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Education

Graduate Theological Foundation Doctorate of Education in Islamic Studies and Ministry	Mishawaka, IN expected completion 2014
National Louis University Doctorate of Education in Curriculum and Social Inquiry	Evanston, IL 2001
Northeastern Illinois University Master of Arts in Educational Administration and Supervision	Chicago, IL 1987
Northeastern Illinois University, Master of Arts in Reading	Chicago, IL 1983
Northeastern Illinois University Bachelor of Arts, Elementary and Special Education, Learning Disabilities	Chicago, IL 1975

Certifications

- Superintendent Endorsement
- Administrative Type 75
- Learning Disabilities K-12 Type 09
- Reading Specialist K-12 Type 09
- Elementary Teaching K-9 Type 03

Higher Education Experience

National Louis University Associate Professor (Tenure 2009) Assistant Professor	Lisle, Illinois September 2004 – present September 1996 – 2004
Moraine Valley Community College Adjunct Professor	Palos Hills , Illinois September 1996-December 1996

Administrative Experience

Northwest Indiana Islamic Center Sunday School Principal (part-time position)	Crown Point, Indiana 1995-1998 and 2001-present
Avicenna Academy Superintendent (interim part-time position)	Crown Point, Indiana 2008-2010
Averroes Academy Superintendent (interim part-time position)	Northbrook, Illinois 2003-2004

Universal School
Founding Principal

Bridgeview, Illinois
1990 -1995

Teaching Experience

Anderson Academy	Chicago, Illinois
Teacher, Learning Disabilities	1995-1996
Lyman A. Budlong Elementary School	Chicago, Illinois
Teacher, 6 th grade, 8 th grade Language Arts and TESL	1984-1990
Joan F. Arai Middle School	Chicago, Illinois
Teacher, Self-contained Behavior Disorder/ Learning Disability	1979-1984
Waller High School	Chicago, Illinois
Teacher, Learning Disabilities/Reading Laboratory	

Courses Taught

Graduate Level Teaching

Elementary Education Practicum I Seminar
Elementary Education Practicum II Seminar
Elementary Education Student Teaching Seminar
Methods for Teaching Arts Education
Workshop: Starting the School Year Successfully
Workshop: Meeting Needs of Multicultural Students in the Classroom
Workshop Teaching About Religion
Reading Methods
Language Arts Methods
Methods Across the Curriculum
Introduction to Middle School (IL endorsement course)
Methods of Teaching Middle School (IL endorsement course)
Methods of Teaching Health and Physical Education

Online Teaching, Graduate Courses

Introduction to Middle School (IL endorsement course)
Methods of Teaching Middle School (IL endorsement course)

Undergraduate Teaching

History and Philosophy of American Education

University Service

Member, Teaching with iPad Faculty Cohort	2011-2014
Member, Budget Steering Committee	2011-2012
Member, Budget Communications Task Force	2011-2012
Member, Website development Task Force	2011-2012
Faculty Co-Chair, University Leadership Council	2011-2012
Member, University Leadership Council	2011-2014
Faculty Senator, National College of Education	2007-2013
Member, National College of Education Promotion Tenure Committee	2011-2014
Liaison, Faculty Welfare and Compensation Committee	2010-2011
Liaison, Institutional Promotion and Tenure Committee	2010-2011
Co-Chair of Elementary Education Task Force for Program Revision	2010-2011
Co-Chair, Elem Education Task Force Re-envision Elem Ed Program	2010-2011
Member, TPACK (Technology, Pedagogy, and Content Knowledge)	2008-09, 2010-11
Chair of Faculty Senate	2009-2010
Member of Academic Cabinet	2009-2010
Senate Liaison, Full-Time Faculty Salary Task Force	2009-2010
Senate Liaison, to Senate Finance Committee	2009-2011
Senate Liaison, to Institutional Tenure and Promotion Committee	2009-2011
Co-Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Council	2008-2010
Member, Senate	2007-2010
Senate Liaison, Sabbatical Committee	2007-2009
Member, Diversity Council	2007-2010
Co-Chair of Provost Search Committee	Spr. 2010
Partnership School Improvement Planning and Accreditation with Educational Leadership of National College of Education of National Louis University and The Islamic School League of America for the first annual National Principals' Conference For Islamic Schools held in Lisle at National-Louis University	Fall 2007
Member, Senate Academic Planning Committee	2004-2007
Member, Curriculum Council	2003-2004
Professional Development Grant Across the Colleges in Technology	2003-2005
Member, Diversity Committee	2002-2004
Member, Elementary and Middle Level Teacher Education	1996-2012

