

PRESENTER  
**MALIK SALEEM**

# WORKSHOP SERIES



## Workshop

### Products and Product Development

Saturday, December 9, 2023

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Conference Rooms A/B

Malik Saleem was introduced to business at an early age by his father. Learning the principles of entrepreneurship assisted him in establishing his first business in college. After completing college, Malik started his business as a street vendor and after 16 years, purchased the building across the street from where he was vending. In 2003, Malik and his partner opened their first retail business location. In 2005, he started an import and export distribution business, first importing from Korea and then China. Malik Saleem has been in the retail business for more than 30 years. He started the Salaam Group Import and Export distribution company in 2005 importing from Korea, Bangladesh, India, and China.

Malik has gained a wealth of knowledge, connections, and resources in international business. He started an underwear line called 'Champ Boxers'. In 2011, he gave the Champ Boxer brand and company to his two sons Jawwad and Muhammad; now, Champ Boxers is sold all over America.

In 2012, Malik was invited to invest into True Laundry Detergent by Ali Muhammad and Abdur Rahim Shaheed. True Detergent is now a fast-growing business, selling outside of the USA to Dubai, Canada, Bermuda, and Ghana, West Africa. He used his business expertise for the True Laundry Detergent brand. Additionally, he helped to develop Coral Oral Toothbrush, Browndages Bandages which was featured on Shark Tank, and Clothing Line Blac Leaf and 15 other products now sold on the WeBuyBlack online selling platform.

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**DR. ABDEL JALEEL NURIDDIN**

Genesis Health & Nutrition Center 2 LLC, was created by Abdel Jaleel Nuriddin N.D., Ph.D. and Connie Nuriddin in Buffalo, New York, in 1986. It remains a client-based enterprise located in Greensboro, North Carolina seeing clients and shipping nutritional products throughout the United States and the globe. Dr Nuriddin is a leading Naturopathic Doctor in the United States and is an International Diplomat of Holistic Iridology. Dr Nuriddin is a student and practitioner of Live Dry Blood Analysis, trained by Mr. Michael Coyle of Nu Life Sciences of the United States.

Genesis, as a supplement company, provides products for digestion, elimination and balance. The company specializes in the development of high-quality digestive and systemic enzymes, probiotics, and various enzyme-delivered nutritional support products.

Because of diet, lifestyle, processed foods, and a toxic environment, we are all at risk for compromised digestion. Genesis believes by eliminating the consumption of what caused the problem, removing from the body what is contributing to the problem and replenishing the body of the nutrients that have been lost from the body, one can bring the body into balance and ultimate health.

Genesis uses holistic education, life enhancing herbal nutrition and real opportunity for financial independence to help people transform their lives. "Do you want to build and maintain better health? Use our enzymes and herbal supplements and experience more energy, peace of mind and great health starting today."



## Workshop

**Help Yourself to Ultimate Health**

Saturday, December 9, 2023

9:00am -10:00am

Pimilco/Belmont Rooms





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**IMAM SHAHID ABDULLAH**

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» **Workshop**

**Inheriting the Power of Mental Freedom**

Saturday, December 9, 2023

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Conference Rooms A/B

Imam Shahid Abdullah, an African American Griot, researches and writes the story of the African American culture. He has developed a unique perception of the success of the African American people as he tells the story about African and African American ancestors, their dreams and inherit destiny. His 30 years of in-depth study and as student of Imam W.D. Mohammed has led him to uncovering the hidden truth, “the untold story”, that from 1887 to 1945 was a Golden Era in which they established over 70 towns and cities that made their presence special in America as a competing culture in the landscape of a free-marketing system. Their dream to build a New Africa in America is the African American’s inherited right or portion of this material world. Self-sufficiency is a goal formed and the main elements that define the evolution of the African American culture. Additionally, Abdullah discovered the scheme that the European American established in colonial America to abort the African American culture and to promote its extinction. Today, this hidden scheme is the main and most urgent problem facing the African Americans.

Abdullah has a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology / Education which enables him to study the society and social condition of the past and present to determine the impact that it has on today’s generation. As an imam, he has lectured for over 25 years to audiences of all nationalities, races, and cultural backgrounds on a variety of subjects, often with an emphasis on the culture of the African American.

