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Su'ad Abdul Khabeer, Ph.D.

Muslim Cool: Race, Religion and Hip Hop in the United States

with guest speaker

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University of Michigan

Wednesday, September 28 • 6:30 p.m.

Rhea Miller Recital Hall (Entrance inside Groening Commons)

Following the lecture will be a book signing; refreshments will be served.

Dr. Su'ad Abdul Khabeer is Associate Professor of American Culture and Arab and Muslim American Studies at the University of Michigan. She received her Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from Princeton University, with degrees from Georgetown University and Abu Nour University in Damascus. She is a scholar/artist/activist. Dr. Khabeer's first book, *Muslim Cool: Race, Religion and Hip Hop in the United States* (NYU Press 2016), is a critically acclaimed ethnography on Islam and hip hop that examines how intersecting ideas of Muslimness and Blackness challenge and reproduce the meanings of race in the U.S. In her most recent work, she examines the intersections of official history and the untold stories of Black women and Black Muslims through the lens of her mother's life. Dr. Khabeer leads Sapelo Square, the first website dedicated to the comprehensive documentation and analysis of the Black U.S. American Muslim experience. She has also written for *The Root*, *Washington Post*, *Atlantic*, *Ebony Magazine*, *the Huffington Post*, *Religious Dispatches* and *Trans/Missions*, and has appeared on Al Jazeera English. She is a Senior Project Advisor for the U.S. Public Television award-winning documentary, *New Muslim Cool*. Her poetry was featured in the anthology *Living Islam Out Loud: American Muslim Women Speak*. In 2018, she was profiled as one of 25 Influential American Muslims by CNN and received the Soros Equality Fellowship in 2019.



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