

Call for Papers: Islam and Cross-Cultural Competency

The *Journal of Islamic Faith and Practice* is an annual double-blind peer-reviewed open access online academic and interdisciplinary journal published by Indiana University and sponsored by the Islamic Seminary Foundation, the governing body of The Islamic Seminary of America (TISA). The *Journal* invites colleagues to submit original articles and research that combine intellectual rigor with community engagement. The *Journal* seeks to provide a platform for scholars, students, and researchers to exchange their latest findings, as well as to foster dialogue among academics, researchers, community leaders, and students regarding the Islamic faith and its practice in America. To this end, we invite proposals that reflect theoretical and methodological sophistication and engagement with existing scholarship, while also being accessible to non-specialists.

Our third edition will analyze **Islam and Cross-cultural Competency**. The goal here is to synthesize and advance both theoretical and empirical research about Islam and cultural competency within education, sociology, political science, healthcare, psychology, bioethics, ecology, social service, the arts, and other relevant fields. Colleagues interested in publishing conference proceedings and book reviews are also welcomed.

We are interested in the following topics:

- Theoretical papers: How do we examine and analyze American Muslims' cross-cultural contributions in terms of developing methodologies to approach the Qur'an, Sunna, and Islamic traditions?
- Historical studies: How do we read and examine historical events, persons, and organizations that affect Muslim communities' cross-cultural worldview in America and beyond?
- American Islamic praxis papers: How do we examine the new practices, traditions, and cultures developing within the American Muslim community as they relate to Islamic cross-cultural competency?
- Case studies, qualitative interviews, and oral histories of key people or organizations: How do we examine and evaluate the conduct and role of American Muslims' religious leadership – scholars, imams, and chaplains – in terms of responding to cross-cultural challenges?

The *Journal* is published once a year, usually in May/June. The timeline for peer review and publication is in the range of 5-6 months.

Possible Topics

Papers should focus on how Islam relates to key cross-cultural issues facing Muslims, such as the areas listed below. We are also open to other topics that fit within the volume's primary theme.

- Islam, Cross-Cultural Marriage, and Family Life
- The Islamic Paradigm and Its Relationship with one of the following areas: Workplace Prejudice, the American Criminal Justice System and Prejudice, Gender and Sexuality, Racism, Affirmative Action, Politics and Prejudice, and the African American Civil Rights Movement
- Islam and Cross-Cultural Social Responsibility
- Islam and Human Rights
- Intergroup and Intragroup Cross-Cultural Issues in the Muslim American Community

Guidelines for Authors

The Journal of Islamic Faith and Practice Invites:

- Original social science- and humanities-based research papers reflecting on all aspects related to Islamic faith and its practice in America.
- Abstracts of dissertations, theses, and research findings related to the American Muslim community (700-1,000 words.)
- Shorter reflection pieces (2,000-3,000 words) by activists, imams, and chaplains.

Assembly of the Manuscript: Standard research papers should be 7,000-10,000 words in length or longer, but only if approved by the editor. The article should be in Microsoft Word format. All submissions must conform to the *Journal* guidelines: original, unpublished research; double-spaced and single-sided; and documented in the Chicago Style. A manuscript contains many parts: Title of the paper with an abstract and 3-5 keywords, text of the paper, references, footnotes, tables, figures, and appendices. Not all papers have all elements. However, if they do, this is the order in which they should be arranged.

Submission of Manuscript:

- Send a brief note of intent to contribute, noting the type, scope, and focus, by July 30, 2019. You will receive a note of acceptance / non-acceptance by the end of August.
- Decision Date: August 30, 2019.

- Send the completed contribution by November 30, 2019, as an attachment, along with a 250-word abstract and a short bio.
- Publication Date: July 1st 2020.

Submissions are accepted via e-mail: journal@islamicseminary.org

Those whose papers are accepted may be invited to present them during the *Journal of Islamic Faith and Practice* workshop, which will be held at the Islamic Seminary Foundation's annual Shura at Yale University in March 2020.

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