

Project on Culture and Conflict (PCC)

We are happy to announce that on December 5, 2006, Dean Chuck Tatum from the College of Humanities endorsed the proposal for the creation of the "Project on Culture and Conflict" by Moji Agha, Visiting Scholar in Africana Studies, within Africana Studies in the College of Humanities. In his memo to Prof. Julian Kunnie (Director, Africana Studies) Dean Tatum stated:

"Thank you for sending me a copy of the proposal on the Project on Culture and Conflict by Moji Agha, a visiting scholar at Africana Studies. I certainly view a proposal such as this in the College of Humanities promoting intercultural and inter-religious dialogue in our society and the world, as positive. I hope that the project would attract nationally and internationally reputed scholars and academics in the Humanities, who would provide our campus community with instructive insight in intercultural dialogue and the avoidance of cultural conflict. I wish Mr. Agha all the best in generating support for the project from educational and philanthropic foundations."

This promising project was proposed by Moji Agha, on April 12, 2006. Supported by Prof. Kunnie, the proposal was submitted to and was officially approved by the Africana Studies Program's Faculty on April 17, 2006.

The Project on Culture and Conflict's Mission Statement indicates its main objective as being the "deepening of the theoretical and applied understandings and experiences of the complex processes that shape the Inter-woven relationships between culture and conflict especially in the context of the multi-faceted interfaces of religion, modernity, and the policies of the Western powers in recent centuries affecting the survival of life on our planet."

Examples of the PCC's initial activities include:

The "Muslims And Global Warming Initiative (MAGWI)," and assisting an organizationally independent initiative (also initiated by Moji Agha) called the "Iran Peace Project," to help better understand and eventually resolve the conflict between the U.S. and Iran.

At this initial stage of the PCC's development, a world-class advisory committee and a web page is being planned.

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For more info re Moji Agha (Mojtaba Aghamohammadi) please see his bio at: <http://globalexchange.org/getInvolved/speakers/203.html>