

Summary Vitae
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Home

10647 N. Haddonstone Place,
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Business

Islamic Resource Center
5235 S. 27th St, Greenfield, WI 53221

Current Positions

- President & CEO, Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition (*MMWC*)
- Executive Director, Islamic Resource Center (*operated by MMWC*)
- Executive Director, Our Peaceful Home (*domestic violence program of the MMWC*)
- Publisher, Wisconsin Muslim Journal (*produced by MMWC*)
- Director, Milwaukee Muslim Film Festival (*produced by MMWC*)
- Board Member, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts
- Board Member, Wisconsin Public Radio
- Board Member, MKE Airport Meditation Room
- Chair, Committee for Interfaith Understanding (*Interfaith Conference*)
- MICAH Religious Leaders Caucus
- Board Member, Interfaith Gathering Center
- Co-Chair, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. City Celebration
- DNC 2020, Affirmative Action Committee for the 2020 National Convention
- Trustee, University School of Milwaukee
- Founder and board member, Wisconsin Muslim Civic Alliance

Previous Positions

- Adjunct Professor; Cardinal Stritch University
- Scholar in Residence; UW-Milwaukee
- UWM Chancellor's Advisory Council
- Private Industry Council- LEP Advisory Committee
- Co-Chair, Muslim-Catholic Women's Dialogue
- Board, Islamic Society of Milwaukee
- Director, Medical Assistant Training Program for Limited English Speakers
- Microbiologist, Woodhull Hospital, Brooklyn, NY
- Microbiologist, Chr. Hansen Inc., Milwaukee
- Debate Coach and Forensics Coach

Education

- Bachelor of Science; UW-Milwaukee
- Al-Madina Institute; Islamic Studies, one year program
- UW-Parkside; Fund Development Certificate
- Directors University, one year program

Presentations

- More than 1,500 presentations over the past 27 years to universities, hospitals, faith institutions, businesses and a wide range of community groups. Broad range of topics including; Muslim beliefs and practices, women's rights, immigrants, refugees, science, political topics, voting rights, social justice, human rights, etc.

Most notable presentations:

- ❖ Inauguration of Governor Jim Doyle
- ❖ Inauguration of Congresswoman Gwen Moore
- ❖ Marquette visit by Archbishop Desmond Tutu
- ❖ Prayer for Governor Tony Evers
- ❖ First Muslim to open the floor of the state Legislature with a prayer
- ❖ Keynote at State Teachers Convention

Publications

- Numerous articles and opinion pieces for the *Wisconsin Muslim Journal*
- Book Chapter, *History of Muslim Christian Dialogue in Milwaukee (Marquette University)*
- Taking on Hate, *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies* with Dr. Louise Cainkar
- Pull-Out for *Shepherd Express* on Milwaukee's Muslim Community
- Explanatory handout for Milwaukee Repertory Theater patrons
- Numerous short articles and opinion pieces for various newsletters and newspapers around the country

Television, Radio and Print

- Frequent guest on WUWM, WPR, WNOV and all of the local television stations
- Numerous appearances on NPR, VOA and others
- Featured and interviewed regularly in the local papers and magazines, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, *Shepherd Express*, *Business Journal*, etc.
- Face of year-long advertising campaign by WPR; billboards, buses, theatre and Symphony program books, etc.

Recognitions

- International Institute of Wisconsin World Citizen Award
- The Wisconsin Community Fund's Grantee of the Year Award
- CAIR's (*Council on American Islamic Relations*) National Award for Activism
- ACLU of Wisconsin Special Recognition Award
- UW-Milwaukee's Scholar in Residence Award
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration award
- Woman of Honor Award presented by six women's organizations including the American Association of University Women
- Named "Leader Making a Difference" by *Wisconsin Woman Magazine*

Professional Affiliations

- Rotary Club
- Professional Dimensions
- Milwaukee Prep Club

Personal

- Married, mother of five