

MWO Literary Society - February 2025

This month we're continuing to look at Muslim Women in Movements, in commemoration of Black History Month, we'll delve into Black Muslim Women's contributions to movements in the United States. From Slavery to the Black Lives Matter Movement, Black Muslim Women have been an integral part of social justice movements. Black Muslim Women are woven into the fabric of the fight for equality. Unfortunately, their contributions do not receive the level of acknowledgement they should, our focus will be to recognize the contributions made and foster a sense of appreciation for their willingness to sacrifice in order to make the world a better place for all. Our discussions will focus in particular on the following questions:

- Who are some Black Muslim women activists you admire or have learned about?
- How can we create spaces and provide meaningful support for Black Muslim women to thrive?
- What new insights or information stood out to you?
- What support do movements led by Black Muslim women need to flourish, and how can we become better allies?

Some guidance on the intersection of faith & social justice, from *Sentipensante Pedagogy*, by Laura Rendon

- Requires "critical consciousness" (Freire, 1971) - an individual's ability to recognize social and economic inequities that often result in marginalization, powerlessness, violence, and exploitation, and to take action to eradicate such inequities;
- Requires action to transform entrenched institutional structures to ensure people from all social group memberships have equal access to resources and opportunities;
- Requires love and compassion to work with people who have less privilege and resources; and
- Requires working to heal and to provide hope for all people, especially those who are victims of social and economic inequities.
- Cannot focus only on self-development and personal goals to the exclusions of the collective good;
- Cannot be grounded only on individual aims without regard to interdependence and social justice.

Texts and Other Materials:

All materials that will enable you to further your understanding of each month's topic are linked below. These may include documentaries, readings, presentations, videos, and so forth. It is up to you to determine which materials you would prefer to engage with; you should interact with at least one in order to bring your own unique perspective to the discussion.

BOOK: [Renovatio: The Journal of Zaytuna College - What Dignity Requires Us.](#)

BOOK: [Betty Shabazz, Surviving Malcolm X by Russel J. Rickford](#)

BOOK: [Growing up X: A Memoir by The Daughter of Malcolm X by Ilyasah Shabazz](#)

BOOK: [Mother of the Nation: Clara Evans Muhammad: Wife of Elijah Muhammad, Mother of Imam W. Deen Mohammed](#)

ARTICLE: [My Intersectional Activism as a Black African Muslim Woman](#), by Bashirat Oladele

ARTICLE: [The Untold Stories of Enslaved African Muslim Women in The Americas](#), by Sylviane A. Diouf

ARTICLE: [Black Women The Nation of Islam and The Pursuit of Freedom](#), by Erik S. McDuffie

VIDEO: [Betraying the Spectacle: Black Muslim Women in the American South](#)

VIDEO: [Activist Sisters: Black Muslim Women and Black Revolution in the U.S. by Dr. Su'ad Abdul Khabeer](#)

VIDEO: [Being Black While Celebrating Ramadan](#) by The Griot Politics

FILM: [Jinn The Movie](#)

FILM: [Betty and Coretta](#)

POEM: [Black Muslim, A Poem](#) by Kawthar and Maryam

POEM: [Black Muslim Problems](#) by Isha Camara