

## Spring 2016 Internships Available With IIC!



Iowa International Center interns have the opportunity to work with the oldest international non-profit organization in Des Moines and build real-world skills in a fun, fast-paced work environment. We welcome applications from university-level students in all majors, and for those still enrolled in an undergraduate program, college credit may be available. We are currently accepting interns in the areas of International Language Programs, Marketing and Development and International Visitor Programs, as well as general administrative interns. For more information, including application forms for available internship opportunities, please visit our website at [www.iowainternationalcenter.org](http://www.iowainternationalcenter.org) or call 282-8269, ext. 12.

### Did You Know?: Learn Some Quick Facts about IIC!

#### In the past twelve months:

- The Iowa International Center hosted **178 international leaders for educational exchange programs** in central Iowa, which included **158 appointments with Iowa professionals and community leaders**.
- **76 countries** have been represented by professional visitors welcomed by the Sehgal Foundation International Visitor Center at the Iowa International Center.
- **Community volunteers committed more than 336 hours** helping international visitors experience Iowa's hospitality, cuisine and culture.

### Key Dates To Remember

- Nov. 8 - 11** IVLP Program - Rural Access to Education, with 10 visiting professionals from Southeast Asia
- Nov. 11 - 17** IVLP Program - Journalism and U.S. Foreign Policy, with 18 visiting professionals from NE Africa and the Middle East
- Nov. 26 - 27** IIC office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec. 1** IIC Dialogue - *Cultural Perspectives on Islamic Finance: Inroads Into The Global Capital Market* with Noripah Kasmu, Drake Global Practitioner in Residence



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- FREE 24/7 Emergency Interpretation Hotline: Visit [www.iowainternationalcenter.org/resources](http://www.iowainternationalcenter.org/resources) or call 515-282-8269
- For news, events and program updates, visit [www.iowainternationalcenter.org](http://www.iowainternationalcenter.org)
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## Iowa International Center Newsflash - Edition 10 - 2015



### IIC's Accessible ESL Classes Expand Via New Partnership with Des Moines Public Schools

The Iowa International Center recently kicked off a new partnership with Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS) that has greatly increased the reach of our Accessible ESL Program for adult refugees in Des Moines. The Iowa International Center was asked by Vinh Nguyen, ELL Program Coordinator for DMPS, to be a strategic partner in this new effort. The partnership was an ideal fit, as both entities share a model of providing experienced, paid teachers who take language learning a step further through practical application inside and outside the classroom. Teachers will not only provide basic English instruction, but will help students make visits to neighborhood grocery stores and drug stores, and host in-class conversations with local immigration experts and law enforcement officers to class to talk about key issues, via interpreters.



The classes coincide with educational offerings for school-age students at Meredith, Weeks and Hiatt Middle Schools on Saturday mornings, and offer adult students – most of them parents of students taking part in educational activities in nearby classrooms – the opportunity to learn English just as their school-age children are learning English, which is critically important to supporting entire families so they may communicate, learn and grow together.

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 Iowans thrive in our community.

**To make a contribution to support the growth of this and other programs and services we provide, please visit our website at [www.iowainternationalcenter.org](http://www.iowainternationalcenter.org) and click "Donate" today.**



## More Wonderful Memories from Passport to Prosperity 2015!



### IIC's Free 24/7 Emergency Interpretation Hotline Featured In Des Moines Register



*The Des Moines Register* recently featured a story about the increased demand for the Iowa International Center's Free 24/7 Emergency Interpretation Hotline, and its importance as a statewide resource for first responders, domestic violence shelters, law enforcement officers and other key personnel who assist refugees and immigrants in crisis situations, and have no other resource on which to rely. Visit

[www.iowainternationalcenter.org](http://www.iowainternationalcenter.org) and click the link on our homepage to read the entire article.

**For more information on how to use this resource, please call us at 515-282-8269, ext. 16.**

*The Iowa International Center has expanded its free emergency interpretation service in recent years to include as many as 220 languages and dialects in response to the state's increasingly diverse population, and the center expects the need for this service to continue growing. "This is a tool specifically designed to help limited English speakers in Iowa and those who are trying to assist them strictly in emergency situations," said Amy Yost, director of development and marketing for the Iowa International Center. Calls to the 24/7 interpretation hotline's number have doubled in the past 18 months roughly 10 a month, she said. Users of the hotline include rural sheriff's offices, small-town police departments and domestic violence crisis shelters. These types of agencies and departments are using and benefiting from the service, for everything from (emergency room) visits to traffic accidents to missing persons reports," Yost said.*

**The Des Moines Register**  
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*Spanish is a common language requested on the hotline, and the need for Burmese dialects has increased, she said. Blake DeRouchey, of Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management, said the state agency has recently included the expanded emergency interpretation service in its disaster preparation. This means if a disaster occurs somewhere in Iowa with a significant population of people who speak limited English, the state's emergency management department will work with county emergency managers and local agencies to make sure the Iowa International Center's emergency interpretation hotline is available, he said. It's just a good resource that's out there," DeRouchey said. Iowa has seen an increase in refugee resettlement in the past five years, with more than 3,000 refugees entering the state from 2009 through 2014. During its 2014 fiscal year, Iowa took in 655 newly arrived refugees, who primarily settled in the Des Moines area. Yost said the Iowa International Center is seeking a statewide sponsor offer financial support and bring awareness to the*

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## CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES ON ISLAMIC FINANCE: Inroads Into The Global Capital Market

**Tuesday, December 1**

**Noon to 1 p.m.**

**Central Library, 1000 Grand Ave., Downtown Des Moines**



**Noripah Kamso**

**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. Islamic Finance practices fair distribution of wealth that inhibits profiteering and greed. The principles of Islamic Finance goes back to basics that is for the good of all mankind. Whilst it prohibits usury and uncertainty, it is fundamentally based on risk sharing on tangible asset-backed transactions. As the US 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.

Noripah Kamso advises for CIMB Islamic and CEO of CIMB Principal Islamic Asset Management in Malaysia, overseeing successful expansion into global markets in support of Malaysia's aspiration to be a global Islamic financial hub. Her second book *"Investing in Islamic Funds: A Practitioners Perspective"* published by Wiley & Sons in 2013, targeted for international readers has obtained global praise and readership.

**The Dialogue Series engages local and national professionals in conversations on global and community issues that affect Iowa and highlight Iowa's connections abroad.**

**Videos of Iowa International Center Dialogue Presentations are available online!  
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