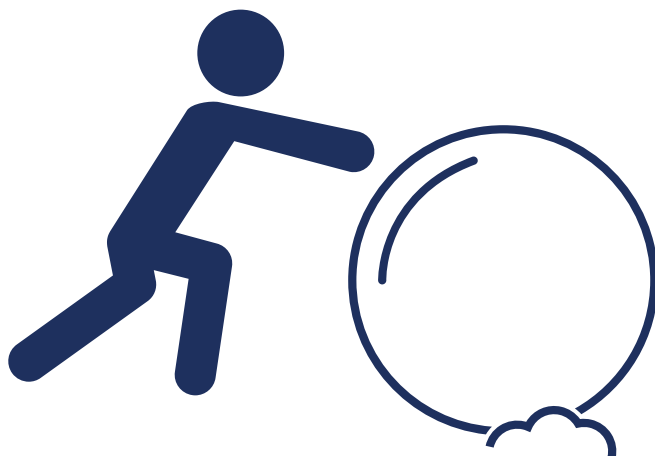


# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT





**Five years ago, we  
established CICW  
with the intention to  
create a world-class  
academic center  
dedicated to  
contemporary Islam**



# Our Vision

**To be known as a globally-recognized center for research and education leading to an enriched understanding of Islamic values and perspectives in a multi-faith world.**



# What We Do

At the Center for Islam in the Contemporary World, we:

- Engage in rigorous and innovative research, education, and outreach to advance a better understanding of Islam and Muslims in diverse, global, and contemporary contexts
- Facilitate collaborations between Shenandoah University and international universities
- Develop training programs for teachers and religious leaders in multi-faith contexts
- Host seminars and lectures on theological and cultural challenges facing Muslims today

# Letter from the Executive Director

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Al-Salam 'Alaykum (Peace be unto you)!

Five years after our founding, CICW continued building on many successful programs and initiatives while introducing new ones. Our continued and fruitful affiliation with Shenandoah University enjoyed the support of many SU leaders, administrators, faculty, staff, and students. For that, we are very grateful and are looking forward to more joint success in the future.

Investment in research reaped many fruits in 2023. Among the most significant was the completion of Pilgrim VR, a Hajj and Umrah virtual reality application. This application will allow faith practitioners, educators, and students to learn more about the pilgrimage rituals in Islam. It can be used in higher education, schools, and mosques, by Muslims and non-Muslims curious about Islamic teachings and rituals. We are grateful to Dr. Mohammad Obeid and his team at Siraj Studios in Jordan, who have worked tirelessly for over two years to create this application. CICW plans to translate Pilgrim VR into various languages beyond the original Arabic and English. The first step is translating the application into Bahasa Malaysia (the Malay language) in 2024, at the initiative and with the support of Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, CICW's Honorary Chairman.

CICW published a book on Dr. Jamal Barzinji, a great Muslim leader, thinker, and activist. The book was launched by the Barzinji Institute at Shenandoah University during the conference on Collaborative Online International Learning, which was attended by scholars, administrators, and students from various countries and universities. As Dr. Barzinji influenced many of us at CICW, we are grateful to be in the position to publish the book on his life and contributions.

The Center awarded fifteen research grants in 2023 to scholars and graduate students in the US, Canada, and Europe. Topics include education in Algeria, microcredits in Bangladesh, American Muslims in popular culture, Islamophobia in the Balkans, border theologies in Indonesia and Singapore, history of the Qur'anic interpretation, and an Islamic radio in Tanzania, among others.

CICW hosted its annual Graduate Student Institute in person for the first time. The program was held at George Mason University with the support of the AbuSulayman Center for Global Islamic Studies. We thank them for their partnership. Thirteen students completed the program over two weeks. They engaged in learning and discussions with prominent scholars in Islamic studies and education fields. We are looking forward to expanding the program in 2024.



Our research and teaching programs will expand in 2024 to include more in-person programs and activities. Our education programs were strengthened through the appointment of Dr. Rehenuma Asmi as CICW's Director of Education. She is also a member of our Executive Board and has contributed tremendously to our education programs, especially in the field of prophetic pedagogy. Dr. Asmi is an essential addition to our team. We look forward to her leadership in growing our education programs.

CICW's online book talk series, which started at the onset of the COVID pandemic, hosted several book talks on a number of topics, including Bosnian Hajj literature, the Women's Mosque of America, neo-traditionalism in Islam in the West, among others. We also hosted a first-year seminar in-person at Shenandoah University with Khaled Beydoun, a law professor at the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, who spoke on global Islamophobia.

