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Your Gift of Time Provides Hope For Refugees in Central Iowa



For the last three years, the Iowa International Center has worked to extend ESL education opportunities to adult refugees and immigrants in Des Moines, as part of our Ray Resource Initiative campaign to help new lowans thrive in our community.

[We are asking our friends to help us](#) as we plan to double the reach of our Accessible ESL Program next spring.

Your "[Gift of Time](#)" equals hours of support of English instruction for refugees in our community who need skills and encouragement to reach their dreams of better jobs, happy homes and healthy families.

To make a contribution to support the growth of this program, [click here](#) on on the clock to make a positive impact in the lives of new lowans today.

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The Iowa International Center Will Continue To Support Refugees In Iowa



[Click here](#) to read a position statement from Iowa International Center's Executive Director Dr. Judith Conlin about our organization's continued support for refugees in Iowa.

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[Click here](#) or on the picture above to watch Dr. Conlin on WOI TV's Talk of Iowa program, as she provides historical perspectives on refugees in Iowa.

Meredith Corporation Joins IIC as New Sponsor Of Our Free Monthly Dialogue Series

The Iowa International Center is proud to welcome Meredith Corporation as the new sponsor of our free Monthly Dialogue Series, starting Tuesday, January 12, 2016.



There are some wonderful new learning opportunities in store starting with our first Dialogue program of 2016, which will take place January 12 at noon, at Meredith

Corporation's headquarters in downtown Des Moines. Look for details via email and follow us on social media for updates on the exciting series of cultural education programs we'll be presenting next year. Our sincere thanks to [Meredith Corporation](#) for supporting programs that engage staff and community members to build cultural understanding and appreciation for diversity in our community.

Iowa International Center Receives \$25,000 Grant From The W.T. and Edna M. Dahl Trust

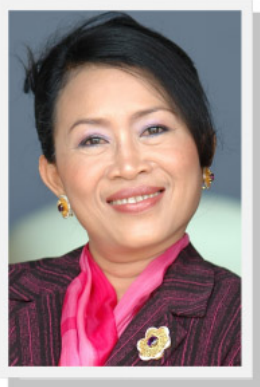
The Iowa International Center is pleased to announce a generous grant of \$25,000 from the W.T. and Edna M. Dahl Trust, to support our three-year Ray Resource Initiative campaign, inspired by former Governor Ray's leadership in welcoming refugees to Iowa a generation ago. This funding will specifically help us provide critical services and educational opportunities for new Iowans and their families, including our growing Accessible ESL (English as a Second Language) programs currently being held at five locations weekly in Des Moines, as well as our Free 24/7 Emergency Interpretation Hotline in 220 languages and our Welcometolowa.org website with critical information for immigrants and refugees in 80 languages online.

IIC Dialogue Series - December Presentation

Cultural Perspectives on Islamic Finance: Exploring New Horizons

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 - Noon to 1 p.m.
Central Library - 1000 Grand Avenue - Downtown Des Moines

Featuring **Noripah Kamso,**
Global Practitioner in Residence at Drake University



Noripah Kamso, Global Practitioner In Residence in Drake University's College Of Business and Public Administration will offer insight on how Islamic Finance can be a valid alternative considering that it aligns with our moral values and ethics. As the U.S. struggles to come to grips with the reforms to the current financial system - toward more risk sharing instead of risk transfer - would an Interest Free banking as practiced by Islamic Banking be a sustainable solution? Join us for this presentation and discussion so that you can appreciate the value proposition being offered under this new horizon. [Click here for complete program information.](#)

About the Iowa International Center Dialogue Series

The Iowa International Center Dialogue Series is a monthly forum highlighting current

international issues and events that provides audience members the opportunity to ask questions and learn from experts. Dialogue Series events are free and open to the public. We thank our promotional Dialogue sponsors:



Popular videos of past Dialogue presentations include:

- [Dr. Maeve Callan, Simpson College: "One State, Many Faiths: Religious Diversity in Iowa"](#)
- [Karen Miller of Manpower of Des Moines and leadership from Capital City Fruit, 3M, Lemar Industries and Pine Ridge Farms: "Tapping into the Untapped Workforce"](#)
- [Des Moines Public Library Staff and Volunteer Panel Discussion: "Coffee and Conversations: Bringing English Language Learners into the Conversation"](#)
- [Rob Dillard of Iowa Public Radio: "Being in Iowa: A Thoughtful Look at Iowa's Diverse Population"](#)

IIC Welcomes Brooke Schafer To Board of Directors



The Iowa International Center is pleased to welcome Brooke Schafer of Principal Global Investors (PGI) to our Board of Directors. Brooke joined Principal Financial Group in 1998 and has held numerous positions within HR since, including performance consultant, HR Analyst, HR Generalist and currently as HR Business Partner Director for PGI. She joined PGI in 2005, and has supported a variety of businesses include real estate, sales and marketing as well as leading PGI wide initiatives such as development and implementation of PGI's profit pool compensation programs. As the HR Business Partner Director, Brooke leads the PGI global human resources team, consisting of 11 members, 5 of whom are located outside of the United States. Brooke brings great enthusiasm and wonderful global perspective to our leadership. Welcome, Brooke!

Key Dates To Remember

- Nov. 26 - 27** - IIC office will be closed for Thanksgiving
- Dec. 1** - **IIC Dialogue** - *Cultural Perspectives on Islamic Finance: Exploring New Horizons* with Noripah Kasmoo, Drake Global Practitioner in Residence
- Dec. 7 - 11** - Meet America Program, with a group of university students from Mexico studying business and professional development in central Iowa
- Dec. 24 - 25** - IIC office will be closed for Christmas
- Jan. 1, 2016** - IIC office will be closed for New Year's Day

Jan. 12 - IIC Dialogue Program - *Look for more exciting information on our first Dialogue Series program of 2016, in partnership with our new program sponsor, Meredith Corporation!*

Visit the [Iowa International Center's calendar](http://www.iowainternationalcenter.org) at www.iowainternationalcenter.org for upcoming events, holiday observances and cultural events.

Please visit www.iowainternationalcenter.org for organizational news, event listings, program information, interpretation and translation resources, volunteer opportunities and more!

Please visit www.welcometoowa.org for a complete listing of resources for new lowans in 80 languages online.

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