



# INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF MUSLIM CULTURES

## PROGRAM

### IMMC 8<sup>th</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION “ISLAM AT A CROSSROADS IN AMERICA”

**July 10 -12, 2009**

The Muslim American community is one of the fastest growing religious-cultural communities in America. This community is very diverse. It represents indigenous Americans—to include African Americans, European Americans, Native Americans, and Latino Americans--and immigrant Americans who migrated from every continent and country of the world. This ethnic melting pot shares a common belief and way of life, Islam. However, they represent very diverse Ethnic and cultural communities that are assimilating within the American culture. As the Muslim community continues to progress in America, they face many challenges that can also provide opportunities to positively influence America.

The theme of this conference, “Islam at a Crossroads in America”, begins addressing the challenges that Muslims in America face and how they can utilize their way of life and faith as a vehicle to positively influence and contribute to the American story. The conference’s emphasis is on how Muslims can become more fully engaged within America, among its many cultural and faith communities. The goal of the conference is to explore how and where our challenges as Muslims intersect concerns of the American society as a whole. The conference themes include broadly that of Islamic leadership, its diversity, and finding unity and a leadership model in America equipped to usher in the needed change; civil rights and civic responsibility; the Latino Renaissance; the Timbuktu Roundtable exploring the role of African Islamic leadership in Africa’s development and its prospects for African Americans; Youth’s Islam: Hip-Hop, Spirituality and the Arts; Islamic Banking and the Economic Crisis; Healthy Family and Marriage Relationships; and Interfaith Dialogue: the Global Call for Peace.

**Friday July 10, 2009**

**Jackson Convention Complex**

8 am to 9 am      **Registration**

9 am to 11 am      **Opening Program, Panel Discussion      Moderator: Malik Aziz**  
**“A Centralized Leadership for Muslims in America”**

The landscape of Muslims in America includes a picture of the broader Muslim World. With respect to different socio-economic and political agenda’s, this workshop seeks to create a platform for building a bridge towards a central body of Muslim leadership in the United States that will serve as a foundation for a unified front.

**During this session Imam Siraj Wahhaj will be honored for his sustainable leadership, dedication and service to the Muslim community in America.**

**Speakers:**

Imam Siraj Wahhaj, Muslim Alliance in North America (MANA)  
Imam Faheem Shu'aib, Masjid Warith Deen Mohammed  
ISNA Representative, Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) (invited)  
Rami Nashashibi, Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN)  
Zahid Bukhari, Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA)  
Akbar Muhammad, African Literacy Foundation

11:15 am to 12:45 pm **Panel Discussion** **Moderator: Judge Ali Shamsid Deen**  
**“Civil rights and Muslims”**

Since September 11, 2001, Muslim Americans civil rights have been dangerously slipping away in big and small ways. Many violations of Muslims civil rights have been recorded across the country including detention without charge, denying the right to an attorney, curbing freedom of speech, Muslim profiling, and many others. Hate crimes have steadily increased against Muslim Americans and donations to Muslim charities have been substantially reduced since September 11. This workshop will address understanding of civil rights in America, and how we can work with other organizations to eliminate discrimination against Muslims, end profiling, strengthen non-profits and other charitable Muslim organizations, and ensure that Muslims in America are treated fairly and within the confines of the law.

**Speakers:**

Nihad Awad, Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)  
Nsombi A. Lambright, ACLU  
Farhana Khera, Attorney and Muslim Advocate  
Sabir Abdul Haqq, Businessman and Activist  
Patricia Ice, MS Immigrants Rights Attorney

11:15am to 12:45pm **Panel Discussion** **Moderator: Yahsmin Mayaan Binti Bobo**  
**“Remixing the Art of Spiritual Change”**

This panel offers new, youthful approaches to humanizing Islam to the general public through disciplines of the urban aesthetic by way of filmmaking, hip hop and digital media. Poetry and calligraphy were mediums used in the past to enlighten people about Islam but now these art forms have evolved to include a modern aesthetic: spoken word, performing arts, mural painting and digital media/arts. *Remixing the Art of Spiritual Change* will inspire a progressive discussion about new aesthetics, trends and norms among multicultural and multiracial Muslim youth, how (and if) this art can be propelled as Da'wah, and finally, to present a view of Islam aside from the dogmatic context it is often viewed within.