As we look to 2024, the CICW expects to publish two books. One is a new publication on faith-based pedagogy, while the other is the English translation of the previously published book in Arabic on the life and thought of Shaykh Taha Jabir Alwani.

As the executive director, I am grateful to our Board of Trustees, the Executive Board, our partners at Shenandoah University, and everyone who contributed to our work and programs. Their generosity, commitment, and expertise make our Center possible.

With best wishes for a productive 2024,



**Ermin Sinanović**  
Executive Director



## CICW FINANCES FOR 2023

**Revenue plus cash carry forward:**  
**\$857,351.72**

**Expenses: \$709,840.98**

*\*Unaudited draft*

## CICW Board Meeting



In the beginning of the year, during Dr. M. Yaqub Mirza's (CICW President) visit to Kuala Lumpur, CICW Board Chairman and Prime Minister of Malaysia, Anwar Ibrahim, called for and chaired the meeting of the CICW Board of Trustees and Executive Board. They discussed the Center's strategic focus and vision for the future. He asked questions and answered questions from the members present. This was during a time when a heavy earthquake rocked Turkey and Syria (he left the following night to see the President of Turkey and to visit the affected area), the opening of the Malaysian parliament, and finalizing of the annual budget. Amidst all of these events, Prime Minister Ibrahim found time to call for the CICW meeting.

## Annual Iftar



We hosted our annual iftar dinner on Tuesday, March 28th. Over 170 members of the community were in attendance including guest institutions: FAITH, ISPU, Amana Mutual Funds Trust, and UIF. CICW's Executive Board delivered brief presentations on the work we've accomplished since our founding in November 2018.



# Relationship with Shenandoah University



Dr. Ermin Sinanović led a group of Shenandoah University students and staff on a spring break trip to Bosnia [pictured above]. They visited some of the country's most important historical sites, learned about the culture, and reflected on genocide after a trip to the Memorial Center in Srebrenica. The CICW also attended the Barzinji Institute Conference

(October 2 - 3). Dr. M. Yaqub Mirza delivered the opening remarks on day two of the conference and contributed to the panel on Dr. Jamal Al-Barzinji's life and legacy. Dr. Ermin Sinanović moderated the panel on Dr. Jamal Al-Barzinji and participated on the 'Leveraging Partnerships: From Virtual to in-person Exchange' panel.

## Education Programs

In 2023, the Center's educational program offerings expanded and grew through virtual courses, in person professional development workshops, and various research projects. The Center developed the following online courses in partnership with US organizations and international centers:

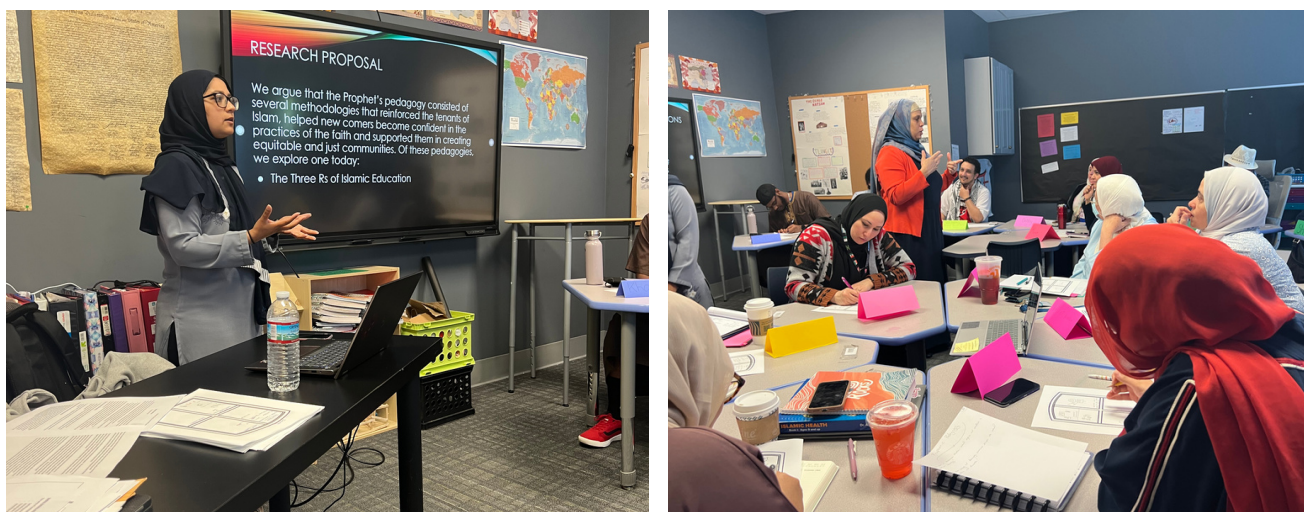
- Islamic Health Education with Dr. Amber Khan, in partnership with CISNA
- Methodology of the Prophetic Upbringing of Children with Shaykh Abdalla Idris Ali, in partnership with CISNA
- Islamic Health Education with Dr. Amber Khan, in partnership with Nahla and Center for Advanced Studies in Bosnia
- One Day Professional Development Program for ADAMS Weekend School, in partnership with ADAMS Center
- Scholars of Islam and Education with Shaykh Abdalla Idris Ali, Dr. Amaarah DeCuir, and Dr. Rehenuma Asmi, in partnership with CISNA
- Healthy Social Relationships: Islamic Health Series with Dr. Amber Khan, in partnership with CISNA
- Trauma Informed Schools with Dr. Fatima Mirza and Dr. Rehenuma Asmi, in partnership with Sunflower Initiative

