

# MAHDAVIA ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

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## MAHDAVI DA'IRA AND PRACTICES

On Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 5:15p



### Dr. Derryl Maclean

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Founding Director of the Centre for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures at Simon Fraser University. He has studied with Mahdavi scholars and has written articles related to Mahdavia. A social historian of religion, he is the author or editor of numerous works, including *Religion and Society in Arab Sind* and *Cosmopolitanisms in Muslim Contexts: Perspectives from the Past*. He has researched Abbasid and Fatimid history on the eastern frontier, messianic movements in the Persianate world, and Muslim communities in Canada.



### Dr. Marcia Hermansen

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Director of the Islamic World Studies Program and Professor in the Theology Department at Loyola University Chicago where she teaches courses in Islamic Studies and the academic study of religion. She received her Ph. D. from the University of Chicago in Arabic and Islamic Studies. She has written books and contributed numerous academic articles in the fields of Islamic Thought, Sufism, Islam and Muslims in South Asia, Muslims in America, and Women in Islam.