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Save the Dates

- ♦ **Feb. 24-25: 15th Annual MSP Conference** (“Belong Nowhere’: States of Statelessness in the Muslim World”)
- ♦ **March 31: 4th Annual MSP Student Research Showcase** (submission deadline: March 4)
- ♦ **See page 2 for a partial list of our spring events.**

Message from the Director



We have an exciting spring ahead of us! For starters, we are preparing for our 15th annual conference, the title of which is “Belong Nowhere’: States of Statelessness in the Muslim World” (Feb. 24-25; see p. 2 for our partial spring calendar of events). This hybrid-format conference (with in-person and virtual presentations) will feature two dozen scholars, including keynote speaker Rochelle Davis (Georgetown University). We are also gearing up for another series of *Muslim Journeys* book and film discussions, beginning with Spike Lee’s film *Malcolm X* (Feb. 9), led by Jeff Wray (English); followed by an MSU Library Special Collections presentation (March 4) by Jyotsna Singh

(English), and concluding with Sahar Khalifeh’s *My One and Only Love* (March 22), led by translator Aida Bamia. You also don’t want to miss Ehlimana Memisevic’s (U. Sarajevo) lecture on modern migrations of Bosnian Muslims (Feb. 2) and Farina Mir’s (U. Michigan) lecture on South Asia (April; date TBD). And you don’t have to wait long for our first event: a webinar panel on temporality and faculty life in Dhaka, Bangladesh (Jan. 13).

I am delighted to announce that, thanks to a generous gift, we are planning to launch two annual lectures: the Malcolm X Muslim Studies Community Lecture and the Malcolm and Ann Ker Muslim Studies Community Lecture (please see below for details).

Finally, we plan to hold our fourth annual Student Research Showcase for graduate and undergraduate MSU students (March 31; submission deadline: March 14).

Mohammad Hassan Khalil

Malcolm X and Malcolm & Ann Kerr Lectures in March

Thanks to a generous gift, the Muslim Studies Program is planning to launch two annual lectures this March (date and details TBD). The Malcolm X Muslim Studies Community lecture is set to be held in the Erickson Kiva, where Malcolm X famously spoke in 1963. The inaugural Malcolm X lecture will be delivered by Zaid Shakir, an influential Muslim scholar. The Malcolm and Ann Kerr Muslim Studies Community Lecture will honor two individuals who devoted their lives to improving understanding of the Middle East, the late Professor Malcolm Kerr and his spouse Ann Kerr. The inaugural Malcolm and Ann Kerr lecture will be delivered by Ann Kerr herself in southeastern Michigan (location TBD). Both lectures will be livestreamed. Please stay tuned for updates!





Spring Calendar of Events *

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

>> Jan. 13, 10am-11:30am (virtual): Panel, “Navigating *Shomoyscapes*: Temporality and Faculty Life in Dhaka, Bangladesh,” featuring Riyad Shahjahan (MSU), Tasmi Ema (U. Dhaka), and Nisharggo Niloy (U. Dhaka)

>> Feb. 2, 2pm-3:15pm (virtual): Ehlimana Memisevic (U. Sarajevo), “The Abode of Islam or the Abode of War: Migrations of Bosnian Muslims in the 19th and 20th Century and Fatwas of the Ulama”

>> Feb. 9, 7-9pm, East Lansing Public Library: *Muslim Journeys* Film Discussion—Spike Lee’s *Malcolm X*, led by Jeff Wray (MSU)

>> Feb. 24-25, 303 International Center and livestreamed (hybrid): 15th Annual MSP Conference (Theme: “‘Belong Nowhere’: States of Statelessness in the Muslim World”)

>> March 4, 11:30am-1:00pm (tentative; virtual): *Muslim Journeys* Special Collections Event, led by Jyotsna Singh (MSU)

>> March (date and details TBD): Inaugural Malcolm X Muslim Studies Community Lecture featuring Zaid Shakir

>> March 13 (tentative; details TBD; hybrid): Inaugural Malcolm and Ann Kerr Muslim Studies Community Lecture, featuring Ann Kerr

>> Cosponsored Event: March 18, 12-1pm (details TBD): Camelia Suleiman (MSU), “Jerusalem: Language, Policy, Politics, and Identity”

>> March 22 (tentative; details TBD): *Muslim Journeys* Book Discussion—Sahar Khalifeh’s *My First and Only Love*, led by translator Aida Bamia

>> Cosponsored Event: March 25-26, Yale Univ. and livestreamed (hybrid): 14th Annual Muslim Mental Health Conference

>> March 31, 7pm (format TBD): 4th Annual Muslim Studies Program Student Research Showcase (submission deadline: March 14)

>> April (details TBD): Lecture by Farina Mir (U. Michigan)

* 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



Rebecca Karam (Sociology)
presents research on US Muslims



Panel on "Afghanistan in this Critical Moment"



Muslim Journeys with Leila Tarakji



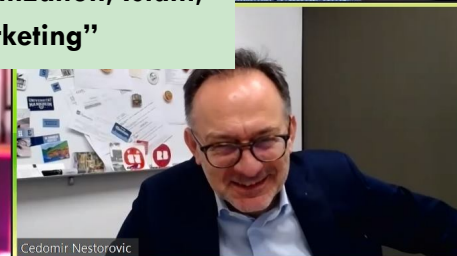
Elif Izberk-Bilgin



Panel on "Globalization, Islam, and Marketing"



Jonathan A.J. Wilson (London)



Cedomir Nestorovic



Usaama al-Azami (Oxford) discusses his new book, Islam and the Arab Revolutions

AWARDS (2020-21)

Undergraduate Student Award—Charles A. and Marjorie A. Gliozzo Scholarship

Tasfia Ahmed and Delaney McDermott

Undergraduate Student Paper Prize (awarded at the MSP Student Research Showcase in April 2021)

Lindsey Hart

Graduate Student Paper Prize (awarded at the MSP Student Research Showcase in April 2021)

Jihan Mohammed (Sociology)

Faculty Awards

Research Travel

Kyle Evered (Geography) and Mara Leitchman (Anthropology)

Course Buyout

Najib Hourani (Anthropology) and Linda Sayed (James Madison College)

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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