

Cross Cultural Learning Experience

Learn about the Muslim faith and culture and have the opportunity to ask questions that are important to you and the ever-changing community you serve as well as be provided with valuable information and resources for increasing understanding, enhancing cultural competency skills and building relationships with American Muslim communities.

August 29, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Location: Afton Room at DOC Central Office

Keynote Speakers: Rashed Ferdous and John Emery

Cost: \$40 for non-members, free for MACPO members

Register online at www.macpo.net by August 20th

RASHED FERDOUS

He is the President and a certified speaker of IRG. He has been involved with various interfaith activities in the Rochester, Twin Cities and greater Minnesota. Some of these are Interfaith Habitat for Humanity, Rochester Area Interfaith Youth Core, Tent of Abraham Peace Walk, KSMQ weekly interfaith TV show and Rochester mosque open house. Rashed is one of the Board of Directors of Rochester Mosque. He volunteers at federal and state prisons and is an IT professional. He is married to Christina and they have four children.

JOHN EMERY

He completed intensive study of the Arabic language in the US Army. He served as a translator and interrogator for nine years, including service in the United States, North Africa, the Persian Gulf, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. John worked for Army Intelligence, Naval Intelligence, NSA, FBI, DIA, and other agencies. After his Honorable Discharge from the US Army, John completed his B.A. in Global Studies at the University of Minnesota. John is currently a speaker for the Islamic Resource Group, a Minnesota nonprofit dedicated to building bridges of understanding between Minnesota Muslims and the broader Minnesota community. As an American convert to Islam, John is actively engaged in promoting peace and understanding across faith communities.

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