



February 12, 2015

Dear Friend,

We are now accepting registrations for CIE's exciting program, "Faith and Trauma: Abrahamic Perspectives." This unique event will take place on **Sunday, March 15th from 3-5 pm** at the American Islamic College, 640 W Irving Park Rd, Chicago, Illinois. The event is free and open to the public, and free parking is available.

Program Description:

This very timely event is designed to explore, from Jewish, Christian, and Muslim perspectives, the relationship between religion and trauma—both the ways in which our faith traditions are implicated in personal and communal trauma, as well as the rich resources and ways these traditions offer for helping people cope with and heal from the effects of traumatic experiences and events. Our presenters will offer insights as individual interpreters of their respective faith traditions as a stimulus for conversation among the event attendees. Light refreshments will be served.

Speakers:

- *Rabbi Niles Goldstein*, Associate Director of Development, The Center for Interfaith Engagement at Eastern Mennonite University. Rabbi Goldstein is the founder of The New Shul in Manhattan, NYC and author of nine books on Judaism and contemporary spirituality.
- *Dr. Carolyn Stauffer*, Assistant Professor of Applied Social Sciences, Eastern Mennonite University. Dr. Stauffer is the former senior trauma counselor and founder of HIV/AIDS Program in Soweto, South Africa.
- *Dr. Timothy J. Gianotti*, Director of Islamic Studies & Associate Professor of Arabic & Islamic Studies at American Islamic College. Dr. Gianotti founded the Islamic Institute for Spiritual Formation in Toronto, ON and is author of *Al-Ghazali's Unspeakable Doctrine of the Soul*.

Location:

American Islamic College, 640 W Irving Park Rd, Chicago, IL
Reception Hall, 1st floor, Dormitory Building

RSVP (by March 9) and/or request more information via email: interfaith@emu.edu

Blessings of peace,

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