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two articles of interest

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To: Islamophobia Working Group <islamophobiaworkinggroup@umich.edu>

Good morning all,

A GSI has also refused to write a letter for a student intending to study abroad in Israel - and the chain of events that followed is quite interesting.

Also, superstar alum Namira Islam wrote a peer-reviewed, fully-cited manuscript titled "Soft Islamophobia." You can download the article here, and here is a core excerpt:

"Without a restructuring of resources, we will continue to have an environment where those most starkly in danger of Islamophobic vigilantes or government targeting are held at a distance by policy advocates when they seek to discuss how to organize against a system that spies, jails, deports, and ultimately destroys lives. This hesitation to center the Muslims who are most affected in a way that allows for those Muslims to truly lead—and be funded—to do the work for their communities, despite their lives depending on it, is still a function of Islamophobia. While this function may not be as harsh or dangerous as traditional understandings of Islamophobia, it is still dangerous and is thus something I have labeled “soft Islamophobia.” Soft Islamophobia occurs when those who are most directly impacted by Islamophobia are systematically disenfranchised from the work that liberal organizations, individuals, and groups are leading to challenge Islamophobia. Soft Islamophobia ensures that those individuals are prevented from accessing financial resources, leadership spaces, and strategy sessions. Soft Islamophobia often transforms “Muslim” into a cultural category, centers the preferences of white “persuadables” on how they want to understand Islam, and dismisses the structural underpinnings of Islamophobia in favor of interpersonal dialogue that is focused on Muslims who “break the stereotypes” that are supplied by the Islamophobia narrative industry."

Have a great week!

Best,

Jumanah

Jumanah Saadeh <jumanahs@umich.edu> Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 4:51 PM
To: Islamophobia Working Group <islamophobiaworkinggroup@umich.edu>

Good morning all,

Article to follow up from our meeting - UM has finalized their disciplinary actions against Professor Cheney-Lippold.

Best,

Jumanah
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