

SLU MSA PRESENTS

*CONNECTING WITH OUR
CREATOR AND HIS CREATIONS*
PROGRAM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18TH

5:15-5:20

Wool Ballrooms

Maghrib

5:30-6:20

251 (Brothers) and 253 (Sisters)

Mufti Asif Umar, Dr. Suzy Ismail

Having Good Company

We are not meant not be alone, for even the Prophet (peace be upon him) didn't spread Islam by himself. He chose to surround himself with honorable sahabas, because "the believer to the believer is like a solid building, one part supporting the other." (Saheeh Al-Bukhari, Saheeh Muslim) Who do we surround ourselves with? How do our friends influence us as a Muslim?

6:25-7:15

STL Room

Sheykh Saad Tasleem

The Prophet's Family

Families are the building blocks of society in Islam that teach us the roles of man and woman in society. What are our responsibilities and expectations? Learn about the Prophet's family, so that we can understand about how the people closest to the Prophet functioned in society.

7:20-8:15

Wool Ballrooms

Isha and Dinner

8:20-9:10

251(Brothers) and 253(Sisters)

Sheykh Saad Tasleem, Dr. Suzy
Ismail

Attaining Haya in the Modern World

Abdullah Ibn Umar narrated that the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, "In truth, modesty complements faith. When it is lost, everything is lost." One of the keys to success in this life and the hereafter is attaining modesty. Understanding the reasons for upholding certain behaviors and beliefs is paramount. How does one attain a level of modesty in today's modern age?

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9:15-9:25

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Refreshments

9:30-10:20

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Mufti Azeemuddin Ahmed, and

Dr. Haifa Younis

Taboo Topics

Many topics such as alcohol, drugs, food, and mental health are not discussed because of the uncomfortable social dialogue they would create. However, it is important to bring light to these topics due to the lack of discussion and the impact they can have on our fellow Muslim brothers and sisters.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19TH

10:00-11:00

Wool Ballrooms

Coffee

Start your morning with coffee and meaningful conversations with our inspiring speakers! This will be a time to ask questions and gain knowledge in an informal environment.

10:30-11:00

Wool Ballrooms

Kahoot

How well do you know your religion? Come test your knowledge on Islam in a fun game of Islamic Kahoot! Winner of the game receives a prize, but the biggest prize is for every participant: leaving with a sense of enlightenment and motivation to better understand our beautiful religion

10:00-11:00

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Muslim Women's Professional Network

Come have an open discussion with the panel about being a Muslim woman in the workplace and what it means to balance work and religious obligations in this day and age. All are welcome!

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Importance of Prayer

11:00 - 11:50

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Mufti Azeemuddin Ahmed

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said, "When any one of you stands to pray, he is communicating with his Lord, so let him pay attention to how he speaks to Him." One of the greatest ways to connect with Allah (swt) is through our prayers. The Arabic word for prayer (Salah) actually means connection. Not only are we able to get a one on one connection with our creator, but we are able to constantly remember the word of Allah (swt). Find out how important it is to use this opportunity to our benefit.

Defending Your Faith

11:55-12:45

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Sheykh Saad Tasleem

It is extremely important to be able to defend our faith properly. Not only are we able to be proud to be Muslim, but we are able to guide others towards Islam. The media has portrayed Islam to be something that is not and it is our duty as Muslims to show everyone the beauty of Islam. Find out how to defend your faith in today's modern world

12:50-1:50

Wool Ballrooms

Dhur and Lunch

1:55-2:45

STL Room

Dr. Suzy Ismail, and Ustadha

Amina Darwish

The Importance of Women in Islam

Women hold significance and value in Islam and our Deen teaches us to respect women. However, the impact of culture across the centuries has repeatedly led to oppression of women. How do we as an Ummah connect and support our sisters? What is our responsibility to women in Islam, as fellow brothers and sisters?

Sustainability in Islam

2:50-3:40

Wool Ballrooms

Ustadh AbdelRahman Murphy

"But waste not by excess, for Allah loves not the wasters." (Al-A'raf: 31)

The world is undergoing an environmental crisis, and much of the blame can be placed on our actions. As it becomes ever clearer that we are poisoning our world, it falls on us to take better care of it. Come learn about what Islam has to say about sustainability, and how you can take steps to better take care of the planet Allah has gifted us

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3:45-3:55

Wool Ballrooms

Asr

4:00-5:10

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**Dr. Suzy Ismail, Sheykh Saad Tasleem,
Ustadh AbdelRahman Murphy**

Keynote: An Islamic Journey in Mental Health

Mental health is an issue that impacts millions of individuals across the world everyday. Religion has been proven to increase satisfaction and motivation when going through treatment. How does Islam impact a individual's mental health journey?

