



# MUSLIMEDIA

## Journalism & Islam: Food For Thought

A blunt debate about the way journalists cover Muslims at home and abroad – in a mosque with a free meal

**Date:** Sunday, April 23, 2017

**Time:** 1:30–4:30pm

**Place:** Islamic Center Amherst  
745 Heim Road, Getzville 14068

**Cost:** Free

Is the term “Islamic terrorist” accurate or offensive? When should reporters mention the faith of a source? How does Buffalo’s news media cover the Islamic and other faith communities? How should they?

Join us to discuss the practical and ethical issues of reporting about religion.

Journalists and faith leaders will teach each other about how they approach these topics – and maybe everyone will learn something new.

### **Get inside the story...**

Come to the Islamic Center, break bread with us as we break down the issues.

A welcome and interactive afternoon prayers will begin our session at 1:30 p.m. You’re welcome to observe, ask questions and learn.

The panel begins at 2:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by a grant from The Society of Professional Journalists and organized by Jody K. Biehl, director of the University at Buffalo’s journalism program. The event is co-sponsored by the Islamic Center, Temple Beth Zion and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

### **Panelists:**

**Lee Coppola**, award-winning print and television reporter, former assistant U.S. attorney, former dean of St. Bonaventure Journalism School.

**Rich Kellman**, 40-year veteran broadcast journalist TV news anchor, filmmaker and winner of two Emmys and the Edward R. Murrow Award.

**Gamileh Jamil**, Executive Director, of ACCESS Buffalo, serves on the Erie County Advisory Committee on the Status of Women.

**Dr. Khalid J. Qazi**, Professor of Medicine, UB, Past President & Chair, Islamic Society of Niagara Frontier, Founding President, MPAC-WNY, recipient of numerous regional and national awards.

**Rabbi Jonathan Freirich**, Temple Beth Zion

**Reverend Thomas Yorty**, Westminster Presbyterian Church

**Imam Syed Khalilullah Qadri**, Islamic Society of Niagara Frontier

### **Moderators:**

**Jody K. Biehl**, Director of the UB Journalism Program

**Rasul Khan**, Islamic Society of Niagara Frontier