As a result of his innate talent and love of culture, he has designed a line of fashion “The Bilalian” that expresses the cultural experience of the African American in style with comfort. He says, “Fashion is a cultural expression”.

A master storyteller, Abdullah has written powerful information-rich books: Success Is Automatic, Unleash the Power of Your Industrious Nature and Achieve Your Dreams explores the Industrious Nature and provides a step-by-step procedure to unlocking that nature to make dreams a reality; The River of Gold is a culturally based novel that explores the exciting and energetic era which depicts the African Americans involved in activities and events that led them to increase their skills, knowledge, and wealth; Spirit of Bilal chronicles the path of the African American people from the shores of Africa through the complex social transformation that takes place in America and call the world to human excellence; and, Uncovering the Scheme is a gripping narrative that reveals the truth and untangles the web of lies, deception and misinformation within the diabolical scheme to enslave the mind of the African American people to eternal servitude as a crucifixion of its culture. More important and essential, it uncovers the means of how the African Americans can solve their difficult problem as they come face to face with the reality of the scheme.

To reach a broader audience, Abdullah founded and hosted “SOS. Strategy of Success. a Blog Talk Radio show.” The show is in a guest-driven format; it brings like-minds together as the basic strategy for success.



**PRESENTER**  
**WILLIE BLALOCK**

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**SERIES**

# Workshop

## **Financial Literacy**

Saturday, December 9, 2023

10:30am - 11:30am

Aqueduct/Churchill Downs Rooms

### About Industrial Bank

Since 1934, the bank has delivered essential banking and financial services which have contributed greatly to the growth and development of the Washington, D.C. community. From that first day in 1934, when Industrial Bank had just six employees and \$192,000 in assets, Industrial Bank has grown into an institution with over 160 employees and over \$500 million in assets.

Industrial Bank offers a full range of banking services from eight banking centers, of which six are located in the District of Columbia. These services include a host of checking, savings, and investment accounts for retail and commercial customers, cash management, corporate online banking, electronic banking services, debit cards, a variety of consumer, real estate, and commercial loans and lines of credit.

In addition to providing services, Industrial Bank works to create a vibrant local economy in other ways including public/private partnerships, banking education/financial literacy seminars, and sponsorships.

Industrial Bank believes that an educated, informed customer is the best customer.

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**LYNDON BILAL**

Lyndon Amin Bilal was born in Gary, IN, 1961, to parents Alonzo "Yank" Joiner and Laura Elizabeth "Steele" Joiner. He resided in Gary until graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1979. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force on February 14, 1980, and separated in 1993, with an honorable discharge and having achieved many meritorious awards.

He currently serves as the National Commander of the Muslim American Veterans Association (MAVA) National, and he's been a responsible for several years as columnist in the Muslim Journal newspaper for weekly article named "MAVA Speaks".

He's the father of five beautiful and talented children, and married to Sister Sabah Bilal. Brother Bilal serves as a special assistant to Imam Dr. Talib M. Shareef, the resident Imam at Masjid Muhammad, "The Nation's Mosque" Washington, DC., and he works full-time as a computer network engineer.

He's a founding member of the Muslim Military Members (MMM) organization which facilitated getting the first Muslim Chaplain officially sworn into the U.S. military in 1993. Also, he served as a commander for the Muslim American Military Association (MAMA), and the Muslim American Veterans Association (MAVA) Post #1 / Mujahid Mohammed, Washington, DC. which was founded in 1997.

While serving on active duty in the U.S. Air Force, he was blessed to perform Hajj – the fifth pillar of Al-Islam as part of the first delegation hosted by the Saudi Arabian government as a show of appreciation for the role of the U.S. in the Gulf Wars. In 1992, he hosted a historic luncheon in honor of Imam W.D. Mohammed "America's Imam" at the Pentagon a day before Imam Mohammed became the first Muslim to open the Senate in prayer. Additionally, boxing great and humanitarian Muhammad Ali was in attendance at this luncheon.

Brother Bilal holds an associate's degree in Electronics Systems from the Community College of the Air Force. He graduated Cume Laude in 2008 from Strayer University with a Bachelor's degree in computer networks, and he's completed several university graduate level courses, and possesses many technical industry level certifications and accreditations.



