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Save the Dates

- ♦ Jan. 15: *Muslim Journeys at the East Lansing Public Library*
- ♦ Jan. 21: Malcolm X Lecture by Yusef Salaam
- ♦ March 26-27: MSP's 19th Annual Conference ("Does Islam Have a Liberation Theology?")
- ♦ April 22: MSP's 8th Annual Student Research Showcase
- ♦ See page 2 for details.

Message from the Director



Prepare for an eventful spring semester! Our first event is a *Muslim Journeys* discussion of the Ken Burns film *The Central Park Five*, led by Nazita Lajevardi (MSU) (Jan. 15). On Jan. 21, Yusef Salaam, an NYC Councilmember and member of the Exonerated ("Central Park") Five, will deliver the keynote for the 5th annual Malcolm X Muslim Studies Community Forum. In subsequent weeks, we will have several lectures on Islamic architecture. These include presentations by Said Ennahid (Al Akhawayn Univ.) on medieval town planning in North Africa (Jan. 27), D. Fairchild Ruggles (Univ. of Illinois) on the Mosque of Cordoba (Feb. 24), Diana Darke (public historian) on the influence

of Islamic architecture on Europe (March 24-25), and Jennifer Pruitt (Univ. of Wisconsin) on Fatimid Cairo. Other events include a book talk by Karam Dana (Univ. of Washington) entitled "To Stand with Palestine" (Feb. 2); a book talk by Nareman Amin (MSU) entitled "Is God for Revolution? Affect, Youth, and Islam in Post-2011 Egypt" (Feb. 11); and a presentation by Shameer Modongal (American Univ.) on "Mappila Muslims' Life in Kerala, India" (April 15). Additional events are listed on p. 2.

On March 26-27, we are holding our 19th annual conference, the title of which is "Does Islam Have a Liberation Theology?" This timely conference—proposed and organized by Nareman Amin—will feature multiple panels and keynotes by Ebrahim Moosa (Univ. of Notre Dame) and Sylvia Chan-Malik (Rutgers Univ.). Finally, we plan to hold our 8th annual Student Research Showcase for MSU students (grad and undergrad) on April 22.

Mohammad Hassan Khalil

Featured Spring Presenters



Yusef Salaam



Sylvia Chan-Malik



Ebrahim Moosa



"Dede" Ruggles



Karam Dana



Said Ennahid



Jennifer Pruitt



Diana Darke

Spring Calendar of Events *

Please note: this is a partial list of our events. All events will be announced on our listserv.

Sign up for our e-newsletter at <http://eepurl.com/ci08p1>. Register for online events on our website at <https://muslimstudies.isp.msu.edu/muslimstudies/events>.

Jan. 15, 7pm-8:30pm, East Lansing Public Library: Muslim Journeys Discussion of Ken Burns' The Central Park Five, led by Nazita Lajevardi (MSU)

Jan. 21, 7pm-8:30pm, Erickson Kiva (in person and livestreamed): 5th Annual Malcolm X Forum featuring Yusef Salaam (NYC Councilmember and member of the Exonerated Five)

Jan. 27, 12:40pm-2pm, 303 International Center: Said Ennahid (Univ. of Ifrane), "The City in the Islamic World: A North African Perspective on Medieval Town Planning"

Jan. 30, 9:30am-1:30pm (location TBA): "Conversations on Antisemitism and Islamophobia." Registration is required: <https://forms.gle/kw7KNGbe2nyNSj798>.

Feb. 2, 12pm-1pm, Webinar: Karam Dana (Univ. of Washington Bothell), "To Stand with Palestine"

Feb. 11, 3pm-4:30pm, Hooked Bookstore (3142 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing): Nareman Amin (MSU), "Is God for Revolution? Affect, Youth, and Islam in Post-2011 Egypt"

Feb. 14-15, MSU Union (details TBA): Workshop on Sudan

Feb. 24, 12:40pm-2pm, 303 International Center: D. Fairchild Ruggles (Univ. of Illinois), "The Great Mosque of Cordoba: The Biography of an Extraordinary Monument"

March 24, 12:40pm-2pm, 303 International Center: Diana Darke (public historian), "How Islamic Architecture Shaped Europe"

March 25, 6-7pm, Detroit Institute of Arts (5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit): Diana Darke, "How Syrian Art & Architecture Helped Shape Europe's Romanesque & Gothic Styles"

March 26-27, Webinar: 19th Annual Muslim Studies Program Conference (Theme: "Does Islam Have a Liberation Theology?"). Keynote speakers: Ebrahim Moosa (Univ. of Notre Dame) and Sylvia Chan-Malik (Rutgers Univ.)

April 9, 12:40pm-2pm, 303 International Center: Jennifer Pruitt (Univ. of Wisconsin), "Construction, Destruction, and Concealment under Cairo's 'Mad' Caliph"

April 10-11, Soho Banquet & Event Center, Metro Detroit and Online: 18th Annual Muslim Mental Health Conference (organized by the Muslim Mental Health Consortium)

April 15, 3pm-4:30pm, 303 International Center: Shameer Modongal (American Univ.), "Mappila Muslims' Life in Kerala, India"

April 22, 7pm-8:30pm, 201 International Center: 8th Annual Muslim Studies Program Student Research Showcase (for undergraduate and graduate MSU students). Submission deadline: March 27 (email khalilmo@msu.edu).

Snapshots of the Fall



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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