

Tuesday, April 15

Heritage Speaker

Imam W. Deen Mohammed

Siebert Chapel, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16

Saleemah Abdul-Ghafur

and Liyakat Takim, "Islamic

Reformations: Gender and Law"

Siebert Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Islam in America

Imam Warith Deen Mohammed

Arguably the most influential figure in the history of Islam in the United States, Imam Mohammed has played a central role in leading millions of African-Americans to Sunni Islam. Groomed by his father, Elijah Muhammad, for leadership in the racially separatist Nation of Islam, Imam Mohammed (and his close friend Malcolm X) broke away from the NOI and embraced a more traditional, racially inclusive brand of Sunni Islam. Imam Mohammed is presently the leader of The Mosque Cares, a Chicago-area organization that promotes interreligious and interracial harmony. He is featured prominently in the excellent PBS video series *This Far by Faith: African-American Spiritual Journeys* (2003).



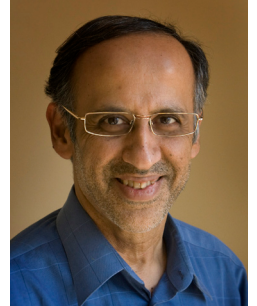
Saleemah Abdul-Ghafur

Ms. Abdul-Ghafur, a graduate of Columbia University, is the editor of *Living Islam Out Loud: American Muslim Women Speak* (Beacon, 2005), a collection of essays by American Muslim women who explore the relationships between Islam and feminism, tradition, and authority. A resident of Atlanta, Abdul-Ghafur has lectured widely, with recent stops at Yale, Harvard, and the studios of National Public Radio. She will be visiting with us after returning from a ten-day book tour in the U.K.



Liyakat Takim

Dr. Takim, a member of the University of Denver's religious studies department and an academic specialist in the study of Islam, is the author of *The Heirs of the Prophet: Charisma and Religious Authority in Shi'ite Islam* (State University of New York, 2006). His current research is on the reformation of Islamic law in contemporary times. A native of Tanzania, he has studied and taught in England, Canada, and the United States. He has lectured widely on Islam and modernity, Islam after 9/11, and Muslim-Christian relations.



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An understanding of Islam is vital to an understanding of contemporary U.S. and world affairs. To expand the Carthage community's understanding of Islam, Muslim scholars and community leaders will gather at Carthage for a two-day symposium, "Islam in America," to be held in April 2008. Through a combination of plenary addresses and more intimate classroom discussions, speakers will address themes like: the future of American Islam, women in Islam, Islam and human rights, Islamic teachings on war and peace, and reformations of Islamic law in the modern world.

The invited speakers are widely respected for their probing intellect, warmth of spirit, and unflinching courage in addressing controversial topics. The event promises to be an inspiring and memorable one in the life of the Carthage community.

Islam in America

This two-day symposium will feature free, public lectures by Imam Warith Deen Mohammed, Saleemah Abdul-Ghafur, and Liyakat Takim. Imam Mohammed will speak in Siebert Chapel at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15. Ms. Abdul-Ghafur and Dr. Takim will deliver a joint address in Siebert Chapel at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16. The speakers will address themes like: building community in the midst of diversity, fashioning distinctively “progressive” and “American” versions of Islam in the 21st century, and 21st-century Islamic reformations in gender and law.

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GUEST SPEAKERS

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