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International, Multi-faith Summer Institute on Theology and Disability in Raleigh includes Sessions on Islam and Disability

The Ninth Summer Institute on Theology and Disability is taking place in Raleigh, June 11-14, hosted at Edenton St. United Methodist Church with the assistance of Duke Divinity School. It includes sessions led by Jewish, Muslim and Christian leaders. On Monday, the “Community Day,” the first day of the Institute, **Faiz Fareed** from Raleigh is participating on a multi-faith panel with Summer Institute faculty on current trends and issues in religious services and scholarship related to Islam and disability. Monday afternoon, **Suheil Laher, Ph.D.**, Dean of Academics and Senior Instructor at Fawakih Institute for Classical Arabic and Quranic Studies, and **Dilshad Ali**, editor of the Muslim blogs for Patheos and writer of “Musimah Next Door,” a blog on her experience as mother of a son with autism, will lead a workshop entitled *‘islam and Disability: Theory and Practice.’* The Community Day is designed especially as a way to engage people in the Institute with people in the region in which it meets.

On Tuesday, **Dilshad Ali** presents a plenary presentation entitled *“Owning Our Narrative –Autism Storytelling to Break Barriers in Muslim Communities.* In the afternoon, a 75-minute workshop on Islam and Disability includes these presentations: *“Islam and Leprosy: Promoting Acceptance through Historical Context, Foundational Values and Storytelling”* by **Suheil Laher and Rooshey Hasnain**, and *‘The Qur’an and Disability Studies: Physical Disability and Icon Polemics in Qur’an 21:51-70* by **Halla Attallah.**

The Institute features seven plenary sessions, thirty-five+ workshops, a three-day afternoon symposium on mental illness and faith, and multiple opportunities to network with leading scholars, leaders of inclusive faith supports, professionals, people with disabilities and family members. For complete information on the program, go to <http://faithanddisability.org/2018-institute/>. To register for the Community Day or for Summer Institute on Theology and Disability, click on the “To Register” link at www.sitd2018.org or [HERE](#). Scholarships are available for students. Sponsors of the multi-faith Institute include the [EquallyAble Foundation](#), led by Mohammed Yousuf.