**Our Global Impact:**  
**980+ Educators Trained from**  
**10 countries:**

**Australia Bosnia Canada Indonesia Ireland Libya**  
**Malaysia Romania Syria United States**







In 2023, the Center supported several research projects related to education covering topics from Islamic education in America to challenging misconceptions of faith in the public school system. We are proud to be a hub for rethinking best practices in Islamic education as well as considering how Muslim students are affected by religious discrimination in the American public school system.

- Ethnography of an American International Baccalaureate Islamic School, in partnership with Tarbiyah Academy
- Research Practice Partnership Designed to Enhance Prophetic Pedagogy Professional Development Program Design, in partnership with Tarbiyah Academy
- Research on Faith Honoring Pedagogies with collaborators Jill Lindsey, Emeritus Dean of Education at Shenandoah University, Erica Brown, Vice Provost for Values and Leadership at Yeshiva University, and Douglas J. Stump, Assistant Professor at Utah State University in Educational Leadership

Our final goal this year was to provide in person professional development. CICW partnered with ISAC (Islamic School Association of Canada) to offer two in person education retreats, the first in Ontario and the second in Calgary. Both programs were well received and Prophetic Pedagogy presenters Shaykh Abdalla Idris Ali, Rehenuma Asmi, and Amaarah DeCuir presented several inspiring and relevant presentations. We plan to offer more in person professional development workshops for educators in 2024.

Throughout 2023, CICW's education programs offered opportunities for educators, parents, and school leaders to explore contemporary challenges facing Muslims in the United States as well as internationally. CICW looks forward to embracing the challenges of today and offering research-based practices to support the development of young Muslim minds.

# Pilgrim VR: Hajj and Umrah

## About “Pilgrim VR Hajj and Umrah”

Through an international collaboration and anchored in scientific research, this project creates an immersive virtual reality (VR) experience to serve as a training and education platform for the primary religious pilgrimages in the Islamic faith. Mohammad Obeid, PhD, associate professor and director of AR/VR (BS) at Shenandoah University, collaborated with Siraj Studios in Jordan to complete this project. Siraj Studios specializes in Islamic culture and cutting-edge technology. In an authentic and sophisticated simulation of places, rituals, and various steps involved in Hajj and Umrah, a user is able to explore, learn, and train in an interactive manner.

## 2023 Update

As the year comes to an end, the project has reached its completion, including all of its four phases. Pilgrim VR now allows users to either freely explore and learn at their own pace, or otherwise

participate in an interactive step-by-step training curriculum curated specifically for Hajj and Umrah training. The effort included research and study of Hajj and Umrah practices, script and scenario development, voice over production, audio design, calligraphy, 3D modeling and simulation, programming, and user interface design, among many. Training is now available in both English and Arabic for Umrah as well as the three forms of Hajj: Tamattu, Ifraad and Qiran. A free for public version (Pilgrim VR Lite) was prepared and is available for free on the project’s website. The software is now being tested in the field and feedback is being collected.

