



Dr. Daisy Khan, D.Min

*"I am an active member of the Muslim community who is committed to the shared values of Islam and America which I see as mutually reinforcing. As a faith-based activist, I have fielded three broad questions about Islam that continue to shadow most conversations. These questions center on the status of women in Islam, the lack of effective Muslim leadership (young and old) and the challenge of extremism and Islamophobia confronting Muslims in America.*

*As co-founder and former Executive Director of American Society for Muslim Advancement I dealt directly with the challenges of living as a Muslim in the post-9/11 world and in response-built bridges of understanding between faith communities. To fill the vacuum in youth leadership I convened and networked an impressive cadre of 500 young Muslim leaders from around the globe. As founder of Women's Islamic Initiative in spirituality and Equality, I amplify the voices of Muslim women on the frontlines advocating for women's rights, religious pluralism, and peacebuilding.*

*As a spiritual activist, I stand true to the divine purpose which is human diversity, aimed at promoting peace, harmony and cooperation between peoples and nations. Strategically, I leverage the power of faith to combat deep-seated social ills and use Islam's egalitarian teachings to promote societal common good and its spiritual values to unite, transform, and actualize wisdom in the spiritual lives of people.*

**Bio-Speaker, Author, Impact leader, Women's advocate, Interfaith promoter**

**Daisy Khan** is an award-winning speaker, author, activist, commentator, and the founder of Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality (WISE), the largest global network of Muslim women committed to peacebuilding, gender equality, and human dignity.

She has been involved in grassroots efforts combating anti-Muslim bias for over twenty years and is renowned as a thought leader on Muslim women's rights, Islam in America. As a bridge builder she has been hailed for producing interfaith programs like *Same Difference*, the *Cordoba Bread Fest* and the "Today, I am a Muslim Too" rally.

Khan believes that women's leadership is essential to solving societal issues. *"we need to remove structural barriers to Muslim women's leadership, to enable them to use their resolve, passion and humility to bring societies into greatness."* She founded the first global Muslim women's Shura (advisory) Council to amplify Muslim women's scholarship. The Council uses an egalitarian interpretation of scripture to publish position papers against pressing issues such as child marriage, domestic violence, female genital mutilation, terrorism, and many others.

Khan published ***WISE Up- knowledge end extremism*** in collaboration with 72 authors to create a counter-momentum to the rise in hateful rhetoric and violent extremism. Her memoir, ***Born with Wings***, published in 2018 by Random House, depicts her spiritual journey as a modern Muslim woman and her circuitous path to leadership. In 2022 Khan will publish ***"30 Rights of Muslim Women, in Islam, Quran and Shariah and WISE UP- White Supremacy, what White America can learn from the experience of Muslims fighting extremism."***

Khan is a prolific speaker who has lectured at major institutions, like Council on Foreign Relations, Aspen Institute, Chautauqua Institution, World Economic Forum, Islamic society of North America and many others. She is a media commentator and an Op-Ed writer who has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, ABC, PBS, and BBC and is featured in documentaries and publications like TIME, Guardian, Newsweek, New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Elle, and many others.

Khan was listed among TIME Magazine's "100 Most Influential" People and *The Huffington Post* listed her among "Top Ten Women Faith leaders" and *MORE Magazine* described her as "a link between moderate Islam and the West." She is the recipient of twenty awards and honors including the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award, Edinburgh Peace Award, Interfaith Center's Award for Promoting Peace, *Women's E-News* named her "21 women of the 21st century." *Glamour Magazine* listed her among "7 Women You Must Follow on Twitter."

Born in Kashmir, she spent twenty-five years as an interior architect for various Fortune 500 companies. In 2005, she dedicated herself to full-time community service and building movements for positive change, both in the United States and around the globe.

## **Advisories**

- Advisory Board Member, DEI Institute **Warner Music Group**
- Founding partner, **Starts With Us: Daily Habits to Improve Ourselves, Our Communities & Our World.** initiated by **Daniel Lubetzky- CEO, Kind Bars**
- National Council Member, **Muslim Jewish Advisory Council**
- National Advisory Council Member, **First Amendment Voice**
- **President's Committee on Interfaith Action**, Claremont Lincoln University, brings interfaith leaders together to promote peace
- International Advisory, **Women's Regional Network**
- Board Emeritus, **White House Project**, trains women to participate in the political process Member,
- Advisory committee of **World Religions for Peace, Women of Faith**
- Advisory Board Member of the **One Voice Movement** - Palestinian Israeli peace movement
- **Leadership Group of the US-Muslim Engagement Project**, led by Secretary Madeleine Albright & former U.S. Undersecretary of Defense Dov Zakheim
- Advisory for educational programming for **9/11 Memorial Museum** in New York
- Muslim Advisory Council to **New York Police Department**
- Advisor for community affairs for New York City cultural event, **Muslim Voices**
- Advisory group to **Her Majesty Queen Rania on Interfaith relations**
- Advisory Council for **Religion Dispatches Website**
- Advisory Council for **Asian American Arts**

