"The Nationalists have claimed Malcolm. The Socialists have claimed Malcolm. Now, it’s time for you Muslims to claim Malcolm... because he was a believer... he was a believer."

These words were spoken by Betty Shabazz, the widow of Malcolm X to a prominent American Muslim imam. Her words address the multiple ways in which Malcolm X's life and words have inspired and been mobilized by numerous constituencies and social movements. This lecture takes an ethnographic approach to considering how Muslims, particularly in the United States, have answered Betty Shabazz's call to "claim Malcolm," and how such responses speak to how Muslims globally have articulated Malcolm's legacy and significance as an ethical, political, and spiritual figure.