## Other highlights:

- New website launched: [PilgrimVR.org](https://PilgrimVR.org)
- Participation at the [2023 Conference of the Barzinji Institute for Global Virtual Learning](#).
- Community event held at ADAMS center: [Mecca in Virtual Reality](#).

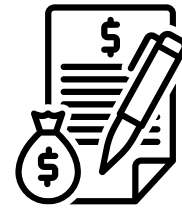




## Research Grants

This year, the Center awarded \$106,855 in research grants to graduate students and faculty. Our research grant program continues to support diverse researchers in a variety of disciplines. Research topics included Muslims in Popular Culture, Coping Strategies of White Converts to Islam, Women in the Islamic Party, among others.

# \$106,855



## Graduate Student Institute

For the first time, we held our Graduate Student Institute Program in-person at George Mason University in May – June 2023. Thirteen students successfully completed our program, "Islam in the Contemporary World." We recruited an outstanding, diverse

group of students from a variety of academic disciplines. The two-week rigorous program gave students the opportunity to learn from renown Islamic scholars, build connections, and foster a learning community.







**“Grateful beyond words to have completed my two-week summer journey at the Graduate Student Institute by the CICW at Shenandoah University. It has been a transformative experience that has deepened my understanding of Islam. Alhamdulillah, for the knowledge gained and the incredible connections made along the way. Here’s to new beginnings and a future filled with purpose!”**

- Listia Khairunnisa, Fulbright Scholar pursuing a Master of Public Administration at Northeastern University



# Book Talks



The CICW hosted the First Year Forum at Shenandoah University on Thursday, October 26. Professor Khaled Beydoun delivered a talk on his book, The New Crusades: Islamophobia and the Global War on Muslims. Over 75 students were in attendance.



Dr. Ermin Sinanović hosted a series of talks this year on our YouTube channel, [CICW Media](#). Topics included The Women's Mosque of America with Dr. Tazeen Ali, Bosnian Hajj Literature: Multiple Paths to the Holy with Dr. Dženita Karić, Neo-traditionalism in Islam in the West: Orthodoxy, Spirituality and Politics with Dr. Walaa Quisay, and more. View all the talks [here](#).



# Investing in Future Leaders

**\$60,000**  
**in scholarships**

The Center also oversaw the selection of 12 recipients of the Imam's Generational Scholarship Fund generously supported by CICW, Amana Mutual Funds, UIF, and Sterling Charitable Gift Fund. We want to thank our judges, Imrana Umar, Afraz Khan, and Maimuna Gassama for helping us make the selections and supporting this program. The Center is proud to support the educational goals of the families of our religious leaders and plans to continue to provide this scholarship to talented and exemplary young Muslim Americans in 2024.



## Imams Workshops



In partnership with the North American Imams Fellow (NAIF), CICW participated in organizing five Imams Training workshops in 2023. Over 250 participants attended the five workshops (two online and three in person). The following are the topics that were covered:

- 1- The Personal Construct Quality & the Quality of Life
- 2- Contemporary Medical Fiqh Issues
- 3- Shari'ah Compliant Real Estate Financing & Halal in America, Awareness and Education
- 4- Psychiatry: An Islamic Perspective
- 5- Shari'ah Compliant Real Estate Financing

## The Maqasid-based Exegesis (Al-Tafsir al-Maqasidi)

The CICW is collaborating with a world-renowned scholar of Maqasid, Dr. Jasser Auda. Dr. Auda is working on a multi-year project to produce a multi-volume commentary on the Quran titled Maqasid-based Exegesis (Al-Tafsir Al-Maqasidi). This methodology looks at higher principles and universal laws. It derives goals and objectives for humanity as a whole and for the Muslim Ummah. The Maqasidi tafsir (interpretation) focuses on purposeful connectivity among the Qur'anic verses. Instead of taking the verse-by-verse approach, this methodology connects the Qur'anic verses and derives deeper meaning in the Qur'anic revelation. The project is halfway completed, with four volumes already published in Arabic. The remaining four volumes will be completed in 3-4 years. The goal of the project is to make the tafsir available in English and to create a website and a mobile app that would facilitate research into the Qur'anic interpretation.



