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MCCC TO HOST FORUM ON U.S. RESPONSE TO ISIS

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College’s International Studies Club will host a forum on the U.S. response to ISIS on October 2 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the La-Z-Boy Center, Meyer Theater.

The La-Z-Boy Center is located on the Main Campus, 1555 S. Raisinville Rd., Monroe.

The forum, entitled “The U.S. Response to ISIS – Fighting Terrorism in 2014,” is free and open to the public. It is part of the Culture and Current Affairs Speakers Series sponsored by MCCC.

ISIS, which stands for Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, and is also known as Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant and Islamic State (IS), started as al Qaeda splinter group. The aim of ISIS is to create an Islamic state across Sunni areas of Iraq and in Syria.

Among the forum participants will be Dr. Joanna Sabo, professor of political science at MCCC; Dr. Sheryl Edwards, lecturer/professor of political science, University of Michigan-Dearborn, and Dr. Ali G Awadi, professor of leadership, Henry Ford College.

Topics to be covered will include:

- Who is ISIS?
- Why Syria is important

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- President Barack Obama's response
- Constitutional issues regarding the president's military powers

According to CNN, ISIS currently controls hundreds of square miles, ignores international borders and has a presence from Syria's Mediterranean coast to south of Baghdad. It rules by Sharia law. ISIS's initial strategy for revenue was through extortion and robbery. Recently, ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi's strategy shifted to generating resources through large-scale attacks aimed at capturing and holding territory.

For more information on the forum, contact Sabo at (734) 384-4297

The Culture and Current Affairs Speakers Series features MCCC faculty, staff, students and alumni, as well as community members, with expertise on a variety of cultural, political or social topics of importance and interest at the present time.

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