## **Awards and Honors**

- 2017- **Community Service Award** – Bronx Community Council
- 2016- **Service to Humanity Award** – One Spirit Learning Alliance
- 2015- Honoring **Muslim Women in Our Community** – Islamic Center of Long Island
- 2014- **Faith in Action Award**- International Center for Religion & Diplomacy
- 2013- **Voices That Challenge Award**- The Interfaith Alliance of NYS
- 2012- First recipient of the **Charles Ansbacher Award** – Hunt Alternatives Fund
- 2012-@DaisyKhan named one of the 140 Best Twitter Feeds of 2012 – Time Magazine,
- 2012- @DaisyKhan named in “7 Women You Must Follow on Twitter” – Glamour Magazine
- 2012- **Inspiring commitment to Inter-faith work.** Common Ground
- 2011- **Building Bridges Through Interfaith Dialogue** – IQRA International Educational Foundation
- 2011-**Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award** – Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
- 2011-**The Edinburgh Peace Award** - City of Edinburgh, Edinburgh Interfaith Association, Festival of Spirituality and Peace
- 2011-**Prophetic Voice Award** – The Shalom Center
- 2010-**Commitment to Action** – Clinton Global Initiative
- 2010-**Women Who Empower and Inspire Award** – The Arab American Family Support Center
- 2008-**21 Leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Seven Who Topple Tyrannies** – Women’s E-News
- 2007- **Prime Mover** – Hunt Alternatives Fund
- 2006-**James Parks Morton Interfaith Award** – The Interfaith Center of New York- along with co-awardees- Justice Breyer, and Richard Gere
- 2005-**Lives of Commitment Award** – Auburn Theological Seminary



# TIME Techland

News and reviews about gadgets, gear, apps and the web

@DaisyKhan: One of TIME's [Top 140 Twitter Feeds of 2012](#)



# GLAMOUR

7 Women You Must Follow for LOLs, OOHs and AHhs

@DaisyKhan was also included in [Glamour's #FollowFriday](#) feature!



Arab-American Family Support Center  
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## Lectures

- Commonwealth Club 2021
- Islamic Society of North America- September 2019
- Harvard University, Kennedy School of Govt. 2019
- Chautauqua Institution; 2004-2019
- Islamic Society of Boulder, CO 2018
- Global Peace Foundation: November 2016
- United States Institute of Peace: November 2016
- Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom: December 2016
- White House Roundtable: November 2016
- Kadeem, Turkey: November 2016
- American Muslim Women's Association: November 2016
- Council of Foreign Relations: October 2016
- American Jewish Committee: October 2016
- Islamic Center Long Island Interfaith Institute: October 2016
- Jewish Community Center 2016
- Singapore Center for Excellence on National Security: September 2016
- African Health Conference: September 2016
- Aspen Chapel: September 2016
- American Jewish Committee- 2016
- NEXUS Global Youth Summit, United Nations: July 2016
- Fordham University Conference: June 2016
- Left Forum: May 2016
- Hedayah, Abu Dhabi: May 2016
- Kazakhstan Embassy, Interfaith Dialogue: May 2016
- Phoenix Committee on Foreign Relations: April 2016
- Muslim Woman's Organization of South Florida: April 2016
- CUNY Dialogue: April 2016
- New York University Lecture: April 2016
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: March 2016
- RAND: Belgium, 2016
- World Affairs Council: 2019
- City Club of Cleveland: 2016
- The Brecht Forum 2012 <http://www.osce.org/atu/45995>





## **Past speaking**

### **Universities/Schools:**

- MANHATTAN COLLEGE: "The Theology of Mercy from a Progressive Islamic Perspective," July 13 – 15, 2012 – Keynote Speaker
- OBERLIN COLLEGE: "Creating a Coalition of Moderates Across All Religions," May 27, 2012
- BEACON SCHOOL, NEW YORK: "Islam 101," May 14, 2012
- PACE UNIVERSITY: "All American Bigotry? Media, Art, and Activism in the Age of Islamophobia," April 3, 2012
- LIM COLLEGE: "Muslim Women as Agents for Social Change," March 27, 2012
- SARAH LAWRENCE: League of Women Voters Community, March 26, 2012
- ST. LEO UNIVERSITY: "Religion and the Challenge of America: Judaism, Christianity and Islam," March 20, 2012
- DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY: "Women and Minorities in Interreligious Dialogue in the United States," February 7, 2012