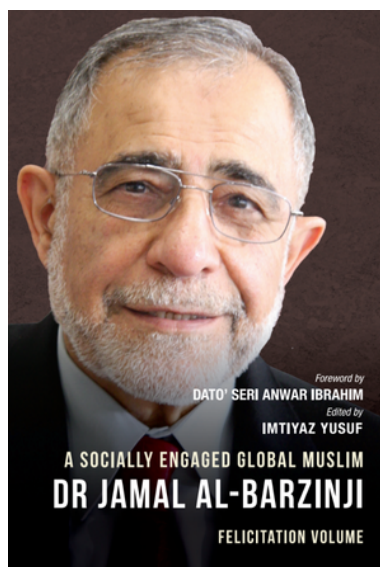


Top: Firas Barzinji and Suzanne Barzinji (son and wife of the late Dr. Jamal Al-Barzinji) accept a gift from Tracy Fitzsimmons (President of Shenandoah University) during the book launching ceremony

Bottom Left: From left, CICW Honorary Chairman and the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Anwar Ibrahim, and CICW President, M. Yaqub Mirza, presenting the new publication

Bottom Right: From left, Imam Mohamed Magid, Iqbal Unus, Imtiyaz Yusuf, M. Yaqub Mirza, and Ermin Sinanović

## Publications



The official launch of A Socially Engaged Global Muslim Dr Jamal Al-Barzinji: Felicitation Volume took place at the Barzinji Conference on Tuesday, October 3 at Shenandoah University. The book was launched by Suzanne Barzinji and Firas Barzinji (wife and son of the late Dr. Jamal Al-Barzinji). Ermin Sinanović (CICW), Imtiyaz Yusuf (CICW), Iqbal Unus (Islamic Seminary of America), M. Yaqub Mirza (Shenandoah University), and Imam Mohamed Magid (All Dulles Area Muslim Society Center) spoke about the legacy of Dr. Jamal Barzinji. A Socially Engaged Global Muslim Dr Jamal Al-Barzinji: Felicitation Volume is now available for [free download on our website](#). It is also available in paperback and on Kindle on [Amazon](#).

# Executive Board Contributions

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## **M. Yaqub Mirza, PhD**

President

In the beginning of the year, Dr. Mirza travelled to Malaysia to meet with CICW's Chairman and the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Anwar Ibrahim. A contribution worth \$300,000 from the family of the late Prof Emeritus Dr. AbdulHamid AbuSulayman was given to the AbuSulayman International Student Fund (AISF) of the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM). On this occasion, the Prime Minister Dato Seri Anwar Ibrahim remarked, "so thank you Yaqub, for the students have especially benefited from the initiatives of the Abdulhamid AbuSulayman family student fund. 'Because of this impeccable young man, Yaqub Mirza.' As you know I have had so many exchanges and experiences with so many Islamic institutions, his role is phenomenal, not many can challenge him. He can make, for example, the IIIT a financially independent endowment because of what he did with the investments."

Dr. Mirza also took part in IIUM's Board Retreat for the presentation of "Enhancing University Income Generation, Endowment and Waqf." Dr. Mirza was invited by the Islamic Seminary of America to deliver a talk on his book, Five Pillars of Prosperity. He was invited to speak at the International Conference organized by Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue & Multi-Faith Neighbors Network "From Religious Freedom to Religious Responsibility" in Doha. In the spring, he taught a course, "Islamic Faith-Based Wealth Building," in CICW's Graduate Student Institute. In the fall, he went to New York City to see Prime Minister Ibrahim to discuss the launch of A Socially Engaged Global Muslim: Dr. Jamal Al-Barzinji Felicitation Volume, a new publication by CICW. Dr. Mirza spoke on the legacy of Dr. Jamal Al-Barzinji during the Barzinji Conference at Shenandoah University and wrote a personal reflection included in the book.

## **Ermin Sinanović, PhD**

Executive Director

Dr. Sinanović taught two courses at Boston Islamic Seminary, "Schools of Islamic Thought" and "Thinking About Islam." He contributed a chapter on Montenegro in the Yearbook of European Muslims (Brill). He co-authored with Dr. Ahmet Alibašić a chapter that was included in the volume on Dr. Jamal Barzinji (CICW).

Dr. Sinanović presented papers at two academic conferences: "Making Islam Safe for Capitalism: The Political Economy of Islamic Finance" at the Islamic Moral Theology conference held at the Faculty of Islamic Studies in Sarajevo and organized by George Mason University; and "Westernization vs. Arabization: A Critique of Approaches to the Study of Islam in Southeast Asia" at the conference dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the death of Edward Said, held at Yalova University in Turkey. Dr. Sinanović recorded two episodes of Islam on the Edges podcast, hosted by the Maydan at George Mason University. He directed the first in-person Graduate Student Institute at CICW and taught several modules. Dr. Sinanović also hosted five book talks on the CICW YouTube channel.





