

BOSTON ISLAMIC SEMINARY

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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“And say
My Lord, Increase me in knowledge”

Qur’an 20:14

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Letter from the DEAN

Asalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatu,

I would like to congratulate all of you on receiving this blessed month of Ramadan. We all need to encourage one another to increase our efforts during this wonderful month, which is a glorious blessing that we should cherish and take full advantage of. Doing so will enable us to fall under the category of the successful and the righteous.

Every year when we publish the annual report, I realize how quickly the days and years pass by, and that with each year, our own meeting before the Almighty draws closer, when we will also need to be prepared with our final report. With this in mind, we have to ask ourselves the following questions: have we prepared ourselves with deeds and traits that will honor us and make our faces full of light on the day of the Resurrection? Are we ready to be held accountable by Allah? In this life, we are free from account, but we have the opportunity to improve our actions and correct our mistakes, unlike the accountability on the Day of Reckoning after which there is no chance for corrections. Allah says "O you who have believed, fear Allah. And let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow - and fear Allah. Indeed, Allah is acquainted with what you do."

My dear brothers and sisters, after this long year of continuous and sincere work, generous donations and outstanding community achievements, we should evaluate our performance, recognize our needs, understand our current and future challenges and plan accordingly.

It has become clear to me that in our current stage in the U.S., we no longer need to build more mosques or schools as much as we need to train honest and productive leaders, who are talented in presenting the sound understanding of the religion, and making it relevant and applicable, with full awareness of the challenges we face while dealing with them prudently.

These kinds of leaders will be a source of protection for the centers and institutions built by the faithful in the community, these kinds of leaders will preserve the identity of Muslims and advocate for their rights and they will be able to communicate Islam in the best manner.

The aforementioned statements are meant to convey the core vision of the Boston Islamic seminary, which requires us to work cohesively as a community in order to raise awareness of establishing such a vital project in the U.S. We must encourage one another to be a part of this mission intellectually and financially, so that we can fulfill this obligation during our time and present our contributions towards it when we meet our creator, Inshallah.

I ask Allah to help us reach this level of understanding and righteousness and to make us qualified to serve our religion in the most effective manner. Ameen.

Dr. Basyouny Nehela
Dean of Academic Affairs



Letter from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Asalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatu,

In the past year, the Seminary has continued to move forward, alhamdulillah, and I'm happy to report that we are picking up momentum and moving aggressively towards our full-time Leadership Program launch in 2019.

In our second year of operations, the Seminary has moved forward with our Continuing Education program, offering classes and lectures in several locations to increase accessibility by our students. Our satellite locations have included MIT, ICB Wayland, Tufts University and ISB Cambridge, including our home institution of ISBCC.

We have also developed a Certificate Program in Islamic Intellectual History, a sequence of five courses offered by Dr. Suheil Laher that provides an excellent overview of the Islamic sciences and their development. This spring, we offered our first online class, and we are looking forward to expanding online options to our students in coming semesters insha-Allah.

The Seminary also continued to innovate in 2017 with the support of our Student Advisory Board, which launched a program for college students that engages them in weekly lectures about Islamic and secular worldviews, and the role of young people in navigating these worldviews in their daily lives. This program, originally called BIS Academy, will soon have a new name and a second year of programming. Alhamdulillah, this offering promises to make a major contribution to the many students that come to Boston each year for higher education.

Please read the details below, and may Allah t'ala reward you greatly for your continuing support.

Sincerely,
Salma Kazmi
Executive Director

Read! In the Name of thy Lord, Who created
Created man out of a clot of congealed blood
Read! And thy Lord is Most Generous,
He Who taught the use of the pen,
Taught man that which he knew not.

Qur'an, Surah Al-Alaq, 96:1-5

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Update

The Continuing Education Program provides Islamic education to people of all backgrounds. Now in its second year, Continuing Education has maintained its focus on "Islam in context" in order to complement the halaqas and classes offered by many masjids, while providing students access to scholars and topics that are often not available in masjid settings. In the future, we hope to offer programs targeted to serve the needs of specific groups such as parents, Islamic school teachers, and others.

Host Institutions

In order to improve access by students who live outside of Boston, we offered classes in multiple locations. We are grateful to the following organizations that hosted lectures and classes sponsored by the Seminary and we look forward to further collaboration in the future.

Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center
Islamic Society of Boston - *Cambridge*
Islamic Center of Boston - *Wayland*
Worcester Islamic Center
Massachusetts Institute of Technology - *Muslim Student Association*
Tufts University

Online Education

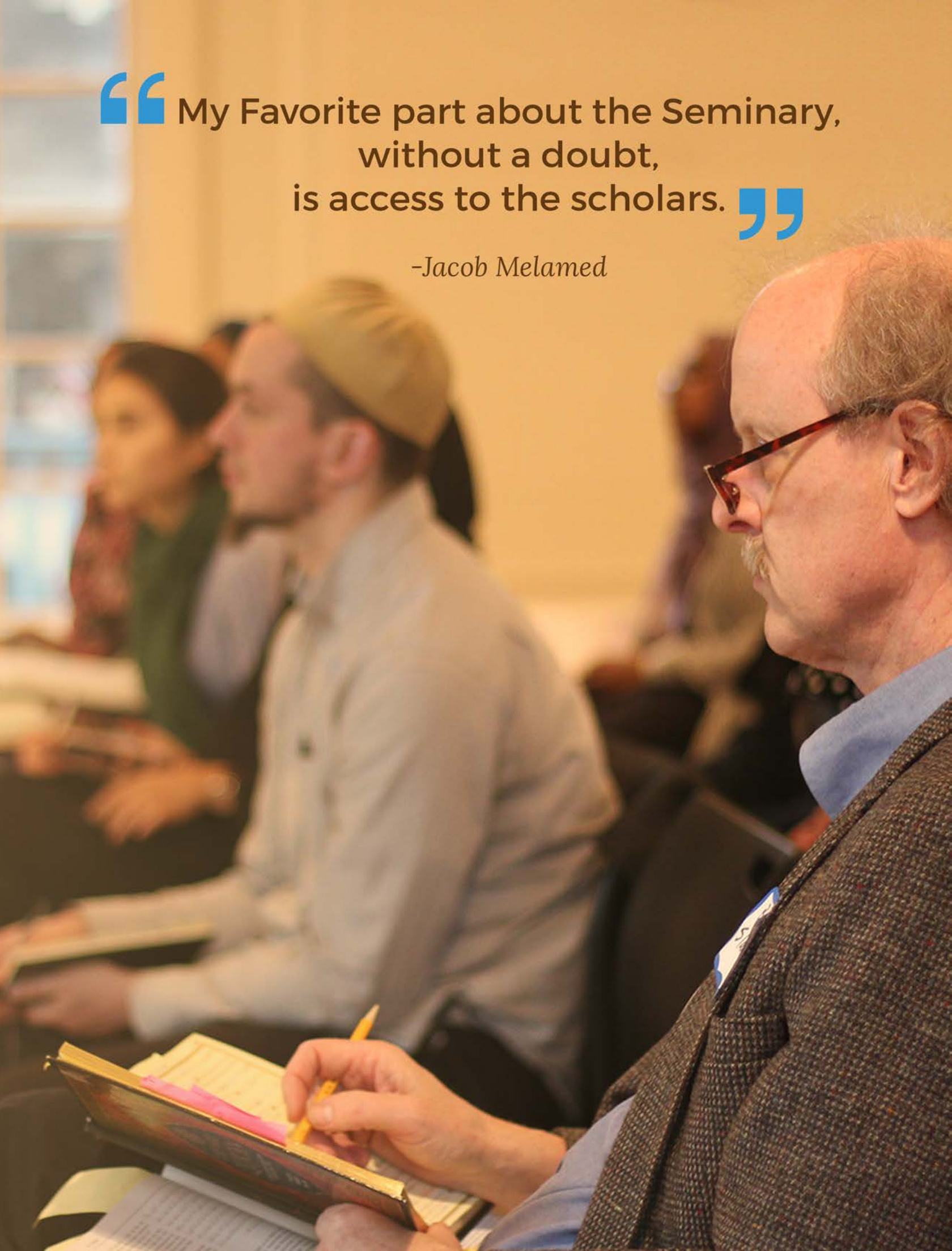
This spring, we offered our first hybrid class, alhamduillah, which included two in-person sessions and four online sessions and focused on the topic of Islamic Bioethics with Dr. Ayman Ibrahim, the class's live video-conferencing sessions encouraged student involvement while allowing people to join the class sessions from home. Alhamdulillah this first online experiment was an important step towards increasing our online offerings in the future.

