

CALL FOR PAPERS

RESPECT GRADUATE SCHOOL, INAUGURAL CONFERENCE

ISLAM IN AMERICA: CIVIC AND RELIGIOUS YOUTH IDENTITIES

Featuring Keynote Speaker **Dr. Ingrid Mattson**

Islam in America aims to create a learning community platform and welcomes papers addressing various religiously identified youth groups. We are soliciting balanced participation by diasporic Islamic communities – immigrant-origin as well as Black American and Latino American – in conjunction with other faith communities. It is our hope that such a collaborative learning effort will actuate a cross-pollination of best practices and theoretical, conceptual richness for understanding and cultivating healthy and productive religious and civic identities for youth. We welcome papers from across all academic disciplines.

Possible topics include but are not limited to:

- Bilingual and bicultural competencies
- Immigrant v. Indigenous religious authority
- Pedagogies and habitus: religious/spiritual education, formal and informal
- Reflections on the Gender Gap, or how patriarchy continues to control our institutions
- Ongoing dialectic between integrationist and assimilationist approaches
- Youth spaces of interfaith activity
- Immigrant youth, social change, and activism
- Sexual freedom as religious and/or civic identity
- Positive/negative roles of social media in civic and religious youth narratives
- Best practices in education and community building
- Communal expectations and social conformity

To Apply, please submit an abstract of up to 500 words with your full name, paper title, academic institution and department or community/faith organization, along with contact information, to zkhan@respectgs.us. This CFP is open to undergraduate and graduate students, community organizers, activists and organizers, members of clergy and congregations, educators, university faculty and scholars. Several conference papers will be selected for academic publication. A limited number of travel scholarships are available for presenters.

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