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Muslim Studies Program News and Events

February 15, 2024

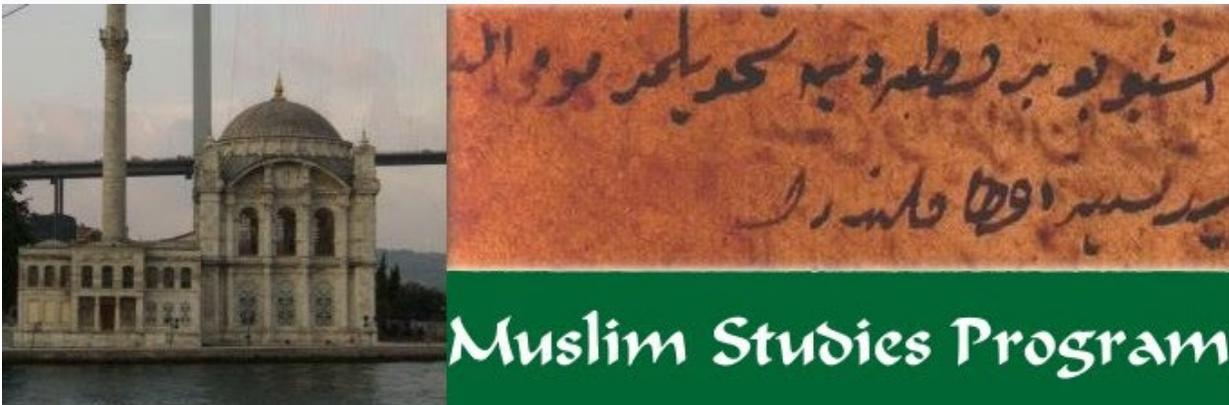
Please share with other faculty, students, and community.
All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Registration links for all online and hybrid events:

<https://muslimstudies.isp.msu.edu/about/reg-links/>

Please check out our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@msumuslimstudiesprogram9500>



Upcoming Events

The Muslim Studies Program invites you to the following 3 events:

(1) On Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 4:30pm to 5:30pm, Professor Youshaa Patel (Lafayette College) will deliver a webinar lecture entitled “The Muslim

Difference: Defining the Line between Believers and Unbelievers.” The flyer is attached here.

(2) On Friday, March 8, from 3:00pm to 4:15pm, Professor Rudi Mathee (University of Delaware) will deliver a lecture entitled “A History of Alcohol in the Muslim Middle East.” This event will be held in room 303 of the International Center (427 N. Shaw Lane); there will also be an online option for those who can’t join us in person. The flyer is attached here.

(3) On Friday, March 15, from 3:00pm to 4:15pm, Professor Samira Fathi (Art, Art History, and Design) will deliver a lecture entitled “Empire, Ideology, and Poetics of Place in Isfahan.” This event will be held in room 303 of the International Center (427 N. Shaw Lane); there will also be an online option for those who can’t join us in person. The flyer is attached here.

Call for Submissions

Student Research Showcase

The Muslim Studies Program is now accepting paper submissions from MSU undergraduate and graduate students for our annual Student Research Showcase.

Top papers in each category will qualify for a \$500 award.

Paper submission deadline: **March 15, 2024**. Please see the attached flyer for details.

The Student Research Showcase will take place on Wednesday, **April 17, at 7pm EST**.

Contact: khalilmo@msu.edu

Muslim Studies Minor

Michigan State University Muslim Studies Minor

We are delighted to share with you our promotional video for the MSU Muslim Studies Minor.

For list of courses, visit https://jmc.msu.edu/_assets/pdfs/checklists/ms-2022.pdf
Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sr7vwixQ0QA>

Thank You!

The Muslim Studies Program would like to thank everyone who helped make our 17th annual conference a success! The theme of the conference—proposed by Prof. Nazita Lajevardi (Political Science)—was “Researching Muslim America: Intersecting Identities, Methodological Advances, and Lingering Challenges.” We had seven well-attended panels featuring outstanding presentations by a wide array of scholars.