8 *Courses*

9 *Instructors*

6 *Locations*

300+ *Participants*


“My Favorite part about the Seminary,
without a doubt,
is access to the scholars.”
-Jacob Melamed

Our COURSES

Fall 2017

Maddhabs: Development & Differences
Dr. Suheil Laher

The Prophet & I: Heeding the Voice Within
Ustadh Hisham Mahmoud

Muslim Nationalism
Ustadh Adnan Rehman

Counseling Psychology
Ustadh Mohammad Wadeed

Managing Wellness Lecture
Dr. Walid Fitaihi

Spring 2018

Foundation & Objectives of Sacred Law
Dr. Suheil Laher

Qur'anic Methodology Towards Effective Communication
Dr. Basyouny Nehela

Islamic Bioethics
Dr. Ayman Ibrahim

Women Around the Prophet
Ustadha Celene Ibrahim

Parenting with Love & Logic
Ustadh Omer Bajwa

6
In-Person Courses

3
Workshops

1
Online Course

100+
Students

9
Financial Aid Recipients

Our CERTIFICATES

Islamic Intellectual History *Certificate*

The Certificate in Islamic Intellectual History will be offered to students who complete the five classes below, which have been offered once each semester since the start of the Continuing Education program. The Certificate provides a historic view of the Islamic sciences and the development of the Islamic scholarly tradition. It highlights the rigorous development and firm basis of the texts Muslims hold to be sacred, as well as the care and analysis that has gone into the Islamic legal tradition. The Certificate program is ideal for those who are seeking to understand how Islamic scholars have used the Qur'an and Hadith as the basis for a much larger framework for navigating social, moral and spiritual questions in the world. *The Certificate Program includes the following courses:*

Sciences of the Qur'an
Sciences of Hadith
Madhhabs: Development & Differences
Foundations & Objectives of Sacred Law
Islamic Theology & Philosophy

Islamic Foundations *Certificate*

As we prepare for our full-time Leadership Program, the Seminary is also launching a sequence of five courses called "Islamic Foundations." The Islamic Foundations Certificate provides a basic introduction to understanding Islam for all Muslims, and provides solid grounding for those serving as community leaders and educators, as well as for those who intend to explore Graduate-Level education in Islam. The Foundations program emphasizes personal reflection, spirituality and socio-ethical development, which is at the heart of all true Islamic learning. *The Foundations Program include the following courses, and will begin in the Fall of 2018:*

The Art of Qur'anic Recitation (*Tajweed*) Reflection & Application
Introduction to the Sciences of the *Qur'an* and *Hadith*
Introduction to the Sciences of *Fiqh*, *'Aqida*, and *Tazkiya*
The Vocabulary of Islam
Introduction to Islamic Systems

BIS ACADEMY / *Iqra* FELLOWSHIP



IQRA Fellowship

This year, our Student Advisory Board launched a pilot program to engage college and graduate students in directed Islamic learning and community building. Initially called "BIS Academy" the program has arranged weekly lectures by local scholars and discussions over shared meals. The goal of the program is to establish a strong Islamic worldview among some of America's top Muslim students, and allow them ample space to explore issues pertinent to their lives as Muslims in 21st Century America. As these young people form goals for their academic, personal and professional lives, their BIS Academy peers and instructors serve as an important base of support and guidance. BIS Academy builds upon one of Boston's greatest strengths, its student community, and we are looking forward to seeing it grow into a multi-year program in the future insha-Allah. BIS Academy is soon to be renamed the "Iqra Fellowship"

20 *Lectures*

18 *Instructors*

30+ *Students*

1 *Retreat*

Lectures, Food *& Fellowship*



TRAVELING Lecture *Series*



Building Community by Building Yourself:
Lessons from the Qur'an

This summer, Dr. Basyouny Nehela visited masaajid in Stoneham, Worcester, Malden, Lowell, Brighton, Haverhill and Everett to share stories of the Prophets of Allah in the Quran, extracting lessons on self-improvement in the hopes of building better, stronger, Muslim Communities.

7 *Mosques*

7 *Lectures*

30 *Days*

250+ *Attendees*

OUR INSTRUCTORS



“Scholars are the inheritors of the prophets.”

(Tirmidhi)



Dr. Ayman Ibrahim

Islamic Bioethics, *Spring 2018*

Dr. Ayman Bassiouni Ibrahim is a research physician interested in the development of novel therapeutic modalities and its ethical implications, bioethics and intersection between science and religion. Dr. Ibrahim holds a degree in medicine, a postgraduate degree from high institute of Islamic studies, Egypt, and completed various studies in management and Law. He held various leadership positions in research in academia and industry with extensive exposure to various Bioethical applications in real life. He was an instructor and dissertation advisor for online graduate school programs, lectured in Islam and science and has numerous scholarly publications in those fields.

Ustadh Mohammed Wadeed

Introduction to Counseling Psychology, *Fall 2017*

Ustadh Mohamed Wadeed graduated with a BA degree in Arabic and Islamic Studies and MA degree in Islamic Philosophy from Cairo University. For five years, he served as the Imam of the Muslim Community of Rhode Island. While in the US, Ustadh Mohamed also completed a Master's degree in Psychology from Rhode Island University and taught Arabic and Middle-Eastern studies at several universities in Rhode Island. In 2009, Ustadh Mohamed returned to Egypt to start his own Counseling and Psychology practice where he offers workshops, retreats and one-on-one sessions to clients and where he is pursuing his PhD candidate in Counseling at Cairo University. Ustadh Mohamed writes articles on parenting and marital counseling for several magazines and has spoken on TV and Radio about the humanistic element of counseling and management. Ustadh Mohamed is a member of the American Psychological Association.





