



# Out of Many Faiths: Religious Diversity and the American Promise Eboo Patel, Ph.D.

Founder and President, Interfaith Youth Core

**Wednesday, January 30, 2019 -- TWO EVENTS**

**12:00 PM: Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 26 E. Pearson St., Chicago**

**Registration: [www.bit.ly/PatelFAN](http://www.bit.ly/PatelFAN)**

**7:00 PM: Evanston Township High School Auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston**

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Muslim Community Center Academy, New Trier Multifaith Alliance,  
New Trier Township High School D203, and North Shore Country Day School.**

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**EVENT 1: Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 12:00 PM, Out of Many Faiths: Religious Diversity and the American Promise, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 26 E. Pearson St., Chicago, 60611. Registration: [www.bit.ly/PatelFAN](http://www.bit.ly/PatelFAN)**

**EVENT 2: Wednesday, January 30, 2019, 7:00 PM, Out of Many Faiths: Religious Diversity and the American Promise, Evanston Township High School Auditorium, 1600 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.**

America is the most religiously devout country in the Western world and the most religiously diverse nation on the planet. In today's volatile climate of religious conflict, prejudice, and distrust, how do we affirm the principle that the American promise is deeply intertwined with how each of us engages with people of different faiths and beliefs? **Eboo Patel, Ph.D.**, founder and president of **Interfaith Youth Core**, a Chicago-based nonprofit organization that promotes interfaith leadership on college campuses, who is called "one of America's deepest thinkers on religion and the human condition" by *U.S. News & World Report*, provides answers to this timely and consequential question.

In Dr. Patel's inspiring and thought-provoking new book, ***Out of Many Faiths***, he draws on his personal experience as a Muslim in America to examine broader questions about the importance of religious diversity in the cultural, political, and economic life of the nation. He explores how religious language has given the United States some of its most enduring symbols and inspired many of its most vital civic institutions—and demonstrates how the genius of the American experiment lies in its empowerment of people of all creeds, ethnicities, and convictions.

Will America's identity as a Judeo-Christian nation shift as citizens of different backgrounds grow in numbers and influence? In what ways will minority religious communities themselves change as they take root in American soil? In addressing these and other questions, Dr. Patel shows how America's promise is the guarantee of equal rights and dignity for all, and how that promise is the foundation of America's unrivaled strength as a nation.

Dr. Patel earned his Bachelor's in sociology at the **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**, and his Ph.D. in sociology as a Rhodes Scholar at **Oxford University**. He is the author of *Interfaith Leadership: A Primer*; *Sacred Ground: Pluralism, Prejudice, and the Promise of America*; and *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation*. He was a member of President Obama's inaugural **Advisory Council on Faith-Based Neighborhood Partnerships**.

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