

SPEAKERS



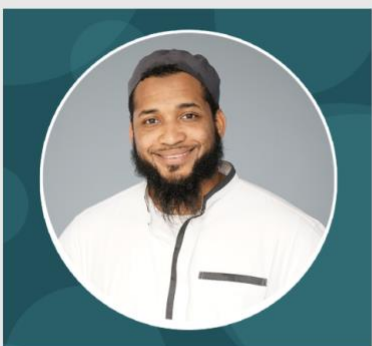
CELENE IBRAHIM

Dr. Ibrahim earned a Bachelor's degree in Near Eastern Studies with highest honors from Princeton University and was the first to earn a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard University with a focus in Islamic studies and Muslim leadership. She holds a Doctorate of Philosophy with a concentration in Arabic and Islamic Civilizations and a Master of Arts in the fields of Women and Gender Studies and Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandeis University. She is an alumna of the United World College-USA. She is currently Chaplain at Tufts University. In this role, Dr. Ibrahim offers mentorship and support to students across Tufts University schools and helps to coordinate programs and activities related to Muslim life on campus.



DAWOOD YASIN

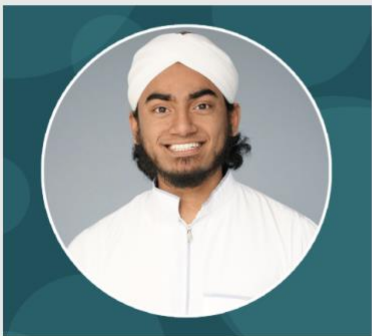
At Dartmouth College, Dawood provided spiritual and religious support, offered educational seminars, and lead congregational prayers for Muslim students, and residents of the greater Hanover area. Dawood also worked to foster understanding and dialogue among diverse campus groups by building and maintaining interfaith relations. During his residence in South Africa, Dawood converted to Islam and then spent five years in Damascus studying Arabic, Islam, and spirituality. Upon completion of his studies, he relocated to New Haven CT where he served as Imam of Masjid Al-Islam. While in New Haven he also worked as a teaching assistant and engaged in research at Yale University. Dawood also served as Director of Outreach at the Zayed Center for Islamic Culture in the United Arab Emirates, engaging in public speaking within U.A.E. and abroad, emphasizing ethics and tolerance between Muslim and non-Muslim communities. Dawood spent five summers teaching Arabic language at the Zaytuna Summer Arabic Intensive. Dawood has a B.A. in Community Studies and an MA in Globalization Studies.



MIKAEEL SMITH

As an instructor at Qalam, he is an Islamic scholar, writer, and activist striving to meet the spiritual and educational needs of the DFW community. Imam Mikaeel previously served as a resident scholar at the Islamic Society of Annapolis and the Islamic Society of Baltimore. He grew up in a deeply spiritual Christian home in Buffalo, NY. At the age of 18, he embraced Islam after reading the Qur'an and the Autobiography of Malcolm X. Imam Mikaeel enrolled at the Dar ul-Uloom al-Madania in Buffalo, NY, where he completed his memorization of the Qur'an. He continued his studies in Jami'a Abu Noor in Damascus, Syria.

In 2012, he completed his hadith studies of the Sihah Sitta (six most authentic collections of Prophetic traditions) and Qur'anic Tafseer (commentary). He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Islamic Studies at the Dar ul-Uloom Canada in Chatham, Ontario. He moved to Maryland to become the scholar-in-residence at the Islamic Society of Annapolis where he taught tajweed (Qur'an recitation) and the foundational Islamic sciences. He has also taught at the Makkah Learning Center in Gambrills, MD, and served as a full-time instructor at the Al-Rahmah Seminary in Baltimore, MD. Imam Mikaeel is currently pursuing his BA in psychology, while writing translations of classical Islamic texts.



MUNTASIR ZAMAN

Mufti Muntasir Zaman is a scholar activist and a prolific writer. Born in New York where he completed the memorization of the Qur'an at an early age. He studied the preliminary years of the Alimiyah program at Ma'had al-Rashid in Ontario, Canada. He then travelled to South Africa where he enrolled in Madrasah 'Arabiyyah Islamiyyah. In 2013, he graduated from the Alimiyah program and received authorization in the ten modes of Qur'anic recitation. Thereafter, he completed the Iftaa program, followed by a year specializing in the field of Hadith. In 2017, he received an M.A in Islamic Studies from the Markfield Institute of Higher Education in Leicester, England.

Currently, he is a full-time Qalam instructor in the Alimiyah program teaching students advanced Hadith studies.



ABDELRAHMAN MURPHY

Ustadh AbdelRahman Murphy is an instructor at Qalam Institute and the director of the Roots Community in the Dallas Fort-Worth area. Born and raised in Chicago, Ustadh AbdelRahman has Bachelor's Degrees in Education and Religious Studies. He has pursued traditional Islamic studies at the Alimiyah level over the last decade with numerous teachers, primarily under the mentorship of Shaykh AbdulNasir Jangda. He has been serving the community in a full-time capacity in various roles such as a youth director, Islamic Studies teacher, chaplain, and imam.

Ustadh AbdelRahman currently resides in Dallas, TX with his wife and son. Along with his community programs, you can benefit from him by accompanying him on one of the Qalam Travel trips or attending a workshop conducted by him, such as the Faith Intensive.



HATEM BAZIAN

Professor Hatem Bazian, received his Ph.D. in Philosophy and Islamic Studies from the University of California, Berkeley. Prof. Bazian is also the co-founder and Professor of Islamic Law and Theology at Zaytuna College, the 1st Muslim Liberal Arts College in the United States. He also serves as Chair of the Northern California Islamic Council, co-founder and Chair of American Muslims for Palestine, co-founder and Board Member, Dollar for Deen, Board Member of Islamic Scholarship Fund, and Board Member of the Muslim Legal Fund of America.



USTADHA SAFIYA RAVAT

Safiya Ravat was born in Canada and raised in South Africa and the US, with British and Indian origins. She grew up in Houston, and now serves as the Female Religious Director at Maryam Islamic Center. Safiya is the co-founder of Suhbah Institute. Safiya attained her degree in Journalism with a minor in Religious Studies at the University of Houston and went on to write for the Houston Chronicle.

After graduating from the Bayyinah Dream Arabic program, she and her husband attained a degree in Fiqh and Usul ul Fiqh (Islamic Law and Jurisprudence) from the International Islamic University of Malaysia. She served as the head Arabic instructor at Bayyinah Dream last year. Safiya is currently pursuing a Master's in Pastoral Counseling in Marriage and Family Therapy. Safiya has a mission of empowering women through education that re-aligns the community with the true narrative of women in Islam.