

FAITH AND FEMINISM:



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THE ST. REGIS HOTEL
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AltFem Magazine seeks a more inclusive feminism that resonates with women of faith. The panels will explore the intersection of faith and gender and the ways in which women of all faiths derive strength and meaning from their respective religions.

1 – 4 PM: CONVERSATIONS WITH FEATURED EXPERTS, ASTOR BALLROOM
5 – 7 PM: LAUNCH PARTY, ASTOR TERRACE AND SALON

1:00–1:15PM: INTRODUCTION AND OPENING REMARKS

KATHERINE MARSHALL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WORLD FAITHS DEVELOPMENT DIALOGUE; VISITING PROFESSOR, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY; SENIOR FELLOW, BERKLEY CENTER

1:15–2:15PM: A MORE INCLUSIVE FEMINISM

So often, women of faith are portrayed as brainwashed or oppressed, and religion is viewed as antithetical to feminism and empowerment. This panel will explore faith as a platform for female empowerment and the different ways that women draw strength from their religion. It will pose the question – *Is there a more inclusive feminism that needs to be explored, one that includes the voices of women of faith?*

MODERATOR:

AISHA RAHMAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KARAMAH: MUSLIM WOMEN LAWYERS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

PANELISTS:

NEYLAN MCBAIN

FOUNDER, THE MORMON WOMEN PROJECT AND AUTHOR OF **WOMEN AT CHURCH: MAGNIFYING LDS WOMEN'S LOCAL IMPACT**

CHRISTY VINES

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR WOMEN, FAITH & LEADERSHIP, INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

SHAHED AMANULLAH

CEO & CO-FOUNDER OF LAUNCHPOSSE, FORMER STATE DEPT. SENIOR ADVISER

EVE TUSHNET

AUTHOR, GAY AND CATHOLIC: ACCEPTING MY SEXUALITY, FINDING COMMUNITY, EMBRACING MY FAITH (COMING OCT. 20),
BLOGGER AT PATHEOS, AND FREELANCE WRITER

2:30–3:30PM: GENDER NORMS IN RELIGIOUS DATING AND MARRIAGE

This panel will look into various gender norms in religious dating and marriage and explore diversions from and overlap within mainstream society. It will explore controversial topics such as submissiveness, chastity and power dynamics, and examine how strength is perceived by partners and potential partners within different faith frameworks.

MODERATOR:

CRYSTAL CORMAN

Program Manager, World Faiths Development Dialogue

PANELISTS:

SUSAN KATZ MILLER

AUTHOR OF BEING BOTH: EMBRACING TWO RELIGIONS IN ONE INTERFAITH FAMILY

SALMA ABUGIDIERI

COLUMNIST, ALTMUSLIMAH AND FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER, PEACEFUL FAMILIES PROJECT

MOLLIE ZIEGLER HEMINGWAY

SENIOR EDITOR, THE FEDERALIST

3:45–4:45PM: MOTHERHOOD AS IMPORTANT TO SOCIETY AND EMPOWERING TO WOMEN

There has been much debate surrounding work life balance and the tension mothers feel between professional pursuits and home life. Different faiths grapple with this in their own way, but often convey a special view on the role of the mother, often overlooked by society. What do the debates about balance, stay-at-home dads, and related topics mean for religious women?

MODERATOR:

SARAH PULLIAM BAILEY

NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT, RELIGION NEWS SERVICE

PANELISTS:

CARRIE SEVERINO

CHIEF COUNSEL AND POLICY DIRECTOR, JUDICIAL CRISIS NETWORK

JAMILLAH KARIM

INDEPENDENT SCHOLAR (FORMERLY ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF RELIGION, SPELMAN COLLEGE)

MELISSA LANGSAM BRAUNSTEIN

STAFF WRITER, ACCULTURATED, AND CONTRIBUTING WRITER, KVELLER

4:45–5PM: CONCLUDING REMARKS

ASMA UDDIN & ASHLEY MCGUIRE

CO-FOUNDERS, ALT-FEM MAGAZINE

5:00 – 7:00PM: LAUNCH PARTY IN THE ASTOR SALON AND TERRACE

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