

# Media List – Imam Zaid Shakir

*Professor, Writer, and Scholar*



The New York Times describes him as a “leading intellectual light” and Dr. Cornel West writes “he is one of the towering principle voices not only in contemporary Islam, but in American society.” Imam Zaid Shakir, a gifted scholar, author and lecturer, is fast becoming one of the most influential voices for Islam in the West, as well as a compelling force for the improvement of race relations in America.

Through his writing, speaking and teaching, he pragmatically directs Muslim thought, literature, and practice to enrich, the societies they are part of. The Imam brings clarity of mind and engaging honesty to even the most controversial issues. Trained in both the academic and religious intellectual traditions, Imam Shakir is uniquely qualified as a commentator on the substantial issues of our time.

Born in Berkeley, California to a family descended from African, Irish and Native American roots, Imam Shakir spent his formative years in housing projects. These early experiences instilled in him a compassionate and realistic work ethic, as well as an unshakeable desire for social change and economic justice. And, as an American who came of age during the civil rights movement, he brings both sensitivity about African-American and poverty issues and scholarly discipline to his faith-based work.

It was while serving in the Air Force that he accepted Islam in 1977, He remained in the military for four years and received an accommodation medal for his dedicated service. His purposeful goal to work for the common good of all, led him to earn a BA in International Relations from the American University in Washington, DC in 1983. A summa cum laude graduate, Imam Shakir went on to receive his Masters in Political Science from Rutgers University where he was also a student leader.

After a sabbatical year in Cairo, Egypt where he studied the Arabic language, Imam Shakir accepted the position of Professor of Political Science and Middle East Studies at Southern Connecticut State University. In Connecticut, he also served as interfaith council Chaplain at Yale University and developed the Chaplaincy Sensitivity Training for physicians at Yale New Haven Hospital. Additionally, Imam Shakir continued his work as a spiritual and community leader. His many selfless projects included spearheading a community revival program and grassroots anti-drug effort, before leaving for further study in the Middle East in 1994.

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For seven years in Syria and briefly in Morocco, the Imam immersed himself in the intense study of Arabic, Islamic law, Quranic studies, and spirituality with some of the top traditional Islamic scholars of our age. He was the first American to graduate from Syria’s prestigious Abu Noor

University and returned to Connecticut in 2001. Since 2003, Imam Shakir has served as resident scholar and lecturer at the Zaytuna Institute, in Hayward, California. In 2009, he co-founded

Zaytuna College, a faculty member and board of trustees. He has continued his spiritual, academic and community work, speaking and writing extensively on religion, socio-political and race issues. Imam Shakir has been invited to lecture at several prominent universities including Stanford, UCLA, Berkeley, Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Rutgers, and Temple University. He is the author of the groundbreaking books *Heirs of the Prophets*, *Scattered Pictures*, *Treatise for the Seekers of Guidance*, *Where I’m Coming From*, and has written for several notable publications including The New Haven Register, Washington Post, and The San Francisco Chronicle.

Imam Zaid was ranked as “one of America’s most influential Scholars” in the West; by The 500 Most Influential Muslims, edited by John Esposito and Ibrahim Kalin, (2009). In the spirit of the great scholars of the past, the Imam embodies the rationality, spirituality and breadth of traditional knowledge, as well as cutting-edge academic intellect. Imam Shakir leaves a lasting impression; his ability to move hearts and minds enlightens all walks of life.



