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- ♦ **Jan. 25: Malcolm X Forum with Omar Suleiman and Abdullah Oduro**
- ♦ **Feb. 8: Malcolm & Ann Kerr Lecture with Judith Tucker**
- ♦ **Feb. 23: MSP Conference ("Measuring Muslim Publics")**
- ♦ **April 26: 5th Annual MSP Student Research Showcase**
- ♦ **See page 2 for a partial list of our spring events.**

Message from the Director



The Muslim Studies Program has a full slate of exciting events this spring! These include our first event, a lecture by Eman Abdelhadi (Univ. of Chicago) on gender dynamics in US Muslim Communities (Jan. 15; see p. 2 for our partial spring calendar of events); our 2nd annual Malcolm X community forum featuring the influential figures, Omar Suleiman and Abdullah Oduro; and our 2nd annual Malcolm and Ann Kerr community lecture featuring the distinguished scholar, Judith Tucker (Georgetown Univ.). We are also preparing for our 16th annual conference, the title of which is "Measuring Muslim Publics" (Feb. 23). This conference—proposed by Russell Lucas (James Madi-

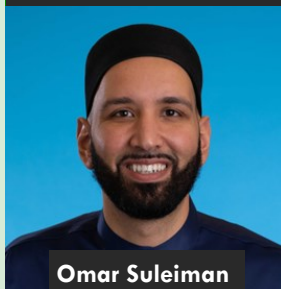
son College) and Camelia Suleiman (Linguistics & Languages)—will feature numerous scholars, including keynote speakers Amaney Jamal (Princeton Univ.) and Mark Tessler (Univ. of Michigan).

We are thrilled to collaborate with MSU Libraries for another semester of *Muslim Journeys*, beginning with an in-person presentation by Mona Haydar and Sebastian Robins, stars of the PBS series *The Great Muslim American Road Trip* (Feb. 13). This will be followed by another *Muslim Journeys* session led by David Wheat (History) focusing on Maria Rosa Menocal's acclaimed book, *The Ornament of the World: How Muslims, Jews and Christians Created a Culture of Tolerance in Medieval Spain*.

Finally, we plan to hold our fifth annual Student Research Showcase for graduate and undergraduate MSU students toward the end of this eventful semester (April 26; submission deadline: March 31).

Mohammad Hassan Khalil

Our Featured Spring Presenters



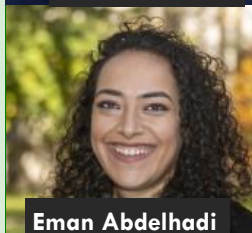
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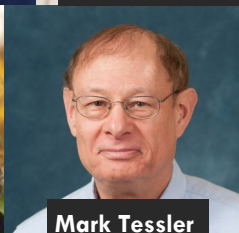
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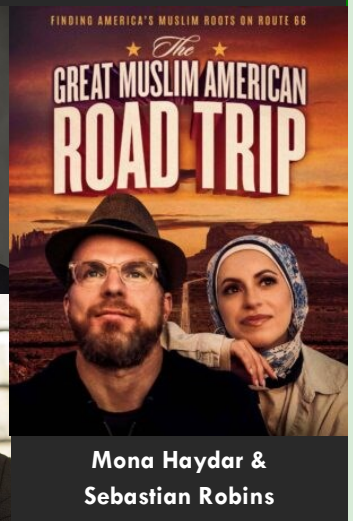
Eman Abdelhadi



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Spring Calendar of Events *



Register for virtual/hybrid events at <https://muslimstudies.isp.msu.edu/about/reg-links>

- >> Jan. 18, 5pm-6:15pm (webinar): Eman Abdelhadi (U. Chicago),
“Impossible Futures: Why Women Leave American Muslim Communities while Men Stay”
- >> Cosponsored Event: Jan. 20, 5:30pm, Broad Art Museum: “A Tribute to the People of Iran” (live performance, traditional Iranian music, and an orchestra ensemble), hosted by Parisa Ghaderi (MSU: Art, Art History, & Design)
- >> Jan. 25, 7-8:30pm, Erickson Kiva (in person and livestreamed): [2nd Annual Malcolm X Muslim Studies Community Forum](#) featuring Omar Suleiman and Abdullah Oduro
- >> Feb. 8, 7-8:30pm, 303 International Center (in person and livestreamed): [2nd Annual Malcolm and Ann Kerr Muslim Studies Community Lecture: “Tracking Women’s Works and Lives in the Middle East: A Personal Journey,”](#) featuring Judith Tucker (Georgetown Univ.)
- >> Feb. 13, 7-9pm, East Lansing Public Library: *Muslim Journeys* Discussion of *The Great Muslim American Road Trip* (PBS series), led by the show’s stars, Mona Haydar and Sebastian Robins
- >> Feb. 23, 303 International Center (in person and livestreamed): [16th Annual MSP Conference](#) (Theme: “Measuring Muslim Publics”) featuring panels and keynotes by Amaney Jamal (Princeton) and Mark Tessler (UM)
- >> Cosponsored Event: March 10-11, MSU: 15th Annual Muslim Mental Health Conference
- >> March 14, 7-9pm, MSU Library: *Muslim Journeys* Book Discussion with David Wheat (MSU) on Maria Rosa Menocal’s *Ornament of the World: How Muslims, Jews & Christians Created a Culture of Tolerance in Medieval Spain*
- >> April 26, 7pm, 303 International Center: [5th Annual Muslim Studies Program Student Research Showcase](#) (submission deadline: March 31)

* 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

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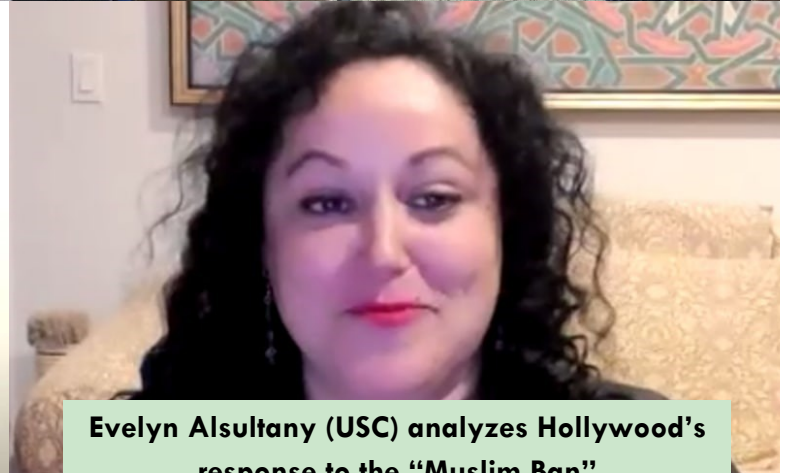
Mavlyuda Yusupova presents Sufi shrines in Uzbekistan



K. Soraya Batmanghelichi (Univ. of Oslo) discusses gender in Iran



Wessam Elmeligi (UM-Dearborn) discusses "Arab Muslim Women Poets"



Evelyn Alsultany (USC) analyzes Hollywood's response to the "Muslim Ban"



Nizar Farsakh (GWU) presents "Palestinian History, Demographics, and Politics"



Edward Curtis (IUPUI) looks at the history of Muslims in the American Midwest

A conversation with the mayor of Srinagar and MSU alum, Junaid Azim Mattu

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:

muslimstudies.isp.msu.edu/students/undergrad-specialization

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