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Maghrib

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**Mufti Azeemuddin Ahmed and
Dr. Haifa Younis**

**How to help a fellow Muslim brother/sister
struggling with their faith**

The Prophet (peace be upon him) narrated that "Faith wears out in your heart as clothes wear out, so ask Allah to renew the faith in your hearts." (narrated by al-Haakim in his Mustadrak) Everyone's Iman is constantly going up and down. How do we help our fellow brothers and sisters when our Iman is high but theirs is low?

6:25-7:15

STL Room

Ustadha Amina Darwish

Social Justice in Islam

Social justice is deeply rooted in Islamic practices and values. With the innumerable injustices happening in our world at this very moment, we need turn to our religion as guidance for our personal roles in these movements for social justice.

7:20-8:30

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Isha and Dinner

8:35-9:25

STL Room

**Dr. Haifa Younis, Ustadha Amina
Darwish, Ustadh AbdelRahman
Murphy**

Rights of Companionship

Companionship between two people is much like the contract of marriage between two spouses. There are certain duties that must be fulfilled by us as brothers and sisters. Through ways such as forgiveness, loyalty, and sincerity, are we fulfilling all our duties?

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Entertainment

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10:00-10:55

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Imam Djilali Kacem

Stories from the Seerah

11:00-11:55

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Mufti Azeemuddin Ahmed

Prioritizing Deen over Dunya

11:55-12:45

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**The Next Step: Transitioning from High School
to College**

12:50-1:05

Wool Ballrooms

Dhur

1:10-2:00

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Sister Sousan Darweesh

Dawah in a College Setting

2:05-3:05

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Open Mic Q&A

3:10-3:20

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Asr

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SPEAKER BIOS

Ustadh AbdelRahman Murphy

Ustadh AbdelRahman Murphy is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago where he earned a Bachelor's in Teaching of English and Religious Studies as well as a Master's in Mental Health Counseling. He also serves as an imam, youth director, Islamic Studies teacher, and chaplain for the community.

Sheykh Saad Tasleem

Shaykh Saad Tasleem studied Islamic Sciences at the Islamic University of Madinah, he earned a Bachelor's in the Faculty of Islamic Law. Shaykh is dedicated to teaching the youth about the balance between the Western and Islamic lifestyles. At the Al-Maghrib Institute he has developed several different seminars about topics relating to Fiqh, as he works to empower the Muslim youth

Mufti Azeemuddin Ahmed

Mufti Azeemuddin Ahmed currently serves as the director and associate Imam of Masjid DarusSalam. At a young age he memorized the Qu'ran. He also studied at Dar al-Ulum Zakariyaa for eight years. Mufti Azeemuddin is passionate about Islamic education and sharing his knowledge in order to benefit others.

Dr. Haifaa Younis

Dr. Haifaa Younis is a graduate from the Mecca Institute of Islamic Studies and the Al-Huda Qu'ran Memorization School. She is the founder and chairman of Jannah Institute, an non-profit educational institute that focuses on Islamic education for girls and women. Dr. Younis is passionate about spreading the word of Islam through her teachings

Ustadha Amina Darwish

Ustadha Amina Darwish currently serves as a Chaplain at Columbia University and previously acted as the Muslim Chaplain at University of Cincinnati. She also earned her BS in Chemical Engineering from Kuwait University, a MS in Industrial Engineering and PhD in Chemical engineering from the University of Cincinnati. Ustadha Darwish is a graduate from the Qalam seminary and worked as the content development coordinator at the Muslim Youth of North America.

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SPEAKER BIOS

Dr. Suzy Ismail

Dr. Suzy Ismail is an published author of several books such as the Modern Muslim Marriage, When Muslim Marriages Fail and a number of other notable writings. She is the founder and Head Communication Consultant at Cornerstone, which is a faith-oriented communication center that is focused on the youth, identity and relationship building. Dr. Ismail earned her Doctorate in Human Services with a concentration in Family Studies and Intervention Strategies.

Mufti Asif Umar

Mufti Asif Umar attended the Institute of Islamic Education where he completed the memorization of the Qu'ran. Since 2012 Mufti Asif has served as the Iman for the Islamic Foundation of Greater St. Louis. He is also heavily involved in organizations such as the Imam Council of Greater St. Louis, the West St. Louis County Interfaith Discussion Group and serves on the cabinet of the Interfaith Partnership of St. Louis.

Imam Djilali Kacem

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