

The Bosnian American Cultural Association (BACA)  
and  
The Bosnian American Genocide Institute and Education Center (BAGI)

Invite you to:  
The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Commemoration of the Genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina

One of the most important ways to remember the genocide in Srebrenica and all of Bosnia from 1992 to 1995 is to commemorate the atrocities every July 11, and to pay deepest tribute to the innocent lives who were victims of genocide.

**Islamic Cultural Center of Greater Chicago**  
**1810 N. Pfingsten Road, Northbrook, IL 60062**  
**Wednesday, July 11, 2012**  
**6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Program**

**A) *The Geography of Genocide in Bosnia: Redeeming the Earth* - A film by Jonah Quickmire Pettigrew and David Pettigrew**

"The Geography of Genocide in Bosnia: Redeeming the Earth" (US, 2011, 50 min,) is a film which explores the extent of the genocide in Bosnia during 1992-1995 and how it transformed the religious and cultural landscape of a unique multicultural nation. Mosques were replaced by orthodox churches, 70,000 Bosnian Muslims (Bosniaks) were murdered, and over two million displaced.

Today Bosnia is divided into two zones as a result of the Dayton Accords that ended the armed conflict but did not punish the aggressors. These zones, The Serb Republic and the Bosnian Croatian Federation, exist as two separately functioning entities. The film tells the story of the conflicts and its results - today we will hear the stories of the survivors and refugees.

The filmmakers, a father and son team, David and Jonah Pettigrew, gathered the materials for their film based on David's research in Bosnia following the Genocide and armed conflict in Bosnia. The film has

been shown in more than 20 academic events and conferences and has received international recognition. David is also a member of the steering committee of the Yale Genocide Studies Program and has created a genocide studies program for his students "An Ethical Response to Genocide."

**B) Testimonies of Genocide Survivals: Zuhra Osmanovic, and Aldiana Deumic**

Zuhra was a survivor of the genocide in Srebrenica. During that horrible episode she lost a fourteen-year-old son and a husband, who were among some 8,000 men and boys erased from the pages of history. She is also an honorary member of BAGI.

Aldiana is a first time novelist, mother, and aspiring English teacher. Her first novel *Through Darkness* presents the war and displacement of refugees through the eyes of a ten-year-old girl who grows up in Chicago and struggles with being Bosniak refugee in a new country.

**C) BAGI Exhibition: Traveling Memorial: Crimes against Children during Aggression against Bosnia and Herzegovinian and Genocide against Bosniaks 1992-1995, author Sanja Drnovsek, Director**

BAGI was founded in Chicago in 2010 by educators, lawyers, and genocide and war survivors as part of a program instituted by the Sarajevo-based Bosnian Institute to present scientific studies of the genocide, diaspora, and related activities.

The traveling memorial is dedicated to children killed during the war in Bosnia, with a focus on Sarajevo and Srebrenica. The exhibit has relics of what they left behind - artwork, poems, essays, diaries, photos, etc.

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