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**The Death of Civility:
On the Birth of Dignity-Based
Interfaith Ritual and Practices**



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Najeeba Syeed serves as both associate professor of interreligious education at Claremont School of Theology and a member of the extended faculty of the Colleges of Claremont Graduate University. She is the former executive director of the Western Justice Center Foundation as well as the Asian Pacific American Dispute Resolution Center. She is also a past board member of the National Association for Community Mediation and the National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation. She currently sits on the steering committee of the Religion and Politics Unit of the American Academy of Religion.

Dr. Syeed received the J.D. degree from Indiana University's Maurer School of Law. While a student there, she ran the university's mediation program. She was awarded the 2012 Young Alumni Achievement Award from her undergraduate alma mater Guilford College. Her research articles focus on mediation between law enforcement and communities, intersections of law and religious minority communities, and interfaith just peacemaking. Auburn Seminary honored her with the 2017 Walter Wink Scholar Activist Award.

Dr. Syeed is a regular blogger for Muslim Voices, Huffington Post and feminist.com. She and a Jewish woman were featured on Our Inner Lives, a project of feminist.com, in an article titled "A Tale of Two Sisters."

Previous lecturers have included Ralston Deffenbaugh (2017), Dr. Vasudha Narayanan (2015), John L. Allen Jr. (2014), Dr. Gunda Werner-Burggraf (2013), Venerable Yifa and Sister Judith Sutera (2011), Rabbi Dr. David Fox Sandmel (2010), Rev. Dr. Dennis D. McManus and Imam Yahya Hendi (2009), Rev. Dr. Hermen Shastri (2008), Rev. Dr. Ishmael Noko (2007), and Dr. R. Scott Appleby (2006).

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