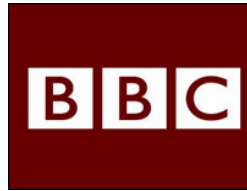
### **Conferences:**

- WASHINGTON, D.C., The Newseum: "WISE Up: Voices of American Muslims," October 17, 2017
- AUSTRALIA – Australia's Regional Summit to Counter Violent Extremism: Capacity Building and Training for Civil Society, Industry, and Government: "Key players – the role of women and families in challenging terrorist propaganda," June 11 – 12, 2015
- WASHINGTON, D.C.: International Baccalaureate's Conference of the Americas, July 10, 2014, Annual Convention
- DUBAI: "Muslim Women as Agents of Change," June 2, 2012
- KAZAKHSTAN – US Delegation to 4<sup>th</sup> Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions: "Peace and Accord as a Choice of Humankind," May 30 – 31, 2012
- NEW YORK: "ANA Arab Contemporary Film Festival Panel Discussion on Honor Killing," May 10, 2012
- MALAYSIA: "World Congress of Muslim Philanthropists," April 26 – 28, 2012
- TURKEY: "Association of Women in Development (AWID) Conference," April 19 – 22, 2012
- AUSTRIA: Expert Roundtable on the Role and Empowerment of Women in Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization that Leads to Terrorism (VERLT), March 12 – 13, 2012
- WASHINGTON, D.C. World Conference of Women's Shelters Panel, March 1 – 2, 2012

## Media



The New York Times  
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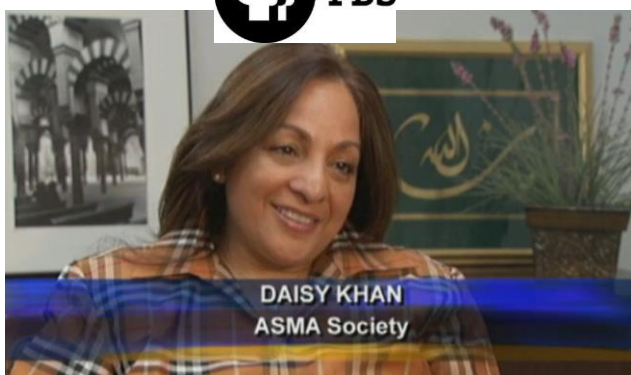
The Washington Post



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## Media

### **FILM/DOCUMENTARY APPEARANCES:**

- *Memory Box- 20th Anniversary of 9-11- MSNBC Documentary 2021*
- *Uitzending Gemist: " LUX: The World Ten Years After 9/11" – August 1, 2011,*  
<http://www.uitzendinggemist.nl/afleveringen/1107990-wolven-in-schaapskieren>
- *Auteur Production, Ltd.: "Three Faiths, One God: Christianity, Judaism, Islam," September 15, 2005*  
<http://www.3faiths1god.com/index.htm>
- *National Geographic Television: "Inside Mecca," March 1, 2003,*  
<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2003/10/photogalleries/InsideMecca/>
- *Public Broadcasting Service (PBS): "Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet," December 18, 2002*  
<http://www.pbs.org/muhammad/>

### **OP-EDs:**

- *Wall Street Journal- <https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-mosquemetoo-movement-1530226224>*
- *Religion News Service <https://religionnews.com/2021/08/24/will-the-taliban-lite-respect-afghan-womens-rights/>*
- *CNN International: [Islam key to Afghan Dream](#)*
- *The Guardian: [Islamophobia is America's real enemy](#) , February 9, 2012*
- *Huffingtonpost.com: [Is the NYPD Really Against Muslims?](#) , January 27, 2012*
- *The Washington Post: [Lowe's: Not improving Muslim-American relations](#) , December 13, 2011*
- *The Washington Post: [Reclaim an egalitarian Islam](#) , April 15, 2011*

