

ONTARIO HISTORY JOURNAL CALL FOR PAPERS

THEME ISSUE: BEING MUSLIM IN ONTARIO

June 2026 is the fifth anniversary of the 2021 London, Ontario terrorist attack. In response to a subsequent National Summit on Islamophobia, the National Council of Canadian Muslims issued several recommendations, including specific efforts to uncover and better interpret Muslim histories in Canada. *Ontario History* recognizes that the historiography associated with this subject is very limited. We are hoping to make a start toward redress by publishing a special theme issue on subjects related to the matter of Muslim identities in Ontario, from the beginnings of Muslim immigration in the late 19th century to our own times. We encourage scholars, graduate students, community workers, policy-advisers, instructors and museum/site curators (etc) from any disciplinary background to submit an abstract or proposal. As a historical journal, we will feature work that is historicized. Historiographical reviews, archival notes and fully-contextualized photo essays are also welcome. All submissions will be anonymized and assessed by two anonymous reviewers before publication.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Muslim culture and community, as experienced and/or represented by the receiving culture
- the roles of education and religious ritual in sustaining community
- adaptation and “assimilation” in official policy toward Muslims
- adaptation and “assimilation” as survival strategies by Muslims
- the arts, literature, media, cultural celebrations as a means of preserving identity

We hope to publish this special issue by Spring 2027.

Please send a 300-word abstract and brief biography to editor@ontariohistoricalsociety.ca

Abstract due: 15 December 2025

Authors notified: 15 January 2026

First submission due: 1 September 2026 (10,000 words).

Please see our [Guide for Authors](#). This should be a fully-referenced clean copy, including any illustrations, subject to revision and copy-editing.

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