

# 2008 Regional Seminar

Washington, D.C. • Wed., Sept. 17, 2008

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## Covering Islam

### WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

How can you accurately, fairly and insightfully cover a faith community that includes up to 7 million individuals of wide-ranging ethnicities and races, representing first-generation immigrants as well as the descendants of African slaves?

To help answer this question, Religion Newswriters and program sponsor One Nation: Liberty and Justice for All, have identified leaders from the American Muslim community who will talk about: the basics of the faith, the leadership role of women, and the rise in civic participation among American Muslims. Together we have also invited journalists with extensive experience covering this community—to talk to you about the challenges of getting the story right.

One Nation is a philanthropic collaborative that is working to integrate diverse voices into mainstream media coverage in order to advance the principles of pluralism and tolerance.

### MEDIA FILES

- [AUDIO \(podcast downloads\)](#)
- [AUDIO \(iTunes podcasts\)](#)
- [PHOTOS](#)

### EVENT DETAILS

**Where:** The National Press Club, Washington, D.C.

**When:** Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008, 8 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

**Cost:** Cost: \$35 / FREE for scholarship recipients to the RNA Annual Conference

**Presented by:** [Religion Newswriters](#), the association of journalists who cover religion in the mainstream media

**How to register:** [Online \(PROGRAM IS SOLD OUT! 7/29\)](#)

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<b>WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17, 2008—COVERING ISLAM PROGRAM</b>	
<b>8–8:30 a.m.</b>	Registration & continental breakfast (National Press Club)
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAM: Covering Islam</b> Program begins with a welcome.
<b>9–10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>PANEL: About Islam</b> A lecture and Q&A covering the basics of the faith  Speaker: • <b>Imam Mohamed Magid</b> , director, <a href="#">All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS)</a>

<b>10:30–10:40 a.m.</b>	Break
<b>10:45 a.m.–Noon</b>	<p><b>PANEL: Women and American Islam</b> Discussion on how American Muslim women are increasingly taking on leadership roles in their communities and the implications for the U.S. and beyond</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maha ElGenaidi</b>, founder &amp; president of <b>Islamic Networks Group (ING)</b></li> <li>• <b>Daisy Khan</b>, executive director, <b>American Society for Muslim Advancement</b></li> <li>• <b>Dalia Mogahed</b>, executive director, <b>Gallup Center for Muslim Studies</b></li> <li>• <b>Mona Eltahawy</b>, <b>freelance journalist</b> and commentator</li> </ul>
<b>Noon–1:30 p.m.</b>	Lunch at The Hamilton Crowne Plaza Sponsored by author Dr. Will Davis Jr., featuring his new book, "Why Faith Makes Sense."
<b>1:30–2:45 p.m.</b>	<p><b>PANEL: American Muslim Civic Participation</b> Discussion on rising civic and interfaith participation from the American Muslim community and what it means to communities throughout the U.S.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Edina Lekovic</b>, communications director, <b>Muslim Public Affairs Council</b></li> <li>• <b>Zeenat Rahman</b>, outreach and training coordinator, <b>Interfaith Youth Core</b></li> <li>• <b>Farid Sensai</b>, director of research, <b>Institute for Social Policy and Understanding</b></li> <li>• <b>Dawud Walid</b>, executive director, <b>Council on American-Islamic Relations—Michigan</b></li> </ul>
<b>2:45–2:55 p.m.</b>	Break
<b>3–4:30 p.m.</b>	<p><b>PANEL: Reporting on American Muslims</b> Discussion on current coverage and how to overcome challenges reporting on the American Muslim community</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maria Ebrahimji</b>, producer, <b>CNN</b></li> <li>• <b>Anisa Mehdi</b>, documentary <b>filmmaker</b></li> <li>• <b>Tayyibah Taylor</b>, <b>Azizah Magazine</b></li> <li>• <b>Jamie Tarabay</b>, <b>NPR</b></li> </ul>
<b>4:45–5 p.m.</b>	<b>Evaluations &amp; wrap up</b>
<b>7–8:30 p.m.</b>	Dinner at The Hamilton Crowne Plaza Sponsored by The Fetzer Institute's Campaign for Love & Forgiveness