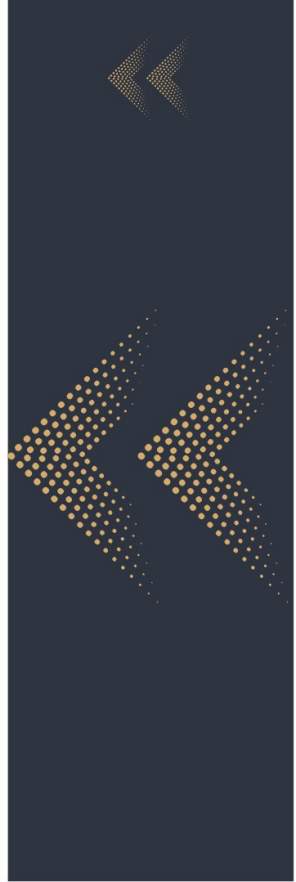
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**Muslim American Veterans Association  
in Service to G-d and Country**

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**JIMMY SMALL & FLEMING EL-AMIN**

## Workshop

**Community Engagement and the  
Muslim Community -**

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Conference Rooms A/B



Jimmy Small can best be described as an active member of the Muslim community and community at large. The Islamic phrase that is his driving force is “I want for my brother, the same thing I want for myself.”

Jimmy is known for several “firsts” in the city of East Orange, school board member and later president. He was able to convince his colleagues to add Muslim holidays to the school calendar. He moved on to become a two term Councilman and President, Library Board Trustee and currently serving as its President. Jimmy is President of the Muslim of Voters and New Jersey representative for the American Coalition for Good Government. He was one of the founders of this organization in 1997 and Imam W.D. Muhammad was enthusiastic about the group of elected Muslims from around the country. He has diligently worked with a diverse group of Muslims to establish the New Jersey Muslim Heritage month beginning in January of 2024.

He spearheaded the Muslim League of Voters and four other organizations to form the New Jersey Voices for Progress. This group has grown from 5 organizations to over 150. This coalition has led to several Muslim days of advocacy where Muslim leaders have been able to talk to members of state Assembly and State Senators of both parties to explain what the Muslim community wants on certain issues.

Jimmy serves as the Democratic Ward Chairperson, where he ensures that elections are effectively held in his ward as well as other activities throughout the year. He has worked on many political campaigns leading New Jersey to have the most Muslim elected and appointed officials in the nation.

Jimmy has been married to his wife, Denise, for over 50 years. They have 2 children, 5 grand children and 2 great-grandchildren.

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Fleming El-Amin was first appointed as Forsyth County Commissioner for District A when Commissioner Walter Marshall passed away in 2017. El-Amin won his first election for the seat in 2018.

El-Amin, a Winston-Salem native, is well-known locally for his long career in education and his political involvement. He graduated in 1975 from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa where he earned a degree in Economics and Business Administration and a certification in Secondary Education. He intended teaching to be his backup job. He completed his student teaching in Chicago while working at Guaranty Bank & Trust Company. He stayed in Chicago, and began his education career teaching high school students at Sister Clara Muhammad School as he continued to work at the bank.

El-Amin earned his master's from the American Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Ariz. He then got a job in the International Division of Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City, but discovered he didn't want the world of high stakes banking to be his career path. He decided to continue as an educator, which he found to be more fulfilling. "The satisfaction was greater in the classroom than it was in the banking arena," said El-Amin. "I thought I was making a greater impact on these young people's lives."

El-Amin has been involved with politics for decades. He said County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff helped inspire that, telling him that politicians control the price of bread and he needed to be involved if he wanted to feed his family.

El-Amin was appointed by the governor to serve on the N.C. Code Officials Qualification Board. He is the vice chair of the Shalom Project and the Consolidated Human Services Board. He is a board member for Triad Cultural Arts, Inc., Northwest N.C. Advocates for Disabilities, Triad Chapter - Americans United and Interfaith Winston-Salem. He is a lifetime member of the NAACP and former board member for the Liberian Organization of the Piedmont.

