



**The North American Association of Islamic
and Muslim Studies (NAAIMS)**

**[Formerly the Association of Muslim Social
Scientists of North America (AMSS)]**

Presents

**The 52nd Annual Conference
“Creating Islamic Spaces and Places”**

Thursday, October 19, 2023

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Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN**

**A Virtual Conference on ZOOM Platform
All Sessions Held in Eastern Standard Time (UTC-05:00)**

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Welcoming and Introductory Remarks

Philip Goff, Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN
(Program Chair)

Mohammad H. Khalil, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
(NAAIMS Vice President)

10:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Panel Session 1

Place-making at the Margins

Chair/Discussant: Alisa Perkins, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

Bouchra E. Mossmann (University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark): “Making the Arctic a Muslim Home: Strategies of Place-making in Northern Canada”

Lucy Ballard (Harvard University, Cambridge, MA): “Feeling Islam in Detroit City: Prophetic Neighborliness and the Making of a ‘Real’ Islamic Place”

Nazreen S. Bacchus (Farmingdale State College-State University of New York, SUNY):
“Mobilizing for Islam: Community Organizing and Place-making in New York”

11:45 - 11:55 a.m. Break

11:55 a.m. - 1:25 p.m. Panel Session 2

What is “Islamic Space?”

Chair/Discussant: Najib B. Hourani, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Omar M. Ramahi (University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada): “Is there such A thing as ‘Islamic Space?’

Hazem Ziada (Emory University, Atlanta, GA): “Space for Religious Experience: Contemporary Synthesis?”

Salah D. Hassan (Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI): “A Paradoxical Place: The North American Mosque”

1:25 - 2:55 p.m. Lunch Break

2:55 - 3:55 p.m. Keynote Address

Keynote Speaker: Mahbub Rashid

Dean of School of Architecture and Design
The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

“Notes on the Social Production of ‘Islamic Spaces and Places’ ”

3:55 - 5:25 p.m. Panel Session 3

Muslim Spaces in Secular Places

Chair/Discussant: Siti Sarah Muwahidah, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

Krista Melanie Riley (Vanier College, Montreal, Canada): “A Space Just for You: The Role of a Prayer Room for Muslim Students in a Quebec College”

Sahver Kuzucuoglu (Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario, Canada): “Sufi Sounds: Creating Space Through Music, Poetry, Spirituality, and Social Cohesion”

Rahimjon Abdugafurov (Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN): “Cultural and Institutional Dynamics: Shaping Uzbekistani Mosques in the United States”

5:25 – 5:35 p.m. Break

5:35 - 7:00 p.m. Panel Session 4

Internment/Interment

Chair/Discussant: Abdulkader Sinno, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Leila Tarakji (Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI): “Negotiating Muslim Identity and Occupying Empty Spaces in Samira Ahmed’s *Internment*”

Sharmin Sadequee (University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada): “Secular Populism and Disputes Over Islamic Green Burial in the American Public Sphere”

Muhammad Izzul Haq (McGill University, Quebec, Canada): “Marking New Face Creating New Space: The Establishment of a Refugee-Friendly Mosque”

7:00 p.m. Concluding Remarks, Program Chair