors Wildest Dreams

SPEAKERS: **AbdelRahman Murphy, leasha Prime, Yasir Qadhi**

MODERATORS: **Maheen Ahmed, Nimrah Riaz**

7:45 PM
LEVEL 1 HALL C

MAGHRIB PRAYER

8:30 – 10:30 PM
LEVEL 1 HALL AB

PRESENTED BY GRAND MEDINA RESORTS

Entertainment

QUR'AN RECITER – **Zaigham Butt**

Yasmin ElHady, Native Deen, Amal Kassir, Muhammad F.

Khaerisman, Deen Squad, Amer Zahr

EMCEE: **Preacher Moss**

10:30 PM
LEVEL 1 HALL C

ISHA PRAYER

6:15 AM

FAJR PRAYER

Spiritual Talk (Hilton Hotel) – **Zulfiqar Ali Shah**
Spiritual Talk (Marriott Hotel) – **Hasib Noor**

10:00 – 11:30 AM
LEVEL 3 371 ABDE
LECTURE

Knowing God

- Knowing God by His Names and Attributes – **Faraz Khan**
- Maintaining a Constant Connection with God –
Mohammed Wasim Khan

MODERATOR: **Badar Alam**

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
LEVEL 3 380 C
AWARDS

Muslim Hackathon Presentation Awards

FACILITATOR: **Mohammad Azam**

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
LEVEL 3 352 DEF
WORKSHOP

Pre-registration required

How to Debate Islamophobia

PRESENTER: **Mehdi Hasan**

1:30 PM
LEVEL 1 HALL C

DHUHR PRAYER

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IMANA PROGRAM

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

HILTON HOTEL

3RD FLOOR ROOM 340 AB

Understanding Contraception

Is contraception allowed in Islam? What options are available and how do they work? What if one spouse prohibits the other from seeking contraception? These common questions on contraception and more will be discussed by health professionals and Islamic scholars to shed light on this controversial topic.

PANELIST: **Dr. Sabeena Rahman, Dr. Anam Tariq, Dr. Amber Khan**

MODERATOR: **Marium Husain**

12:00 – 1:30 PM

HILTON HOTEL

3RD FLOOR ROOM 340 AB

Understanding Postpartum Depression

Postpartum depression is a common yet rarely discussed issue in all communities. In this session we will introduce signs and symptoms of postpartum depression, ways to cope and seek professional help, and how one's partner can learn best how to give support and recognize warning signs.

PANELIST: **Dr. Sabeena Rahman, Dr. Anam Tariq, Dr. Amber Khan**

MODERATOR: **Marium Husain**

2:00 – 3:30 PM

HILTON HOTEL

3RD FLOOR ROOM 340 AB

Being Muslim with Mental Illness

An informative and important session on understanding the importance of mental health. We will discuss mental health rights in Islam, the stigma of mental illness in our community, and ways to seek professional help and resources. Come hear from experts in the field. This will be followed by a Q&A session.

PANELIST: **Sadia Jalali, Dr. Amber Khan**

MODERATOR: **Marium Husain**

MSA National Welcome

GENERATION THRIVE: Our Ancestors' Wildest Dreams

This year's MSA National Convention theme is all about leaning into our rich histories as American Muslims. Who do we come from? Who were the leaders that defined what it means to be a Muslim in America and what were their visions for us today? Thinking about and honoring those who came before us, those whose footsteps we have followed and whose shoulders we have stood upon, where do we go from here? What will set our generation apart for the future American Muslims to come? What will they remember us for?

So much of our lineage in this country has been about survival, the establishment of institutions and communities to ensure the safety of both Muslims themselves and the message of Islam. But today, our generation is taking it a step further. We are not just interested in building masjid but creating engaging and incredible programming that is relevant. We are not simply concerned with having an MSA on campus but making sure that it is inclusive and open. We are not solely focused on establishing Muslim media platforms and institutions, but we are also concerned with art, music, literature, and creative ways to engage in social media. We do not want to simply survive but thrive as well.