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**ANEESAH DAWAN**

## Workshop

**Remedies For Our Societal Ailments:  
A Practical Application of Qur'aan for Physical,  
Mental and Moral Illness**

Saturday, December 9, 2023

4:00Pm - 5:00PM

Pimilco/Belmont Rooms

Aneesah Dawan was born to Muslim parents but accepted Al-Islam for herself at the age of 13. She is a native of Little Rock, Arkansas and graduate of the Historic Little Rock Central High School. Aneesah's post-secondary education has been focused in the areas of Philosophy & Religious Studies at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and Criminal Justice at the University of Houston-Downtown.

In addition to her undergraduate work Aneesah studied Arabic and Islamic Studies at Abu Nour University in Damascus, Syria, obtaining a 2-year Arabic language certification. Aneesah's earlier Islamic and Arabic education came from various Imams and teachers in the United States under the leadership of Imam W. D. Mohammed, which included great Arabic scholars such as Imam Darnell Karim of Chicago, Illinois. Her most influential studies in Arabic and the science of tajweed came under the tutelage of Imam Qasim Ahmed while residing in Houston, Texas.

Aneesah serves in leadership capacities locally and nationally. She currently serves as the Assistant Director at the Islamic Learning Institute and a member of its Advisory Shuraa. Aneesah also serves as the Director of Government Shuraa at the Islamic Center for Human Excellence in Little Rock, Arkansas, a board member and youth facilitator for Kamp Khalil, Inc., and lecturer for Study Al-Islam National Broadcast. Aneesah has utilized her knowledge of Quran, the life of Muhammed the Prophet (saw), and the tafsir of Imam W. D. Mohammed to provide leadership training courses in Little Rock, Arkansas and Memphis, Tennessee. Aneesah has lectured at various Islamic and Interfaith conferences representing women in Al-Islam and focusing on areas such as tajweed and tafsir. Her purpose is to provide a clear and sound understanding of Quran and the life of Prophet Muhammed (saw) while stressing the importance of the feminine voice to the benefit of mankind.



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## PRESENTERS

**AMBASSADOR WALEED SHAMSID-DEEN,  
DR. QUIANA SHAMSID-DEEN,  
DR. RASHAD ALI, E. OMAR DAVIS**



**Ambassador Waleed Shamsid-Deen** is an accomplished figure renowned for his remarkable contributions across various domains. Ambassador Waleed Shamsid-Deen was appointed as the Special Envoy for the Republic of Sierra Leone by His Excellency Julius Maada Bio, President of Sierra Leone, in December 2021. In this prestigious role, Ambassador Shamsid-Deen focuses on promoting trade and investment opportunities for Sierra Leone.

Ambassador Shamsid-Deen is a dynamic entrepreneur and the President/CEO of Supreme Foods Worldwide (SFW, a family-owned franchise company with real estate and restaurant holdings in the United States and Mexico. SFW operates two popular brands: Supreme Fish Delight and Supreme Burger. With 15 franchise locations in Georgia, South Carolina, and Playa Del Carmen, SFW has garnered acclaim for its quality food offerings and customer experience.

Ambassador Shamsid-Deen has provided invaluable guidance to esteemed athletes, entertainers, entrepreneurs, and producers. His expertise lies in managing and safeguarding their personal business and philanthropic interests.

**Dr. Quiana M. Shamsid-Deen** is a passionate social entrepreneur, restaurateur, and a newly minted author. Dr. Quiana M. Shamsid-Deen wears many hats, balancing them with grace and a vision rooted in community upliftment and empowerment.

Together with her husband, Ambassador Waleed Shamsid-Deen, she co-founded Supreme Foods Worldwide. This visionary endeavor encapsulates several franchise restaurants including Supreme Burger and Supreme Fish Delight, with presences scattered across multiple strategic locations in Metro Atlanta and Charleston, South Carolina, drawing people in with its commitment to quality and taste.

Steering the ship at Supreme Family Foundation as the Executive Director, Dr. Shamsid-Deen is a force against food insecurity, championing economic opportunities and cultural exposure for communities. The foundation shines with initiatives like the Halal Meals on Wheels and the Halal School Free & Reduced lunch program, touching lives by serving up to 15,000 meals weekly to K-12 youth and senior citizens in the Metro Atlanta region.

