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Religious Tolerance Symposium held at University of St. Thomas

WHAT: Symposium titled "Moving from Tolerance to Acceptance: Understanding Islam" with keynote speakers Carol Quillen of the Boniuk Center, and Zuhaira Razzack of Interfaith Ministries

WHO: Co-sponsored by the University of St. Thomas Social Justice Committee, the Holocaust Museum Houston and the Rothko Chapel.

WHEN: 7 p.m. Thursday, March. 23

WHERE: University of St. Thomas
Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center, 4000 Mt. Vernon
Parking: Moran Center, 3807 Graustark at W. Alabama

BACKGROUND: Carol Quillen is director of the Boniuk Center for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance at Rice University and is an associate professor of History. Her areas of teaching include early modern and reformation Europe, humanist tradition, and gender and society in early modern Europe.

Zuhaira Razzack, a member of the Board of Directors for Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston, is a practicing Muslim who was born in Pakistan but raised in the United States. She is a founding member of the Wellesley College Interreligious Council and has served as a consultant and volunteer with several Islamic schools in the Houston area.

The Boniuk Center was established at Rice University in July of 2004 to support research on topics related to religious tolerance and promotes understanding and conditions conducive to a sustainable, peaceful co-existence among people of different religions. Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston promotes dialogue, collaboration and service among people of diverse faiths in an effort to create a more just, compassionate and caring society.

COST: Free and open to the public.

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