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Call for IWG agenda items for Fri, 12/7 meeting, by noon on Mon 12/3

11 messages

Samer Mahdy Ali <samerali@umich.edu> Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 10:13 PM
To: Islamophobia Working Group <islamophobiaworkinggroup@umich.edu>

Dear Islamophobia Working Group,

Our next meeting is on Friday, December 7, 4:00-5:30pm at 455 Weiser Hall. As you know, the IWG relies on group members to make us aware of issues that Muslim, MENA, and other students, staff, and faculty members impacted by Islamophobia face. So, I'm emailing to request agenda items you care about.

If you are part of a student group, please feel free to use this group to brainstorm and discuss any issues that have come up within your group. Same goes for faculty and staff.

Please send Silan Fadlallah and me agenda items by **Monday, December 3rd at noon** and we will circulate the agenda in advance of the meeting.

Warm wishes,
Samer

PS
Below is some additional information about IWG. Please feel free to forward to friends to encourage them to attend them meeting.

About the Islamophobia Working Group
The IWG is open to any student, staff, or faculty member at UM who is interested in collaborating on making this campus as inclusive as possible given the increased national and international climate of anti-Muslim and anti-Arab/Middle Eastern racism. The group is comprised of students, staff, and faculty who volunteer their time to identify and address issues that impact our community. We seek to advise and work with the administration on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives as they pertain to Muslims of all backgrounds and others impacted by Islamophobia. Our work is driven by issues brought to the group by any student, staff, or, faculty member. The group strategizes as a collective to figure out the best approach to a given issue. Thus, if you encounter a pertinent issue, we want to know about it and we welcome your participation in the group.

If you are interested in getting up to speed with all things IWG, please visit our Google Drive folder, website, or view our video.

Finally, please forward this email to anyone who might be interested in joining us. Those who are interested should contact Silan Fadlallah or me to be added to the email listserv. Likewise, if anyone would like to be removed from this listserv, please let us know.

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Jad Elharake <jelharak@umich.edu> Thu, Nov 29, 2018 at 10:03 AM
To: Samer Ali <samerali@umich.edu>, Silan Fadlallah <silanf@umich.edu>

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Samer Mahdy Ali <samerali@umich.edu> Thu, Nov 29, 2018 at 6:22 PM
To: Jad Elharake <jelharak@umich.edu>
Cc: Silan Fadlallah <silanf@umich.edu>

Hi Silan,

Can you start a draft agenda modeled on last meeting's example? In addition to Jad, Abby also had an item about Arab Heritage month.

thanks much,
Samer

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Silan Fadlallah <silanf@umich.edu> Thu, Nov 29, 2018 at 11:13 PM
To: Samer Ali <samerali@umich.edu>
Cc: Jad Elharake <jelharak@umich.edu>

Hello all,

Yes of course! Please find it below.

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All the best,

Silan
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Evelyn Alsultany <alsultan@umich.edu> Fri, Nov 30, 2018 at 12:19 AM
To: Samer Mahdy Ali <samerali@umich.edu>, silanf@umich.edu

Hi Silan,
Could you reach out to the usual people to see if they have any agenda items? Also, Abby Chien of MESA would like to put Arab/MENA heritage month on the agenda for a discussion.
Thank you!
Evelyn

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Silan Fadlallah <silanf@umich.edu> Fri, Nov 30, 2018 at 1:08 AM
To: Evelyn Alsultany <alsultan@umich.edu>

Hello,

Yes of course!

All the best,

Silan
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Zahir Janmohamed <zahirj@umich.edu> Fri, Nov 30, 2018 at 7:35 AM
To: samerali@umich.edu, Silan Fadlallah <silanf@umich.edu>

Dear Samer and Silan,

I am interested in starting an informal discussion group for graduate Muslim students on campus to discuss Islamophobia. This would be a more casual, unstructured convo where people can speak about some of their experiences. I would prefer it be limited to Muslims only and grad students only but I also want to be sensitive about being exclusionary. Do you think this is something I could raise at the meeting to gauge if there is any interest?

Thanks!

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Samer Mahdy Ali <samerali@umich.edu> Fri, Nov 30, 2018 at 3:58 PM
To: Zahir Janmohamed <zahirj@umich.edu>
Cc: Silan Fadlallah <silanf@umich.edu>

Dear Zahir,

I think this sounds like a useful initiative. It's perfectly appropriate to have a faith-based group for graduate students. Just make that clear from the get go, that you're serving the needs of Muslim graduate students.

Do you also want to include professional school students, like those in law, business, social work, etc?

Silan, can you add this item to the agenda with Zahir's name.

Cheers
Samer
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Abby Chien <abchien@umich.edu> Mon, Dec 3, 2018 at 1:41 AM
To: Samer Ali <samerali@umich.edu>, Silan Fadlallah <silanf@umich.edu>

Greetings Samer and Silan,

I'd like to be able to surface a discussion about the naming of Arab Heritage Month and solicit some feedback from the group, if possible.

Thanks!
Abby

On Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 1:15 PM Samer Mahdy Ali <samerali@umich.edu> wrote:
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Abby Chien

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Silan Fadlallah <silanf@umich.edu> Mon, Dec 3, 2018 at 9:35 PM
To: Abby Chien <abchien@umich.edu>
Cc: Samer Ali <samerali@umich.edu>

Sounds good!

All the best,

Silan
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Silan Fadlallah <silanf@umich.edu> Mon, Dec 3, 2018 at 9:37 PM
To: Evelyn Alsultany <alsultan@umich.edu>

Done! Just waiting on responses.

All the best,

Silan

On Thu, Nov 29, 2018 at 3:19 PM Evelyn Alsultany <alsultan@umich.edu> wrote:
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