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The Muslim Studies Program presents

THE MUSLIM DIFFERENCE

Defining the Line between Believers and Unbelievers from Early Islam to the Present



Youshaa Patel

Associate Professor of Religious Studies
Lafayette College

**Wednesday, February 21, 2024
4:30pm-5:30 pm EST**

Free webinar registration at

<https://muslimstudies.isp.msu.edu/about/reg-links>

Drawing on his recently published book, *The Muslim Difference* (Yale 2022), Youshaa Patel explores the vexing Islamic discourse of reprehensible imitation (*tashabbuh*), a discourse that enjoins ordinary believers to embody and display their religious difference from Christians, Jews and others in public life. Moderating cross-cultural imitation and assimilation was as crucial to the construction of Muslim identity and alterity during Islam's formative period as it is today. This lecture situates the religious discourse within Islamic scholarship and history, casting new light on contemporary debates in the West over visible expressions of Islam, from headscarves and beards to minarets and mosques.

Organized by the MSU Muslim Studies Program and cosponsored by the African Studies Center, Department of History, James Madison College, and other units to be announced soon.



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North American Association of Islamic and Muslim Studies (NAAIMS) Bi-Annual Lecture Series
The MSU Muslim Studies Program and Visiting International Professional Program
(VIPP) present

A HISTORY OF ALCOHOL IN THE MUSLIM MIDDLE EAST



featuring
Rudi Mathee
John and Dorothy Munroe
Distinguished Professor of
History
University of Delaware

Friday, March 8, 2024
3:00pm-4:15pm

Hybrid Event

In-person in Room 303 of the International Center AND on Zoom

Free Zoom registration at

<https://muslimstudies.isp.msu.edu/about/reg-links>

This lecture is based on Professor Mathee's book, *Angels Tapping at the Wine-Shop's Door: A History of Alcohol in the Muslim Middle East*. Professor Mathee's evocative study delves into drinking's many historic, literary and social manifestations in Islam, going beyond references to 'hypocrisy' or the temptations of 'forbidden fruit'. Rudi Mathee argues that alcohol, through its 'absence' as much as its presence, takes us to the heart of Islam. Exploring the long history of this faith--from the eight-century Umayyad dynasty to Erdogan's Turkey, and from Islamic Spain to modern Pakistan--he unearths a tradition of diversity and multiplicity.

Organized by the MSU Muslim Studies Program and VIPP as part of the NAAIMS Bi-Annual Lecture Series and cosponsored by the MSU African Studies Center; Asian Studies Center; Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies; Department of History; Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities; and James Madison College.

The MSU Muslim Studies Program presents

Empire, Ideology, and Poetics of Place in Isfahan



A Special Presentation by

**Dr. Samira
Fathi**

Art, Art History, and Design
Michigan State University



Friday, March 15, 2024

3:00pm-4:15pm

MSU International Center, Room 303 (3rd floor)

Hybrid format: In person (open to the public) and livestreamed. Free
livestream registration at <https://muslimstudies.isp.msu.edu/about/reg-links>

Organized by the Muslim Studies Program and cosponsored by the
Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies; Department of
History; James Madison College; and other units TBA.

The Muslim Studies Program is now soliciting submissions for the

2024 Muslim Studies Program Student Research Showcase

Wednesday, April 17, 2024
7pm

**Deadline for undergraduate and graduate
paper submissions: **March 15, 2024****

Awards to be announced at the Showcase:

Graduate Student Paper Award (\$500)

Published or unpublished papers (roughly 15-25 pages with complete works cited) must have been written between March 1, 2023, and the deadline, March 15, 2024

Undergraduate Student Paper Award (\$500)

Published or unpublished papers (roughly 15-25 pages with complete works cited) must have been written between March 1, 2023, and the deadline, March 15, 2024

**All submissions should be sent to
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