We are Generation Thrive. Our ancestors worked tirelessly to grant us this moment. Now it is our time, to make them proud, and fulfill their wildest dreams for this wonderfully diverse, powerful, and rich community that we all share.

3:00 – 4:00 PM
ROOM 332

SESSION #1

MSA National Welcome

Celebrating New Muslims with Islam in Spanish

Coffee and a conversation in this casual but dynamic session.

FACILITATOR: **MSA National Conference Committee**

4:00 – 5:00 PM
ROOM 332

SESSION #2

The Road Less Traveled: Behind the Scenes

Come and join this roundtable discussion in partnership with Islamic Scholarship Fund.

SPEAKER(S): **Dalia Fahmy, Hatem Bazian**

MODERATOR: **Sofina Qureshi**

5:45 – 6:40 PM
ROOM 332

SESSION #3

Why Are People Leaving Islam?

In this session, Sh. Omar Suleiman will share some insight into the Doubt Surveys conducted by the Yaqeen Institute for Islamic Research.

SPEAKER(S): **Omar Suleiman**

MODERATOR: **Ali Fiaz**

6:40 – 7:30 PM
ROOM 332

SESSION #4

A Reason to Believe: Atheism and Doubt in God

Join us for a session where we will dive deep and unpack the answers together.

SPEAKER(S): **Faraz Khan, Dawood Yasin**

MODERATOR: **Sofiat Adegbindin**

8:00 – 9:00 PM
ROOM 332

SESSION #5

Are My Intentions Alright? Leadership Edition

Join us for a powerful session breaking down how we can de-center ourselves as we serve our communities and transform the way we think about leadership.

SPEAKER(S): **Dalia Mogahed**

MODERATOR: **Labib Ahmed**

9:00 – 10:30 PM

ROOM 332

SESSION #6

When Disaster Strikes:**How to Problem Solve On Campus and Off**

Join us as we learn how can we engage, resist, and cultivate empowered and meaningful communities.

SPEAKER(S): **Zahra Billoo, Linda Sarsour**

MODERATOR: **Kanza Jafri**

11:00 PM – 12:00 AM

ROOM 332 BROTHERS

ROOM 330 SISTERS

SESSION #7

Late Night Q&A

Join us for a late night discussion with a few of our esteemed guests, where we will engage in a comfortable Q&A style session.

SPEAKER(S): **Yasir Qadhi, leasha Prime**

MODERATOR(S): **Mona Hagmagid (Sisters) &
Muhammad Waleed Vohra (Brothers)**

9:00 – 10:00 AM
ROOM 332

SESSION #8

Behind the Handle: Social Media Panel

Sit down with our panelists as they answer your questions and tell us their individual experiences as Muslim influencers on social media. Stick around after for a meet and greet with our special guests.

SPEAKER(S): **Bushra Rashid, Mouadh Ayachi, Zainab Mabizari, Dania Abdi**

MODERATOR: **Sana Erabti**

10:00 – 11:30 AM
ROOM 332

SESSION #9A

THRIVE: What have you learned about it from our history?

Join us for a high energy, talk show style session where our panelists will share what they have learned about the word Thrive from our Muslim American Ancestry.

SPEAKER(S): **John Esposito, Abdul Nasir Jangda, & Dalia Fahmy**

MODERATOR: **Altaf Husain**

10:00 – 11:30 AM
ROOM 322

SESSION #9B

UT Austin Longhorn Reunion

The Longhorn Muslim Alumni Network is thrilled to invite all University of Texas Austin alums for an exciting Longhorn get together!

11:30 – 12:30 PM
ROOM 332

SESSION #10

Community Conversation: Liberal vs. Conservative MSA Culture

Join us for a facilitated group discussion and activity.

SPEAKER(S): **Abdelrahman Murphy, Mona Hagmagid**

MODERATOR: **Nabila Rahman Biju**

12:30 – 1:30 PM
ROOM 332

SESSION #11A

Upswing, Coming Back from Spiritual Downfall

Join us as we push ourselves to think deeply about our own spiritual growth.

