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The Building Bridges Lecture Series
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Council of World Cultures
Present

A FORUM on FAITH and WAR.

Mission:

The Council of World Cultures seeks to foster global awareness and understanding throughout the College and greater community through the study of world cultures.



Tuesday, October 7, 2014
From 11:10-12:30 p.m. in Forfa Auditorium

HFC Professor of Art and Iraqi native, Hashim AL-Tawil, will present an overview of the background and current situation in Syria, Iraq and the surrounding region. In a recent speech at the United Nations, President Obama referred to the so-called "Islamic State" as a "Network of Death." This panel of scholars and local religious leaders will discuss global and local responses to this "crisis of ISIS."



Imam Mohammad Ali Elahi is the spiritual leader of the Islamic House of Wisdom in Dearborn Heights. In addition to his seminary studies, he has a bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Michigan-Dearborn and a Master's degree in Art from Wayne state University in Detroit.



The Rev. Fran Hayes is the pastor of Littlefield Presbyterian Church in Dearborn. Littlefield Presbyterian Church is a peace-making congregation that focuses on promoting understanding and cooperation



Dr. Achmat Salie is president of Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Literature. He pioneered and directs an Islamic Studies program at the University of Detroit Mercy, where he teaches undergraduate and graduate courses.



Dr. Hashim Al-Tawil is Professor and Chair of Art History at Henry Ford College. He received the Ph.D. in Art History at the University of Iowa and then served on the faculty of Fine Arts at the University of Baghdad, where he also chaired the Graphic Design Department. Dr. Al-Tawil is a director at the Detroit Institute of Art and the Michigan Chapter of the Fulbright Association. He is a Fulbright Scholar.

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All faculty are encouraged to bring their classes. The public is welcome.