### **FEATURES:**

- *Huffington Post [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/islamophobia-ground-zero-mosque-cordoba-house\\_n\\_613b87bce4b09519c50452bd?nls](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/islamophobia-ground-zero-mosque-cordoba-house_n_613b87bce4b09519c50452bd?nls) Sep 11, 2021*
- *Time Magazine: "Beyond 9/11: Portraits of Resilience," September 13, 2011,*  
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- *More Magazine: "Mosque's Daisy Khan Not Backing Down," January 18, 2011,*  
<http://www.more.com/news/politics-opinion/mosques-daisy-khan-not-backing-down>
- *The New York Times: "Daisy Khan, an Eloquent Face of Islam," November 12, 2010*  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/11/14/fashion/14khan.html?pagewanted=all>
- *Newsweek Magazine: "The Ideals We Share," July 31, 2000*

### **TV APPEARANCES:**

- *MSNBC- Ali Velshi Show- 2021*
- *MSNBC - Andrea Mitchell Reports: "Muslims in the US Still Cope with Discrimination in the Wake of 9/11," September 7, 2011,*  
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/44427837#44427837>
- *MSNBC – Martin Bashir: "Afghanistan explodes after burning of Qur'an," April 4, 2011*  
<http://video.msnbc.msn.com/martin-bashir/42420031#42420031>
- *CNN Newsroom: "Khan: Islam is not the enemy," March 8, 2011,*  
<http://edition.cnn.com/video/?/video/politics/2011/03/08/nr.khan.radicalization.cnn>
- *MSNBC – Morning Joe: "Daisy Khan and Lesley Jane Seymour," February 10, 2011*  
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- *BBC – Impact with Mishal Husain: "Controversy over 'Ground Zero' mosque plans," December 7, 2010,*  
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- *NewsWeekly: "Islamic Center Controversy," October 3, 2010,*  
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- *Abc News: "Debating the Ground Zero Islamic Center, with Daisy Khan and Joy Levitt," August 22, 2010,*  
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- Fox News: "Ground Zero Imam's Wife Speaks Out," August 20, 2010, <http://video.foxnews.com/v/4316782/ground-zero-imams-wife-speaks-out>
- Democracy Now: "'I Fear for My Country': Muslim Leader Daisy Khan on Opposition to Ground Zero Mosque and Others Nationwide," August 12, 2010, [http://www.democracynow.org/2010/8/12/i\\_fear\\_for\\_my\\_country\\_muslim](http://www.democracynow.org/2010/8/12/i_fear_for_my_country_muslim)
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- Fox News – The O'Reilly Factor: Daisy Khan, March 5, 2010
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#### **RADIO:**

- YNYC- NPR- The Brian Lehrer Show- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9-11 2021
- WNYC - The Brian Lehrer Show: "Decade 9/11 Conversation – Julie Menin and Daisy Khan," August 29, 2011
- The Take Away with John Hockenberry and Celeste Headlee: "Religious Extremism: The Same on All Sides?", April 4, 2011, <http://www.thetakeaway.org/2011/apr/04/religious-extremism-same-all-sides/>
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- NPR – Morning Edition: "Muslims Will Use N.Y. Center To Fight Extremists," April 13, 2010 <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=125890784>

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## Women's Empowerment

Khan founded WISE (Women's Islamic Initiative on Spirituality & Equality) to build solidarity among Muslim women leaders and to advance the role of Muslim women in contemporary society. WISE fulfills its ambitions through a four-prong change theory.

1. **Global convenings** – assembling WISE women from more than 40 countries.



2. **Global Muslim Women's Shura Council**, a consensus council which publishes position papers to provide an egalitarian interpretation to scripture for pressing societal on women's and human rights such as *Jihad Against Violence- a condemnation of domestic violence and terrorism*, *Female Genital Cutting: Harmful and Un-Islamic*, *child and forced marriage and Adoption and Care of Orphaned Children*.



3. **Grassroots projects**- Mobilization of imams to promote women's rights led by Muslim women to tackle Female Genital Cutting (FGC), domestic violence, and child marriage.



4. **Muslim Women's Web Portal**, an educational tool and comprehensive online source of information and resources for Muslim women: [www.wisemuslimwomen.org](http://www.wisemuslimwomen.org)

## Youth Empowerment - MLT (Muslim Leaders of Tomorrow)

Muslim Leaders of Tomorrow (MLT) convenings offer a growing young Muslim leaders committed to pluralism, justice, human rights, and social change an organized, encouraging space to debate ideas, share best practices, and help each other become better leaders. These leaders appreciate their diversity as their strength, and act as spokespersons for tolerance and respect in Islam—they are leading a new wave of sustainable social change from within.