SPEAKER(S): **Zaid Shakir**

MODERATOR: **Muhammad Waleed Vohra**

12:30 – 1:30 PM
ROOM 322

SESSION #11B

Leadership Workshop: Introduction to Conviction Circles by Yaqeen Institute

Join us for the opportunity to create or join your own conviction circle to foster your critical thinking skills and engage in self-development.

SPEAKER(S): **Tesneem Alkiek**

MODERATOR: **Ali Fiaz**

2:00 – 3:30 PM
ROOM 332

SESSION #12

What to look for in a Spouse: Marriage 101

Join us as we discuss practical tips for how to move forward with wisdom.

SPEAKER(S): **Mohamed Magid, Tamara Gray**

MODERATOR: **Sofiat Abegbindin**

3:00 – 4:30 PM
ROOM 332

SESSION #13

Aggie Muslim Alumni Network (AMAN): Houston Reunion

We are delighted to be invite our alumni from Texas A&M University to the largest Aggie Muslim Network Alumni Reunion!

3:00 – 5:00 PM
ROOM 322

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON ALUMNI INITIATIVE

Come enjoy great company, light snacks, and see what your University of Houston MSA has been up to!

3:30 – 5:00 PM
ROOM 332

SESSION #14

The Attitude of Gratitude

Join us for a vibrant talk show style session exploring this powerful concept.

SPEAKER(S): **Abdul Nasir Jangda, Ingrid Mattson**

MODERATOR: **Laiba Khan**

5:45 – 7:30 PM
ROOM 332

MSA NATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT

Join us for a phenomenal entertainment session with local talents and performers including spoken word, music, and more! There will be a short open mic portion in the beginning, see MSA National Information booth for more information if you have a performance based talent you would like to share.

EMCEE: **Tian**

11:00 PM – 12:00 AM
ROOM: 332

KAHOOT Tournament

Join us for a late night kahoot tournament with amazing prizes and all kinds of trivia, from the Seerah to Childhood Nasheed favorites. Come have fun, have snacks and meet fellow students from across the country!

FACILITATOR: **MSA National Conference Committee**

9:00 – 10:30 AM
ROOM 332

SESSION #14

What Prayer Can Do for You

How can we make salah a meaningful part of our lives, no matter how busy? Join us and find out in What Prayer Can Do for You.

SPEAKER(S): **Yasir Qadhi**

MODERATOR: **Labib Ahmed**

10:00 – 11:30 AM
ROOM 332

SESSION #15

Breaking the Silence: Sexual Health, Sexual Violence and Spiritual Abuse

Join us for a real conversation and workshop about sexual health, violence, and spiritual abuse that is relevant and urgently needed for us all.

SPEAKER(S): **Sahar Pirzada, Sameera Ahmed, Abdelrahman Murphy**

MODERATOR: **Maheen Ahmed**

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
ROOM 322

SESSION #16A

MSA Leadership Strategy Luncheon

We invite all current MSA Board Members (for the incoming school year) from across the nation! This session is geared to help you learn ways to improve your MSAs and also to network with MSA leaders across the nation!

FACILITATOR: **Maheen Ahmed**

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
ROOM 332

SESSION #16B

True Deen: Worship Through Actions

Being religious should make us more kind and compassionate. In this session as we'll discuss akhlaq, the behavior and actions of a Muslim.

SPEAKER(S): **Mufti Kamani**

MODERATOR: **Hamza Ghia**

12:30 – 1:30 PM
ROOM 332

SESSION #17

Community Conversation: What Does Inclusivity Look Like?

Join us as we brainstorm creative projects and community initiatives to transform the spaces we are a part of for the better.

SPEAKER(S): **Altat Husain, Mona Hagmagid**

MODERATOR: **Kanza Jafri**

2:00 – 3:30 PM
ROOM 332

SESSION #18

The Masculine and the Feminine: Gender and Islam

In this session we explore conceptions of gender in Islam and what that means for us today.