**Speakers:**

Mohammad Ali, Urban Islamic Art, UK, independent filmmaker  
Amir Sulaiman, spoken word/recording artist, spoken word/vocalist  
Rami Nashashibi, IMAN

1:00 to 2:00pm **Salaat-al- Jumah**

2:15 to 3:45pm

**Panel Discussion**

**Moderator: Dr. Rubina Inamdar**

**“Healthy Family and Marriage Relationships”**

As immigrant and indigenous communities mix under the broad umbrella of culture and Islam, what kind of priorities should our communities have? How do we reconcile Islamic traditions with cultural habits and American lifestyle? What can we learn from each group? How do we merge them to promote thriving healthy communities? What role does diet and nutrition play in healthy family and marriage relationships?

**Speakers:**

Reshma Inamdar, MBA, CPA/Founder SEMAH (Domestic Violence)

Amanda Dahl, RD, Assistant professor of Nutrition

Aisha Waheed, Co-founder of United Muslim Association

Imam Faheem Shu'aib, Quranic-based Family Relationships

Maryam Rashid Washington, IMMC and Inner-City Educator

2:15 to 3:45 pm

**Panel Discussion**

**Moderator: Khadija Rivera**

**“Latino Renaissance”**

The Renaissance (from French Renaissance, meaning "rebirth"; was a cultural movement that spanned roughly the 14th to the 17th century, beginning in Italy in the Late Middle Ages and later spreading to the rest of Europe. The term is also used more loosely to refer to the historic era, but since the changes of the Renaissance were not uniform across Europe, this is a general use of the term. To the Muslim world, “Latino Renaissance” is a catch phrase for the ‘rebirth’ of Islam among Spanish-speaking people. For 700 years the glory of Muslim Spain was heard around the world. The fear that Islam would be a global power shook Europe into the most horrendous period in history the “Inquisition”. In response, genocide and torture worked hand in hand to destroy the art, literary works, medical contributions and architecture of a unique and vibrant society. Today from Cuba to Spain, Latino Muslims are taking charge of history by spreading Islam from East coast to West. They are involved with art, Hip Hop, and the political forefront, in addition to spreading the teachings of Islam and attending learning centers throughout the world. This workshop will touch upon the contributions of Hajj Malik Shabazz aka Malcolm X to present day.

**Speakers:**

Imam Yusef Maisonett

Imam Ali Siddiqui, Latino Muslim Association

4:00 - 5:15 pm

**Panel Discussion**

**Moderator: Amad Shakur**

**“Financial crisis and Islamic banking and investment”**

In the mist of the worst global financial crisis since the great depression, many ask what went wrong with the American financial institutions and banking system and the stock and housing markets. This workshop will answer some of these questions and offer an alternative financing system “Islamic banking” which was relatively unaffected by this financial crisis. Also, we will examine how well did investments in mutual funds following Islamic Jurisprudence fared against the major US stock market indexes?

**Speakers:**

Mike Abdelaaty, President of American Finance House LARIBA  
Dr. Parvez Ahmed, Assoc. Professor of Finance, Univ. of North Florida  
Dr. Ehsan Habib Feroz, professor of Accounting, Univ. of Washington  
(invited)

4:00- 5:15 pm      **Panel Discussion**      **Moderator: Sababu Rashid**  
**“Interfaith Dialogue”**

This panel of religious leaders from different faith traditions will discuss how people of different faiths can work together as one humanity under God through dialogue, understanding and mutual respect. The panel will discuss how we can respond to the global call for building bridges of peace, justice and reconciliation.

**Speakers:**

Imam Qasim Ahmed  
Imam Plemin EL-Amin, Atlanta Masjid  
Bishop Ronnie Crudup, New Horizon Church of Jackson  
Rev. Paul Jones II, Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference  
Dr. James Bowley, Professor of Millsaps College of Jackson

5:30-6:00 pm      Salaat-al Asr

7:00- 9:00 pm      **Opening Reception**      **Jackson Convention Complex**

**Special Honors:**

Congressman Keith Ellison  
Congressman Andre’ Carson  
Congressman Larry Shaw  
Imari Obadele  
Owens Brooks

9:30-12:00 pm      **Entertainment/Open Mike**      **MC: Asim and Aseelah Rogers**

**Saturday July 11, 2009**

9 am to 11 pm      **Pre-recorded Video and Response**      **Moderator: Akbar Muhammad**  
**“Islamic Leadership and its Diversity”**

Presidents Ghaddafi and Toure’ will deliver pre-recorded messages to the conference participants. These messages will utilize the theme of the conference and IMMC’s exhibitions to discuss how past and current Islamic leadership can be utilized as a new way of thinking in molding an Islamic leadership model within the Muslim community in America based on tolerance, embracing diversity and intellectual thought. Then leaders of key Islamic organizations in America will respond to the Presidents’ messages.

