



The DC LERA Board of Governors cordially invites you to the monthly luncheon meeting Wednesday, April 26, 2017...

Muslim Americans in the Workplace Melting Pot or Boiling Cauldron?

with guest speakers

Meira Neggaz and Qasim Rashid



Since 9/11, Islamophobia in the U.S. has grown more pervasive. Muslim Americans face increasing employment discrimination and more hostile workplaces. The debate over Muslim Americans' rights has reached a fever pitch in the national political discourse. Please join us for lunch to hear Meira Neggaz and Qasim Rashid, Esq., address Islamophobia and describe efforts to create rational national discussions to secure the rights of all Americans.

Meira Neggaz is Executive Director of the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU), which conducts research that empowers American Muslims to develop their community and contribute to democracy and pluralism in the United States. It aims to educate the general public and enable community change agents, the media, and policymakers to make evidence-based decisions. Ms. Neggaz holds a Masters from the Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy.

Qasim Rashid, Esq. is Director of Civil Rights and Policy at Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights. To advance the cause of Muslim women's rights, this organization, also known as KARAMAH, works to create a global network of people knowledgeable on the gender-equitable principles of Islam to advocate for the rights of Muslim women. Mr. Rashid has a JD from the University of Richmond School of Law and is a visiting fellow at Harvard University's School of Islamic Studies. He has published in the New York Times, Washington Post and USA Today and appeared in CNN and NPR, among other outlets.



- **Time:** Sign-in begins: 11:30; Lunch: 12:00; Presentation and Q&A: 12:45 - 1:30
- **Delicious Lunch:** Buffet with salad, choice of two entrées, vegetarian options, sides, choice of dessert, plus coffee or iced/tea. Cash wine service. **Price:** DC LERA Members \$25, DC LERA Member Special Guest Rate \$25, Non-members \$30, Students \$15
- **Venue:** Woman's National Democratic Club, located in the historic [Whittemore House](#) at 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20036, just one block from Dupont Circle and its Red Line Metro station.
- **Register and pay online:** Use a debit or credit card at PayPal or a PayPal account.