**MCUCSA Spring 2017 Meeting**

March 24, 2017 – St. Olaf College

**Location**

Location: St. Olaf College, Buntrock Commons, 2nd Floor -Sun Ballroom
Driving Directions: <http://wp.stolaf.edu/visiting/directions-and-printable-maps/>

Campus Map: <http://wp.stolaf.edu/visiting/files/2012/11/STObw2D_Directions8-1.pdf>

Parking: Buntrock Commons parking lot – use the Visitor Parking in the first two rows or any of the available spaces labeled Faculty/Staff/Visitor Parking.

**Schedule**

**8:30-9:00** Registration

**9:00-9:15** Welcome – St. Olaf College

**9:15-12:00** **Providing Effective, Culturally Competent Services to Muslim Students**

*Rashed Ferdous -* Vice President, Islamic Resource Group

The program includes an introductory presentation on the experiences of Muslim students and implications for Muslim employees and intersectionality of race, gender and religion.  Shared will be common stereotypes and other barriers faced by Muslims in the workplace citing Equal Employment Opportunity Commission reports and other experiences in workplace environment, along with an overview of Muslim traditions and practices, pertinent contemporary issues, and their implications for Muslim employees, co-workers and clients.

The event will also feature **panel discussion** with young Muslim professionals, and **breakout discussions** including both student and employer scenarios.

The seminar will also address tips and strategies for preventing discrimination, as well steps towards building an inclusive and productive college and work environment where all students and employees can perform their best.

**12:00-1:00** Lunch

**1:00-2:30** MCUCSA Business Meeting

**Speaker Biography**

**Rashed Ferdous** is the vice president and a certified speaker of IRG. He has been involved with various interfaith activities in the Rochester, Twin Cities and greater Minnesota. Some of these are Interfaith Habitat for Humanity, Rochester Area Interfaith Youth Core, Tent of Abraham Peace Walk, KSMQ weekly interfaith TV show and Rochester mosque open house. Rashed is one of the board of directors of Rochester mosque. He volunteers at Federal and State prisons and is an IT professional. He is married to Christina and they have three children.