CENTER FOR MIDDLE EASTERN & NORTH AFRICAN STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Islamophobia Working Group
Friday, November 2, 2018, 4-5:30pm
455 Weiser 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 and those who are impacted by anti-MENA and anti-Muslim sentiments.

AGENDA

1. Introductions

2. Announcements
    a. Conference on Muslim Women 11/2019 (Nisreen Khokhar)
    b. Reflection Rooms (Abby Chien)
    c. Updating website regarding reflection room listing (Abby Chien)

3. Discussion of mission of IWG (Jad Elharake and Evelyn Alsultany).
    "Some say we focus only on Arab issues (MENA box, Palestine, al kitaab), others say we focus on Muslim issues (reflection rooms ... and al kitaab), so who are we and what are doing? We thought it would be useful to have a broader discussion of our identity and parameters as a group and to then articulate this clearly to others."

4. Ross Global Showcase and cultural appropriation (Jumanah Saadeh)

5. BDS and recommendation letter controversy (Samer Ali)

6. ME/NA Box Update (Jad, Samer, Evelyn)

7. Matters Arising