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*Heirs of the Prophets* – An English translation of the Arabic work, *Waratha al-Anbiya* by the renowned scholar Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali. 2001

*Scattered Pictures: Reflections of An American Muslim* – An anthology of essays focusing on religious, sociopolitical and racial issues. 2005

*Dear Self: A Year In the Life of a Welfare Mother* – A compilation based on the journals of Richelene Mitchell with a forward by Imam Zaid Shakir. Foreword Magazine Book of the Year Bronze Winner. Indies Next Generation Book of the Year Award. 2008

*The Treatise for the Seekers of Guidance* – A contemporary English translation of the Arabic work with commentary, Al-Muhasibi's *Risalah al-Mustarshideen*. 2008

*Where I'm Coming From: The Year In Review* – A collection of essays that give insight into the ideas and personalities shaping the news with an Islamic perspective on the events of the day. 2010



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## *Events*

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<http://www.wnymuslims.org/index.php?entryid=1043>
- **Noel Q. King Memorial**, University of California, Santa Cruz, co-sponsored by the Noel Q. King memorial fund; the University Inter-faith Council; Santa Cruz Progressive Christian Forum; Cowell and Stevenson Colleges; and the Humanities Division of UCSC. *Interfaith Perspectives on Economic Justice, and Its Implications for The Worldwide Occupy Movement*, representatives of four of the world’s great religions join in a panel conversation and discussion led by Ched Myers: Christian, other panelists: Imam Zaid Shakir - Muslim, Rabbi Paula Marcus - Jewish, and Dr. Inder Mohan Singh - Sikh, held at Stevenson College Event Center, Santa Cruz, CA., March 8. 2012.  
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- **American Academy of Religion**: Religion and Politics Section and Contemporary Group, Theme: *Egypt and Liberation (Square) Theologies*, a panelist discussion with Mona Hassan, Duke University – Presiding, along with Imam Zaid Shakir – Zaytuna College, Cornel West - Princeton University, Febe Armanios - Middlebury College, Mohammad Fadel - University of Toronto, held in San Francisco, CA. November, 2011,  
[http://www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Annual\\_Meeting/Current\\_Meeting/Program\\_Book/2011SessionsOnly.pdf](http://www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Annual_Meeting/Current_Meeting/Program_Book/2011SessionsOnly.pdf)
- **Washington DC Convention Center** - United For Change in partnership with Zaytuna College hosted a conference entitled, “*UNITED WE STAND: ONE NATION, ONE DESTINY*” to discuss and analyze the anti-Muslim bigotry that is currently sweeping the country, and to begin to lay the foundation for an alternative discourse. A keynote speaker along with Karen Armstrong, John Esposito, Shaykh Hamza Yusuf, Imam Siraj Wahhaj, Dr. Tariq Ramadan, Dr. Sherman Jackson, Imam Mohammed Magid, Dr. Merve Kavakci, Anya Cordell and many other speakers and activists in Washington D. C., Sept. 2011.  
<http://www.unitedforchange.com/events/>
- **Zaytuna College**, “*Liberation Theology and Islamic Thought in Light of the Arab Revolt*,” a conversation with Professor Enrique Dussel, a South American thinker who has written extensively on the philosophy of liberation from another tradition, and moderated by UC Berkeley Professor of Near Eastern and Ethnic Studies Dr. Hatem Bazian, Berkeley, CA. April 7, 2011.  
