

## Call for Papers

### **Domestic Violence and the American Muslim Community Response**

The *Journal of Islamic Faith and Practice* is an annual double-blind peer-reviewed online academic and interdisciplinary journal published by the Islamic Seminary Foundation / The Islamic Seminary of America and hosted on Indiana University's electronic journal portal. Scholars, students, and researchers are invited to submit articles that combine intellectual rigor with community engagement to provide a platform for exchanging their latest findings. The timeline for peer review and publication is in the range of 5-6 months.

One of the *Journal's* key aims is to foster dialogue among academics, researchers, community leaders, and students regarding the Islamic faith and how it is practiced in America. To this end, successful proposals will reflect theoretical and methodological sophistication and engagement with existing scholarship, while also being accessible to non-specialists.

This volume will synthesize and advance both theoretical and empirical research about domestic violence awareness and responses within education, sociology, political science, healthcare, psychology, social service, the arts, and similar disciplines. Conference proceedings and book reviews (limited to the present year and immediately prior year) are also welcomed.

#### **Themes to be addressed:**

- **Theoretical papers:** How do we examine and analyze American Muslim contributions to the field in terms of developing methodologies, frameworks, and interventions to approach domestic violence, intimate partner violence, and related issues?
- **Historical studies:** How do we read and examine those historical events, organizations, and persons who have affected the community's responses to domestic violence for survivors, allies, and institutions?
- **American Islamic praxis:** How do we examine the new domestic violence-related practices, traditions, and cultures developing within our community?
- **Case studies, qualitative interviews, and oral histories of key people or organizations:** How do we examine and evaluate the conduct of our community's religious leadership – scholars, imams, and chaplains – with respect to internal and external challenges?

#### **Possible Topics**

Papers should focus on domestic violence's relation to key issues facing Muslims, such as the areas listed below. We are also open to other topics that fit within the volume's primary theme.

- Healthy familial relations from an Islamic perspective
- Domestic violence's impact on familial relations and/or in the workplace
- Domestic violence's responses and intersection with other movements
- Domestic violence and the role of allies (e.g., imams, interfaith, other activists)
- Domestic violence with regard to Muslim advocacy, social responsibility, gender and sexuality, psychology and mental health, the law, human rights, politics, and the impact of COVID-19, and giving voice to the community's racial and cultural diversity.

***The Journal of Islamic Faith and Practice Invites:***

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

**Guidelines for Authors**

- Standard research papers: 7,000-10,000 words in length, or longer if approved by the editor.
- Be in MS Word format, be original and unpublished research, double-spaced and single-sided, and conform to the Chicago Style.
- Contain a title, a 250-word abstract, 3-5 keywords, the text, references, and tables, figures, and appendices.
- Present all sources as in-text citations and provide page numbers for direct quotes. Footnotes are allowed only for explanatory purposes. Use the proper formatting guidelines: Chicago style for social sciences, humanities, and similar topics; APA style for psychology, nursing, communication, and similar topics.

**Submission**

- Send a brief note of intent noting the type, scope, and focus of your submission by December 30, 2020. You will receive a note of acceptance / non- acceptance by the end of January 2021.
- Send the completed paper by June 15, 2021, as an attachment, along with a 250-word abstract and a short academic biography.
- Decision Date: January, 2021.
- Submission Deadline: June 15, 2021.
- Publication Date: October 2021.
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