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Save the Dates

- ♦ **Jan. 16: *Muslim Journeys at the East Lansing Public Library* (see p. 2)**
- ♦ **Jan. 21: Malcolm X Lecture by Ilyasah Shabazz**
- ♦ **March 17: Kerr Lecture by Ghassan Hage**
- ♦ **April 9-11: MSP's 18th Annual Conference ("Aesthetics of Solidarity")**
- ♦ **April 23: MSP's 7th Annual Student Research Showcase**

Message from the Director



As you can see from our Spring Calendar of Events on page 2, this looks to be an eventful semester. Our first event is a *Muslim Journeys* discussion of *The Awakening of Malcolm X*, led by Pero Dagbovie (History) (Jan. 16). The lead author of *The Awakening* is the activist, writer, and daughter of Malcolm X, Ilyasah Shabazz. On Jan. 21, the author herself, Shabazz, will come to campus to deliver the 4th annual Malcolm X Muslim Studies Community Lecture. Two days later (Jan. 23), we will host a special presentation by Atiya Husain (Williams College), author of the new book, *No God but Man: On Race, Knowledge, and Terrorism*.

Later in the semester, new faculty member Saleh Ahmed (Sociology) will present

his research on Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh (Feb. 11). On March 17, Ghassan Hage (Univ. of Melbourne) will deliver the 4th annual Malcolm & Ann Kerr Muslim Studies Community Lecture, a presentation on "Colonial Moralscapes: The Production of Humiliation and the Struggle for Dignity." The next day (March 18), Hannu Juusola (Univ. of Helsinki) will discuss "Orientalism without Empire."

We are also preparing for our exciting 18th annual conference, the title of which is "Aesthetics of Solidarity by Arab American and Arab/SWANA Diaspora Artists in the US, 1948-Present" (April 9-11). This conference—proposed and organized by Rachel Winter (Broad Art Museum) and Salah Hassan (English; Global Studies)—will feature numerous presenters, including keynote speaker, Mariam Ghani. Finally, we plan to hold our 7th annual Student Research Showcase for graduate and undergraduate MSU students on April 23 (submission deadline: March 28).

Mohammad Hassan Khalil

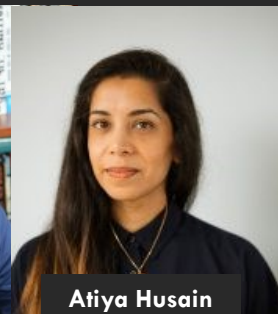
Featured Spring Presenters



Ilyasah Shabazz



Pero Dagbovie



Atiya Husain



Saleh Ahmed



Ghassan Hage



Hannu Juusola



Mariam Ghani

*Spring Calendar of Events **

Jan. 16, 7:00pm-8:30pm, East Lansing Public Library: Muslim Journeys Discussion of Ilyasah Shabazz's *The Awakening of Malcolm X*, led by Pero Dagbovie (Distinguished Professor of History, Dean of the Graduate School, MSU). Event details: <https://elpl.bibliocommons.com/events/66c9fe577eb085671d5865ef>.

Jan. 17, 24, Feb. 7, Feb. 21 (4 sessions), 11:00am-12:30pm: Conversations on Antisemitism and Islamophobia. Register for these in-person sessions at <https://forms.gle/X24ycTJXcBnpdL5D6>.

Jan. 21, 7:00pm-8:30pm, Erickson Kiva (in person and livestreamed on our YouTube channel): 4th Annual Malcolm X Muslim Studies Community Forum featuring Ilyasah Shabazz (author, activist, and daughter of Malcolm X)

Jan. 23, 12:40pm-2:00pm, 303 International Center: Atiya Husain (Associate Professor of Africana Studies, Williams College), "No God but Man: On Race, Knowledge, and Terrorism"

Feb. 11, 1:00-2:00pm, 303 International Center: Saleh Ahmed (Assistant Professor of Sociology, MSU), "On the Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh"