### **Interfaith Dialogue**

#### **June 2003 - Cordoba Bread Fest-Jews, Christians, and Muslims "Break Bread Together"**



In the spirit of the flowering of culture, art, and philosophical inquiry that took place in Spain during the Middle Ages, Khan collaborated with several Jewish and Christian co-sponsors to organize an event to jointly break bread together with the three other Abrahamic faiths. By breaking bread together, we wished to re-create a climate that is reminiscent of a rich past. **"A piece of Cordoba right here in the heart of New York."**

**Co-sponsors included:** American Society for Muslim Advancement, B'nai Jeshurun Synagogue, CRI- St. Bartholomew's church, Catholic Archdiocese of New York, Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, Islamic Cultural Cntr of NY, Islamic Cntr of Long Island, NY Assocs of New Americans, St.Paul & St. Andrews Methodist Church, Riverside Church, UJA-Federation of New York .

#### **June 2005 - Festival Cordoba A Celebration of Muslim and Jewish Music**



For nearly 1400 years, Jews and Muslims have shared a monotheistic vision and have developed deep philosophical, legal and ethical traditions that draw from that vision.

Festival Cordoba brought together musicians Amir Vahab with Basya Schechter and her band Pharaoh's Daughter. Amir Alan Vahab is one of New York's most celebrated and distinguished composer / vocalists of Persian sacred and folk music.

#### **"Today, I Am a Muslim Too" Rally**

On March 6, 2011, in response to Congressional hearings dubbed "the radicalization of Muslim communities in America" led by Congressman Peter King (R-LI), Khan collaborated with Foundation For Ethnic Understanding & interfaith organizations joined in unity to support American Muslims. In 2017, the Rally was re-organized in NY Times Square to unite all Americans against Hate and Bigotry.



#### **Interfaith - 9/11 Community Outreach**

On September 9, 2011, ASMA co-hosted "In Good Faith: Stories of Hope and Resilience," which honored a decade of peaceful multi-faith collaboration since the tragic events of 9/11.



## CULTURE AND ARTS



### January 2002- Reflections at a Time of Transformation

#### *American Muslims Reach Out to New Yorkers in the Aftermath of 9/11*

Held only three months after 9/11, brought together 22 Muslim visual artists, poets, musicians, and filmmakers to share their reflections on September 11<sup>th</sup> through various artistic media. The event was held at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine in New York City on a snowy day in January and **brought out 600 New Yorkers** for an evening of sharing poetry, music, sculptures, and paintings.

### January 2003 - Same Difference - Theatre

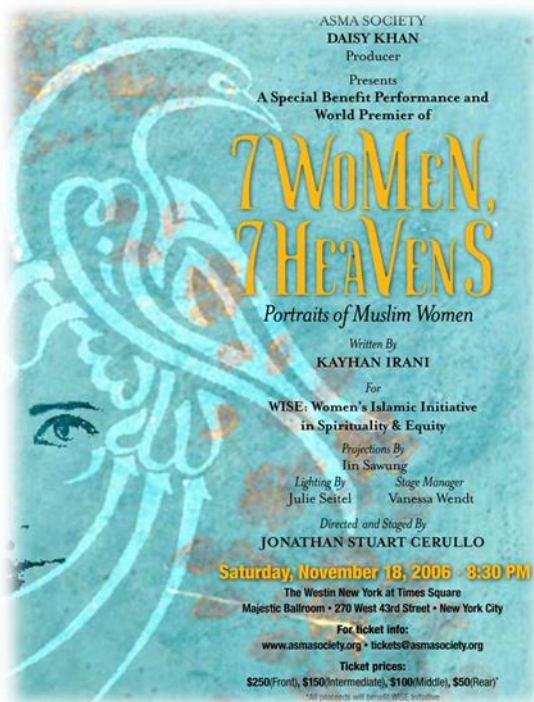
#### *A Theater Project to Shed Light on Stereotyping After 9/11*

Three women, Jewish, Christian and Muslims came together to develop a theater program to focus on interfaith relations before and after September 11, 2001. The entire play was composed of interviews of average New Yorkers on their views as to why the attacks happened. With theater as the medium of expression, the audience heard often harsh truths in the words of community members spoken by a third person (the actor) in a safe environment. This allowed the audience to get closer to the meat of community dissonance and conflicts more readily than would normally be possible. The show was **sold-out audiences for over 16 weeks**.



