The Initiative on Islam and Medicine at the University of Chicago presents

**Interfaces and Discourses:**
A Multidisciplinary Conference on Islamic Theology, Law, and Biomedicine

**SAVE THE DATE:**
Friday, April 15th – Sunday, April 17th 2016
University of Chicago

**Registration is now open**

**Call for abstracts:** Abstract submissions are due Wednesday, December 16, 2015. For more information regarding the guidelines for an abstract submission or to submit your abstract follow this link: [https://pmruchicago.submittable.com/submit](https://pmruchicago.submittable.com/submit)

**Objective:**
Address the discursive and scholarly knowledge gaps impeding Islam and Science discourses through a 3-day multidisciplinary conference on the intersections of Islamic Theology and Law with Biomedicine.

**Description:**
The conference invites participants to share their work—be it using empirical, historical, theological, ethico-legal, social scientific, or other research methods—at the intersection of Islam and biomedicine. Papers will be grouped thematically into panels according to field of inquiry—scholastic theology (kalam), moral theology (usul al-fiqh), ethics/law (fiqh, adab, ahklaq), epistemology, empirical health research, and biomedical practice—and each panel will be brought to a close by a scholarly respondent commenting on the implications for cross-disciplinary dialogue and research that emerge from the presented work. While abstracts on any topic of relevance are welcome, presenters should consider the following two questions to be the primary focus of the conference.

1) How might scientific notions of harm and risk relate to, and work with, Islamic constructs of necessity and benefit in the context of biomedicine?

2) What is an Islamic ontology of the soul? How does it relate to, and how might it work with, modern neuroscientific data, in order to inform a better understanding of death and care for the dying?

Please visit our websites for additional information on the Interfaces and Discourses conference, the Program on Medicine and Religion, or the Initiative on Islam and Medicine.

The following organizations are helping host this conference
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**Keynote Lecturers:**

**Ebrahim Moosa PhD**
Professor of Islamic Studies, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and Department of History, University of Notre Dame.
Graduate of Darul Ulum Nadwatul Ulama (‘alimiyya) and the University of Capetown (PhD)

**Ingrid Mattson PhD**
London and Windsor Community Chair in Islamic Studies, Huron University College at the University of Western Ontario.
Former President of the Islamic Society of North America and Director of Muslim chaplaincy program at Hartford Seminary.

**Featured Presenters:**

**Aasim I. Padela, MD MSc**
Director, the Initiative on Islam & Medicine
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine
Faculty, MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, The University of Chicago

**Mohammad Amin Kholwadia**
Executive Director,
Darul Qasim Islamic Institute

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