

Guest Speakers



Amira Elghawaby

National Council of Canadian Muslims

Amira Elghawaby obtained an honours degree in Journalism and Law from Carleton University in 2001. Since then, she has worked as both a full-time and freelance journalist, writing and producing

stories for a variety of media including CBC Radio, the Ottawa Citizen, the Toronto Star and The Globe and Mail.

In 2012, she joined NCCM as the organization's Human Rights Coordinator to advocate for the human rights & civil liberties of diverse communities. In 2015, Amira became NCCM's Communications Director and she now leads the NCCM's media relations, public engagement and strategic communications.



Yasin Dwyer

Office of the Chaplain

Imam Yasin Dwyer was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba to parents of Jamaican heritage. He has served as a faith-based chaplain with the Correctional Service of

Canada for the past 12 years. During that time Imam Yasin has also worked as a consultant and advisor with the Queen's University chaplaincy team.

Imam Yasin lectures extensively on topics of traditional Islamic spirituality, interfaith dialogue and the history of Muslims in the West.



Dr. Barbara Perry

**Associate Dean, Faculty of Social
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Dr. Barbara Perry has written extensively in the area of hate crime, including several books; among them:

- In the Name of Hate: Understanding Hate Crimes
- Hate and Bias Crime: A Reader
- The Silent Victims: Hate Crimes Against Native Americans

She is also General Editor of a five-volume set on hate crime (Praeger), and Editor of Volume 3: The Victims of Hate Crime, which is part of that set.

Dr. Perry has also written on policing diverse communities, including work on social control in Native American communities. She has made substantial contributions to the limited scholarship on hate crime in Canada. Most recently, she has contributed to a scholarly understanding of anti-Muslim violence, hate crime against LGBTQ communities, and the community impacts of hate crime