### November 2006 - 7 Women 7 Heavens - Theatre

#### *Portraits of Muslim Women*



To celebrate the launch of its Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality Initiative (WISE) worked with playwright Kayhan Irani to produce a show titled 7 Women, 7 Heavens – Portraits of Muslim Women.



The play was comprised of **7 vignettes of Muslim women of various ages in different life situations**. It juxtaposed their stories in funny, soothing, and abrasive dialogue with themselves around issues of faith, community, and relationships.

The world premiere of the play took place during the launch of the WISE initiative on November 2006 to a packed audience of WISE participants and members of the larger New York City community.

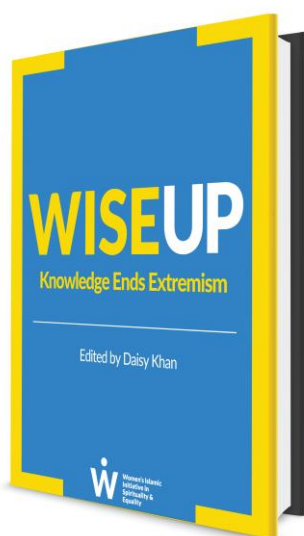




## Extremism and Islamophobia

**WISE Up**, knowledge ends Extremism is a 365-page knowledge resource and toolkit to aid communities in achieving the interconnected and mutually reinforcing goals of **1) countering the spread of extremist ideologies**, which distort the peaceful teachings of Islam, and **2) countering the harmful effects of misinformation about Islam and Muslims**, which have led to rising Islamophobia and an increase in anti-Muslim hate crimes. WISE Up was published in collaboration with 72 most prominent Muslim scholars, academics, and experts who represent the broad spectrum of the global Muslim community. Advisory

**Advisory-** Imam Mohamed Magid, *ADAMS Center* Imam Talib M. Shareef *Masjid Muhammad, The Nation's Mosque*, Magid Alsayegh, *Dialogue Institute, Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, Rev. Chloe Breyer, *Interfaith Center for New York*, Scott Cooper *Human Rights First, Veterans for American Ideals*, Rev. Mark Farr *Sustained Dialogue Institute*, John W. Kiser, *Abdelkader Education Project*, Ryan John Koch, *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints*, Rev. Jim Wallis *Sojourners*, Rabbi Burt Visotzky, *Jewish Theological Seminary*, Steve Miska, *First Amendment Voice, Global Peace Foundation*



***"We are all called upon to be our bravest, brightest, and best.***

***Now, (WISE Up) it's been said, it's been written, it's been noted, it's been collaborated, it's been refined into a beautiful 375-page book. It's online, there are people YOU KNOW there, there are people YOU SHOULD know there. There are Muslims who know these things...We have to make sure that these solid voices stand up and are prepared to bravely say 'you know what, you're wrong, we have spoken up, we do care, and we will make sure you have a resource to fight extremism and hate.'"*** New York State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins



Wise Up Summit- Washington DC 2018



Congressional Briefing- 2018

## Praise for WISE Up

### ACADEMICS

"**WISE Up** brings a wide range of wise voices to the analysis of issues critical for the American Muslim community and for all Americans –the challenges of Islam in America, Islamic responses to extremist ideology, preventing extremist recruitment. We urgently need to hear the sixty Muslim men and women, scholars and activists, civic and religious leaders who have contributed to this critically important report."

Diana Eck, Ph.D., Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies, Harvard University, Dir. of the Pluralism Project

"**WISE Up**... is a valuable resource for the Muslim community itself, policy makers, and politicians who are searching for more light and less heat in the current discussion regarding American Islam. Highly recommended."

Dr. Omid Safi, Director, Duke Islamic Studies Center, [Duke University](#)

"It is a textbook, handbook and a practical workbook all in one. While this book is focused on Islam, it wrestles with the challenges that every religion faces in the modern world. I congratulate WISE for what promises to be an extremely valuable resource."

Dr. Tony Tian-Ren Lin, Managing Director of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, [University of Virginia](#)

"Long overdue! ... **WISE Up** eviscerates the stereotypes, clichés and misinformation about Muslim Americans and their religion that too often dominates our national dialogue."

Professor Lawrence Pintak ([Washington State University](#)) and co-editor, *Islam for Journalists (and everyone else)*

"... all of us will benefit from a 'more nuanced and informed debate.' ... This volume is also a vital tool for all Muslims who wish to reclaim their faith."

Jonathan Golden, Ph.D., [Drew University](#), Center on Religion, Culture and Conflict

"A timely study that offers a remarkable toolkit for leaders seeking to understand the religion of Islam and best practices to combat extremism at home and abroad."