Dr. Walid Fitaihi

Managing Wellness, *Fall 2017*

Dr. Walid Fitaihi is the founder, Chairman of the Board of Directors and the CEO of the International Medical Center based in Jeddah. Dr. Fitaihi completed his B.S. in Systems Engineering and received his medical degree from George Washington University. Dr. Fitaihi also has a Master of Public Health degree in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard School of Public Health and is an Board-Certified physician, specialized in Internal Medicine and Endocrinology. Dr. Fitaihi is a strong advocate of patient education and considers continuous education a key element in improving the quality of healthcare in today's world of medicine. Over the years he has delivered several lectures on topics related to medical, social, and cultural issues and has published hundreds of articles in various magazines and newspapers focusing on both health-related and non-health related topics.



Dr. Basyouny Nehela

Qur'anic Effective Communication, *Spring 2018*

Dr. Basyouny Nehela holds an M.A. in Fundamentals of Religion, and a Ph.D. with Honors in Da'wa and Islamic Culture, both from Al-Azhar University. He is currently the Dean of Academic Affairs at Boston Islamic Seminary and professor at Qatar University's Faculty of Sharia and Islamic Studies, Department of Islamic Creed and Da'wa. Dr. Basyouny was previously a faculty member at Al-Azhar University and Islamic American University, and Imam of the Islamic Society of Boston.

Dr. Basyouny has published over 200 articles in newspapers and magazines on topics such as the methodologies and means of Quranic Education and Da'wa, contemporary youth issues and Islamic thought. He also offers regular workshops and lectures on family issues and contemporary marital and educational problems in both Arabic and English.

Ustadh Omer Bajwa

Parenting with Love & Logic, *Spring 2018*

Ustadh Omer Bajwa is the Director of Muslim Life in the Chaplain's Office at Yale. He earned his Graduate Certificate in Islamic Chaplaincy from Hartford Seminary, and he has been engaged in religious service, social activism, and educational outreach since 2000. He received his MA in Near Eastern Studies, with a specialization in Islamic Studies, from Cornell University's Department of Near Eastern Studies. He also earned an MS in Communication from Cornell, and a BA in English Literature and Rhetoric from Binghamton University. His interests include Islam in the United States, inter-religious engagement, and Islam and the global media. He regularly lectures about these topics and others at campuses, congregations, and in communities across the country. Omer and his family are Residential Fellows in Yale's Timothy Dwight College. When not working, he and his family can often be found sampling local desserts.





Dr. Suheil Laher

Madhhabs: Development & Differences, *Fall 2017*
Foundations & Objectives of Sacred Law, *Spring 2018*

Dr. Suheil Laher serves as Academic Dean at Fawakih, a language institute for Qur'anic and Classical Arabic. After studying electrical engineering at MIT, he earned an M.A. in Religious Studies from Boston University and a Ph.D. in Islamic Studies from Harvard University. He has previously taught Arabic at Harvard, Brandeis, and Boston University. He has benefited from a number of teachers of the traditional Islamic disciplines, both in the U.S. and abroad, and has *ijazas* in Islamic theology (*'aqida*), law (*fiqh*), hadith, and other subjects. He has taught 'aqida courses at the Ella Collins Institute and the Bukhari Institute. He also has extensive experience working with youth, gained through his service as part-time Muslim chaplain at MIT from 1998 to 2014.



Ustadha Celene Ibrahim

Women Around the Prophet, *Spring 2018*

Ust. Celene Ibrahim teaches Islamic Studies and has co-directed the Center for Inter-Religious and Communal Leadership Education [CIRCLE], a premiere global hub for interreligious studies at Andover Newton Theological School and Hebrew College. She has published widely on themes ranging from Muslim feminist theology to Islamic leadership in North America. Ust. Celene currently serves as Muslim chaplain for Tufts University. She holds a Master's degree in Women's and Gender Studies and Near Eastern and Judaic Studies from Brandies University, a Masters of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School, and a Bachelor's degree in Near Eastern Studies with highest honors from Princeton University. She is currently completing a Ph.D. in Arabic and Islamic Civilizations at Brandeis.