## Workshop

**Establishing a Model for Economic Empowerment and Community Development**

Saturday, December 9, 2023

2:15pm - 3:45pm

Pimilco/Belmont Rooms







# IsDB

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**E. Omar Davis** is responsible for the Management of a \$700 Million infrastructure program located within the 57 member Countries of IsDB. His program territory Includes projects in Africa (Senegal, Togo, Gambia, Sierra Leone), Europe (Turkey), Central Asia (Azerbaijan) and Southeast Asia (Maldives, Indonesia). His major responsibilities include, but are not limited to, infrastructure/transport project Appraisal/evaluation for Bank financing, International and Member Country procurements, cooperating with international development organizations toward the goal of ending poverty throughout the 57 member countries of the IsDB.

**Dr. Rashad N. Ali** is a visionary entrepreneur, retired veteran, community leader, and respected medical professional; delivering over 7,000 babies in his long-standing career.

With his focus on social entrepreneurship, extensive business experience, and significant relationships in the business and political spheres, he has successfully navigated various industries, including real estate, oil & gas, restaurants, concierge and community medical services, and sports & entertainment. Dr. Ali's commitment to job creation, economic empowerment, and community development has made a lasting impact, making him a prominent figure in both local and global contexts. He is married to Donna Ali. Dr. Ali has three children: Romero, Akeelah, and the late Karimah.







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**PRESENTER**  
**ANEESAH LAWRENCE**

## Workshop

**Young Adult Leadership: From  
College/Career to Community**

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2:30pm - 3:30pm

Seminar Room

My name is Aneesah Lawrence. As a native of Jersey City, New Jersey I wanted the opportunity to pursue my higher education at an HBCU and currently attend Howard University. At Howard University I am pursuing concurrent degrees in Psychology and Criminology in Howard University's Honors Program. I plan to bring rehabilitation and therapy into youth detention centers and youth in high-risk communities. I hope my goal of opening programming that will help educate youth in high-risk communities and provide counsel and promote rehabilitation in youth detention facilities will lead me one step closer to that vision becoming a reality. As a way of participating in projects that have spurred me toward this goal, I regularly enter a youth detention facility in Washington, D.C. to provide mentorship to incarcerated young men. Outside of studies, I serve as a First Year Representative for Howard University's Muslim Student's Association, Mentor for Howard University's Youth Justice Advocates, and a Spoken Word Poet.

I am an advocate for those who are victims of formal and informal imprisonment. I will use my studies to find ways to bring a new narrative to marginalized communities that replaces the prison pipeline they have so long been fed with a pipeline to success.

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**IMAM BILAL HASSAN**



Bilal Hassan born to Mohammed and Aisha Hassan of Queens, NY. Bilal is a product of homeschool where his mother was his first teacher from Kindergarten-sixth grade. Much of Bilal's earlier foundation in good adab, understanding of Qur'an, early exposure at young age to the tafseer of Imam Warith D. Mohammed (raa), Uswaa of Prophet Muhammad (saw), community involvement and high academic standards can be accredited to the education he received from home by his mother and father. Bilal is a proud graduate of Clara Muhamamd School of Queens Class of 2010 and the first degree granting HBCU Lincoln University, PA Class of 2014.

Bilal is known as the community meteorologist on social media, former weather reporter for A New Day for Al Islam in America and Lincoln University's first ever full time weather reporter for the radio and television station. As of recent Bilal has worked mainly in the areas of environmental stewardship, environmental and climate justice and citizen science engaging communities across the NYC Tri-State Area. Bilal's career in environmental stewardship took off while at Lincoln when he chartered the Environmental Science Club back on campus, appointed to the University Sustainability Board and chosen to represent as a Toyota Green Ambassador. He has served several years in Americorp programs with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection and NYC Department of Parks and Recreation.

Currently Bilal is an Organics Recovery Coordinator for NYC COMPOST PROJECT, Director of Mentoring for United Black Men of Queens Foundation, Inc. Chair of the HBCU MSA Coalition (imitative of New Freedom Works Inc.) and the Executive Producer at New Freedom XChange, the digital community engagement arm of New FreedomWorks, Inc. He is responsible for providing social and sacred commentary, content development, booking of special guests and social media management.

