

Keynote Speakers



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Founder and Director of Darul Qasim Islamic Institute. He has authored A Spark from the Dynamo of Prophethood, and co-authored Islamic Finance: What it is and what it could be.



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London and Windsor Community Chair in Islamic Studies at Huron University College at the University of Western Ontario. She earned her Ph.D. in Islamic Studies from the University of Chicago and is the former President of the Islamic Society of North America.



Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, Ph.D.

Professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Notre Dame and Co-Director of the Contending Modernities project. A graduate of the University of Cape Town and Darul Ulum Nadwatul 'Ulama, he was recently named one of the top 500 influential Muslims.

Conference Chair and Director of the II&M:



Aasim I. Padela, MD, MSc is a clinician-researcher and bioethicist who utilizes diverse methodologies from health services research, religious studies, and comparative ethics to examine the encounter of Islam with contemporary biomedicine.

Additional Speakers:

Jawad Qureshi	Volkan Stodolsky	Rizwan Saleem
Omar Qureshi	Abul Fadl Mohsin Ebrahim	Azeem Syed
Syed Jafri	Shaykh Jihad Brown	Macksood Aftab
Ayesha Ahmad	Hossein Naeim Abadi	Faisal Qazi
Noam Stadlan	Mehrunisha Suleman	Sirajul Husain
Ahsan Arozullah	Hooman Keshavarzi	Rania Awaad
Khurram Ahmed	Kiarash Aramesh	Taylor Purvis
Mohammad Syifa Widigdo		

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Curricular Goals and Objectives

Framing the problem: The problem of silos and its theoretical and practical implications

- * Define the "silos" problem as it relates to bioscientific and religious discourses.
- * Compare the essential nature of the two forms of knowledge: bioscientific and religious.
- * Identify the epistemic values of scientific knowledge as seen from the lenses of Islamic moral and scholastic theology.

From theory to practice: Focus on cases

- * Describe how scientific notions of harm and risk might relate to, and work with, Islamic constructs of necessity and benefit in the context of biomedicine.
- * Define an Islamic ontology of the soul, and describe how it relates to modern neuroscientific data, in order to inform better understanding of death and care for the dying.
- * Describe ways in which Islamic theology and law might inform issues in biomedicine and clinical care, such as in organ transplantation, fertility treatment, mental health care, and clinical research.

Challenges in practice: Inter-professional conversation and care

- * Describe the value of interdisciplinary conversation between scientific biomedicine and religious thought.
- * Identify the potential benefits of patient care that is religiously (esp. with respect to Islam) sensitive.
- * Identify practical challenges to religiously sensitive patient care.



THE INITIATIVE ON ISLAM AND MEDICINE THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

The Initiative on Islam and Medicine (II&M) produces path-breaking scholarship that impacts the lives and experiences of Muslim patients, healthcare providers and religious leaders, with a primary focus on the American context using an innovative approach that convenes and draws insights from a diverse set of disciplinary experts from across the theological, social, and human sciences.



Interfaces and Discourses:

A Multidisciplinary Conference on Islamic Theology, Law and Biomedicine



WHAT IS THIS CONFERENCE ALL ABOUT?...



Hosted by the Initiative on Islam & Medicine (II&M) within the Program on Medicine and Religion at the University of Chicago, and in conjunction with Loyola University Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine, this conference addresses the scholarly and discursive gaps impeding Islam and Science dialogues. It will bring together experts from diverse disciplines and holding a variety of positions in order to flesh out whether, where, and how biomedical data and scientific modes of thinking may work together

with Islamic understandings of reality and theological ways of reasoning. This conference also aims to bridge the discursive gaps through strategic plenaries and panel presentations that bring theoreticians into conversation with the biomedical practitioners.

In addition to the conference, Friday afternoon hosts a pre-conference workshop: *An Introduction to Islamic Bioethics*, and on Saturday evening we will host a benefit dinner for the II&M where we highlight key deliverables produced by II&M in the past 2 years and where keynote speakers are brought into debate and dialogue.

KEY QUESTIONS OF THE CONFERENCE:

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

Questions? Please email
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WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Allied health professionals, trainees, & health researchers
- Muslim religious leaders & seminary-trained Islamic scholars
- Academic Islamic studies experts & graduate students
- Social scientists, bioethicists, & others involved in the Islam & Biomedicine discourse
- Public & policy audiences with an interest in the intersections of medicine and religion

REGISTRATION

COURSE FEES: (Workshop fees cover educational materials, refreshments, and lunch; rates increase after Mar. 31, 2016)

	Full Conference Rate	One-Day Rate
Physicians with CME	\$275	\$150
Allied Health and Other Professionals	\$185	\$95
Imams and Chaplains	\$150	\$75
Resident Physicians	\$110	\$50
Students	\$85	\$50
Pre-Conference Only	\$50	
II&M Benefit Dinner Only	\$50	

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH 2016

12:00- 1:00pm	Pre-Conference Registration Tables Open*	
1:00- 1:50pm	Jumma Prayer on Campus*	
Pre-Conference Workshop: An Introduction of Islamic Bioethics 2:00- 5:15pm	The Actors and Material of Islamic Bioethics	Aasim I Padela, MD, MSc
	The Tools of the Islamic Ethico-Legal Tradition (Usul)	Jawad Qureshi, PhD(c)
	Theological & Ontological Consideration for an Islamic Ethics of Medicine	Shaykh Amin Kholwadia
5:30pm	-Conference Registration Material Pickup* -Reception and Networking*	
6:00- 6:30pm	Conference Opening*	Aasim I Padela, MD, MSc
6:30- 7:30pm	Plenary Session	Keynote Speaker: Shaykh Amin Kholwadia

SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH 2016

8:30- 9:00am	Continental Breakfast & Registration*	
9:00- 9:30am	Welcome & Conference Overview*	
9:35- 10:50am	Panel 1: The Meeting Points of Moral Theology & Medical Care	
11:15- 12:45pm	Panel 2: The Soul and Holism in Healing	
1:00- 2:00pm	Lunch & Prayer Break*	
2:00- 3:40pm	Panel 3: The Soul: Neuroscientific Findings & Metaphysical Realities	
3:30- 4:30pm	Plenary Session	Keynote Speaker: Ebrahim Moosa, PhD
5:30- 8:30pm	II&M Benefit Dinner *	

SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH 2016

9:15- 10:45am	Panel 4: Doctors and Jurists in Dialogue: Framing the Discourses	
11:15- 12:55pm	Panel 5: Researching Muslim/ Islamic Bioethics	
1:30- 2:30pm	Conference Closing Plenary Session	Keynote Speaker: Ingrid Mattson, PhD

*No CME credits awarded