

# **Sabreena Ghaffar-Siddiqui**

**PhD Candidate, Sociologist & Researcher/Senior Communications Executive Canadian Council of Muslim Women at McMaster University**

Toronto, ON, CA

An expert on issues relating to immigration, public policy, immigrant/refugee integration, racism, Islamophobia, religious radicalization.

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## **Biography**

Sabreena Ghaffar-Siddiqui is a PhD candidate and researcher at McMaster University. She conducts fieldwork in the areas of migration, race/ethnicity and identity. Sabreena is also an excellent speaker on issues relating to her field of research and the experiences, perspectives, and behaviours of immigrants and their offspring. Her recent study on the health seeking behaviours of South Asian immigrants in the GTA has provided important insight into the perceived needs of racialized minority immigrants in accessing and utilizing health care services. Sabreena's thesis focuses on the identity-related intergenerational differences in the experiences and perceptions of Muslims living in Canada, and the integration challenges they face in the current climate of rising Islamophobia. She also looks at the ways in which non-Mosque based community organizations help facilitate integration and subvert pathways to radicalization. Sabreena is also part of a larger SSHRC funded project that is examining racial microaggressions as experienced by refugee youth living in St John's and Hamilton. The research findings from her several projects have been presented to numerous academic and public engagements worldwide and featured in health equity reports. She has also written several op-ed articles to share her expertise on current events to a broader audience. Sabreena has been interviewed on CTV News, CBC News, Radio Canada International, Toronto Star and other media outlets to share her expertise on immigration issues. Sabreena's contributions as an academic continue to make an impact on the policies relating to the equity of immigrants and racialized minorities in Canada. Sabreena is also very involved in community engagement and knowledge translation. She serves on the board of Canadian Council of Muslim Women as their senior communications executive and is also on the advisory board of The Canadian Muslim Vote.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Research, Public Policy, Public Relations and Communications, Political Organization, Religious Institutions, Writing and Editing, Media - Broadcast, Print Media, Media - Online, Women

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Sociology, Race Culture and Ethnicity, Identity, Politics Global Media and Culture, Immigration and Ethnicity, Immigration and multiculturalism, Immigration and Citizenship, Refugee and Human Rights Issues, Racism, Ethnicity and Multiculturalism, Ethnic Relations, Ethnicity, Nationality, and Theology, Islam and Muslim Lives, Islam and Muslim Lives in the United States;, Public Policy, Social Activism

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## **Affiliations**

CCMW Board Member - Senior Communications executive CCM, Advisory Board Member for The Canadian Muslim Vote, Co-Chair Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom | Toronto , TDSB Islamic Heritage Month Resource Binder | Contributor/Editor

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## **Event Appearances**

**Public Perceptions of Canada's Response to the Syrian Crisis : An examination of the views of white post-secondary students attending McMaster University**

19TH National Metropolis Conference | Looking Forward: Migration and Mobility in 2017 and Beyond

**Being a refugee, Being Black, Being Muslim : Exploring Integration Challenges for Refugee youth**

NATIONAL RAP CONFERENCE Enhancing Refugee Integration Through RAP Innovation

**Shaping Immigration to Canada: Learning from the Past and a Vision for the Future - "The Double Bind: Exploring Integration Challenges for Muslim Refugees amidst Islamophobia"**

Pathways to Prosperity National Conference

**"South Asian seniors' access to appropriate services via their family doctor"**

Council of Agencies Serving South Asians, Annual Health Equity Summit

**Conducting Ethnographic Research - "Insiders and Outsiders"**

The 31st Annual Qualitative Analysis Conference

**The Implications of Inherited Family Doctors: "Intergenerational Differences in Preference of Family Doctor"**.

American Sociological Association Annual General Meeting

**Promising Practices for Family Engagement: "Delivering the 'right' kind of care to South Asian immigrant youth"**.

Council of Agencies Serving South Asians, Annual Health Equity Summit

**"Migration and Health: A settlement Issue"**.

Michigan State University, 'Migration without Boundaries' Conference

**Migration, Identity and Health Care Preferences: "Inter and Intra-group Differences"**.

University of Waterloo, 'Emerging Realities' Conference

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## **Education**

**McMaster University**

PhD Sociology

**The University of Waterloo**

Master of Arts Sociology

**StonyBrook University New York**

Bachelor of Arts Honours Sociology

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## Accomplishments

### Most Outstanding Speaker Award

Received Most Outstanding Speaker award in Waterloo University's "Emerging Realities" conference. I was selected amongst a panel of 50 speakers.

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