

### SATURDAY POST FORUM OPTIONS

#### 4:00PM – Visit Mother Mosque of America

Explore the history of Muslims in Iowa with Imam Taha Tawil

### SUNDAY EXTRA (SEPTEMBER 17)

**Visit Elkader!** Just 90 minutes north of Cedar Rapids on Hwy 13. Begin at the Carter House Museum with reception 11-1:00pm.

### BACKGROUND FOR TODAY

Speakers from the worlds of national security, education and Muslim, Christian, and civic leadership will discuss the many meanings of jihad as reflected in the life of Emir Abdelkader, after whom a town was name in Iowa in 1846.

Considered Algeria's George Washington, this 19th century Arab scholar-warrior-statesman-humanitarian counted among his admirers Abraham Lincoln, Mark Twain, Pope Pius IX, Emir Shamil and French prisoners who had invaded his country.

His legacy as a reconciler offers a powerful example of social justice and ethical leadership exhibiting universal values of moral courage, integrity, intellect, and compassion – transcending culture and faith traditions.

### AEP MISSION

The Abdelkader Education Project (AEP) develops educational tools and resources and provides outreach to promote cultural literacy, civility, and respectful engagement between all people by drawing on the life story and values of Emir Abdelkader.



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## 2017 AEP Forum

**Abdelkader vs. ISIS: *The Many Meanings of Jihad***



**September 16, 2017**

**Mt. Mercy University CRST Int'l Graduate Center  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa USA**

## Welcome to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual AEP Forum!

9:00 **Sign In and Refreshments**

9:15 **Welcome**

Kathy Garms, AEP Co-founder and Executive Director, Elkader, IA

9:30 **Introduction: A Pig Farmer's View**

John Kiser, AEP Co-founder and author, Sperryville, VA

9:45 **PART I: *Abdelkader's Legacy/The Many Meanings of Jihad***

Imam Hassan Muhammad Selim, Islamic Center of Cedar Rapids, IA  
Mr. Mark Danner, National Security Analyst, Washington DC  
Dr. Raphael Danziger, Abdelkader scholar and author, Washington DC

10:40 **PART II: *Grassroots Activism***

Rev. Clint Twedt-Ball, *Block by Block & Matthew 25*, Cedar Rapids, IA  
Prof. Timothy Knepper, *The Comparison Project*, Drake University, IA  
Dr. Nahed Artoul Zehr, *Our Muslim Neighbor*, Nashville, TN

11:35 **PART III: *The Secret Lives of Muslims***

Rais Bhuiyan and Jessica Carso, "World Without Hate"

12:30 **NETWORKING LUNCH**

2:00 **PART IV: 2017 AEP Forum Program**

**Lessons Learned**

The Rev. Dr. Joelle Colville-Hanson, Dir. for Evangelical Mission,  
NE Iowa Synod, ELCA - Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

**Abdelkader Global Leadership Prize – Student Essay Awards**

John Kiser and Kathy Garms, AEP Co-founders

2:30 **Students Speak Out!**

Nouha Zaabab, Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA  
Reem Esseghir, Noor-UI-Iman School, Monmouth Junction, NJ  
Amen Gabre, Scattergood Friends School, West Branch, IA  
Michaela Hill, Angelina College, Lufkin, TX

3:30 **Closing Remarks**

## 2017 Abdelkader Global Leadership Prize Essay Winners

### **Iowa High School**

1<sup>st</sup> place \$1,000 - Amen Gabre  
Scattergood Friends School, West Branch  
2<sup>nd</sup> place \$500 - Grace Rodman  
Central High School, Elkader

### **U.S. High School**

1<sup>st</sup> place \$1,000 - Reem Esseghir  
Noor-UI-Iman School, Monmouth Junction, NJ  
2<sup>nd</sup> place \$500 - Tori Qui  
Millard North High School, Omaha, NE

### **U.S. College**

1<sup>st</sup> place \$1,500 - Nadia Elamin  
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA  
2<sup>nd</sup> place \$1,000 - Michaela Hill  
Angelina College, Lufkin, TX



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