

CANADIAN MUSLIM *WOMEN WHO INSPIRE*

ZOHRA HUSAINI inspires as an educator and human rights activist.

With degrees from Cambridge and the University of Alberta, Zohra has taught philosophy, sociology and education in both India and Canada. She has conducted her academic activities in the fields of metaphysical epistemology, education and women's issues. Her recent publications look at Muslims in the Canadian mosaic, the impact of fundamentalism on the status of women, cultural dilemmas of Canadian ethnic women and images of sacred women in the Muslim tradition.

Her community work is extensive in the areas of community action research, human rights, promotion of interfaith relations and research and advocacy on women's issues. Zohra has served on boards and committees of organizations that support Muslim activities as well as those promoting inter-faith relationships, including the Inter-Faith Centre for Education and Action and the Interfaith Council of Canada. At present, she is working on a research project on Muslim Women, Human Rights and Law with the Intercultural Action Committee for Advancement of Women. She is the founder of Changing Together: A Centre for Immigrant Women.

Zohra was awarded the Alberta Centennial Medal for her contributions to the quality of life in Alberta, and the Senior Women's Award for her extensive work with immigrant women.

On the international level, she works with many organizations in India, including the Muslim Women's Forum in New Delhi to improve Muslim women's legal status, the All India Muslim Women's Personal Law Board in Lucknow and



the Henry Martin Institute of Interfaith Relations and Reconciliation in Hyderabad.

The biggest challenge facing Muslim women today, says Zohra, is achieving equality. She also believes that Canadian Muslim women can overcome this challenge since they inherited "the Islamic tradition of justice, equality, compassion and mercy as the true message of Islam...The democratic principles of respect for the individual, intellectual and political freedom, scientific temper and adherence to truth are also our legacy as Canadians."

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