SPEAKER(S): **Zaynab Ansari, Zaid Shakir**

MODERATOR: **Nabila Rahman Biju**

3:30 – 5:00 PM

ROOM 332

SESSION #19

On the Straight Path: Navigating Campus Culture

Join us as we talk about mastering this essential balance of navigating campus culture and activities, while staying true to our iman.

SPEAKER(S): **Kameelah Rashad, Dawood Yasin,
Bilquis Abdul Kader**

MODERATOR: **Laiba Khan**

5:30 – 7:30 PM

MAIN HALL

Generation Thrive: Our Ancestors Wildest Dreams

This year's conference theme is powerful and thought provoking. Join us as we think deeply about our role in our communities today and why we must be Generation Thrive,

SPEAKER(S): **Yasir Qadhi, Ieasha Prime,
Abdelrahman Murphy**

MODERATOR(S): **Maheen Ahmed & Nimrah Riaz**

Be the Hope. Be the Change. Overcoming our Inner and Outer Struggles to Make a Difference

Our theme for this year's convention: "Be the Hope, Be the Change: Overcoming Our Inner and Outer Struggles to Make a Difference," is focused on encouraging the youth to become their best selves. By addressing challenges that youth face through inspiration and providing practical strategies, we encourage youth to gain confidence and act. Hope inspires action, and actions change the world!

MYNA 3rd Space Youth Lounge

The 3rd Space refers to a space where people go to relax and develop friendships, away from home and school. For youth, MYNA aspires to be that 3rd Space. The MYNA area is named "3rd Space Youth Lounge," as a place for intellectual stimulation, engaging activities, and new friendships!

4:15 – 5:15 PM
ROOM 351

SESSION #1

MYNA Welcome

SPEAKER(S): **Br. Fiyyaz Jaat, MYNA Leadership**

MODERATOR: **Nabila Qadri**

5:40 – 6:40 PM
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SESSION #2

Is There Any Hope for Me? Finding Faith After Hitting Rock Bottom

SPEAKER(S): **Dalia Mogahed, Zaid Shakir**

MODERATOR: **Hazem Tariq**

6:50 – 7:35 PM
ROOM 351

SESSION #3

MYNA in Motion

MYNA Family Feud – Join us for game night and make connections from across the nation!

FACILITATOR: **MYNA Leadership**

8:00 – 9:00 PM
3RD SPACE YOUTH LOUNGE

SESSION #4

Overcoming Hurdles: Our Stories, Your Questions

Join us for an open discussion and Q&A as we share stories of personal triumph.

SPEAKER(S): **Habeeb Quadri, Fiyyaz Jaat, Bilqis AbdulQadir, Safiya Ravat**

MODERATOR: **Nabila Qadri**

8:00 – 9:30 AM
HILTON 336 AB

MYNA Alumni Breakfast

Calling All MYNA Alumni! Register for our Alumni Breakfast at myna.org

SPEAKER(S): **Habeeb Quadri, Fiyyaz Jaat**

10:00 – 10:50 AM
3RD SPACE YOUTH LOUNGE

SESSION #5

MYNA in Motion

Join us for icebreakers and activities to make MYNA connections from across the nation!

FACILITATOR: **MYNA Leadership**

11:10 – 12:00 PM
ROOM 351

SESSION #6

One Big Family: Maintaining Relationships with Those Closest to Us

SPEAKER(S): **Mahad Qamar, Safiya Ravat**

MODERATOR: **Yasmeen Tariq**

12:15 – 1:10 PM
ROOM 351

SESSION #7

Toxic Influences: Resisting Harmful Temptations, Drugs, and More

SPEAKER(S): **Hussain Kamani, Fiyyaz Jaat, Dalia Mogahed**

MODERATOR: **Hazem Tariq**

2:00 – 3:00 PM
3RD SPACE YOUTH LOUNGE

SESSION #8

MYNA in Motion

Join us in the MYNA area for some nonstop MYNA fun as we showcase special activities, games, and giveaways!