Left: Ermin Sinanović  
Right: Rehenuma Asmi



## **Rehenuma Asmi, PhD**

Director of Education

Dr. Asmi continues to develop the Center's educational initiatives as Director of Education and as an Executive Board Member. In addition to designing and launching several innovative virtual workshops and courses for Islamic school educators and leaders, Dr. Asmi taught several in person professional development workshops that teach the Prophetic Pedagogy Principles. The Center is also developing handbooks and teacher guidebooks to outline and expand the Prophetic Pedagogy Principles for educators. Dr. Asmi collaborated with the Islamic Schools Association of Canada to offer Prophetic Pedagogy workshops in person to Canadian educators in October and November. Dr. Asmi continues to work on research in Islamic education around themes of prophetic pedagogy, literacy, and community-based education. She attended and presented on these topics as well as Prophetic Pedagogy at the Cambridge Dialogues on Islamic Education in December. Dr. Asmi continues working closely with Dr. DeCuir on a research project to explore the effect of Prophetic Pedagogy professional development workshops on a school community through a research practice partnership model. Dr. Asmi continues to supervise the Imam's Generational Scholarship and support the Graduate Student Institute by teaching courses on socio-cultural perspectives on Islamic education.

**Amaarah DeCuir, EdD**

Executive Board Member

Dr. DeCuir's year began with the launch of her first co-edited academic text, Islamic-based educational leadership, led by her internationally esteemed colleague, Dr. Khalid Arar, published by Routledge. She authored the 5th chapter, advancing a research-based framework based on her examination of Muslim women leading American Islamic schools titled "Islamic Antiracist School Leadership". Using archival techniques of education history, she published an academic article tracing the history of African American school resistance between 1930-1935 titled "Up North, Black families walked out: Counternarratives of Jim Crow School Resistance" after presenting this research at the American Educational History Conference. In October, when American Muslim students began facing silencing and censorship for their pro-Palestinian advocacy and calls for immediate ceasefire across Gaza, she published two articles in Education Week and Muslim Matters advising educators and community leaders on fair and equitable responses to support students.

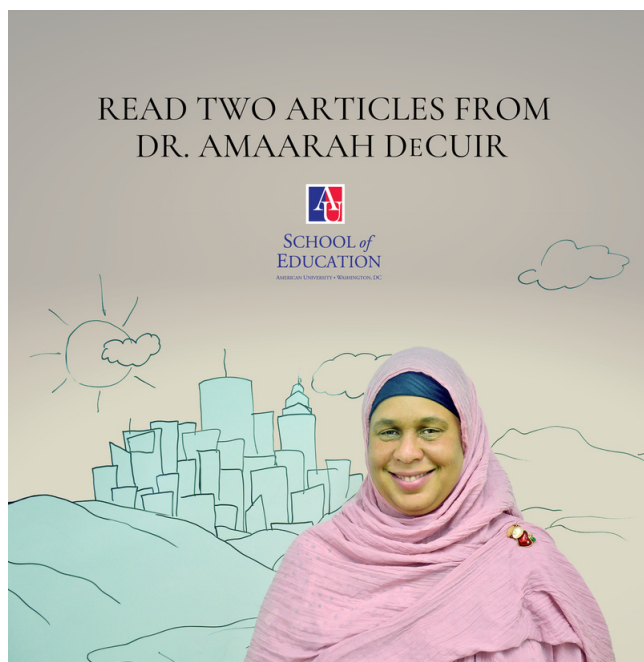
This year, Dr. DeCuir received two research grants through the Center to advance knowledge of American Islamic schools. The first study is designed as a Research-Practice-Partnership with an Islamic school in Maryland to study how a professional residency experience of Prophetic Pedagogy shapes their teaching and learning practices. The second project is a national study of former students of American Islamic schools, examining their life outcomes and reflections of their student experiences in American Islamic schools. In December, she was an invited guest to an international dialogue for Islamic education studies scholars held at Cambridge University to advance new lines of inquiry and international collaborations. Together, these efforts are expected to make bold contributions to the field of Islamic education studies through the thought leadership and financial support of the Center.