Ustadh Hisham Mahmoud

The Prophet & I: Heeding the Voice Within, *Fall 2017*

Ustadh Hisham Mahmoud has studied theology, hadith, legal theory, jurisprudence, ethics, Qur'anic recitation, and Arabic with scholars in Morocco, Mauritania, and Egypt. He co-authored a forthcoming work entitled, "A Portrait of the Prophet," as a translation of one of the most important commentaries on the personal qualities of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). He has lectured internationally on the Islamic sciences and on world religions, and continues to read with scholars and students in the United States. He has taught for more than a decade at Yale, Princeton, and Harvard Universities, then left the Academy to institute his own national initiative, Lanturna, a non-profit, educational institution that intends through its various projects to establish learning collectives across the country to enrich community life and enhance personal lifestyle. Currently, he resides in Pennsylvania with his wife and two children.





Ustadh Adnan Rehman

Muslim Nationalism, *Fall 2017*

Ustadh Adnan has B.Sc. in Computer Engineering from Polytechnic University, Brooklyn, New York, M.A. in Islamic Thought from Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization, a graduate school of International Islamic University Malaysia, Selangor, Malaysia, M.A. in Theology and Philosophy from the Theology School at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion at the Graduate Division of Religious Studies of Boston University, with interests in American Philosophy, Semiotics, and Islam in South Asia.

FULL-TIME PROGRAM

Update

As we approach the target launch date for the Fulltime Leadership Program in the Fall of 2019, the Curriculum Committee and the Dean of Academic Affairs have worked hard to finalize our curriculum, begin the process for degree granting authority and begin reaching out to potential faculty and students for the fulltime program. Below are some updates from this year's work on the Fulltime Program:

Partnership Development

Boston Theological Institute

In the Fall of 2017, the Boston Theological Institute (BTI) invited the Seminary to participate in the American Academy of Religion (AAR) Conference as a "Friend of the BTI". AAR is a conference that brings together thousands of academics in the field of religion from around the country and abroad, including those who study Islam in a variety of academic settings. The BTI hosted a conference booth, where materials from Boston Islamic Seminary were distributed, along with those of other BTI member schools. In addition, Salma Kazmi spoke on a panel on the subject of Islamophobia in higher education.

In February of 2018, Salma Kazmi and Dr. Sharif El-Tobgui spoke at a Board Meeting of the Boston Theological Institute, which was attended by the Deans of all BTI member schools including Harvard Divinity School BU School of Theology, Hartford Seminary and others. Sr. Salma and Dr. Sharif shared the Seminary's vision for Islamic religious leadership training, the focus of our curriculum and our plans for accreditation. Although full membership in the BTI is restricted to accredited institutions, we are currently exploring models of associate membership that would allow Boston Islamic Seminary students access to some resources available at other BTI Member Schools. The meeting with the BTI Board also resulted in follow up conversations with the Dean of Harvard Divinity School and the President and Dean of Hartford Seminary. We are eager to identify opportunities to collaborate with each of these institutions

International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIT)

This year, the Seminary's relationship with IIIT, a well-established institution with nearly a forty-year legacy of supporting Islamic higher education, has continued to develop. IIIT sent a representative to our Academics workshop in Fall, 2017 and many IIIT board members participated in a meeting of Seminary leaders in Washington DC to learn more about the project. Seminary board members also met with IIIT Staff during the AAR Conference, and discussed opportunities for further partnership. These conversations have led to additional relationships established with educational and other institutions that we hope will further advance the mission of the Seminary.

Association of Muslim Chaplains

In March, Sr. Salma Kazmi represented the Boston Islamic Seminary at the Annual Conference of the Association of Muslim Chaplains (AMC) hosted by Yale University. Following the conference, several institutions that are planning programs similar to the Boston Islamic Seminary's full-time Leadership Program gathered to discuss opportunities for collaboration and to strengthen our joint mission. The meeting led to good conversation that we hope will soon turn into formal partnerships. Institutions that were in attendance included the Islamic Seminary of America, Howard University, Hartford Seminary and Bayan Claremont.

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We need our sisters and our brothers, to study here, in Seminaries, taught by people in this land, to the people of this land.
-Shaykh Yasir Qadhi

ACADEMIC WORKSHOP

During the weekend of September 30 and October 1st, Boston Islamic Seminary hosted approximately twenty academic and community leaders from across the North America for an intensive Planning Workshop.

At the day-and-a-half long session, we engaged some of the best and brightest minds in the development of the Seminary. We asked for input and advice on the Seminary's vision and on the Master's program curriculum that is under development.

The conversation at the workshop was rich and extensive, and we received some extremely valuable insights from the program participants. Institutions such as Harvard University, University of Toronto, the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Zaytuna College were represented, among many others. Feedback on the workshop was very positive, and look forward to further involvement from many of the program participants in the coming months and years.

