

PROFESSOR FARIBA KASHAN is an Iranian-American Muslim who was born in Iran and moved to the U. S. in December 1995. She has been teaching Mathematics at Kentucky State University, Frankfort, since 2007.

She is a devoted wife and mother of an accomplished daughter. She has been a religious leader in the Iranian-American community in Louisville. Since 2003 she has been coordinating an educational group of Iranian-Americans who have been meeting regularly at the Strathmoor Presbyterian Church in Louisville. She has also been involved in a number of educational and community activities at the Al-Zahra Islamic Center in Louisville.

Professor Kashan is a Core Member of The Salaam Network (TSN), a distinguished interfaith group of scholars, activists, peace builders, which defines itself as an education network as it believes that education is the best way of eliminating ignorance in which misconceptions and negative stereotyping of those who are different from us, are rooted. It aims at creating harmony and wholeness in a highly diverse and divided city to countering Islamophobia and other manifestations of bigotry, hatred and mistrust in Louisville, the city of Muhammad Ali, America's best-known Muslim and a universal peacemaker. Its goal to work toward making our Beloved Community of Louisville "Whole" by making it free of disunity, division and discrimination, so that it can experience safety, a sense of well-being, positive energy, and peace of heart, mind, and spirit. Professor Kashan has contributed to the development of TSN in a number of ways, and has also made several presentations in its programs.