Darrell Ezell, Ph.D., Author, *Beyond Cairo: U.S. Engagement with the Muslim World*; V.P. for Academic Affairs, [Claremont Lincoln University](#)

"**WISE Up** is an urgently needed corrective to the all-too-common distortions of the true teachings of Islam... Muslims and non-Muslims alike will find this book a helpful resource..."

Dr. Yehezkel Landau, author, interfaith educator, and consultant

"We at Bayan Claremont appreciate the role of **WISE** in reaching out to leaders and the public with such a resource to clarify Islam's core values and teachings. Developing such literacy is an important part of creating a climate that exhibits mutual respect, upliftment, and hope for the future."

Jihad Turk, President, [Bayan Claremont Islamic Graduate School](#)

### MOSQUES/ISLAMIC CENTERS

"**WISE Up** is a valuable resource for anyone interested in true Islam and facts on Muslims. I envision extensive benefit to the Muslim community itself; academics; policy makers; and politicians who are searching for enlightening, accurate, diverse reflections of the Islamic and Muslim mosaic. Highly recommended."

Dr. Amr Fass, Executive Director, [Islamic Society of Boston](#), Cambridge, MA

"Thank you and **WISE Up** for your great efforts, especially the campaign and "call to action" that gives voice to the American Muslim community. I am with you in the campaign as much as I can."

Dr. Imam Mohammad Qatanani, [Islamic Center of Passaic County \(ICPC\) in Paterson and Clifton, NJ](#)

"What a wonderful idea and cause! Thank you for including us! We are working to find ways to reach out to our local community and are also trying to redefine our current structure within ISSA. [**WISE Up**] will be very helpful to us! We look forward to hearing how WISE is doing with this campaign as well as ways that we may be able to work together."

[Islamic Society of the Seacoast Area, Dover, NH](#)

"This is a great initiative to unify the American Muslim voice and establish the true American Muslim narrative."

Mizanur Rahman, President, [Islamic Society of Frederick, MD](#)

"We are really hopeful and impressed by this great work of yours. I believe our peaceful religion has not yet been properly introduced to the American people at both levels' government and community, and I hope this project would be a solid step toward that. On behalf of the Muslim community here in VT, we endorse your project hoping that the peaceful message of Islam could be better understood."

Imam Islam Hassan, [Islamic Society of Vermont, Colchester, VT](#)

"The Rhode Island Council for Muslim Advancement (RICMA) supports the **WISE Up** American Muslim Community Initiative in its efforts to empower Muslim communities and lawmakers with information and tools to support American Muslims. The tools and materials developed and provided by **WISE Up** are focused on giving communities accurate information to make clear the distinctions between the peaceful practice of Islam and those who commit acts of terror in the name of Islam. RICMA shares **WISE Up**'s focus on education, advocacy, and bridge building."

Imam Adnan Adrian Wood-Smith, President, [Rhode Island Council for Muslim Advancement \(RICMA\)](#)

"On behalf of our Muslim community at Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center (CIMIC); we want to congratulate you on the good work that went into your efforts to give non-Muslim's information that will clear up many misunderstandings and issues about Islam. We endorse your effort in this matter."

Waleed Jassim, President, [Central Illinois Mosque, and Islamic Center \(CIMIC\), Urbana, IL](#)

"The Mother Mosque of America is proud to be part of this endeavor and sending the right message of Islam in America, whether this message is to the Muslim community or to the non-Muslim community. To educate the public about Islam is not an easy task, especially with what's going on in the media, yet people want some trusted source to help them get truthful information about Islam and Muslims in America, and our officials need special information to help them protect the religious rights of Muslims. The Mother Mosque of America is on the national historic places, and active in...schools, churches etc. I feel that this project is great, and the Mother Mosque would like to be part of it."

Imam Taha Tawil, Executive Director, [Mother Mosque of America, Cedar Rapids, IA](#)

"I stand firmly alongside Rep. Keith Ellison and others in support of the **WISE Up** American Muslim campaign. As a Muslim peace activist and interfaith speaker and educator, I applaud the WISE organization and their mission to clearly articulate the peaceful message of Islam, particularly at this time when many work very hard to defame Islam. There has never been a more crucial fork in the road for American Muslims. I strongly support and join you in your [efforts]."

Lisa Zaynab Killinger, DC, Immediate past President, [Muslim Community of the Quad Cities, Bettendorf, IA](#)

"This is a positive campaign for people of faith in general and humanity and society as a whole. Our community welcomes initiatives like these that work to create shared meaning with shared understanding of universal principles and values as our focal point."

