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DAY 1 • THURSDAY • MARCH 26

Time (EDT)	Session	Speaker
9:40 - 11:30 a.m.	Opening Remarks & Panel 1 <i>Definitions and Delineations of Islamic Liberation Theology</i>	Opening remarks: Nareman Amin, Titus Awokuse and Mohammad Khalil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esra Akay Dag <i>Can Islam Have a Liberation Theology? Methodological Insights from the Catholic Experience</i> • Shadaab Rahemtulla <i>The Prophet was an Entrepreneur: Unearthing Islamic Theologies of the Right</i> • Celene Ibrahim <i>Gender Justice and the Unfinished Project of Islamic Liberation Theology</i>
Noon - 1 p.m.	Panel 2 <i>From Individual to Communal Liberation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haroon Bashir <i>Slavery, Abolition and Liminal Spaces: Negotiating Authority and Liberation in Islamic Thought</i> • Jawad Qureshi <i>Theodicy instead of Liberation Theology? 'Abdallah ibn 'Umar (d. 73H/693CE) and the Fitnas of Early Islam</i>
2 - 3 p.m.	Panel 3 <i>Malcolm X's Legacy as a Liberation Theologian</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin Nguyen <i>Malcolm X and the House of Pharaoh: Imagining a Theodicy and Ethics of Liberation in the American Muslim Present</i> • Junaid Rana <i>The Sigh of the Oppressed: 100 Years of the Black Radical Tradition and Islamic Liberation Theology</i>
3 - 4:15 p.m.	Keynote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ebrahim Moosa <i>Beauty, Truth, and Justice in Muslim Liberation Theology</i>

DAY 2 • FRIDAY, MARCH 27

8:30-10 a.m.	Panel 4 <i>Liberation on a Global Scale</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew Palombo <i>Liberation Theology and the Somali Community: Decolonizing the Terrorism Discourse in Minnesota</i> • Iskander Abbasi <i>The Earth as New Margins: Towards an Islamic Ecoliberation Theology of the Earth</i> • Shameer Modongal <i>Reimagining Global Politics: Islamic Liberation Theology as Normative</i>
10:30 a.m. - Noon	Panel 5 <i>Liberatory Lessons and Questions from the MENA Region</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nermeen Mouftah <i>Predicaments of Orphan Care: Scenes of Muslim Obligation and Abandonment</i> • Joseph Alagha <i>Jihad al-Tabyyin and Jihad al-Lisan as a Liberation Theology</i> • Yasmin Moll <i>Coexistence as Revolutionary Ethos: The Social Life of Theology in (What Could Have Been) the 'New Egypt'</i>
Noon - 1:15 p.m.	Keynote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sylvia Chan-Malik <i>'Eastern Sounds': The Islamic Liberation Theology of Yusef Lateef</i>
1:15 - 1:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks	