



SPEAKER LINEUP

SHEIKH ABDULNASIR JANGDA

The founder, director, and an instructor at Qalam. He has completed an extensive study of the life of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم in the Seerah Podcast. He annually teaches the Seerah Intensive and leads groups on the Seerah Umrah tour and a visit to Masjid Al-Aqsa. While teaching at the Qalam Seminary he travels around the country teaching classes, seminars, and giving lectures. Born and raised in Dallas, he currently resides there with his wife and three children. He memorized the Qur'an in Karachi at an early age. After high school, he returned to Karachi to study the Islamic sciences full-time at Jamia Binoria. He graduated from the rigorous 'alim program in 2001 at the top of his class. He also obtained a B.A. and M.A. in Arabic from Karachi University while completing a Masters in Islamic Studies from the University of Sindh. After returning home, he taught Arabic and Islamic Studies at the University of Texas at Arlington, worked with various Islamic schools and served as the Imam at the Colleyville Masjid in the Dallas area.



SHEIKH FAHAD TASLEEM

Fahad Tasleem is a research fellow and instructor at Sapience Institute. Sapience Institute is an organization dedicated to academically articulate the message of Islam and develop intellectual and spiritual leaders in this important work. Fahad's research areas at Sapience focus on Islamic Theology & Spirituality. He holds a BA in Economics, Graduate Studies in Middle Eastern Studies with a focus on Islamic Theology and an MSc in Business. Fahad is a student, researcher and teacher of various Islamic sciences.



MUFTI ABDUL WAHAB WAHEED

Mufti Abdul Wahab Waheed was born and raised in Ann Arbor, MI. He began Islamic studies at Jaamiaah al-Uloom al-Islamiyyah in Canada where he became a Hafiz at the age of 11. Upon the completion of his Tahfeedhul Ul Quran, Mufti Abdul Wahab decided to continue his studies in Islamic sciences. He started his 7 year Shariah program in Toronto, Canada and went even further to pursue higher education of Hadith in Karachi, Pakistan. Mufti Abdul Wahab completed his Hadith Intensive in the renowned Islamic University founded by Sheikh Yusuf Binori RA known as Jamia Binoritown, where he had the fortune of studying under teachers who had received their Ijazat from Al- Azhar, Madina Univirsity, and Ummul Qura. Upon graduation, Mufti Abdul Wahab wanted to pursue his passion in understanding and education in the field of Islamic Jurisprudence and Law. He started his studies at Al Ihsan institute located in Vancouver, B.C., specializing in Islamic Jurisprudence and Ifta' under his professors while simultaneously teaching Fiqh and Hadith in the same school. During this time period, he was also serving as a Khateeb and lecturer in the province of British Colombia. He also traveled extensively across North America for Dawah purposes. Throughout his travels, Mufti Abdul Wahab addresses communities across the United States on a wide range of Islamic topics and Inshallah, continues to do so with the Tawfiq of Allah SWT. Mufti Abdul Wahab is a Co-founder at Miftaah Institute and also is a Co-Founder and Director at Michigan Islamic Institute.



IMAM SULEIMAN HANI

Imam Suleiman Hani is the Director of Academic Affairs at AIMaghrib Institute, a research scholar for Yaqeen Institute, a resident scholar at the Islamic Cultural Association, and an adjunct lecturer at the Islamic Center of Detroit. At the age of 14, Suleiman completed a 10-month Qur'an memorization program and began his intensive studies under numerous scholars, earning dozens of traditional religious certifications in the process. He later earned a master's degree from the University of Jordan's College of Shari'ah, ranking first in his class, and a master's degree from Harvard University, where he studied religions, philosophy, political science, and psychology. Over the past decade, he has served as an Imam and community leader in Michigan, lectured in dozens of countries, published a number of books and articles, and was featured on the largest Islamic TV stations worldwide.





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SHEIKH 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.

IMAM MAHAD QAMAR & USTADHA SAFIYA RAVAT

Mahad Qamar and Safiya Ravat are an American couple from Houston, Texas – of Pakistani (Mahad) and South African (Safiya) heritage. They co-founded the SUHBAH Institute in 2018 and have been married for over a decade, with one son – Noah. Mahad and Safiya began their Islamic Studies journey in 2008 under Shaykh Isam Rajab at Arees Institute, and continued on to attend the Bayyinah Dream Arabic Program. They then pursued their Bachelor's degrees in Islamic Fiqh and Usul al Fiqh (Islamic Law and Jurisprudence) from the International Islamic University of Malaysia and finally completed their Master's in Pastoral Counseling in Marriage and Family Therapy. Safiya also holds a degree in Journalism from the University of Houston (Go Coogs!). After Malaysia, they served as the head instructors of Tafseer and Quranic Arabic at the Bayyinah Dream program in Dallas, and later served as the Religious Directors at Maryam Islamic Center in Sugar Land. Mahad and Safiya are currently the lead instructors at the Suhbah Seminary, pre-marital training facilitators for Suhbah's Strong Couples program, and will serve as the inaugural Chaplains at the University of Houston's Muslim Students Association. Suhbah offers Islamic seminary courses, counseling, avenues for singles looking to get married, as well as pre-marital training for engaged couples and newlyweds. "Strong Couples" is Suhbah's state certified online Islamic pre-marital training course that combines pre-marital training from both the counseling and Islamic realm. "Conversations" is Suhbah's online singles platform and discussion based halaqa. Mahad and Safiya have been teaching classes and offering seminars locally and nationally for over a decade. They have a zeal to help breakdown misconceptions, realign with the Prophetic model, and accompany and inspire individuals along their journey of growth by providing quality, nurturing and easily accessible Islamic learning and counsel that is applicable to our ever changing lives and circumstances – whether that be in our relationships with others, with ourselves, or with our Lord.

IMAM ANWER IMAM

Imam Anwer graduated from the 'Alimiyyah (Islamic Scholarship) Program from the Qalam Seminary where he studied under a number of scholars and teachers including Shaykh Abdul Nasir Jangda, Mufti Husain Kamani, Shaykh Mikaeel Ahmed Smith, and Mufti Muntasir al-Zaman. Imam Anwer earned a sanad and ijazah (certificate of authenticity and traditional teaching license) in the memorization and recitation of the Holy Qur'an under Shaykh Uthman Khan. Imam Anwer has previously served as the Imam and Religious Director at the Islamic Association of Mid-Cities (IAMC) and is a former instructor in the Ruffa Program at the Taqwa Islamic Seminary. Imam Anwer graduated from Stony Brook University with a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) from the Department of Biology with a concentration in Developmental Molecular Genetics and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from the Department of History with a concentration in Global History and Social Change. He then attended the University of Medicine and Health Sciences (UMHS) and graduated with honors as a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.). He currently serves as the Imam and Director of Religious Affairs at the Nueces Mosque