

**Dr. Mohamed Fathi Osman Received Doctor of Humane Letters,  
*honoris causa*, at Hebrew Union College-  
Jewish Institute of Religion Graduation Ceremonies**



**Rabbi David Ellenson, Ph.D.**, President of the **Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR)**, presented the Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, to **Dr. Mohamed Fathi Osman**, Scholar in Residence, **Omar Ibn al-Khattab Foundation**. The degree was granted at HUC-JIR's Los Angeles Graduation Ceremony on Monday, May 18, 2009 at HUC-JIR/LA, 3077 University Avenue in Los Angeles.

The Omar Ibn al-Khattab Foundation provides Islamic education, Islamic youth leadership training programs, and Islamic outreach activities in Los Angeles.

Rabbi Ellenson said, "Dr. Osman is a leading Muslim religious scholar whose voice on university campuses has contributed to the progressive education of countless Muslims through his extensive publications in Arabic and English. His astute and compelling reading of the Qur'an and Islamic tradition has demonstrated how Islam is a religion that can extol the virtues of pluralism and the love of all humanity and his contextual understanding of Islamic authority takes into consideration the needs of a modern multi-religious and multi-ethnic world. Dr. Osman's participation in the **Center for Muslim-Jewish Engagement** creates a platform for authentic and honest expression."

Dr. Osman received his Ph.D. In Islamic Economical & Juristic History at Princeton. He received his B.A. And M.A. From Cairo University in Egypt, and his J.D. From Alexandria University in Egypt.

He has been a Visiting Professor at Loyola Law School, Georgetown University, International Islamic University, and the University of Southern California.

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