Conflict and injustice often result from fear and misunderstanding rooted in incomplete or inaccurate knowledge, and in the ambiguities that haunt every religious tradition. The spring program is devoted to a consideration of Islam in its many manifestations by examining the diversity in the Muslim communities around the world. Our hope is to pave the way for constructive dialogue between people, based on mutual respect rather than fear.

All sessions are free and open to the public.
Monday, February 25
6:30 p.m.
Interfaith Prayer Service for Peace
Held at Barrett Memorial Bell Tower

Tuesday, February 26
9:45-11 a.m.
The Many Faces of Islam
Invocation
Rev. Bernard Lee, S.M., Th.D., vice president for Mission and Identity, St. Mary's
Wayne Romo*, Director, University Ministry, St. Mary's
Mustafa Safak, graduate student, St. Mary's
Welcome
Wayne Romo*, director, University Ministry, St. Mary's
Speakers
Imam Omar Shakir, co-president of the Coalition for Justice in the Middle East and
treasurer of the Muslim Student Awareness Network
Ayhan Oruc, student, University of Texas at San Antonio
Nadeem Omar, student, St. Mary's
Andrea Alfaro, San Antonio
Moderator
Wayne Romo*, director, University Ministry, St. Mary's
11:10-12:25 a.m.
Children of Abraham: The Roots of Islam
Speakers:
Sister Anne O'Leary, P.B.V.M., Ph.D., Theology, St. Mary's
Vesel Demir, Institute for Interfaith Dialogue, San Antonio
Moderator
Leona Pallansch*, Ph.D., Political Science, St. Mary's
12:35-1:50 p.m.
Islam 101: Current Beliefs and Practices
Speakers
Yusuf Mohamed, president, Muslim Student Association, University of Texas at San Antonio
Mustafa Safak, graduate student, St. Mary's
Moderator
Elijah Akhahenda*, Ph.D., English and Communications Studies, St. Mary's

Wednesday, February 27
9:20-10:10 a.m.
Islamic Insights: Culture and Science
Speakers
Sussan Siavoshi, Ph.D., chair, Political Science, Trinity University
Ali Moshirsadri, coordinator, Islamic Foundation of San Antonio
Moderator
Floyd Contreras*, student, St. Mary's
10:20-11:10 a.m.
Islam in the U.S.: Communities and Daily Lives
Speakers
Moderator
Jennifer Butler, graduate student, St. Mary's

Thursday, February 28
9:45-11 a.m.
Myth Busters
Speakers
Sakib Shaikh*, graduate student, St. Mary's
Aaziz Tanari, San Antonio
Moderator
Andrea Jones, International Education, St. Mary's
11:10-12:25 p.m.
Reconciliation and Understanding
Speakers
Rev. Ann Helmke, Peace Center, San Antonio
Alyssa Burgin, Outreach and Media Director, Texans for Peace
Sarwat Husian, executive director, Council on American-Islamic Relations, San Antonio Chapter
Moderator
Wayne Romo*, director, University Ministry, St. Mary's
3:30-5 p.m.
Art of Peace Award
H. Palmer Hall, Ph.D., director, Blume Academic Library, St. Mary's
Held at Java City (rain site is Alkek atrium)

Friday, February 29
Noon
President's Peace Commission Quad Prayer

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