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Muslims. He has been actively involved in lecturing and presenting the elements of Islam for 15 years. He is actively involved in community organizing related to bringing attention to the effects of social issues on the community. He has spoken at different universities, colleges, public schools, religious institutions and civic organizations throughout the United States and is professor of World Religions at Seminole State College in Orlando, Florida for the past 12 years. He has done research in the area of Religious History with an emphasis on Interfaith Dialogue in Turkey, Spain, Rome, Cuba and has taught World Religions College course in China. He is the former Chairman of the City of Orlando Human Rights Chapter 57 Review Board that deals with Human and Civil Rights cases in the Orlando area. In addition, he is a former national advisor for Nacel Open Door, a non-profit organization dedicated to international student exchange that deals with building bridges of understanding between cultures. He holds a Bachelors degree in Economics and another in Business Administration from the University of Central Florida. He has a Masters Degree in Public Administration with a certificate in the non-profit sector.