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- **Candles Convention Center**, Canadian Association of Muslims with Disabilities (CAAM-D), "*Building Opportunities for People with Disabilities*", was the keynote speaker for the second Campaign Gala Dinner and Fundraiser held, Mississauga, Ontario, March 13, 2011.  
<http://iqra.ca/?p=4770>
- **University of California Santa Barbara**, "*Women's Rights In Islam: The Emancipation Proclamation of 7th Century Arabia*" keynote speaker. The event was held by UCSB MSA and co-sponsors: Islamic Relief Women's Center, Associated Students Finance Board, Student Commission on Racial Equality (SCORE), AS Women's Commission, East African Student Union (EASU), Black Pioneers Renaissance Organization (BPRO) UCSB MSA and co-sponsors: Islamic Relief, Women's Center Associated Students Finance Board, Student Commission on Racial Equality (SCORE), AS Women's Commission, East African Student Union (EASU), Black Pioneers Renaissance Organization (BPRO), Buchanan Hall 1910, Santa Barbara, CA., Feb. 28, 2011.  
<http://www.facebook.com/imamzaidshakir#!/event.php?eid=191694757519097>
- **Arizona State University**, "*How Do We Respond? American Muslims and the Crisis of anti-Islam Propaganda*"- a benefit event for Zaytuna College with live web stream, keynote speaker along with Sh. Hamza Yusuf held at Arizona Ballroom, 301 E. Orange Mall, Tempe, AZ., March 6, 2011.  
<http://www.zaytunacollege.org/event/March6>
- **International Museum of Muslim Cultures (IMMC)** in collaboration with **Tougaloo College** held 2 historic national conferences with other local, national, and international partners - "*Islamic West Africa's Legacy Of Literacy And Music to America And The World*" and "*Slavery And Its Legacy*" (Intergenerational—Transferring the Legacy), a keynote speaker, scholars, artists, and community leaders explored West Africa's literary and musical legacy, issues of slavery and justice, and Muslim cultural identity, Jackson, Miss., Feb. 19 -22, 2011. <http://www.muslimmuseum.org/conference>
- **Center for Race & Gender Islamophobia Research and Documentation Project**, **Council on American Islamic Relations**, **GTU Center for Islamic Studies** and **Zaytuna College** sponsored a "*Critical Race Theory*", participated as a co-panelist with Dina Ibrahim, San Francisco State University, Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union, Rabab Ibrahim Abdulhadi, San Francisco State University, Basim Elkarra, CAIR Sacramento, Hatem Bazian, UC Berkeley & Zaytuna College, and Ramon Grosfoguel, UC Berkeley, 155 Dwinelle Hall UC, Berkeley, CA., Oct. 12, 2010. Live Web stream: <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/10171302> and <http://crg.berkeley.edu/groundzero>
- **Islamic Cultural Center Of Northern California**, participated in an onstage conversation / interview with Prof. Seyyed Hossein Nasr, one of the world's leading teachers on Sufism and Islamic spirituality; and writer, about his new autobiographical book, *In Search of the Sacred*. Moderated by writer Jason van Boom, Oakland, CA., Oct., 2010. [www.youtube.com/watch%3Fv%3D3yruLRvpncE](http://www.youtube.com/watch%3Fv%3D3yruLRvpncE)
- **Islamic Relief** and **United For Change** hosted "*Our Families, Our Foundation*", with an aim to build stronger families and better communities, prominent scholars and about 2,000 people took part Saturday in the largest bilingual Islamic conference taking place at the Palais des congres

