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Announcement

For immigrant populations and for communities of faith, the idea of the transmission of knowledge, experience, language, and religious traditions from one generation to the next has long been seen as central to the survival of both faith and culture. Our team of researchers from the University of Michigan-Dearborn invite you to participate in a phone survey that asks about your experiences growing up in a Muslim immigrant household in Metro-Detroit, as well as your current lifestyle and religious practices. We are surveying second-generation American adults (meaning adults over the age of 22 who have at least one immigrant parent) to explore the acculturation of Muslims in Michigan. The survey is being carried out among adults who grew up attended Crescent Academy International, the Islamic Association of Greater Detroit, and/or the Muslim Community of the Western Suburbs. These institutions have each agreed to support the project by giving us permission to carry out the survey, and the project is funded by board members of these institutions.

The study is being conducted by a multidisciplinary research team led by Dr. Sally Howell (University of Michigan-Dearborn), Dr. Ivy Forsythe –Brown (University of Michigan-Dearborn) and Rebecca Karam (CUNY Graduate Center).

The survey should take 30-45 minutes to complete and will be administered over the phone. Your valuable participation will contribute towards identifying patterns of incorporation, identity formation, racial and religious inclusion/exclusion, educational/career attainment, and community involvement in the lives of second-generation Muslim American adults. We would be very grateful if you would consider helping us with this important research.

The questionnaire is strictly confidential and anonymous, your participation completely voluntary.

Please read the informed consent document and provide your contact information so that a member of our research team may contact you by clicking the following link: goo.gl/forms/QlaVuRO78r. Thank you very much for giving your time to help us with our research.

If you have any queries or comments about the questionnaire or the research study, please contact:

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Consent Statement: The University of Michigan-Dearborn The Second Generation Project: Muslim Americans in Metro Detroit

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY. Sally Howell (Assistant Professor, UM-Dearborn), Ivy Forsythe-Brown (Assistant Professor, UM-Dearborn), and Rebecca Karam (Ph.D. Candidate, CUNY Graduate Center) invite you to participate in a research study about second generation Muslim Americans. We are studying the impact of participation in mosques and Muslim parochial schools on the children of immigrants from Muslim-majority nations. The study, which is funded by members of the boards of and conducted in coordination with the Islamic Association of Greater Detroit, Crescent Academy and the Muslim Community of the Western Suburbs, will ask about the social, political, educational, and familial factors that contribute to the maintenance of religious ties and cultural adaptation among members of the second generation Muslim American community.

DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT INVOLVEMENT. If you agree to be part of the research study you will be asked to participate in a one-hour long telephone interview with one of the study researchers that will ask questions about your education and employment, your family background, your religious participation as a child and youth, your religious practices and identity, and your experiences living as an adult Muslim in the US. The data collected will be stored for future use in a potential comparative or longitudinal study.

BENEFITS. Although you may not directly benefit from being in this study, the associations supporting this project hope to benefit by assessing the outcomes of their educational and community-oriented programming. By making this research publicly available, other mosques and parochial schools may also benefit. And the larger society will have a better understanding of the role religious participation plays in the lives of second generation Muslim Americans.

RISKS AND DISCOMFORTS. The risks associated with this survey are minimal because the data collection is anonymous. You will not be identified in any reports on this study. Records will be kept confidential to the extent provided by federal, state, and local law. However, the Institutional Review Board or university and government officials responsible for monitoring this study may inspect these records.

CONFIDENTIALITY. We plan to publish the results of this study, but will not collect or include any information that would identify you. There are some reasons why people other than the researchers may need to see information you provided as part of the study. This includes organizations responsible for making sure the research is done safely and properly, including the University of Michigan.

VOLUNTARY NATURE OF THE SURVEY. Participating in this study is completely voluntary. You can withdraw from the process at any time, and you can skip any questions that you do not want to answer.

CONTACT INFORMATION. If you have questions about this research, including questions about scheduling, you may contact Sally Howell, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, University of Michigan-Dearborn, sfhowell@umich.edu, 313-583-6519; or Rebecca Karam, Ph.D. Candidate, City University of New York, rkaram@gc.cuny.edu, 313-583-6519. **FOR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS.** If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, or wish to obtain information, ask questions, or discuss concerns with someone other than the researcher(s), You may contact the Dearborn IRB Administrator in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, 1055 Administration Building, University of Michigan- Dearborn, Evergreen Rd., Dearborn, MI 48128-2406, (313) 593-5468; the Dearborn IRB Application Specialist at (734) 763-5084, or email Dearborn-IRB@umich.edu.