DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN CULTURE
ARAB AND MUSLIM AMERICAN STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Islamophobia Working Group
Friday, December 9, 2016, 4pm
3512 Haven Hall

MISSION

Given the recent increase in anti-Arab and anti-Muslim sentiment internationally, the purpose of this group of faculty, staff, and students is to strategize on how to create a safe and inclusive campus environment for Arab, Muslim, and MENA students, staff, and faculty, and those who are impacted by anti-Arab and anti-Muslim sentiments (i.e. Sikh, etc.).

AGENDA

1. Introductions

2. Updates

a) Resource List has been updated to include SAFE Ride (Evelyn Alsultany)
b) Minority Coalition (Haleemah Aqel)
c) Self defense workshops (Marjorie Horton)
d) Office of Civil Rights and White House panel on Islamophobia (Nadia Bazzy)
e) Other updates? Townhall, etc.?

3. Topics for discussion

a) DPSS and Safety Concerns -- Buddy System and Saferide (Dilip Das and Justin Berent)
b) Survey on resources students use and need (Samer Ali)
c) Books Not Bombs Campaign (Haleemah Aqel)
d) Al-Kitaab and Arabic language instruction at UM (Ibtihal Makki, Ryan Gillcrist, and Nicholas Fadanelli)
e) Joe Sacco's visit to Michigan Theatre on January 19 (Ashley Bates)

4. Next Steps