March 17, 4:00pm-5:30pm, 303 International Center: 4th Annual Malcolm and Ann Kerr Muslim Studies Community Lecture: Ghassan Hage (Future Generation Professor of Anthropology, University of Melbourne), "Colonial Moralscapes: The Production of Humiliation and the Struggle for Dignity"

Cosponsored Event: March 18, 12:00pm to 1:00pm, 303 International Center: Hannu Juusola (Professor of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Helsinki), "Orientalism without Empire: A Comparative Study"

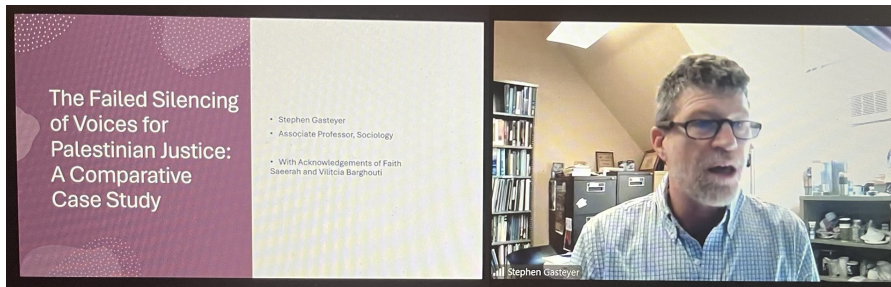
April 9-11, Broad Art Museum and MSU Libraries: 18th Annual MSP Conference (Theme: "Aesthetics of Solidarity by Arab American and Arab/SWANA Diaspora Artists in the US, 1948-Present"). Keynote speaker: Mariam Ghani (artist, writer, filmmaker). Details and free registration at <https://broadmuseum.msu.edu/events>.

MSU Muslim Mental Health Consortium Event: April 11-12, Soho Banquet & Event Center, Metro Detroit: 17th Annual Muslim Mental Health Conference

April 23, 7:00-8:30pm, 201 International Center: 7th Annual Muslim Studies Program Student Research Showcase (submission deadline: March 28)

* This is a partial list of our spring events. Sign up for the biweekly e-newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/ci08p1>.

Snapshots of the Fall



NAAIMS Conference on Palestine and Israel



Saleem Alhabash comments on Raja Shehadeh's Palestinian memoir



Muslim Journeys tour of the Samia Halaby exhibition led by curator Rachel Winter



Filmmaker Prabhash Chandra reflects on Kashmir



Afif Oladosu (Univ. of Ibadan) discusses Islam in Nigeria



Neighborhood Storyteller film screening and conversation with Anjam Chaudhary and the filmmakers

MUSLIM STUDIES PROGRAM HISTORY AND MISSION



Established at MSU in 2006 and housed in International Studies and Programs, the Muslim Studies Program coordinates research, teaching, and outreach about Muslims and Muslim-majority societies and states. Additionally, it organizes lectures, workshops, and conferences on a wide range of topics that reflect the rich diversity of Muslims and Muslim communities around the world. The MSP is unique in the sense that instead of a regional focus, it has a global view of Muslims and Muslim-majority societies and states. It is an interdepartmental and interdisciplinary center whose faculty has appointments in various disciplines at MSU.



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Muslim Studies Minor for Undergraduate Students

The Minor in Muslim Studies, administered by James Madison College, is available as an elective to students who are enrolled in bachelor's degree programs at Michigan State University. The minor provides students with the opportunity for sustained study of Muslim societies and Islam in a range of disciplines and topics.

With the approval of the department that administers the student's degree program, courses that are

used to satisfy the requirements of the minor may also be used to satisfy the requirements for the bachelor's degree.

The student's program of study must be approved by the Muslim Studies Minor Coordinator, Professor Waseem El-Rayes (elrayes@msu.edu) prior to enrollment in any course. For more information, please visit: <https://muslimstudies.isp.msu.edu/students/msp-student-resources>.

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