Areas of Professional Expertise

- Elementary and Middle Level Teacher Education
- Teacher Education Pedagogy: Meeting the needs of special children and multicultural education and International Teacher Education
- Islamic School Program and Curriculum Development
- Teaching with Technology

Awards and Grants

Distinguished Lifetime Educator Award: IQRA International, October 2009



Illinois Association of Teacher Educators Research Mini Grant Award, 2007
Gidwitz Community Initiative Mini Grant for Research in the community, 2006-2007

Teaching Elementary and Middle Level Teacher Candidates at National-Louis University

Teaching: Graduate Courses

- ELE500 — Elementary Education Practicum I
- ELE510 — Elementary Education Practicum II
- ELE590 — Elementary Education Student Teaching
- ELE545 — Methods for Teaching Through Creative Arts
- ELE585F — Starting the School Year Successfully: Workshop
- ELE585E — Meeting Needs Multicultural Students: Workshop
- ELE585K — Teaching About Religion Workshop
- RLL500 — Reading Methods
- RLL480A — Language Arts Methods
- ELE540 — Methods Across the Curriculum
- MLE500 — Introduction to Middle School
- MLE502 — Middle School Methods
- ELE547 — Methods of Health and Physical Education

Teaching: Undergraduate Courses

- ELE315 — History and Philosophy of American Education
- ELE300 — Elementary Education Practicum I

Comments from Student Evaluations:

- “Seema is a very knowledgeable, flexible, and engaging professor who really understands the way of connecting the content to her students.”
- “Very supportive professor.”
- “Could follow less with the textbook and just let us read that. Dr. Imam has lots of great and relevant classroom stories that connect to our learning.”
- “Seema provides us with an excellent platform to build on in terms of growing professionally.”
- “Dr. Seema is always available by phone, by email, appointments and is always reliable, available and approachable.”
- “Seema is knowledgeable and knows her stuff. I wish she did not force so much live text on us though.”
- “I really got my money’s worth.”
- “The reflective assignments really help me think deeper but too many of those.”
- “I really enjoyed the textbook. I liked our discussions. I think Seema is wonderful. I am so glad I had her because she makes teaching come alive.”
- “Too much technology. I know we need it but we did not have the foundation for submitting our assignments on Live Text. Great class though.”
- “This instructor is well qualified.”
- “The professor shared a lot of material on diversity and made this workshop easy to take back and implement.”
- “Seema makes it easy to talk about culture and difference, she has a gift in the way she presents.”
- “I like the professor’s openness to discuss and examine the philosophical questions in teaching.”
- “Wish you had given us more time to discuss our lesson plans with each other.”

Presentations

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Dr. Seema Imam
Dr. Abrar Imam

Muslim Voices in School
NARRATIVES OF IDENTITY AND PLURALISM

This book is a collection of narratives, accounts, competing views, critical discourses, and reflections on the Muslim experience in the US. The book begins by exploring the diverse experiences of Muslim students from elementary through secondary school through personal and professional accounts. The authors and editors offer their own perspectives on the Muslim experience in the US and explore the challenges and opportunities that Muslim students face in the US. The book is a collection of narratives, accounts, competing views, critical discourses, and reflections on the Muslim experience in the US. It includes contact information for NLU Chicago Campus and NLU St. Louis Campus.

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Dr. Seema Imam
Dr. Abrar Imam

I AM Listening
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In today's world, many students need to learn how and how often. The authors of *I AM Listening* are proud to present this book to you. It is a collection of narratives, accounts, competing views, critical discourses, and reflections on the Muslim experience in the US. It includes contact information for NLU Chicago Campus and NLU St. Louis Campus.

