CAIR conference to tackle Islamophobia, anti-Americanism

Online registration now available for 'unique and timely' DC event

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Beginning May 13, 2005, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) will host a unique and timely three-day conference, "Islamophobia and Anti-Americanism: Causes and Remedies," in Washington, D.C.

Registration for the conference is now available online.

CAIR's 2005 annual conference brings together scholars, researchers, religious leaders, and community activists to discuss issues related to the twin phenomena of growing anti-Muslim bigotry in the West and increasing anti-American sentiments in the Islamic world.

Conference participants will take part in sessions focusing on:

- Islamophobia and Anti-Americanism in the Media
- The Impact of Islamophobia and Anti-Americanism on Civil Rights and Policy-Making
- Anti-Americanism and U.S. Foreign Policy
- Islam and American Relations with the Muslim World
- Misconceptions about Christians and Muslims in Public Discourse
- Reasserting Mainstream Religious Values

"CAIR's long-term vision is to be a leading advocate for justice and mutual understanding," said CAIR Board Chairman Omar Ahmad. "What better way to achieve that goal than to examine two of the most problematic phenomena, Islamophobia and anti-Americanism, that we face in our world today."

Ahmad said both issues are among the root causes of worldwide mistrust and
misunderstanding that often lead to religious conflict and political instability.

CAIR, America's largest Muslim civil liberties group, has 31 offices and chapters nationwide and in Canada. Its mission is to enhance the understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

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