

THE NEIGHBORHOOD AS SANCTUARY:

The Role of Black Muslims in the Making of Upper Manhattan

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 @ 6:30 PM

WHERE: THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE
1047 Amsterdam Avenue at 112th Street

It is commonly said that we fear what we don't understand. Living up to our American ideals requires us to understand our neighbors, our colleagues, and our friends despite our diverse backgrounds. Yet in recent years, Muslims in America have rarely been portrayed as nuanced and complex human beings, and most Americans say they don't know a Muslim.

Muslims for American Progress (MAP), a project of the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU), aims to change this narrative. Through human stories and hard facts, MAP quantifies Muslim contributions in Michigan and New York City. Join ISPU and the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine for a free event featuring the newest MAP data and two MAP NYC participants, actor Hisham Tawfiq (as seen on *30 Rock*, *Law and Order*, and *The Blacklist*) and fashion photographer/spoken word artist Nicole Najmah Abraham. In honor of Black History Month, we'll be taking a special look at the important contributions of Black Muslims in the making of Upper Manhattan.

SPEAKERS



Elisabeth Becker
MAP NYC Principal
Investigator



Hisham Tawfiq
Actor



Nicole Najmah Abraham
Fashion Photographer &
Spoken Word Artist



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