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JAYDA AHMAD

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Jayda Ahmad serves as the Chair of a developing organization called Muslim Culture Con (MCC). This organization provides an environment where young adult Muslims can build healthy connections and improve the quality of life in larger Muslim communities. Jayda is a member of the Atlanta Masjid Al-Islam community located in Atlanta, Georgia where she has received the guidance and tools necessary to ensure the healthy development of our community.

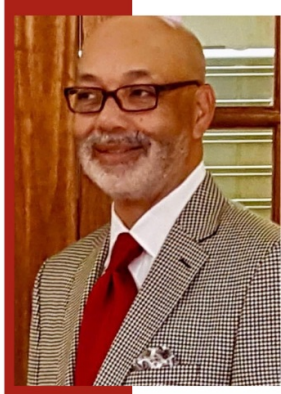
Jayda graduated from W.D. Mohammed High School in 2017 and is now mentoring the Mohammed High School's girls. She has obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology & Human Services. She considers herself a lifelong learner as she takes on the role of a community organizer and community builder. She also serves as the lead representative for the Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam young adult committee and has worked as the program director for an organization called The Muslim Mix located in Atlanta, GA.

As a young Muslim leader in her community, she strongly advocates for Muslim community life and is passionate about planting the seeds for the future while preserving the legacy of Imam Warith Deen Mohammad's teachings.



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**KARRIEM BEYAH**



Karriem Beyah began a career in the distribution of produce, meats and other food items to the door steps of many satisfied customers. Over several years, he grew and developed as an international trader of imported products, from China and Indonesia, for wholesale and retail distribution.

Karriem also studied television broadcasting and video production, and produced programs that were aired via cable /satellite to local and international audiences. Self motivated / educated in internet e-commerce and e-marketing and social media, which lead to educating people of various ages, assistance in closing the Digital Divide in underserved communities. Karriem is also the Founder and President of iGlobalTrade, LLC.

Karriem, Managing Partner of Capital City Renaissance Group LLC, organized in 2014 as real estate re-development, and community development company, has partnerships with specialties in solar, concrete systems, internet technology and finance. His organization currently spearheads a collaborative of community-based development and social services companies to assist in co-development projects involving 43 square blocks of redevelopment of mix-use commercial and residential housing in Trenton, New Jersey. East Trenton Community.

Karriem has a certificate in Islamic Banking and Insurance from FAAIF. As a member of NMBA, he worked with President David Hasan to establish relationships with Africa to develop strong business ties. Karriem is co-founder and logistics committeeman of Trenton African American Cultural Festival. A yearly event that brings approximately 10,000 people to a cultural, educational, business and fun filled experience!

Karriem has been involved in community building/empowering people in the Capital Region for over 40years.

## Workshop

**Doing Business Globally**  
Friday, December 8, 2023  
3:00pm - 4:30pm  
Seminar Room



PRESENTERS  
REGINA GORDIN & ABDUL KARRIEM

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**Regina Gordin**, based in Englishtown, NJ, US, is currently a Deputy Managing Director, Eastern Region at Export-Import Bank of the United States, bringing experience from previous roles at Broad Street Capital Group, The Bank of New York, First Union Securities and Merrill Lynch.

Regina Gordin holds a MS in Global Management and Leadership @ University of Pennsylvania. With a robust skill set that includes Financial Analysis, Mergers, Risk Management, Credit, Capital Markets and more, Regina Gordin contributes valuable insights to the industry.



**Abdul Karriem** is an experienced executive with a demonstrated history of working in the real estate industry. He is skilled in Negotiation, Business Planning, Analytical Skills, Sales, Finance and Feasibility Studies. He is also a strong business and real estate development professional with a master's degree focused in Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Law from University of Tulsa College of Law.

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**IMAM MICHAEL SAAHIR**



Michael Saahir has been the Imam (Islamic Minister) of the Nur-Allah Islamic Center since 1992. His duties include serving as the Director for the Clara Muhammad Weekend School, leading the Jumah (Friday) prayer service, and attending to the community needs of the Islamic center. He is a student of Imam W. Deen Mohammed.

He writes a monthly column for The Indianapolis Recorder titled Al-Islam in America that addresses issues that Muslims and Americans in general may have about Islam. Michael also writes for Muslim Journal, a national Islamic newspaper.