FACILITATOR(S): **MYNA Leadership**

3:15 – 4:00 PM
ROOM 351

SESSION #9

Let's Talk: Coping with Mental Health Challenges

SPEAKER(S): **Altaf Husain**

MODERATOR: **Hoda Shalash**

4:15 – 5:15 PM
ROOM 351

SESSION #10

Shaking Off Spiritual Numbness

SPEAKER(S): **Tamara Gray, Omar Suleiman**

MODERATOR: **Hazem Tariq**

5:45 – 6:45 PM
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SESSION #11

Tell Me: Who is God?

SPEAKER(S): **Hussain Kamani, Yasir Qadhi, Abdul Nasir Jangda**

MODERATOR: **Yasmeen Tariq**

6:55 – 7:35 PM
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SESSION #12

Confronting Racism Within the Muslim Community

SPEAKER(S): **Ieasha Prime, Mohamed Magid**

MODERATOR: **Nabila Qadri**

10:30 – 11:15 PM
ROOM 340

SESSION #13A

**You're Good! Defeating Self-Doubt and
Body Image Insecurities**

SPEAKER(S): **IMANA Organization, Kameelah Rashad**

All-Girls Open Discussion

MODERATOR: **Hoda Shalash**

10:30 – 11:15 PM
ROOM 350

SESSION #13B

**Be a Man: Societal Pressures vs An Islamic
Understanding**

All-Boys Open Discussion

SPEAKER(S): **Fiyyaz Jaat, Habeeb Quadri**

MODERATOR: **Hazem Tariq**

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3RD SPACE YOUTH LOUNGE

SESSION #14

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FACILITATOR(S): **MYNA Leadership**

11:00 – 12:00 PM
ROOM 351

SESSION #15

ACE Your College Applications: Secrets from Harvard & Yale Insiders

SPEAKER(S): **Amer Rehman, Zainab Khan**

MODERATOR: **Yasmeen Tariq**

12:10 – 1:00 PM
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SESSION #16

LGBTQ and Islam: Our Approach

SPEAKER(S): **Zaid Shakir, Habeeb Quadri**

MODERATOR: **Hoda Shalash**

1:05 – 1:45 PM

3RD SPACE
YOUTH
LOUNGE

**Spiritual University Track:
Zaytuna College**

Bring your own lunch!

SPEAKER(S): **Imran Ghani**

MODERATOR: **Hazem Tariq**

2:00 – 2:45 PM
3RD SPACE YOUTH LOUNGE

SESSION #17

Acting for Allah: Keeping the Spirituality in Activism

SPEAKER(S): **Zahra Billoo, Suhaib Webb**

MODERATOR: **Nabila Qadri**

3:00 – 4:00 PM
ROOM 351

SESSION #18

American, Muslim, or American Muslim? Walking the Tightrope of Our Identities

SPEAKER(S): **Linda Sarsour, Khizr Khan, Dalia Fahmy**

MODERATOR: **Yasmeen Tariq**

4:15 – 5:15 PM
ROOM: 351

MYNA ENTERTAINMENT SESSION

Open Mic Night

Open Entertainment Performance for all youth! Sign up in MYNA 3rd Space Youth Lounge!

EMCEE: **Nabila Qadri**

5:50 – 6:35 PM
ROOM: 351

SESSION #19

How Do You Love Someone You've Never Met? Getting to Know the Final Messenger

SPEAKER(S): **Abdul Nasir Jangda, Abdalla Idris Ali**

MODERATOR: **Yasmeen Tariq**

6:45-7:35 PM
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SESSION #20

Now What?

Now that we understand our inner and outer struggles, what are the best steps to make a change?

SPEAKER(S): **Hussain Kamani, Ingrid Mattson**

MODERATOR: **Hoda Shalash**