The feedback from the workshop led to further refining of the Graduate program offering in the latter part of 2017 and has helped us develop an academic program that will, insha-Allah, be meaningful and impactful.




2
Days
6
Community
Leaders
14
Academics



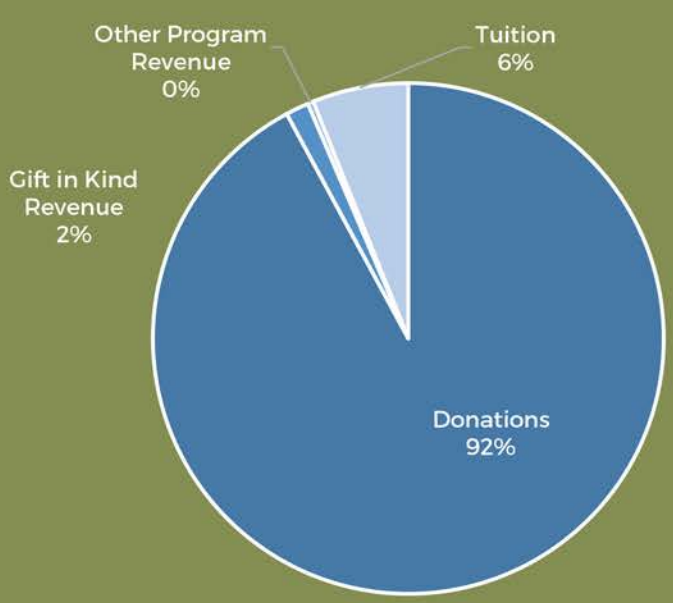
Our FINANCIALS



$414,296
Total Revenue

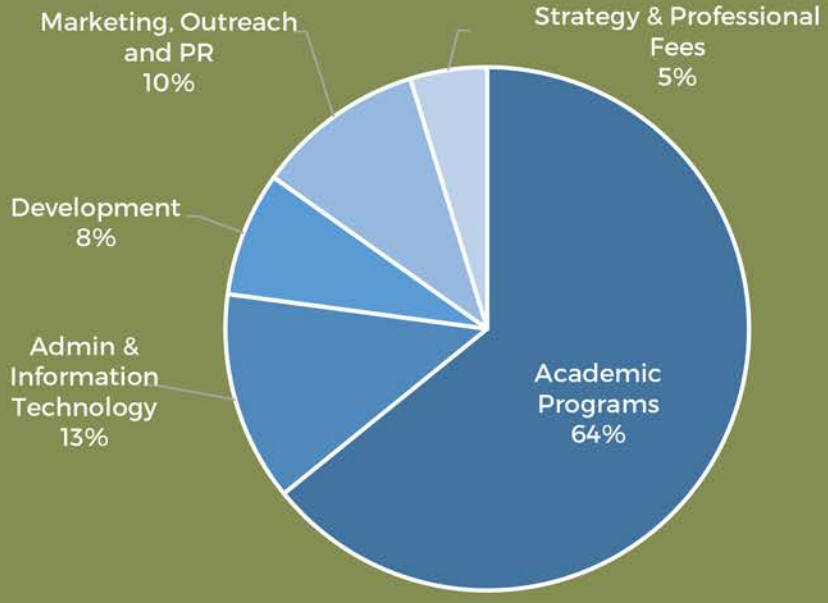
$358,970
Total Expenses

2017 Revenue



Donations	$381,590
Tuition	$25,174
Gift In-Kind Revenue	$6,040
Other Program Revenue	$1,492
Total Revenue	**$414,296**

2017 Expenses



Academic Programs	$230,301
Admin & Information Technology	$46,538
Development	$27,637
Marketing, Outreach & PR	$37,451
Strategy & Professional Fees	$17,043
Total Expenses	**$358,970**



LOOKING AHEAD

Key Goals

The coming years are critical for the Seminary as we make a final push towards launching our flagship Program in Islamic Religious Leadership in the Fall of 2019. We have the following key goals between now and then:

Secure the finances, faculty, facilities and other resources needed to ensure that the Full-Time Program can operate effectively and that the graduation of our incoming students is assured.

Recruit Students to apply for the Leadership Program. The deadline for applications is December 15, 2018 and Admissions decisions will be made in the Spring in 2019 insha-Allah.

Support the completion of Full-Time Program pre-requisites through the launch of the Foundations Program

Apply for Degree Granting Authority through the State of Massachusetts

Formalize our partnerships with other Seminaries and institutions of Islamic Higher Education.