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- Connecting Children with Quran. (Invited Speaker). Walking in the Light of Quran 2nd Annual Conference, Elmhurst, IL, Dec., 2011.
- Contextualizing Need for Hope: Muslim Student Voices School & Cry for Recognition, Validation & Respect. National Association of Multicultural Education (NAME), Chicago, IL, Nov., 2011.
- Tour to Islamic school and Masjid (MEC in Morton Grove, IL) Pre-Conference School and Community Tour. National Association of Multicultural Education (NAME) Chicago, IL, Nov., 2011.
- Climate, Facilitation and Invitation of Wisdom, Logic, and Reasoning and Thinking in our Classrooms, Aqsa School, Bridgeview, IL, August, 2011.
- Muslim Voices in Public Schools. Presentation of authored chapter titled: Separation of What? In book published 2009 by Sense Publications Lisle, IL Feb 17th and Elgin, IL Jan., 2011.
- Islamic Schools Challenges and Success. Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago Administration Workshop Villa Park, IL, October, 2009.
- Educational Needs of Muslims in Chicago Land. Secretary General of Organization of Islamic Conference sponsored by American Islamic College, Chicago, IL, October 3, 2009.
- Lecture Series: Avicenna Academy Muslims and Confidence, Muslims Living in the Mainstream, Raising the Internet Generation, Mothers as Leaders, Islamic Schools and our Community. Crown Point, IN, January through May, 2009.
- Teaching with Diversity in Mind: Affirming Students in the Classroom. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Seminar of Educators, Combating Islamophobia, August, 2007 (Invited presentation).
- Muslims in the Midwest in the Midst of the Negative Public Curriculum. Georgetown University, Islamic Education Conference, April, 2006.
- Principal and Teachers Voices in Research. ISNA Education Forum, April 2006.
- Knowing More About Islam and Muslims. Association for Education of Young Children annual conference, Chicago, IL, Jan., 2006.
- Dynamic Teaching Strategies. Professional Development Day, Al-Ihsan School of Excellence, Cleveland, Ohio, February, 2006.
- Seeking Knowledge from the Cradle to the Grave. Bureau of Islamic and Arabic Education and Brighter Horizons Schools. Professional Development Day: Los Angeles, CA, September, 2005.
- Integrating Curriculum, Assessment, Dynamic Teaching Strategies, Parent and School Team Connection through Communication. Weeklong course for school start up in professional development series at Hayah International Academy, Cairo, Egypt, August, 2005.

- Integrating Curriculum in Islamic Schools. Weeklong course for professional development at Islamic Association of Northern Texas, Richardson, Texas. July, 2005.
- Enhancing our Teaching Through Multicultural Literature with an Emphasis on Literature from Islamic Cultures. Annual Reading Recovery Conference, Chicago, IL, January, 2005.
- Multicultural Teaching. Presentation/ Instructor for Two Day Pre-conference workshop American Educational Research Association, Montreal, Canada, Multicultural Teacher Education Pedagogy Project, April, 2005.
- Multicultural Teacher Education Pedagogy Project, (MTEPP), Research Project Strand. Anthropology and Education of American Anthropological Association, Chair for Poster Session, San Francisco, CA, November 19, 2004.
- Transcending Boundaries of Muslim Youth Identity in the Post 9-11 Classroom, Anthropology and Education Council of American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA, November, 2004.
- Islam: The Role of Women in the Tradition, Franklin College, Indianapolis, Indiana, Indiana University Professors Professional Development Seminar, October, 2004.
- Alternative Assessment: Portfolios and Creating a Rubric at Aldeen Foundation, Los Angeles, California, The Fourteenth Annual Teacher Development Workshop, October, 2004.
- “Focus on Education, Inquiry and Mutual Communication Among all Believers” Symposium on the Abrahamic Faiths Sponsored by Loyola, Spertus and East West Universities at East West University in Chicago, IL, October, 2004.
- “Understanding Islam” National Peace Corp Assoc. Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. August, 2004.
- Differentiation in the Classroom” Professional Development at Averroes Academy, Northbrook, IL, August, 2004.
- “Shaping the Muslim Identity in the American Pluralistic Landscape,” Fund Raising Dinner, Chicago Downtown Islamic Center, Chicago, IL, June, 2004.
- “Dynamic Teaching Methodologies for Islamic Studies Teachers,” Bureau of Arabic/ Islamic Education Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, May, 2004.
- Islam for Hickory Hills Senior Citizens Club, April 2004.
- Islam in our Community for Alderman of Hickory Hills City Council, Hickory Hills, IL June, 2003.
- Teaching About Religion, at National Social Studies Council Annual Conf., Chicago, IL, November, 2003.
- Islam in Public School Classrooms, National Social Studies Council Annual Conf. Chicago, IL, November 2003.
- Teaching and Multicultural Classrooms, American Anthropological Assoc.’s

Annual Conf., Chicago, IL, November, 2003.

