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UCSB Religious Studies Scholar to Discuss Muslim Communities in the U.S.

With a population of approximately eight million Muslims -- 42 percent of whom are Black, 27 percent Indo -- Pakistani, and 15 percent Middle Eastern--the United States is a microcosm of the Muslim world.

In a lecture titled "Muslim Communities of the U.S.," Ahmad Atif Ahmad, an assistant professor of Islamic studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, will discuss the relationships that exist among Muslims in the United States and between Muslims and non-Muslim in American society.

His talk is part of the UCSB Affiliates Spirituality and Culture series. It will be presented on Monday, November 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 21 E. Constance St.

Ahmad received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Cairo University and his Ph.D. from Harvard University. His research in the area of Islamic law and legal history includes studies in Arabic and English on reviewing and repealing court decisions in Islamic law in the absence of a hierarchical appellate system.

He is the author of the forthcoming book "Incommensurable Values: Islam, Modernity, Violence, and Everyday Life," and "Structural Interrelations of Theory and

Practice in Islamic Law: A Study of Six Works of Islamic Jurisprudence" (Brill Academic Publishers, 2006).

Admission to the Spirituality and Culture lecture is \$8 for UCSB Affiliates or Chancellor's Council members and \$10 for the general public. Advance registration is recommended by calling the UCSB Office of Community Relations at 893-4388.

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