



Ramadan Kareem



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Civil Rights

Protecting civil liberties & ensuring that you understand and KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

Outreach & Media

Enhancing the understanding of Islam & Muslims through DIALOGUE & EDUCATION!

Visit our website: pa.cair.com

CAIR-PA Wishes You a Prosperous Ramadan!

AS SALAAM ALAIKUM (PEACE BE ON YOU),

Muslims feel an immense sense of gratitude when welcoming this month. We are grateful for yet another opportunity to renew faith, constant practice and devotion to a life of seeking and establishing truth, justice and mutual understanding. May Allah bless all our fasts and prayers during this sanctified month.

The Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, said, "He who does not thank people does not thank Allah." Therefore, we would like to take the time to thank each of you for your continued support of our community organization, the Council on American-Islamic Relations Pennsylvania. CAIR-PA remains successful due to the dedication of your valuable time, talent and treasure.

Please remember to keep us in your prayers.

Council on American-Islamic Relations Philadelphia Chapter

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CAIR-PA's mission is to enhance understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

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Leading the Change 2010

Speakers Included:

Mayor Michael Nutter

Imam Johari Malik

Dr. Robert Crane

Entertainment By:

Preacher Moss



Dr. Robert Crane



Preacher Moss

With your participation and support, the 4th Annual CAIR-PA banquet was a huge success!

We were honored to have Mayor Michael Nutter speak proudly of Philadelphia's continuous tradition of promoting religious and cultural diversity throughout the city and surrounding suburbs.

Our Keynote speaker, Islamic scholar and activist, Dr. Robert Crane, presented his essay, *'The Essence of Islam: Truth, Love and Justice'*.

The night ended with laughs and giggles as comedian Preacher Moss delivered his best stand-up material.

This excellent mix of speakers and entertainers made it a fun-filled night for the entire family!



The interfaith organization, Arts and Spirituality Center (*Representatives on the left*) and immigration attorney, John Vandenberg (*Right*) received this year's CAIR-PA Community Service awards.



CIVIL RIGHTS DEFENDERS

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REQUEST A *KNOW YOUR RIGHTS* and *GROWING ISLAMOPHOBIA* SEMINAR
215-592-0509

“IF YOU DON’T KNOW YOUR RIGHTS, YOU DON’T HAVE THEM”

Quarterly Case Flow:
Open/Pending: 79
Closed/Resolved: 13

CIVIL RIGHTS UPDATES

NO FLY LIST

CASES

This past quarter, the CAIR-PA Civil Rights Department **received and processed many challenging cases of discrimination**. The summer started with a case from Delaware that received media attention.

A 16-year-old Muslim girl was harassed and intimidated by DMV employees because she wanted to get her driver’s license picture taken with hijab. She was refused and ended up leaving in tears. CAIR-PA got involved and in a matter of days, the DMV Director publicly apologized, allowed the Muslim teen to get a new picture free of charge and has promised to institute new employee sensitivity training with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union of Delaware.

Another case involved a **Muslim couple stranded in Yemen due to being placed on the no-fly list** by the FBI. CAIR publicly protested this “forced exile” of Muslim Americans, whereby they leave overseas for a trip and are placed on the no-fly list after they are overseas, preventing them from returning home. CAIR-PA was successful and the couple has safely returned to Pennsylvania.

During the incident, CAIR-PA issued a travel advisory that can be viewed on our website: pa.cair.com/actionalert/travel-advisory/.

Experiencing Religious Discrimination? CALL CAIR TODAY: 215-592-0509

OUTREACH & COMMUNICATION UPDATES



COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

Outreach and Communications Director
Rugiatu Conteh

REQUEST: MYLP WORKSHOP CAIR PRESENTATION
215-592-0509

“PROMOTING INFORMED, COMMITTED CITIZENS”

PRESENTATIONS:
- Lancaster Rotary Club
- Russian Interfaith Leaders
- PA Human Relations Commission

MUSLIM YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (MYLP):

Successful Completion of MYLP Spring 2010 Conference!

This spring, the MYLPers went on a two-day journey to learn about the history of Muslims in the Delaware Valley and Interfaith Relations.

The location? University of Pennsylvania. They met with travelers who gave them insight into the Muslim American Experience, the history of Masajid in the Philadelphia area and taught them how to interact with people of different faith traditions.

This was definitely a rewarding trip! **SEE the video** on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/CAIRPhila.

MYLP Workshops: The MYLP will be on the road this fall. If you missed the MYLP conferences, don’t worry! We are coming to your local Masjid or community center. The first workshop will focus on civic participation.

What is the MYLP?

The MYLP trains young Muslims to proactively address critical issues facing their community in the areas of interfaith and media relations, civil rights and civic participation.

PHILADELPHIA PREMIERE & INTERFAITH FORUM: ‘INSIDE ISLAM’

In June, CAIR-PA held a free screening and discussion of the documentary film, *‘Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslim’s Really Think’* at International House Philadelphia.

Stephan Salisbury, Senior Cultural Writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer, talked about his new book, *“Mohamed’s Ghosts”*.

CONTACT CAIR TO HELP ORGANIZE YOUR DIALOGUE SESSION: 215-592-0509

TAUGHT COURSES

- Understanding Islam & Muslims
- Introduction to Islamic Jurisprudence
- Jesus in the Christian and Islamic Traditions

IN THE NEWS: CAIR-PA continues to get covered in local media...

“Right here in the greater Philadelphia area, 250,000 Muslim Americans are working hard to realize their American dream. They are doctors, lawyers, activists, business owners, homemakers and laborers. They wear the uniform of the police, fire department and National Guard. We don’t have to prove this to you, you have to come take a look.”
– Moein Khawaja, *Delaware County Daily Times*, July 9, 2010

“One of the reasons we host our annual banquet is to inform the public on how CAIR works to eliminate bigotry and promote inclusion, equality and mutual understanding.”- *Rugiatu Conteh, The Examiner, April 11, 2010*

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ISLAMOPHOBIA ADVISORY

American Muslims are facing an environment of rising anti-Muslim sentiment throughout the country, which has never been seen before, even immediately after 9/11. Economic anxiety and a new crop of anti-Muslim organizations devoted to marginalizing Muslims have spearheaded virulent mosque opposition nationwide. Numerous politicians hold all Muslims suspicious and the religion of Islam is being viewed as a threat.

All Muslims must increase their outreach efforts. Individuals should inform their neighbors about Muslim practices, and mosques are encouraged to host open houses to build relationships with its community, local government officials and law enforcement. These efforts should be taken very seriously, and the month of Ramadan is an excellent time to open your doors. Contact CAIR-PA to schedule either a “Know Your Rights” or “The Growing Problem of Islamophobia” seminar and we can help your community address these concerns.

CAIR-PA will also send a community action kit to leaders within the upcoming days on how to deal with challenges of the possibility of Eid falling on September 11th. The materials in the kit will explain how to handle protests or provocations outside your mosque and tips on safety and outreach. It will be sent in an upcoming weekly email newsletter. If you are not subscribed, see below on how to subscribe to our weekly email listserv.

SIGN UP TO OUR EMAIL LIST

Visit our website to join our email list: pa.cair.com/mailing-list/
You will receive our weekly e-newsletters, American Muslim community news briefs and action alerts. **Don’t Delay, Get Informed!**

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SUPPORT CAIR, SO THAT WE CAN PROTECT YOU!