Twice Imam Saahir has completed the Islamic Hajj (pilgrimage) to the holy sites in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. He has made numerous visits to Rome, Italy and Vatican City in support of interfaith efforts between Muslims and Focolare Catholics. In 2008 Michael traveled to Jordan with the International Interfaith Initiative to build a Habit for Humanity home called the House of Abraham, in collaboration with Jews and Christians. In December 2009 he traveled to the Philippines and Thailand on a comparative study of Muslims as minorities in the United States and these two countries.

In January 2003 Michael graduated from Martin University Summa Cum Laude earning a BA Degree in Humane Exchange; lessons that has enlarged his work as an Imam, activist and a human being. He is the husband of Carolyn (41 years) and the father of one daughter, Aline (Kita) and three sons, Mikal, Hamid, and Muhammed and a 38-year veteran of the Indianapolis Fire Department.

Imam Michael Saahir has written a 340 page book titled The Honorable Elijah Muhammad: The Man Behind the Men, currently in its second edition. An account of Mr. Elijah Muhammad's life that seeks to show many of the positive contributions of the leader of the Nation of Islam, particularly his leadership as lived out through Minister Malcolm X, boxing champion Muhammad Ali, Minister Louis Farrakhan, and Imam W. Deen Mohammed. Saahir was awarded the "2011 Author of the Year" by "Family Matters," of New York City. Saahir also has written a heart-warming fiction book By Winter and Summer; 32 pages of a family-centered book that is trans-generational.

## Workshop

**Words Make People. . . Make Every Word Count**

Saturday, December 9, 2023

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Aqueduct/Churchill Downs Rooms





**PRESENTER**  
**BARI MUHAMMAD**

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Bari Muhammed has been in the community of Believers since 1975 under the leadership of Imam W. Deen Mohammed. He has been a strong and consistent supporter from the beginning. Since 1996, he has been one of the close aides to Imam Mohammed. He worked with and assisted our leader, Imam W. Deen Mohammed, with community development initiatives.

During this association, he was instrumental in developing the engine that sustained the community. For example, he worked with promoting W.D. Mohammed Publications, the Collective Purchasing Program, the Business Suit Initiative, Halal Meats Productions, health products purchase and distribution, etc. He traveled extensively while supporting these programs. He traveled around the U.S. and to Jamaica, sourcing products that our community could use. He and Imam Abu Qadir El-Amin were the first individuals chosen to explore business opportunities in China for the Muslim community under the leadership of Imam Mohammed.

Bari has raised two fine sons as a single parent and is considering getting married again. He worked as a counselor with a youth program in Washington, D.C. with young men coming from broken homes. He also served as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in Southeast, Washington, D.C.

Bari started the Father & Sons Breakfast encouraging fathers and sons to have stronger relationships after the physical passing of our leader. He moved to Greenville, N.C. (the place of his birth) to work in community relations. He was on the Community Relations Committee and worked with the Mayor, City Council and Police Chief in an effort to make the community a better place.

# WORKSHOP SERIES

**PRESENTER**  
**CLARA MOHAMMED**  
**SCHOOLS NETWORK**



## Workshop

### **Establishing and Sustaining Thriving Islamic Schools - Panel Discussion**

Saturday, December 9, 2023

10:30am - 11:30am

Pimilco/Belmont Rooms

The Clara Mohammed (Muhammad) Schools Network is a collaboration of Sis. Clara Mohammed (Muhammad) schools from around the U.S.A. and abroad. We work for the growth and development of Islamic educators and our educational institutions within the association of Imam W. Deen Mohammed.

CMS Network was formed in 2020 as a network of school leaders and educators who:

- Communicate: Monthly meetings, surveys, Facebook, email, website
- Support one another through consultation and as needed in other ways
- Share concerns, ideas, and challenges
- Solve Problems and Find solutions, Strategic Planning
- Growth through professional development and other works

Our mission is to facilitate collaboration and best practices for the growth and development of the Sister Clara Mohammed School system in alignment with the Qur'an, the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammed (saws) and the insights of Imam W. Deen Mohammed (ra).