**Pre-recorded videos:**

Honorable Moammar Ghaddafi, President of Libya and the African Union

Honorable: Amadou Toumani Toure, President of Mali

**Respondents:**

Imam Mahdi Bray, MAS Freedom  
Imam Siraj Wahaj, MANA  
Abdul Malik Mujahid, SoundVision  
Zahid Bukhari, ICNA  
Imam Plemin El-Amin, Atlanta Masjid  
Honorable Keith Ellison, US representative

11:15 am to 1:15 pm **Panel Discussion**

**Moderator: Okolo Rashid**

**Timbuktu Roundtable: “A Conversation about the historical role of Islamic African leadership”**

This is an invitation to the diverse African American leadership, to begin a new dialogue about the State of the African American community and to explore a successful community development model from our past. The Timbuktu Exhibition presents authentic examples of developed communities in West African that were great centers of learning and wealthy empires. Islam and Islamic ideas were at the core of the development of these West African communities, as revealed in the ancient manuscripts of Timbuktu. Here, Islam is presented not as a religion, but a cultural worldview with ideas that sparked an Age of Enlightenment in Africa that expanded into Europe and the West. The conversation is to explore the historical role of Islam and Islamic African leadership in Africa’s development and its prospect for development of African American communities today. This dialogue is designed to create intellectual discussion among the leadership based on scholarship and research. It begins efforts toward development of a think tank associated with IMMC’S and Jackson State University’s Islamic Thought Institute concept. It is based on the principle of the leadership’s accountability to build a genuine partnership within the diverse African American leadership around a common vision for a more unified, peaceful, safe, healthy, productive, morally strong and socio-economically competitive community.

**Speakers:**

Akbar Muhammad, ALF  
President Ronald Mason, Jackson State University (invited)  
Chokwe Lumumba, Jackson Attorney  
Malik Aziz, Darfur 23  
Honorable Robert Clark, former MS State Representative

11:15 am to 1:15 pm

**Panel Discussion**  
**Civic Responsibility”**

**Moderator: Jalil Muhammad**

This panel discusses the responsibility of Muslim organizations to actively engage in advancing the voices of the unheard in America. How do we use our faith and way of life to transform America and make it better, and at the same time fulfill God's purpose for us. The panelist will share their stories of how they utilized community-based nonprofit to work for social justice and deliver a range of direct and indirect services beneficial to the public.

**Speakers:**

Azhar Usman, Attorney, Activist, Entertainer

Reshma Inamdar, MBA, CPA

Imam Alvin Shareef, New Medinah Islamic Community

Shaheed Amanullah, Founder alt.muslim

Abdur Rauf (Walter Edwards), President of Full Spectrum Development of NY

1:30 to 2:30 pm Salaat-al Zuhr

2:30 pm to 5:30 pm **Museum tours** **Museum**

**Tour time will be scheduled at registration. The tour is expected to last an hour. Tours will be performed every 30 minutes starting at 2:30 pm.**

7 pm to 10:00 pm **IMMC Fundraising Banquet** **Jackson Convention Center**

**“ISLAM AT A CROSSROADS IN AMERICA: THE ROLE OF IMMC”**

**Special Guests: Congressman Keith Ellison and Jamil Muhammad**

**Keynote speaker: Imam Zaid Shakir, Zaytuna Institute**

**Entertainment: Allah Made Me Funny**

**Sunday July 12, 2009**

9:30 am to 11:30 am **Brunch with Imam Zaid Shakir** **Museum Atrium**

Participants will have an opportunity to learn about the Zaytuna Institute, its mission, programs, functions and benefits to the community. Also, participants will interact with imam Zaid over a range of topics of interest to the participants. We will also use this opportunity to raise funds in support of the Zaytuna Institute.

To register for the conference, the banquet or brunch with Imam Zaid, you can complete the enclosed registration form, register on line: [www.muslimmuseum.org](http://www.muslimmuseum.org), call or e-mail the museum at:

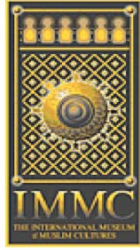
**601-960-0440 or email: [inmuseum@bellsouth.net](mailto:inmuseum@bellsouth.net).**

**IMMC is located at 201 E. Pascagoula Street, Jackson, MS 39201**

**HOTEL INFORMATION: Roberts/Walthall, 225 E. Capitol St. Jackson, Ms; also**

**Regency Hotel & Conference Center, 400 Greymont Avenue, Jackson, MS**

**Rooms have been reserved: Roberts/601-948-6161 or Regency/601-969-2141.**



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## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

