



BEYOND THE VEIL

AN OPEN CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

BEYOND THE VEIL is a photography exhibition opportunity open to all photographers living in Connecticut and neighboring states in the Northeast. With this exhibit, the Muslim Coalition of Connecticut (MCCT) in collaboration with Wesleyan University's Center for the Arts' Muslim Women's Voices at Wesleyan (MWV) intends to expand awareness, knowledge, and understanding of Muslim women in the State of Connecticut through the lens of photography.

With *BEYOND THE VEIL*, MCCT and MWV hope to highlight the daily lives of Muslim women in the State of Connecticut and their contributions to society. Each entry needs to feature a Muslim woman or group of women and could be taken in the workplace, school, social events, homes, houses of worship, etc. Topics to explore include ethnic and socioeconomic diversity, professional careers, family life, fashion and lifestyle, prayer, community service, sports, etc.

If you are a photographer, amateur or professional, we would like to hear from you! Each photographer is limited to three entries, each with a short description of who the subject is and the topic of the photograph.

Entries selected by the jury will be exhibited at the **Green Street Teaching and Learning Center at Wesleyan University, 51 Green Street, Middletown, CT** from April 14 to May 29, 2015.

Jurors

Dr. Yahya Michot, Professor of Islamic Studies, Hartford Seminary

Kristina Newman-Scott, Director, Marketing Events and Cultural Affairs, City of Hartford

Michael Vahrenwald, Professor of Photography, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford

Eligibility

1. Participation is open to men and women from all faiths and backgrounds
2. The photograph needs to be taken in the State of Connecticut
3. Each entry must feature at least one Muslim woman
4. Open to all levels of photographers

Application

Let us know something about yourself by submitting a cover email or CV, and write a short narrative about the themes explored in your entries and how they represent Muslim Women in Connecticut. Photographs will be selected for categories considering Muslim women at work, with family or in community.

Once entries are selected for the exhibit by the jury, selected photographs will be printed. Further details will be provided via email for time and location of material drop off.

Technical Requirements

1. All photographers should submit their entries by email to: beyondtheveil@mcct.us
2. Entries should be a minimum 5,700 by 3,900 pixels. They will be printed on 19"x13"
3. Photographs should not be more than 5 years old
4. Limit 3 entries per photographer
5. Photo Format: Color, Black and White formats are accepted. Post processing is allowed.

Deadline

Entries must be submitted by Sunday, March 1st, 2015 11:59 EST

Selection

Selectees will be notified by March 15, 2015

Questions

Please address all questions to: Waleed AlGhamdi, Vice President, MCCT, at waleed@mcct.us. No phone calls please.

Checklist

- ___ Photograph(s) (max of 3 images)
- ___ Photograph information: Title, year, short description (one for each image submitted)
- ___ Artist Statement
- ___ Resume/CV