



ZAYTUNA INSTITUTE SPEECH REQUEST APPLICATION FOR IMAM ZAID SHAKIR

Zaytuna Institute has established a speech request process in order to better evaluate and accommodate numerous speaking opportunities in a fair and expeditious manner. Due to the nature of Imam Zaid's commitments, Zaytuna generally requires six month prior notice for a speaking engagement.

Zaytuna's staff will respond to the requesting party as soon the application can be presented and discussed with our scholars. We ask that applicants read Imam Zaid's biography located at the end of the document to ensure that Imam Zaid is the appropriate speaker for the occasion.

Mission & Vision Statement of Zaytuna Institute

Our mission is to provide the highest quality educational programs, materials, and training in the traditional sciences of Islam in the most beautiful way using the most effective tools of our time as a means of serving our Lord and honoring our Prophet, *sallallahu `alayhi wa sallam*.

1. <u>EVENT SPONSOR INFORMATION</u>				
Today's date:				
Main sponsor:				
Secondary sponsor(s):				
Primary contact:				
Office phone:		Cell:		
Email:		Fax:		
Main office address:				
Main phone number		Office fax:		
2. <u>SPEECH INFORMATION</u>				
Date of speech:				
Session starts at:		Ends at:		
Speech starts at:		Duration:		
Q & A:	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Location of event:	Specific room			
	Street address			
Suggested title/topic:				

Event theme:							
Speech format:							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single topical speaker						
<input type="checkbox"/>	Panel of speakers (please attach list of other panelists & their biographies/affiliations)						
<input type="checkbox"/>	Teacher of a course (please attach list of other teachers, their biographies, & courses)						
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other—please specify:						
This speech is part of a							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-day conference—specify:						
<input type="checkbox"/>	One-day seminar—specify:						
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraising lunch/dinner—specify:						
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other—please specify						
What is the sponsor's mission and the intent of this speech, and why have you chosen Imam Zaid Shakir? (Supporting documentation is welcome for further explanation)							
3. <u>ZAYTUNA HONORARIUM INFORMATION</u>							
Honorarium:							
Please check one of the honorarium payment options:							
We will send honorarium in advance of speech					<input type="checkbox"/>		
We will provide honorarium on the date of the event					<input type="checkbox"/>		
4. <u>AUDIENCE INFORMATION</u>							
Language of Delivery:		Arabic	<input type="checkbox"/>	English	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Expected Attendance:				Previous Attendance (if applicable):			
Estimate appropriate percentages:							
Gender:	Male			Female			
Religion:	Muslim			Christian	Jewish	Other	

Education:	High school		Bachelor's degree		Graduate degree		Professional	
Please describe the audience (supporting documentation is welcome for further explanation).								
5. <u>OTHER INFORMATION</u>								
Will this speech be recorded? (check all that apply)			Audio recorded	<input type="checkbox"/>	Video recorded	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transcribed	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you checked any of the above, please note that your organization will be required to deliver the master recordings of the talks within one week for our archives and production purposes (if Zaytuna or our scholars desire). Any use or duplication of the talk in any form or for any purpose must be fully reviewed and approved by Imam Zaid Shakir or by Zaytuna Institute.								
Will the media cover this event?		Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>			
If yes, please <u>describe</u> the nature of media coverage.								
6. <u>CONTACT INFORMATION</u>								
Secondary Contact								
Full name:								
Office phone:				Cell:				
Email:				Fax				
Office address:								
Only this biographical statement for Imam Zaid can be used for promotional purposes.								
BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF IMAM ZAID SHAKIR								
Imam Zaid Shakir is among the most respected and influential Muslim scholars in the West. Born in Berkeley, California, the second of seven children he accepted Islam in 1977 while serving in the United States Air Force. He then obtained a BA with honors in International Relations at American University in Washington, D.C. and later earned his MA in Political Science at Rutgers University, where he emerged as an active leader in campus activities, helping to revive the Muslim Student Association, co-leading a successful South Africa divestment campaign, and co-founding a local Islamic center, Masjid al-Huda. After a year in Cairo studying Arabic, he settled in New Haven, Connecticut and continued his tireless community activism, co-founding Masjid al-Islam, the Tri-State Muslim Education Initiative, and the Connecticut Muslim Coordinating Committee. As Imam of Masjid al-Islam from 1988 to 1994 he spearheaded a community renewal and grassroots anti-drug effort in the local neighborhood, and taught as an Adjunct Professor of Political Science and Arabic at Southern Connecticut								

State University until his departure for Syria to further his studies in the traditional Islamic sciences. For seven years in Syria and briefly in Morocco he immersed himself in an intense study of Arabic, Islamic law, Qur'anic studies, and Islamic spirituality with some of the top Muslim scholars of our age. In 2001, he graduated from Syria's prestigious Abu Noor University and returned to Connecticut to continue his work with the Muslim community in America. Teaching regularly as the Imam of Masjid al-Islam, writing numerous articles for various magazines, journals, and newspapers, and lecturing frequently at many of America's largest Muslim conferences and conventions, he soon emerged as one of the most popular and sought after American Muslim leaders. Among several works that he has translated from Arabic into English, his translation of *The Heirs of the Prophets* was published by Starlatch Press in 2001. In 2003, he moved to Hayward, California with his family to serve as a scholar-in-residence and lecturer at Zaytuna Institute, where he now teaches regular courses on Arabic, Islamic law, history, and Islamic spirituality. He has since lectured at many of the Bay Area's top universities, including Stanford and U.C. Berkeley, and is a frequent speaker at local Muslim events. He is widely regarded as an articulate voice on Islam and African-American issues and as a visionary leader in the emergence of an Islamic community and tradition and that is indigenous to America.

Please send completed applications by mail or fax:

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