OUR SOMALI NEIGHBORS: Learning More about Somali Culture and Community

Friday, February 26, 2016
1:30 – 3 p.m.
Givens Conference Room (120 Elmer Andersen Library)
West Bank campus
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Located in the Horn of Africa, and known in ancient times for trees that produced the aromatic gum resins frankincense and myrrh, modern Somalia’s recent history has been turbulent, as fighting among sectarian warlords has led to a major exodus of Somali civilians caught in the midst of various conflicts. Minnesota has become home to the largest Somali population in the U.S. and a significant Somali ‘neighborhood’ has developed near the University of Minnesota campus. Learn more about our Somali neighbors through a panel discussion about Somali history, culture, and religion, as well as beliefs regarding family structure, gender roles, medical and mental health care, and more.

Panelists: Sharif Mohamed, Imam, Dar Al-Hijrah Civic Center, Minneapolis; Sahra Noor, RN MS, CEO People’s Center Health Services, Minneapolis; Abdi Warsame, first Somali Minneapolis City Councilman, Ward 6; Najmo Yusuf, University of Minnesota student in Communication Studies, and President, Somali Student Association.

Moderator: Cawo Abdi, Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota Sociology Department.

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