# Muslim Media: Giving a Voice to Our Youth

An Evening to Honor our Students of Journalism and Communications



Special Guest Speaker,

Mazen Asbahi



Keynote Speaker, Pulitzer Prize-Winning Journalist, Chris Hedges



Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Aslam Abdulla

Come and be inspired as we award some of our best Muslim student journalists and writers at TMO Foundation's First Annual Award Banquet.

## Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:30 pm Byblos Banquet Hall

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#### About the Speakers:

**Chris Hedges** 

Pulitzer Prize-winning war correspondent Chris Hedges is a senior fellow at The Nation Institute in New York City. He spent nearly two decades as a foreign correspondent in Central America, the Middle East, Africa and the Balkans. He has reported from more than 50 countries and has worked for The Christian Science Monitor, National Public Radio, The Dallas Morning News and The New York Times, for which he was a foreign correspondent for 15 years.

Fluent in Arabic, Hedges spent seven years in the Middle East, mostly as the bureau chief for the New York Times, and then went on to cover the war in Bosnia and Kosovo. Afterward, he joined the Times' investigative team and was based in Paris to cover al-Qaida. He left the Times after being issued a formal reprimand for denouncing the Bush administration's invasion of Iraq.

Mr. Hedges is the author of nine books, including his newest title, "Empire of Illusion " and "War Is a Force That Gives Us Meaning" (2003) a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction.

#### Mazen Asbahi

Mr. Asbahi is the principal of Asbahi Law Group, Ltd., in Chicago. A significant portion of Mr. Asbahi's practice is dedicated to serving religious, charitable, educational and other nonprofit organizations in the Muslim, Arab-American, South Asian and other diverse communities. Mr. Asbahi served as the national coordinator of Muslim American and Arab American outreach for the Obama presidential campaign. He currently serves on the boards of the MBA, ADC-Chicago and as a member representative to the Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago.

#### **Dr. Aslam Abdullah**

Aslam Abdullah is associated with the Muslim Observer since its launch in 1999 as Editor-in-Chief. He is the religious director of the Islamic Society of Nevada and the vice president of the Muslim Council of America as well as the president elect of the Nevada Interfaith Council. He is the author of 17 books including the latest on the letters and treaties of Prophet Muhammad.