



ADL Announces Weaving Our Community Speaker Series

DETROIT, Dec. 14, /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Michigan Region of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has just unveiled a new five part speaker series entitled: Weaving Our Community. The Weaving Our Community series will examine and assess the social and economic impact of racism and other biases on the communities of southeastern Michigan.

The five Weaving Our Community series programs will bring together experts from various fields and local leaders in an effort to educate members of the southeastern Michigan community. Weaving Our Community will contribute to the efforts aimed at solving the unique problems and historically divisive trends in southeastern Michigan. "One of the principle missions of the ADL is to educate. The ADL is sponsoring this series to educate the greater community and to encourage dialogue on issues that have historically contributed to our region's unique divisiveness." said ADL Michigan Regional Board Chair I. Matthew Miller

Weaving Our Community Series Programming

-- A Community Divided: Segregation in Metropolitan Detroit

When: January 9, 2008, 7:00 pm at Lawrence Technological University

Who: Kurt Metzger: Demographer and Research Director for United Way of Southeast Michigan

Who: Thomas Sugrue: Professor of History and Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania and author of The Origins of the Urban Crisis: Race and Inequality in Postwar Detroit

-- Dispelling Myths and Stereotypes of Muslim and Arab Communities

When: February 12, 2008, 7:00 pm at Lawrence Technological University

Who: Amir Hussain: Associate Professor in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University; author of Oil and Water, Two Faiths: One God

Additional Speakers to be Announced

-- A Conversation with Abraham H. Foxman: Evolving Trends of Anti-Semitism

When: March 26, 2008, 7:00 pm at The Community House

Who: Abraham H. Foxman: National Director of the Anti-Defamation League and world renowned leader in the fight against anti-Semitism, bigotry, and bias

-- Immigration Today: Balancing Our Security, Humanitarian and Economic Interests

When: April 29, 2008, 7:00 pm at Lawrence Technological University

Who: Deborah Lauter: The Anti-Defamation League's National Civil Rights Director

Who: David Koelsch: Director of the Immigration Law Clinic at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

Additional Speakers to be Announced

-- Impact of A Community Divided: Moving Forward

When: May 29, 2008, 7:00 pm at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

Who: Dr. John A. Powell: Executive Director of the Kirwin Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at The Ohio State University.

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Cost: \$10.00 per program or \$35.00 for the entire 5 part series

For more information about the Weaving Our Community speaker series or the Anti-Defamation League, please call 248-353-7553

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The Anti-Defamation League, founded in 1913, is the world's leading organization fighting anti-Semitism through programs and services that counteract hatred, prejudice and bigotry.

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