Speakers



Imam Osama Fisa

Imam Osama Eisa is an Imam, academic, and lecturer. He is currently taking time off by going to law school, after completing his graduate coursework. His studies have focused upon Islamists and Islamist politics, Democracy and Governance, and the Rule of Law, specifically the historical and potential future development of Shariah Law. He has studied in a number of American Institutions, as well as in Egypt. He has been invited to speak about Islam and Middle Eastern politics at various universities and organizations, covering topics such as Islamic Law, Arab political issues, and the history of Islam.



Sr. Zahra Billoo

As the Executive Director for the CAIR San Francisco Bay Area (CAIR-SFBA) chapter. Zahra Billoo strives to promote justice and understanding at local and national levels. In 2009, Zahra joined CAIR-SFBA and immediately embraced her roles as community organizer and civil rights advocate. She frequently provides trainings at local mosques and universities as part of CAIR's efforts to empower the community, while building bridges with allies on key civil rights issues. Zahra also represents victims of discrimination and advocates for positive policy changes that uphold civil rights for all. Her work with CAIR-SFBA has been highlighted in local and national media outlets including KTVU, NBC, CNN, MSNBC, the Christian Science Monitor, and NPR. MOst notably, she made waves when she appeared on FOX News O Reilly Factor in Fall 2010 to discuss invasive TSA practices.

A 2010 recipient of the San Francisco Minority Bar Coalition's Unity Award and a 2011 recipient of the South Asian Bar Association of Northern California's Public Interest Attorney of the Year Award, Zahra has been a devoted labor rights advocate for several years. While in college, she worked with the California Faculty Association on issues including faculty salaries and the defunding of public higher education. While in law school, Zahra was awarded the Peggy Browning Fund Fellowship to work with the National Employment Law Project. Zahra graduated Cum Laude from California State University, Long Beach with degrees in Human Resources Management and Political Science. She earned her J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of Law, and was admitted to the California Bar in 2000.



Sheikh Joe Bradford

Sheikh Joe holds a graduate degree in Islamic law from the Islamic University of Medina and has studied traditionally with scholars from around the Muslim world. He is a specialist in Islamic financial ethics with more than a decade of experience and currently teaches at Prairie View A&M University. You can read more about him at www.joeBradford.net.



Imam Siraj Wahhaj

Siraj Wahhaj, Imam of Masjid Taqwa in Brooklyn, New York is well known among Muslims in North America as a dynamic speaker and tireless supporter of Islamic causes. Imam Siraj Wahhaj accepted Islam in 1969 and received Imam training at Ummul Oura University of Makkah in 1978, going on to become a national and international speaker of Islam. Imam Wahhaj has been Vice President of ISNA U.S. since 1997 and has served on Majlis Ash-Shura since 1987. He is a past member of ISNA's Planning Committee and has served as a member of the Board of Advisors for NAIT from 1989-1993. He is also a member of the Board of Advisors for the American Muslim Council.



Br Boonaa Mohammed

Dubbed the "voice of a generation," Boonaa Mohammed is a critically acclaimed award winning writer and performer with accolades including a playwright residency at Theatre Passe Muraille, a short story published in a Penguin Canada anthology called "Piece by Piece" and various slam poetry titles credits including winner of the 2007 CBC Poetry Face-Off "Best New Artist" award

His popular Youtube videos have received Millions of views to date, and as an Artist he has toured and traveled across the world, speaking alongside some of the most influential scholars and entertainers of our time. He frequently conducts writing workshops and seminars, sharing his experience and expertise in Spoken Word story-telling with mainly youth from all walks of life.