



## IMAM DAWOOD YASIN

In September of 2009, Dawood Yasin was appointed the Muslim Life and International Service & Education Advisor at the William Jewett Tucker Foundation. In this role Dawood provides spiritual and religious support, offers educational seminars, and leads congregational prayers for Muslim residents at Dartmouth College and in the greater Hanover area.

Dawood began his studies in international relations at Southern Connecticut State University. However, he chose to interrupt his studies in 1991, accepting a job in the advertising industry allowing him to work in Paris, London, New York, Milan and South Africa for five years.

During his residence in South Africa, Dawood converted to Islam and returned briefly to the United States. He then spent five years in Damascus, studying Arabic, Islam, and spirituality. Upon completion of his studies, he returned to New Haven, CT where he served as the imam of a local mosque.



## SISTER ZAHRA BILLOO

Zahra Biloo is a civil rights attorney and the executive director of the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR). In this capacity, she leads the oldest CAIR chapter in the country, serving the Bay Area's 250,000 Muslims. Zahra also provides direct legal services for victims of law enforcement targeting and Islamophobia. Her work has been highlighted in local and national media outlets including the Christian Science Monitor, KTVU, MSNBC, NPR, and the San Jose Mercury News.

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 the Law, and is licensed to practice law in California. As a law student, Zahra was awarded the Peggy Browning Fund Fellowship, and worked with the National Employment Law Project and became involved with the Muslim American Society.

Outside of her work with CAIR, Zahra bakes birthday cakes for foster children through Cake4Kids and is a coordinator for Project Feed, a monthly homeless feeding effort in downtown San Francisco.



## SHEIKH OMAR HUSAIN

Born and raised in Southern California, Omar Husain attended the University of Illinois at Chicago, on a tennis scholarship, and graduated with a degree in Information Sciences. After graduating, he travelled to Toronto, Canada where he studied the Arabic language and began studying the Islamic sciences. He then returned to the United States and worked as a business analyst for multiple consulting firms. During this time, he was blessed to complete his memorization of the Quran.

He then travelled to Cairo, Egypt, and, along with private studies, enrolled in Al-Azhar University, the oldest institute of Islamic learning in the world. He graduated from the College of Islamic studies and Arabic Language at Al-Azhar.

He has actively participated in various youth activities, and MSA study circles, as well as delivered khutbas, lectures, and held classes in various masjids across the U.S. He has also translated the soon to be published masterpiece of Imam Jalāl ad-Dīn Suyūṭī, *Al-Itqān Fī U'lūm al-Qur'ān* "Towards Perfecting the Qur'ānic Sciences." He is currently the Religious Director at MCECC.



## SHEIKH YASSIR FAZAGA

Sheikh Yassir Fazaga is an inspiring, multi-lingual speaker sought-after from USA through Canada to the Middle and Far East. He was born in Eritrea in Northeast Africa and moved to the United States at the age of 15; has a Bachelors Degree in Islamic Studies from the Institute of Islamic and Arabic Sciences in Virginia; and received a Masters Degree in Marriage and Family Counseling from the California State University of Long Beach.

Sheikh Yassir has served as the Religious Leader of Orange County Islamic Foundation (OCIF) in Mission Viejo, California. He was the Director of Mental Health Department at Access California Social Services Agency in Anaheim, where he helped families with different challenges in life which include: domestic violence issues, communication problems, marital matters, generational gap, difficult teens, some mental and personality disorders, divorce, grief, and single parenting, among others.



## DR. ALTAF HUSAIN

Dr. Altaf Husain is the ISNA Vice President and has a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering, and an M.S. and Ph.D. in Social Work. He was elected as ISNA Vice President in 2014 and served formerly as a board member and chair of the Leadership Development Committee. His past service to the community includes serving as a two-term national president of the Muslim Students Association and an executive committee member of the Muslim Alliance in North America.

Dr. Altaf Husain holds a doctoral degree from the Howard University School of Social Work in Washington D.C. His research interests include the integration of immigrant and refugee families, and especially Muslim adolescents, in the United States. He serves as Executive Assistant for Academic Affairs in the Office of the Provost at Howard University and is a double alumnus of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.



## BROTHER AZHAR AZEEZ

Azhar Azeez is currently ISNA President and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from the prestigious Osmania University and a Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA). He currently serves as the Senior National Director of Islamic Relief USA. He is a member of ISNA Executive Council since 2002, served as the Vice President of ISNA twice from 2010-2014. He was elected as the President of ISNA in 2014 and was re-elected to his second term in 2016.