- Woman to Woman. Rockford Annual Conference, March 2003.
- Islam 101. Rockford Health Care Diversity Training, Rockford, IL, June, 2003.
- Closing Benediction. Leadership Council Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2002.
- Introduction to Islam St. Thomas Fourth Grade Wheaton, IL, 2002.
- Evening of Solidarity for Peace. DePaul University, Chicago, IL, 2002.
- Profiling and Muslims. Conference on Managing Diversity, Arlington, IL, 2002.
- Grounds for Understanding. Illinois Humanities Council, Starved Rock, IL, 2002.
- Introduction to Islam. School District # 117 Administrative Meeting Hickory Hills, IL, 2001.
- Islam and Culture. Steinmetz High School Anthropology and Political Science classes, Chicago, IL, 2001.
- Muslims in the Midwest, Bergamo Conference of Curriculum Theorizing: Round table, Ohio, October, 1999.

Professional Development

- Faculty Development Online Community Course, National Louis University, Spring 2012
- Auditing and Consulting with Islamic Education Teacher Education Program, C101, 102, and 103, Islamic Education and Pedagogy, Islamic Curriculum Development, University of Toronto, Spring 2012
- Apple Store, “One to One” educational membership self-designed development, teaching with iPad, 2010-2012
- National Association of Multicultural Education Conference, 2012
- American Educational Research Association Annual Journals 1998-present
- Association Supervision and Curriculum Development Journals 1990-present
- Islamic Society of North America’s Annual conference, Education Forum 2002-2011
- Teaching Online, Teaching Online Associates, 2010

Research Experience

- Educational Needs of Muslims in Chicagoland, 2009-2010 (unpublished).
- Muslim Parents and the Public School Experiences of Their Children, 2004-2007 (unpublished).
- Imam, Seema A. (2001) *Six Muslims Living in the Midwest in the Presence of the Negative Images of the Public Curriculum*. Dissertation, Evanston, IL, National Louis University.

Experiences and Contributions in the Field of Education

- Served as Co-Chair of Local Planning Committee of NAME (National Association of Multicultural Education) annual Conference
- Invited Board Member to Islamic School League of America 2006-Present
- Advisory Board Member to Middle Level Teacher Education in the Midwest
- Appointed to the Committee for Teacher Education and Professional Development of the National Council of the Social Studies 2003-2006.

School Development Consulting

- Muslim Academy of Greater Orlando, (professional development and school evaluation), Florida, March and April 2009
- Muftahul Ulloom; New Jersey, 2008
- New Generation Schools; Cairo, Egypt, 2006-2007
- Al-Ihsan School; Cleveland, Ohio, 2005-2006
- Bureau of Islamic and Arabic Education of Los Angeles, CA, 2005-2007
- New Horizons Schools; Los Angeles, Pasadena and Irvine, CA, 2005-2007
- Hayah International Academy, Cairo, Egypt, 2005-2006
- Islamic Association of Northern Texas, Houston, TX, 2005
- Averroes Academy; (Acting Superintendent) Northbrook, IL. 2001-2004
- Avicenna Academy; (Acting Superintendent) Crown Point, Indiana 2004-June 2010
- Avicenna Academy of Northwest Indiana, Crown Point, IN, 2002-2008
- Institute of Private Education Hawalii, Kuwait, 1997-2000

Volunteer Positions

- Co-Founder of the Northern Illinois Chapter of National Association of Multicultural Education January, 2012-Present
- President, Universal Knowledge Institute, 2007-Present
- Board Member Islamic Schools League of America 2006-Present
- Member of Board of Directors of Illinois Coalition of Non-Public Schools 1998-2009
- Member of Board of Directors of Community Builders Chicago, 2004-2006
- Vice President of the Muslim Civil Rights Center, Hickory Hills, Illinois 1998-2006
- Past President and founding member of Organization of Islamic Speakers Midwest, 2001-2003
- Member of the Human Rights Commission, City of Hickory Hills, Illinois, Appointed by the Mayor, 1996-Present