



ADL Announces: Dispelling Myths of Muslim and Arab Communities

Part Two: Weaving Our Community Speaker Series

DETROIT, Feb. 4 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Michigan Region of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) will be holding part two of the five part series Weaving Our Community on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at Lawrence Technological University. Program highlights include:

Nabih H. Ayad: A local civil rights attorney and Chairman of the Michigan Advisory Board of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC). Mr. Ayad also serves as a member of the National Board of Directors of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee and was appointed by Governor Granholm to the advisory council of Arab and Chaldean Affairs. Nabih Ayad has received numerous honors, including the ADC National Advocate of the Year Award in 2005

Amir Hussain: An Associate Professor in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University, where he teaches courses on world religions. Dr. Hussain's specialty is the study of Islam, focusing on contemporary Muslim societies. His most recent book is *Oil and Water, Two Faiths: One God*.

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.

Additional Weaving Our Community Series Programming

-- 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 Laurence 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

Who: Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia, Esq.: Deputy Director for Legal Affairs at National Immigration Forum in Washington D.C. and Adjunct Professor at the Washington College of Law at American University, Washington, D.C.

-- 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

Additional Speakers to be Announced

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

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

EDITORS NOTE: All events are open to media coverage. For more information or to arrange an interview contact Emily Eisenberg or Carrie Waggoner 248-353-7553

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