Fashion, Islam, and Freedom

UHM Family & Consumer Sciences
Guest Speaker Series
Mr. Ali Amer Taha Al-Hindawi

Ali Al-Hindawi is an Iraqi refugee who is currently working at the United Nations Office in Geneva, Switzerland.   He has extensive training on Model UN, conflict management, human rights, and growing up in non-peaceful environments. He has conducted workshops and given seminars on interfaith harmony, global cultural diversity, and breast cancer.

Monday, April 23,

>   11 am - 12 pm, Miller 208 Mr. Al-Hindawi is available to meet with students and faculty

Tuesday, April 24

>   4-5 pm, Miller 101: "My Life as a Young Arab in the West."   Mr. Al-Hindawi will discuss his experiences of moving to Europe, having his asylum case rejected, and working with refugees in the humanitarian field; the talk is meant to challenge stereotypes about refugees and immigrants.

>   6-8 pm, Miller 101: "The New Challenges of Diversity." Critical discussion of diversity and difference within different cultural contexts (e.g., Western vs. Arabian) and implications for society and government.

Wednesday, April 25

>   10 am -1 pm, Miller 208: Mr. Al-Hindawi is available to meet with students and faculty

Thursday, April 26

>   9-10:15 am, Kuykendall 306: "Fashion and Freedom." Mr. Al-Hindawi will discuss how clothes can be political, representative of freedom, and dangerous to non-conformists; topics will include Islamic, Christian, and Jewish clothing traditions, hate crimes, and victim blaming.

>   6-8 pm, Miller 101: "Clothing and Islam." Interactive activity using games and simulation to discuss feelings and attitudes and behaviors related to Islamic clothing.

Friday, April 27

>   9am-12 pm, Miller 208: Mr. Al-Hindawi is available to meet with students and faculty

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