



NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND POLICY CONFERENCE

PROGRAM

Friday October 19, 2018

12:00 PM

Conference Registration and Sign-in

1:00-1:30 PM

#NourishYourSoul: Jummah Prayer

1:30-2:15 PM

#NourishYourBody: Lunch and Opening Session

2:15-2:30 PM

Welcome and Opening

Muslim Civic Engagement in the Age of Trump and Rising Islamophobia

Speakers: *Roula Allouch, CAIR National Board Chair*
Nihad Awad, CAIR National Executive Director

2:30-3:15 PM

Main Session

#SpurredToAction: Cultivating Promising Muslim Leaders to Run for Office; How to Build a Movement Behind Your Campaign for Office

Synopsis: Hear from elected Muslim officials on how they successfully built a grassroots campaign that reached beyond the Muslim community and propelled them into the public sphere.

Speakers: *To be decided*
Moderator: *Robert McCaw, CAIR National Government Affairs Director*

3:15-4:30 PM

Parallel Sessions

Session 1 #IslamophobiaFightClub

Synopsis: This session will feature a panel of experts in diagnosing and combating anti-Muslim hate on both grassroots and grassroots levels, with a target audience of organizers, nonprofit leaders, and local-level advocates.

Speakers: *Khaled Beydoun, Professor and author*
Dr. Abbas Barzegar, CAIR National Research and Advocacy Director
and more
Moderator: *Zainab Arain, CAIR National Research and Advocacy Manager*

Session 2 #Media Mogul: Social Media Master Class

Synopsis: A strong social media presence can help any organization or activist shift conversations, build followers and mobilize followers to create change. How do you build a presence that engages people and mobilizes followers? In this session, you'll learn how to build your social media presence, how to create a unique voice, how to grow your profile, and how to engage and mobilize your followers.

Speakers: *Arsalan Iftikhar, journalist and human rights lawyer*
Imraan Siddiqui, CAIR Arizona Executive Director
Linda Sarsour, MPower Change Executive Director

Moderator: *Ibrahim Hooper, CAIR National Communications Director*

4:30-5:00 PM

Break and Prayer

5:00-6:30 PM

Parallel Sessions

Session 1 #NoMuslimBanEver = #FamiliesBelongTogether

Synopsis: The Trump administration does not discriminate when it comes to its anti-immigrant White supremacist immigration agenda - all immigrant communities and families are possible targets for being barred or restricted from entering the U.S. or separated at the border or once inside. Learn from experts on how the Muslims are moving past the Supreme Court's Muslim Ban decision and partnering with other impacted migrant communities fighting to keep the U.S. open to all those who share in the American Dream.

Speakers: *Gadeir Abbas, CAIR National Senior Litigation Attorney*
Khizr Khan, Gold Star Father
and more

Moderator: *Jaylani Hussein, CAIR Minnesota Executive Director*

Session 2 #MakingSafePlaces

Synopsis: Authentic self-expression is vital to the healthy progression of any community. It requires deliberately and intentionally creating spaces that emphasize inclusivity, personal safety and self-care - free from judgment or scorn from peers. This session will explore how we can foster such an environment for sharing personal experiences with the ultimate goal of effectively mobilizing and organizing for political action.

Speakers: *Lena Masri, CAIR National Litigation Director*
Asha Noor, CAIR Michigan Safe Spaces Coordinator
and more

Moderator: *Zainab Chaudary, CAIR Director, Maryland Outreach*

6:30-8:00 PM

#NetworkingReception

Saturday October 20, 2018

7:30-8:30 AM

#PowerForward Breakfast and Registration

8:30-9:30 AM

Main Session

Prophetic Tradition in Leadership and Activism

Synopsis: Every year, American Muslims become more socially, civically, and politically engaged in the struggle for justice across our nation.

Join our speakers for a discussion of how American Muslims can harness the Prophetic tradition of leadership and activism to inspire what causes we should advocate for, as well as how we can successfully advocate for those causes, in the pursuit of a just end by just means.

Speakers: *To be decided*

Moderator: *Dawud Walid, CAIR Michigan Executive Director*

9:45-11:15AM

Parallel Sessions

Session 1 #PoliticalJudo: Being an American Muslim: Thriving Under Political Attacks

Synopsis: Flipping the narrative of your detractors' political and personal attacks into a positive outcome for you.

Speakers: *Linda Sarsour, MPower Change
Zahra Billoo, CAIR-SFBA Executive Director
and more*

Moderator: *Roula Allouch, CAIR Board Chair*

Session 2 #OrganizingAgainstUnjustPolicies; Fighting Anti-BDS Legislation

Synopsis: Understanding the combined policies that affect Muslim Americans in advocacy.

Speakers: *Hatem Bazian, Professor- UC Berkeley, Asian American and Asian
Diaspora Studies*

Moderator: *Gadeir Abbas, CAIR National Senior Litigation Attorney*

11:15-11:45 AM

Break

11:45-1:00 PM

Main Session

#TakeItToTheStreets: Making Movements Accessible and Equitable

Synopsis: Looking at the impact of rallies, protests, and other organized public events, as well as canvassing around election time and the impact it has.

Speakers: *Imam Omar Suleiman
Namira Islam, Executive Director Muslim ARC
and more*

Moderator: *Edward Mitchell, CAIR Georgia Executive Director*

1:00-2:30 PM

#EatPrayAct Lunch and Prayer

2:30-3:30 PM

#LetsGetStarted

Synopsis: This session answers the question #sowhat? and identifies concrete steps for a #futureoriented activism. Participants will assess the #pathforward toward a just, equitable America and the activist's role in it.

Speakers: *To be decided*
Moderator: *Asha Noor, CAIR Michigan*

3:30-4:00 PM

Closing Remarks

Nihad Awad, CAIR National Executive Director