Our vision is to produce right-minded individuals with necessary skills to develop good family and community life for humankind.

Our goals are to establish:

- Collaborative Professional Teacher and Leader Development
- Unified Curriculum
- Teacher Certification
- School Accreditation

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**PRESENTER**  
**NAFEESA MALIK**



**Nafeesa Malik** is the Director of both Masjidullah's Islamic Day and Weekend Schools. She was one of the primary individuals involved in the founding and developing of Masjidullah's Day School, New Medina Learning Institute. Since its inception, Nafeesa has worked vigorously at New Medina to support her students, staff, and families in redefining what education looks like in today's world. She is the proud mother of four highly energetic and scholarly young men. She is also an entrepreneur- a student, a teacher, an analyst, a thinker, a doer, and a creator. For more than twenty years, she has worked in Youth Programming and Business Management. She holds two undergraduate degrees: a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and a Bachelor of Science in International Business, and a dual concentration master's degree in Financial Management and Information Systems. She is a developed leader who enjoys cultivating relationships and building robust teams. She is also a resolute community worker who values the importance of volunteerism and giving back to the community.

**Qadir Abdus-Sabur PH.D** earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics Education and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Social Foundations of Education. He has taught Secondary Mathematics at several schools. He has also taught Foundations of Education at Virginia Commonwealth University.

He currently serves as an Imam at the Islamic Center of Prince Edward in Farmville, Virginia, and he is Director and Mathematics Teacher at New African Ummah, an online middle school

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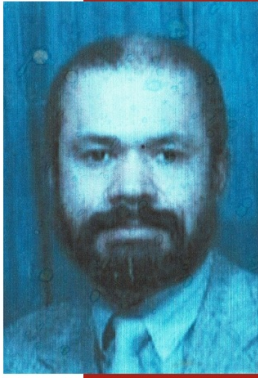
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**Thad Baltimore** has a background in design, brand development and marketing. He's also a Black empowerment writer focused on how media, government and the ruling class collaborate to suppress truth and justice in order to maintain systems of injustice.



**Hamza Abdul Hameed** has over fifteen years experience working multi-level network marketing programs; direct sales referral and mail order selling, using post card, audio cassette and video tape strategies.



**Joan Najeeullah** serves on various civic organizations: a member of the Somerset County Democrats Black Caucus, New Jersey Muslim Voter for Progress, and Muslim League of Voters. She also serves on the Board of the non-profit organization People Helping People in Need, which includes planning and organizing youth activities and job coaching for individuals with disabilities.

Joan is a long-standing member of Masjidullah-Plainfield, NJ, and has served as the chair of its Youth Committee. She enjoys collaborating with the sisters of Masjidullah. She loves spending special time with family, her trusted companions "Sisters in Harmony" and the community of Imam W.D. Mohammed (RA).

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KAREEM MUHAMMAD, JOAN NAJEEULLAH  
THAT BALTIMORE**

**Ayesha K. Mustafaa** is a graduate of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Penn., where she earned a BA Degree/Double Major in Psychology and Political Science, and a Master's in Journalism from Columbia College-Chicago. In 1974, she converted to Al-Islam, coming from a Mississippi family of Civil Rights activists of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. era. She joined the community of Muslims affiliated with Imam W. Deen Mohammed in late 1974, through the Atlanta, GA, community. She moved to Chicago in mid-1975 and worked throughout the national offices of that Muslim community, becoming Muslim Journal editor in 1989.

After moving to Chicago, for a brief period, she worked out of the historic Federal Street Muhammad Speaks plant that overlooked the Dan Ryan Expressway. She is Muslim Journal's third woman editor in its near 48-year history and the longest tenured editor.

**Imam Abdul Kareem Muhammad** is an active, well known, and respected leader in the Muslim community. He serves as the Resident Imam of Masjid Al-Haqq, Newark, NJ, and is President of the Muslim Journal Board of Directors. He is a graduate of Saint Augustine's University, Raleigh, NC, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education.

As is true with many African American Muslims, Imam Muhammad's journey in Islam began in the Nation of Islam. There, he served as the Dean of Brothers, a teacher, Vice Principal, and Principal of Muhammad University of Islam and Clara Muhammad School System. He also served as one of the Nation's ministers.

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