March 13, 2017

Ending the cycle of hate: My faith amidst Islamophobia and puritanism

Edmonton – The media has reported on several Islamophobic incidents here at home and around the country. There were threats made to Muslim women at an LRT station in Edmonton, the hateful graffiti at a Cold Lake mosque, and, most difficult to comprehend, the recent slaughter of six Muslims who were praying peacefully at a mosque in Quebec.

“Popular speakers are selling dangerous ideas of the supremacy of medieval legal laws, caliphates and morality that rests on perpetuating otherization, sexism and homophobia,” said MacEwan University faculty member Dr. Junaid Jahangir. “Both Islamophobia and puritanism feed each other resulting in a vicious cycle of hate.”

Join co-author of *Islamic Law and Muslim Same-Sex Unions* Junaid Jahangir as he discusses the faith he grew up with and emphasizes the need to break the cycle of hate that gnaws at the social fabric of Canada. “I’ll be focusing on the rise of exclusivist movements; delve into the root causes of radicalization; broach controversial issues, such as same-sex unions; and end by highlighting the core essence of Islam,” said Jajangir. “This is my faith and I want to share the best of it. I want people to see what I grew up with, and what is being practiced today.”

When:  Friday, March 17
Time:   2 – 4:00 p.m.
Where: Robins Health Learning Centre (Room 9 – 216)

This is a free lecture open to the public, and it will be followed by a Q & A session.

*Founded in 1971, MacEwan University inspires its students with a powerful combination of academic excellence and personal learning experiences. Offering more than 65 programs including undergraduate degrees, applied degrees, diplomas, certificates, continuing education and corporate training, the university provides a transformative education in a creative, collaborative and supportive learning environment where creativity and innovation thrive. Located in Edmonton, Alberta Canada, MacEwan University offers a unique student experience that opens up diverse pathways for achievement and growth.*

*For further information, please contact:*
David Beharry, Media Relations Advisor
780-497-5586
Cell: 780- 231-5954
Email: beharryd@macewan.ca

Get MacEwan University news delivered to your inbox. [Sign up for our weekly e-newsletter.](#)