**Ahmed ElHattab**

Director of Development

Ahmed ElHattab continued his outreach efforts in building bridges of cooperation and partnership with major Islamic organizations locally and globally to promote and market CICW programs. In partnership with North American Imams Fellow (NAIF), and the sponsorship of UIF, Amana, and Sterling Charitable Gift Fund, ElHattab participated in planning five imam training workshops (three virtual and two in person), which attracted over 250 attendees. The marketing of the Prophetic Pedagogy Professional Development Workshops for Islamic Schools Teachers and Leaders workshops was nationally and globally achieved in partnership with the Global Association of Islamic Schools (GAIS) and the Council of Islamic Schools of North America (CISNA). ElHattab played an important role in marketing the Imams Generational Scholarship Fund (IGSF) through emails and Islamic Horizons, in addition to the production of a short video about the scholarship's recipients. As a speaker at the Association of Muslim Schools (AMS) Conference in Durban, South Africa: "Inspire, Innovate, Impact Future proofing the children of the Ummah" (28- 30 September), ElHattab made a presentation titled "Prophet Muhammad, the perfect teacher and his impact on his followers." He also attended the Global Association of Islamic Schools (GAIS) Retreat in Durban, South Africa: "Inspiring Excellence, Transforming Islamic Schools through Spiritual & Leadership Development", October 2- 4, 2023. Sheikh Abdalla Idris was one of the top renowned world scholars who delivered several lectures during the retreat.





Left: Amaarah DeCuir  
Right: Ahmed ElHattab



### **Younus Y. Mirza, PhD**

Executive Board Member

Dr. Mirza contributes to CICW's various programs and events, such as the summer school and Hajj VR. He demoed the Hajj VR technology in his First Year Seminar.

Dr. Mirza has published articles related to the Qur'an and presented at several academic panels. He recently published the article "A Precious Treatise: How Arab Editors Helped Create Ibn Taymiyya's Introduction to the Sciences of Tafsir" in the Journal of Qur'anic Studies. Dr. Mirza presented this research at the recent American Academy of Religion Conference where he also spoke on a panel regarding scriptural reasoning and moderated a panel on Interreligious Studies.

In terms of public outreach, he won an American Academy of Religion and Luce Advancing Public Scholarship Grant to develop his forthcoming book on the Islamic Mary. Through the grant, he has presented at Wheaton College on a panel "Christians and Muslims Seek Justice with Mary" and the Engaged Religious Leaders Retreat at the Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies (ICJS). He further has published two blogs related to his research. The first is titled "The Deputy of Maryam – The Mystic Rābi'a al-'Adawiyya in Light of the Qur'anic Mary," and the second "Interviewing Religion - A Chat with Younus Y. Mirza."

At Shenandoah University, he continues to be the Director of the Barzinji Institute for Global Virtual Learning. The Institute recently organized an international conference of over 250 participants from around the world on Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), Virtual Reality and the Legacy of Jamal Barzinji. The conference launched the Book a "A Socially Engaged Global Muslim Dr Jamal Al-Barzinji: Felicitations Volume," a CICW publication.



Top: Younus Mirza  
Bottom: CICW Executive Board



# CICW Celebrates



Years of research, education, and outreach!



# Coming in 2024...



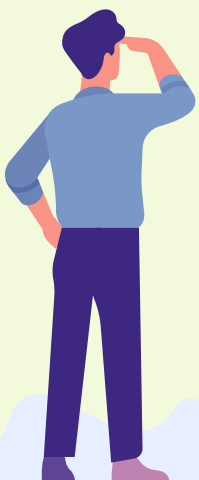
- CICW expects to publish two new books on faith-based pedagogy (pedagogies of Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad) and an English translation of a previously published CICW book on the life and thoughts of Shaykh Taha Jabir Alwani in Arabic

- We are looking forward to another Graduate Student Institute, a summer student program for graduate students
- CICW continues to work on a book on Najatullah Siddiqui, a prominent Muslim scholar in the field of Islamic finance and banking



- Our research projects on testing prophetic pedagogy in a real-school environment at Tarbiyah Academy in Maryland, and on Islamophobia in the Balkans will be completed
- CICW will continue funding cutting-edge research on contemporary Islam in the fields of Islamic studies, humanities, and social sciences

- We will continue promoting our Pilgrim VR project, a training and education guide on Hajj and Umrah, and are producing a translation of VR Hajj in Bahasa Malaysia (Malay language) and potentially other languages



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