### IMMC 8- YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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<b>IMMC 2009 Conference Registration</b> <b>Friday- Saturday July 10-11, 2009</b>		
Conference registration includes all sessions, workshops, opening reception, museum and exhibit tours and conference material. Registration to the Banquet and brunch are not included	<b>Advanced Registration</b>  (Only valid through midnight June 15, 2009)	<b>Regular Registration</b>  After June 16, 2009
Non-Member	\$75	\$90
IMMC Member*	\$60	\$75
Seniors/ Students**	\$50	\$60
<b>IMMC 2009 Banquet Registration</b> <b>Saturday Night Only, July 11, 2009</b>		
Banquet registration includes dinner, entertainment, key note speaker Imam Zaid Shakir, museum fund-raising, and awards ceremony.	<b>Advanced Registration</b>  (Only valid through midnight June 15, 2009)	<b>Regular Registration</b>  After June 16, 2009
Non-Member	\$60	\$70
IMMC Member*	\$50	\$60
Seniors/ Students**	\$40	\$50
Table for 8	\$350	\$400
<b>IMMC 2009 Brunch Registration</b> <b>Sunday morning Only, July 12, 2009</b>		
Brunch with Imam Zaid Shakir includes presentation about Zaytuna Institute, interaction with Imam Zaid and a fundraiser to benefit the Zaytuna institute.	<b>Advanced Registration</b>  (Only valid through midnight June 15, 2009)	<b>Regular Registration</b>  After June 16, 2009
Non-Member	\$25	\$30
IMMC Member*	\$20	\$25
Seniors/ Students**	\$15	\$20
Table for 8	\$150	\$180

**Please note:** The conference, the banquet and Brunch are registered for separately.

\* You can register for the conference, the banquet, brunch or become a member of IMMC on line by accessing [www.muslimmuseum.org](http://www.muslimmuseum.org) or call at 601-960-0440 or e-mail us @ [inmuseum@bellsouth.net](mailto:inmuseum@bellsouth.net)

\*\* Students and seniors may be asked to show ID at registration counter



# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## IMMC 8- YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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#### **V. I. P. Level (\$50.00)**

- Name listing in the souvenir program in V.I.P. section
- 1 complimentary museum ticket

#### **Business Card Level (\$100.00)**

- Business Card ad in the souvenir program
- 1 Complimentary banquet ticket
- 1 complimentary museum ticket

#### **SILVER LEVEL (\$500)**

- Recognition in all event functions
- Name on IMMC website page
- 1/8 page ad in the souvenir program
- 1 Complimentary banquet ticket
- 1 complimentary museum ticket

#### **GOLD LEVEL (\$1,000)**

All of silver level plus

- 1/4 page ad in the souvenir program
- 1 additional complimentary banquet ticket
- 1 additional complimentary museum ticket

#### **PLATINUM LEVEL (\$2,500)**

All of silver and gold levels plus

- 1/2 page ad in the souvenir program
- 2 additional complimentary banquet tickets
- 2 additional complimentary museum tickets
- Name/ logo on all event printed material
- 1 additional complimentary museum ticket

#### **OFFICIAL SPONSOR (\$5,000)**

Includes all previous levels plus

- Prominent recognition in all printed material
- Special recognition at all functions
- 1 full page front inside cover ad in the souvenir program
- 6 additional complimentary banquet tickets
- 6 additional complimentary museum tickets



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# **RESPONSE SHEET**

## **IMMC 8- YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

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Organization name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

URL/Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the box below to determine which opportunity of support you would like to participate in:

### **Conference registration**

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ / ticket

### **Sponsorship and Souvenir Ads**

\_\_\_\_\_ Official sponsor @ \$5,000

\_\_\_\_\_ Platinum sponsor @ \$2,500

\_\_\_\_\_ Gold sponsor @ \$1,000

\_\_\_\_\_ Silver sponsor @ \$500

\_\_\_\_\_ Business card sponsor @ \$100

\_\_\_\_\_ VIP sponsor @ \$50

### **Banquet invitation tickets**

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ / ticket

\_\_\_\_\_ Table of 8 for \$350

### **Brunch invitation tickets**

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_ / ticket

\_\_\_\_\_ Table of 8 for \$180

**Note:** The deadline for sponsorship and souvenir ad purchase is June 15, 2009. The banquet and brunch with Imam Zaid tickets can be purchased through July 5, 2009.