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Convention Center that Montreal, Canada has ever seen. Sept. 25, 2010.  
<http://www.unitedforchange.com/2010/06/21/our-families-our-foundation>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQUkQ6dbbDY>

- **University of North Carolina:** FedEx Center for Global Education: “*What do Christianity and Islam have to say about Black American group suffering?*” Imam Zaid was a panelist for the Interfaith Black Theodicy Forum and Public Discussion on the topic of Chapel Hill, NC., Aug. 6-7, 2010. <http://www.unc.edu/iaar/blacktheodicyforum/BTForum.html>
- **University of Colorado at Boulder:** University Memorial Center, Boulder, CO., “*Towards A Balanced Understanding of Islam*”, Keynote Lecturer Imam Zaid Shakir, March 18, 2010. <http://calendar.dailycamera.com/boulder-co/events/show/104783245-islam-awareness-week-islam-in-america>
- **University of Toronto,** South Building 2072, UTM Campus, “*A Wake UP Call*” Keynote Lecturer Imam Zaid Shakir, March 8, 2010. <http://utmmsa.com/utmmsa/halaqas.php>
- **University of Southern California (USC)** Mark Taper Hall of Humanities – “*Eras of Change: Malcolm X, 9/11, and Obama*”. A co-panelist discussion with Professor Sohail Daulatzai, Room 101, 3501 Trousdale Parkway, Los Angeles, CA. , Feb. 24, 2010. <http://sait.usc.edu/cbsa/calendar.asp>
- **Dartmouth College,** Filene Auditorium (Moore Hall) - Keynote Address “*Pluralism and Islam in America*”, Hanover, NH, Feb. 4, 2010. <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~tucker/rsl/rsllcalendar2009.html>
- **Claremont McKenna College,** Mary Pickford Auditorium: “*Tragedy At Fort Hood*”, Keynote Speaker and Q&A session, Claremont, CA. Dec. 8, 2009. <http://claremontcollegesmsa.blogspot.com/2009/11/zaid-shakir.html>
- **Western Michigan University,** Bernhard Center Ballroom. Keynote address: “*From Original Sin to the Color of Skin: Gender, Class and Racial Equality in Islam*”, Kalamazoo, MI., Nov. 2009. <http://international.wmich.edu/content/view/1897/2/>
- **NC State University, Duke University and the University of North Carolina-Chapel:** “*An Evening Talk with Imam Zaid Shakir*”, Frank Porter Graham Student Union Auditorium Monday, Raleigh, NC, Nov. 9, 2009. <http://mideast.unc.edu/islamsem/2009-2010.shtml>
- **Church Divinity School of the Pacific,** *Eid and Rosh Hashanah: “Introspection and Responsibility”*, an event with Rabbi Michael Lerner and Imam Zaid Shakir, co-sponsored by the Center for Islamic Studies and the Center for Jewish Studies. Easton Hall, Berkeley, CA., Sept. 14, 2010. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQUkQ6dbbDY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQUkQ6dbbDY)
- **Georgetown University,** “*Perspectives on Tradition and Modernity*”, a building bridges theological discussion with Anglican Church Archbishop Rowan Williams, participated as a co-panelist, Washington, D.C., May 2009. <http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/2886>
- **Common Bond Institute:** Third International Conference On “Engaging The Other:” The Power of Compassion, was an ETO panelist, San Mateo, CA., 2008. . [http://cbiworld.org/Pages/Conferences\\_ETO\\_PresenterBios08.htm](http://cbiworld.org/Pages/Conferences_ETO_PresenterBios08.htm)

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- **UC Berkeley:** “*The Cost of War: The US in Iraq 5 Years Now, How Much More*”, Co-panelist with Dr. Ramon Grosfoguel and Matt Gonzalez, Berkeley, CA., 2008.  
<http://www.berkeleydailyplanet.com/pdfs/04-22-08.pdf>
- **Westminster, London:** Reverend Jesse Jackson Economics of Color Tour: as a co-panelist was part of an ambitious attempt to address issues of poverty that exists in the UK., Sep. 2007.  
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2522577921>
- **Stamford University:** Aurora Forum and the Martin Luther King, Jr., Research & Education Institute presented an interfaith roundtable discussion focusing on the “*Relation of Spiritual Practice and Social Change*”. And, moderated by Rabbi Patricia Karlin-Neumann of Stanford’s Office for Religious Life and includes representatives from a range of faith traditions, a co-panelist with Prof. Susannah Herschel of Dartmouth College; Rev. Dr. Heng Sure of the Berkeley Buddhist Monastery; Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock of Ebenezer Baptist Church, 466 Via Ortega, Cypress Hall D, Stamford, CA., Jan. 2007. <http://auroraforum.stanford.edu/event/spirituality-and-social-change>
- **Cody’s Books, KPFA 94.1 FM, the Near Eastern Studies Department, and the Religion, Politics, and Globalization Program at International House:** UC Berkeley sponsored “*Can We Talk About God*”. A conversation with British philosopher Roger Scruton. The event moderated by award-winning journalist, documentary-maker, Sandy Tolan of the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism, Berkeley, CA. April 24, 2007.  
**You Tube:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Km5oXGM2aSs>
- **Calvin Simpson Theatre:** “*Malcolm and Martin: Implications of Their Legacies for The Future*”, Discussed the legacies of Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for the future with American philosopher Dr. Cornel West, moderated by Dr. Hatem Bazian, West, Oakland ,CA., Dec. 2005.  
<http://www.amazon.com/Malcolm-Martin-Implications-Legacies-Future/dp/B000EZ8F80>

