

Kalamazoo Interfaith Coalition for Peace and Justice

Presents

Professor Juan Cole

"Islamophobia and the Myth of the Militant Qur'an"

Friday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Saint Thomas More Catholic Student Parish
421 Monroe Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49006



Juan Cole is a professor history at the University of Michigan and the author of *Engaging the Muslim World*. His blog, Informed Comment, is a go-to resource for analysis of U.S. and Middle Eastern policy. Professor Cole has an undergraduate degree in History and Literature of Religions from Northwestern University where also worked on a special research project in Beirut, Lebanon in 1975 until the civil war prevented him from continuing his work there; a master's degree from the American University in Cairo in Islamic and Middle Eastern studies; and a doctorate from the University of California, Los Angeles in Islamic Studies. He was appointed Assistant Professor of History at the University of Michigan in 1984 and became a full professor in 1995. Professor was once a member of the Bahá'í Faith but has since moved away from organized religion as a personal matter.

We of KICPJ, who in the name of all that is Sacred, have created an interfaith coalition without borders, striving non-violently for peace through justice, upholding human dignity, fostering good stewardship of Creation, and working with others who have similar aims. KICPJ was founded in January 2003 in response to our government's decision to invade Iraq. As a response to that immoral and illegal action, we created our Annual Interfaith Service for Peace and Justice in March as well have held educational events every year such as this one with Professor Cole. Our next Peace Service will be on March 15, 2020 with Rabbi Brant Rosen, the Midwest Regional Director of the American Friends Service Committee and founder of Tzedek, a new 'non-Zionist' synagogue in Chicago.

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