

Colleagues,

On June 5, 2013, Maurice Eisenstein published a bigoted and libelous attack against Yahya Kamalipour on his blog. The text appears below in an image file; I will not link to the blog here. Yahya was in the process of interviewing for jobs when the post appeared.

Many of Yahya's colleagues at PUC and abroad have responded with concern and outrage to this attack. Amit Schejter of Penn State and Ben-Gurion University initiated an online petition requesting that Purdue administration take appropriate steps toward restoring the personal integrity and well-earned positive global reputation of Dr. Kamalipour. Since it was created, the petition has been signed by over 300 faculty, staff and students from around the world, including former chancellor James Yackel, CBS news radio anchor (and former PUC student) Felicia Middlebrooks, Robert McChesney, Gutsell Endowed Professor at the University of Illinois, Philip J. Auter, Hubert Bourgeois Endowed Professor at the University of Louisiana, and many other scholars of international repute. Many have written passionate defenses of Yahya and his work.

With Yahya's permission, I am sharing the link to the petition site on Open Forum. Please consider signing it. As Tom Mascaro of Bowling Green University says in his comment, "silence is consent. Free speech rights of the blogger do not protect inaccuracies and need to be offset by corrections and affirmation by Dr. Kamalipour's home university."

As some of us have learned, the university acts within the bounds of its policies and procedures, which often require victims or witnesses to initiate complaints. It is sometimes not enough to call for action from administration. Members of the university community should be aware of the types and procedures of formal complaints available under Purdue policy, and take steps to file complaints where appropriate. Some of these are referenced in the diversity and inclusion course available on Blackboard, as well as the Faculty and Staff Handbook.

<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/yahyakamalipour/>



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And, here is my blog



Purdue Professor Yahya R. Kamalipour -- How Anti-American?

Professor Kamalipour is a Muslim who has an ongoing relationship, paid for by Indiana Tax Payers with Tehran University. Not only was he born and spend most of his upbringing in Iran; he has continued to enjoy the support of the Iranian Mullahs and most anti-American Iranians, if not other Muslims with the equivalent agenda. Otherwise, how would it be possible for him to go back and forth between America and Iran without some one questioning his intention -- on either side of the equation.

The following is a direct quote from him, in a Muslim journal of the problems of the world.

"My realisation, as a person who has travelled to more than 50 countries, is that different societies are more alike than different. The more I travel the more I realise this fact. The need of the hour is to get along with one another and make friendship, and networks based on mutual respect and under- standing. The cause of majority of existing global problems is mere ignorance."

He completely ignores the acts of Muslims in killing Jews and Christians. He is the justifier of Islamic hatred and death squads against women, Jews, Gays, Christians, and other infidels. He defends by his statements and actions the beheading and hanging in Iran of all Gays and Lesbians. He would seem to be a great supporter of the misogynistic beliefs of Islam. He never says otherwise. He never criticizes the actions of his fellow Iranians.

According to Prof. Yahya Kamalipour all the problems with Islam are just a matter of misunderstanding and have a moral equivalency to Christians and Jews. A stand which is at its core anti-American and yet still funded by American taxpayers. What he says in America is not what he can or does say in Iran. How will Iran deal with him if they knew that most of his American supporters were homosexuals. How will the middle-east Muslims interact with him because he has lied about his association with homosexuals, women, Jews, etc.

I do not fault these various groups. They are all good courageous people. It is Professor Kamalipour who continues his fraud of advancing himself on the backs of the oppressed.

It is time that Hoosier tax payers informed Purdue University that there is a limit to anti-American behavior, even from academics.