2018

File for Degree Granting Authority

Secure rental property

Secure Library Resources

Launch Foundations Program

Secure partnership agreements

2019

Secure Degree Granting Authority

Begin recruiting students

Hire full-time faculty

Hire Director of Admissions & Student Services

Enroll first Fulltime Cohort

2020

Hire additional full-time faculty

Hire Educational Technologist

Hire Director of Marketing

Dr. Hassan El-Alami

Board Member

Dr. Hassan El-Alami is the current board president of MAS Boston and works as a Blood Bank Supervisor at South Shore Hospital. He holds a Bachelor of Science from Kuwait University, a Masters in Medical Technology from SUNY Buffalo in New York, and a Ph.D. in Health Care Education from Simmons College, Boston. He is the Director of Al-Basha'er Islamic School and President of Al-Huda Society. Dr. El-Alami has three decades of experience in building and leading several successful local and national organizations, including the Boston Islamic Seminary, ISB, ISBCC, Al-Huda Society, Malik Academy, and others.

Hossam AlJabri

Core Team

Hossam AlJabri holds a B.S. in Engineering, an M.S. in Computer Information Systems, a Masters in Business Administration, and a Certificate of Nonprofit Strategic Management from Harvard. He currently works as Chief Architect for Devising Business Technology Strategy in the financial industry. Br. Hossam is a frequent lecturer on topics including: Christian-Muslim relations, Understanding Islam, Challenges Facing Muslim Youth, and other faith-related topics.

Anwar Kazmi

Board Member

Anwar Kazmi holds a Bachelor's degree from Karachi University and a Masters from MIT. He is the President and CEO of DAA Enterprises, a company that develops software for independent pharmacies. Br. Anwar has been an active member of the Boston Muslim community for over thirty years, supporting the development of numerous institutions and advancing humanitarian causes both in the U.S. and abroad.

Dr. Sharif El-Tobgui

Core Team

Dr. Sharif El-Tobgui holds a B.S. in Arabic Language from Georgetown University and a Masters and Ph.D. in Islamic Studies from McGill University (Montreal). He currently serves as Assistant Professor of Arabic & Islamic Studies, and Director of the Arabic Language Program at Brandeis University. He previously taught Arabic at Harvard University (2004-2009), as well as at the Middlebury College Summer Arabic Language School. Prof. El-Tobgui's scholarly expertise lies in the field of Islamic thought, with a special concentration on theology, jurisprudence, and language.

Amr El-Moselhy

Board Member

Amr El-Moselhy is a senior manager in the management consulting field. He advises global companies on matters related to strategy, organizational design, and operational effectiveness. He has interest in non-profit Islamic institutions, currently serving as an advisor to several of them. Br. Amr holds a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and a Masters in Business Administration.

Nawal Ahmed

Core Team

Nawal Ahmed is a senior investment professional with over 25 years' experience in managing both front and back office investment processes. His comprehensive background includes a demonstrated proficiency in equity research, funds management, product development as well as strategy/asset allocation. Further, he has proven experience in restructuring and managing financial services operations with highly reputed firms in the USA and Middle East such as Harvard Management Company, where Br. Nawal managed over $1 billion of Trust assets, overseeing both investment and operations of these assets as a director. Additionally, he re-engineered the department to enhance investment and operational performance whereby receiving acclaim of internal and external stakeholders to the assets under management. Br. Nawal also has senior-level experience at Fidelity Investments, Noor Investment Company, Kuwait and Kharafi Industries, Kuwait.

Dr. Basyouny Nehela
Dean of Academic Affairs

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Hajjah Kamara
Academic & Programs Coordinator

Hajjah Kamara is holds a BA in International Studies from the University of South Florida and is currently pursing her Juris Doctor from Northeastern University School of Law. Hajjah has spent many years working and volunteering with many Islamic non-profits. She previously ran a homeless advocacy organization in Florida called Project Downtown Tampa, served as CAIR-Florida's Event and Outreach Coordinator and was a Social Studies teacher teacher at a private Islamic School in Tampa.

Salma Kazmi
Executive Director

Salma Kazmi holds a B.A. from Wellesley College, a Graduate Certificate in Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations from Hartford Seminary, and a Master's degree from Harvard Divinity School. After a career in the corporate world, Sr. Salma served as the Associate Director of the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center. She has taught in the Department of Religion at Merrimack College as well as at the Boston University School of Theology, where she co-directed the Center for Religion and Conflict Transformation. Sr. Salma currently serves as the Executive Director of the Boston Islamic Seminary.

