

# ISLAMIC EDUCATION IN AMERICA

## GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

### MCSHAIN HALL

8:30 am: **Breakfast**

9:15 am: **Welcome**  
**Yvonne Haddad, Ph.D.**  
 Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal  
 Center for Christian-Muslim  
 Understanding  
**Mazen Asbahi, J.D.**  
 ISPU Board of Directors  
**Anwar Ibrahim**  
 Former Prime Minister of  
 Malaysia

9:45 am-11:00 am *Panel 1 What Makes Islamic  
 Education Islamic? Theoretical  
 Considerations*

**Chair:** Zareena Grewal, Ph.D. candidate, University  
 of Michigan, ISPU Board Member

Barnaby Reidel, Ph.D. candidate, University of  
 Chicago  
*"Characterizing" the Ummah: Islamic Education and  
 its Social Reproduction in the United States"*

Zakiyyah Muhammad, Ed.D., American Institute  
 on Islamic Education  
*"What makes an Islamic School Islamic? Theoretical  
 Considerations for the Education and Status of  
 Muslim Teachers"*

Nadeem Memon, Ph.D candidate, University  
 of Toronto  
*"Adamic Education: Toward Implementing the  
 Essence of Islamic Education"*

Omar Bajwa, Cornell University  
*"Delineating Hamza Yusuf's Pedagogical Philosophy"*

11:00 am-12:30 pm *Panel 2: Islamic Full-Time  
 Schools: Trends, Choices, and  
 Cases*

**Chair:** Saeed Khan, Ph.D. candidate Wayne State  
 University, ISPU Fellow

Jasmin Zine, Ph.D., Wilfrid Laurier University  
*"Safe Havens or Religious Ghettos? Narratives of  
 Islamic Schooling in Ontario"*

Omar Ezzeldine, Ed.D., Tustin High School  
*"Teacher Retention and Other Lessons for Muslim  
 Schools"*

Abukar Arman, Columbus Public Schools  
*"Why Choose an Islamic School? Columbus as a  
 Case Study"*

Louis Cristillo, Ph.D., Columbia University  
*"Making Boundaries and Building Bridges: The  
 Case for the Muslim Day School as a Civil Society  
 Actor"*

Hakim Rashid "Sister Clara Muhammad Schools"

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm *Panel 3: Higher Education  
 Panel: Liminal Spaces,  
 Critical Policies*

**Chair:** Muneer Fareed, Ph.D., Wayne State  
 University and ISPU Board of Advisors

Anna Bowers, Vassar College  
*"The Search for Justice: Islamic Pedagogy and  
 Inmate Rehabilitation"*

Zareena Grewal, Ph.D., University of Michigan  
*"The Politics of Islamic Pedagogy: Transnational  
 Intellectual Networks"*

Shabana Mir, Ph.D., University of Indiana  
*"Do we belong on campus? Muslim Students and  
 University Policies"*

Louay Safi, Ph.D., Islamic Society of North  
 American  
*"Imam Education"*

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm *Panel 4: Teaching How to  
 Teach Islam: Cultural  
 Competency, Curriculum,  
 and Education Policy*

**Chair:** Omar Al-Talib, Ph.D., Minaret of Freedom  
 Institute

Susan Douglass, Council on Islamic Education  
*"Islam and Curriculum Reform"*

Maha ElGenaidi, Islamic Networks Group  
*"Teaching Islam to Hospital and Law Enforcement  
 Officials"*

Afeefa Syeed, Al-Fatih Academy  
*"School and Community Relations"*

3:15 pm **Break**

3:30 pm-5:15 pm *Panel 5: Lessons Learned:  
 Moving Forward*

**Chair:** Zahid Bukhari, Ph.D., Project Muslims in  
 the American Public Square

Sulayman Nyang, Ph.D., Howard University  
*"Islamic Education Reconsidered"*

Mohamed Nimer, Ph.D., American University  
*"Muslims, Education and American Pluralism"*

Barbara Sahli, Ed.M., Harvard University  
*"Authentic Interactions: An Anecdote to the  
Anonymity of Otherness"*

Karen Keyworth, Islamic Schools League of  
America  
*"Support Network for Islamic Schools and Data  
Based Profiles"*

Dawud Tauhidi, Crescent Academy International  
*"The Challenge of Integration in American Muslim  
Education"*

Patricia Hanson-Qureshi, Ph.D. candidate,  
University of Wisconsin  
*"School Headwear Policies: Legal Landscape, Policy  
Implications and Parent's Role in Collaborating with  
Public School Districts"*

5:15pm – 6:45pm *Panel 6 : Islamic Schools: A  
Conversation with Educators*

**Chair:** Habeeb Quadri, Principal at MCC Islamic  
School

Matthew Moes, Ed.M., Islamic Association of North  
Texas Quranic Academy  
*"Islamic Schools as Change Agents"*

Seema Imam, Ph.D., National Louis University  
*"Pedagogy and Muslims in the American  
Landscape"*

Hamed Ghazali, Ph.D., MAS Council of Islamic  
Schools  
*"Serious Academic Challenges Facing Islamic  
Schools"*

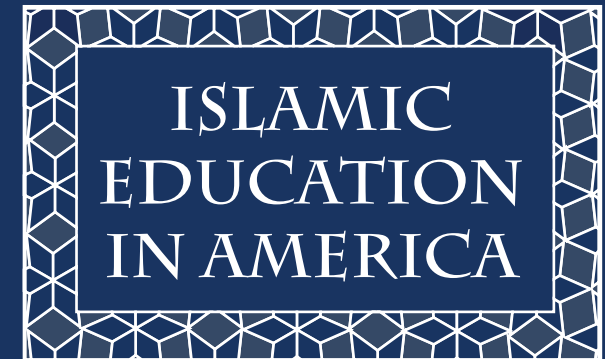
Freda Shamma, Ph.D., Foundation for  
Advancement and Development of Education  
and Learning  
*"Trends: Literature for Muslim American  
Students"*

Ahmad Al-Akhras, Ph.D., Columbus Public  
Schools  
*"Trends in Muslim Education in the US"*

**Closing Remarks:** Muzammil Ahmed, M.D.,  
Member, ISPU Board of  
Directors

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