Imam Muhammad Shoayb Mehtar of the [Islamic Society of Greater Salt Lake, UT](#)

"The Islamic Community Center of Phoenix enthusiastically support and endorse **WISE Up** Guide and campaign. Our Muslim community witnessed firsthand the dangers of extremism, and suffered bigotry with armed protesters intimidating our worshippers, and then experienced the overwhelming love and support from our neighbors, we appreciate the significance of your campaign to help reaching out to our neighbors and elected officials and to help educating and enlightening them about our peaceful faith."

Usama Shami, President, [Islamic Community Center of Phoenix](#)

"The Islamic Center of Murfreesboro supports the efforts of **WISE** in combating Islamophobia and extremism. The **WISE Up** report will be a valuable resource that explains the true nature of Islam while exposing the evil tactics used by Islamophobes and extremists. Ignorance and misconceptions can be only eradicated by education and truth."

Dr. Saleh M. Sbenaty, Professor and Program Coordinator for Computer Engineering Technology, [Middle Tennessee State University](#)

"It's a great idea. We are looking forward to reviewing and utilizing topics related to misconceptions affecting Muslims and non-Muslims in America today."

Mateen March, [Northwest Islamic Community Center in Minnesota](#)

"At this polarized time in the history of our nation, the **WISE Up** Campaign offers an essential and invaluable resource guide to combat ignorance and suspicion with knowledge and strategy. An essential read for anyone, Muslim and non-Muslim alike, who seeks to build healthier and inclusive communities in America."

Sophia Said, Chairperson, [Madina Institute and Masjid, Little Rock, AR](#)

## MUSLIM CIVIL SOCIETY AND CULTURAL ASSOCIATIONS

"The International Museum of Muslim Cultures (IMMC) supports and joins in partnership with **WISE Up** in uniting and amplifying the Muslim American Voice across America. We stand united in peace for freedom, justice, equality, and dignity for all with people of goodwill in America and the world, and in conviction that G-d is One."

Okolo Rashid, Emad Al-Turk Co-founders " [International Museum of Muslim Cultures, Jackson, MI](#)

"**WISE-Up** truly is a profoundly WISE initiative! Having passionately vested three decades to the critical cause of nurturing inter-faith understanding across the US and abroad, I wholeheartedly commend this strategic approach to enlighten and empower the Media, Interfaith, Government & Muslim sectors with authoritative, evidentiary, knowledge-based counter to today's cacophony of radicalism and extremism. This is an absolutely Must-Have Inter-faith resource today!"

Kareem M. Irfan, Past President and Co-Chair, [Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago, Chicago, IL](#)

"An amazing document! WISE has created a guide that puts human stories about the lives of Muslims and the difficulties they face front and center. Too often the dialogue about Muslims focuses only on the sensational instead of the mundane, unexciting stories of Muslim doctors, business owners and charities thriving and contributing to their local communities."

Ahsan A. Latif, President, [Crescent Peace Society, Overland Park, Kansas](#)

### MUSLIM-WOMEN'S ORGNIZATIONS

"[Muslim Peace Fellowship applauds] ... the **WISE Up** Guide and Campaign for gathering an insightful, relevant and authoritative collection of articles highlighting Islam as a religion of compassion, pluralism and peace. We welcome this opportunity to join Islamic institutions across the nation to make a definitive call to Congress, the media, and the American public to hear, recognize, and embrace our honorable and authentic American Muslim narrative."

Rabia Terri Harris, Founder and Director, **Muslim Peace Fellowship, Stony Point, New York**

### INTERFAITH ORGANIZATIONS

"**WISE UP** is thorough, authoritative, and a much-needed overview of Islam. The work will be useful to Muslims, Christians, and Jews alike. The perfect book for adult study in a religious setting be it Masjid/Mosque; Church, or synagogue. "

Rabbi Burton L. Visotzky, Ph.D. **Jewish Theological Seminary, New York**

### CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

"Vets for American Ideals is a nonpartisan group of veterans who believe America is its strongest when its policies and actions match its ideals. We stand firmly against Islamophobia and bigotry and work to educate the public and policymakers about the essential benefits of a pluralistic society. **WISE Up** is a welcomed and important tool for our veteran members across the country who are working to combat anti-Muslim hate and misinformation in their communities."

Scott Cooper, Founder, **Vets for American Ideals, Washington, DC**