Sawsan Berjawi
Academic Administrator

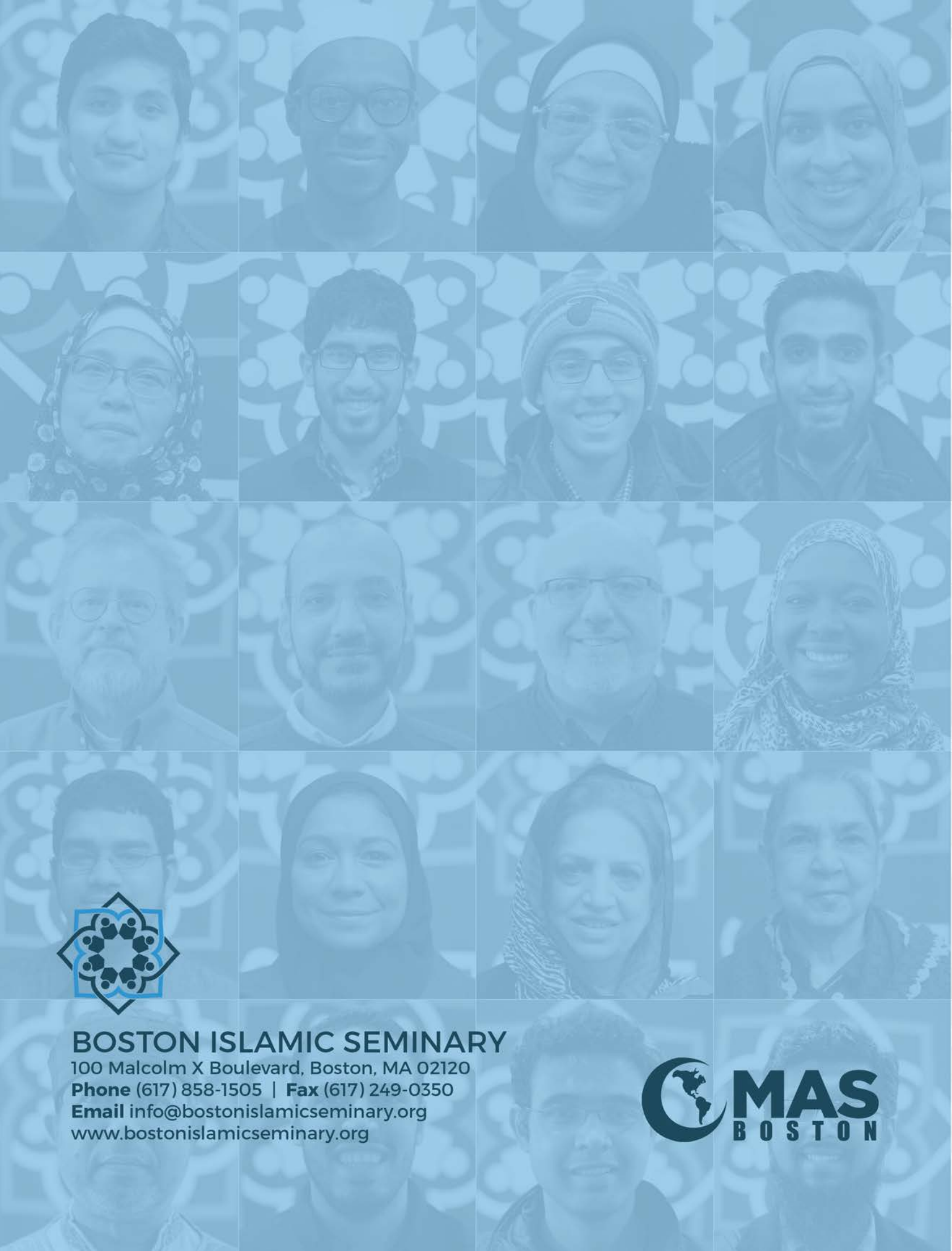
Sawsan Berjawi has been an accomplished teacher and principal for faith-based, nonprofit, national and international schools for almost 25 years. She holds a Master's degree in International Relations and Administration from Boston University as well as a Masters of Education in Principal Leadership from Wheelock College. Sr. Sawsan has served as a member of several accreditation teams for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) to accredit schools in Boston, Connecticut, and Dubai. She joined the Boston Islamic Seminary in January 2016 as the Academic Administrator, and also works at Clark University as Manager of Student Services and Academic Affairs.

Sijauddin Khalifa
Class Operations & Grahic Designer

Sijauddin Khalifa holds a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from Wentworth Institute of Technology. He coordinates classroom and event operations for the Boston Islamic Seminary and creates all our graphic design and video content.

Our Key Volunteers:

Abdul Rahman Latif
Abdullatif Karama
Efe Akengin
Eman Morgan
Dr. Faisal Khan
Hassan Kane
Jennifer Trickett Khudairi
Kamel Mohammad
Dr. Khaled Yehia
Loay Assaf
Dr. Mohammad Abderrazzaq
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