

### Glocally Connected

ANNOUNCES  
NEWSLETTER 2.0 WITH  
HIGHLIGHTS OF PAST  
EVENTS AND UPCOMING  
PROJECTS



ESL CLASSES  
WEDNESDAY &  
THURSDAY 9:30-11:30AM



\$10,000 FELLOWSHIP  
RECIPIENT  
PHONG AU-HONG



HOLY MONTH OF  
RAMADAN  
"RAMADAN MUBARAK"

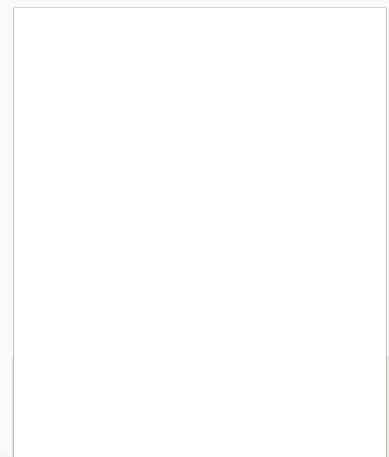
# G.C. NEWSLETTER



Afghan refugee women cook traditional meals to...



## Afghan refugee women cook traditional meals to help feed Riverside needy



## Tackling *glocal* issues of homelessness one meal at a time.

We were recently featured in the Press Enterprise and the article highlighted the Afghan refugee women in our ESL classes. On Thursday, May 11, 2017, Friba along the rest of the women made authentic Afghani meals to feed the Riverside needy. It was a special class because we wanted to honor and celebrate Mother's Day. The day illuminated light to the women's generosity. The refugee endeavor in the I.E. and the push to integrate them as community members correlate with our perennial issue of homelessness, particularly here in the I.E. Statistics show that although percentage of homelessness has decreased since 2015 to

**"In our culture, in our religion, we always feed poor people," said Friba Dawar.**

2016 by 12%, it still remains an issue within our borders that equally deserves attention. Glocally Connected is making it a goal to initiate projects that will include our homeless community in the near future.

## Refugee Empowerment Through Education

The UCR Alumni Center was filled with attendees. It was our biggest talk, as of yet! More than half of the attendees signed up to get involve in future projects and volunteer opportunities. The talk highlighted migration and possible deportation sentiments. We were reassured by Ph.D. student, Leen Kawas, that UCR stands by their mission of diversity by informing her of her rights as a student. Dr. Nielsen urged community members to recognize the children affected by the refugee crisis and the urgency to take accountability to protect and educate them. Both Jessica Goodkind and Sherry MacKay informed us of the refugee resilience and their ability to recuperate. The refugee community are powerful individuals who are eager to contribute and learn about their new home.



**Dr. Reza Aslan**

UCR Professor of Creative Writing and Religious Scholar

### *Engaging in the refugee crisis dialogue*



We want to personally thank all of our attendees for engaging in the dialogue and participating in the cause. For all of our prospective volunteers, sponsors and partners, we will be in touch with you directly. Thank you for supporting our refugee community.



## Glocally Connected Recognized by Community

In honor of the holy month of Ramadan, Riverside non-profit organization, **Sahaba Initiative**, hosted an Iftar with many friends and leaders from the community attending. There was also a ceremony for awards that evening. Congressman Takano was recognized for being a friend and supporter of the Muslim community. We also received an award that evening.

*"I was surprised when they announced that Glocally Connected was receiving the 'Heart of Gold' Award. This award goes far beyond me and Selin. Glocally Connected is a collective of good hearted people who come together in meaningful ways to support our refugee population," Sherry says.*

Friba Dawar, Arbaz Nizami from **Sahaba Initiative**, Sherry MacKay

## Donald A. Strauss Fellowship Recipient

**Phong Au-Hong**, a student from UCR and Glocally Connected's Project Management Director, was awarded the Donald A. Strauss Fellowship. With the Strauss family's mentorship and financial support of \$10,000, we will be able to initiate one of the many engaged projects that utilizes UCR resources for the greater good of our community.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



**ISCN**  
465 Santana Way, Corona, CA 92881

Celebrate with us at ISCN

## Ramadan Bazaar

June 9, 2017 After Iftar/ 8 pm - 11:30 pm

To be a vendor at the event email Fauzia at [secretary@coronamuslims.com](mailto:secretary@coronamuslims.com)

RAMADAN KAREEM

The poster features the ISCN logo in a stylized, colorful font. Below it is the address: 465 Santana Way, Corona, CA 92881. The text 'Celebrate with us at ISCN' is in a bold, sans-serif font. The main title 'Ramadan Bazaar' is written in a large, elegant, cursive script. Below the title is the date and time: 'June 9, 2017 After Iftar/ 8 pm - 11:30 pm'. At the bottom left, there is a line of text: 'To be a vendor at the event email Fauzia at [secretary@coronamuslims.com](mailto:secretary@coronamuslims.com)'. On the right side, the words 'RAMADAN KAREEM' are written in a simple, uppercase font. The background is dark with several glowing, colorful lanterns (blue, red, green) and a crescent moon with stars, creating a festive Ramadan atmosphere.

*Save the date: this beautiful event will promise lots of yummy food and beautiful Afghan hand made goods.*



## Interfaith Iftar Dinner

June 17, 2017  
6:30pm  
First United Methodist Church of Riverside  
4845 Brockton Ave. Riverside, CA 92506

Tickets available at:  
[interfaithiftarriverside.eventbrite.com](http://interfaithiftarriverside.eventbrite.com)

The poster has a dark background with a bokeh effect of warm, glowing lights. On the right side, there is a large, ornate, golden lantern hanging from the top. The text is centered and written in a white, elegant, cursive font. The title 'Interfaith Iftar Dinner' is the largest. Below it is the date 'June 17, 2017', the time '6:30pm', and the location 'First United Methodist Church of Riverside, 4845 Brockton Ave. Riverside, CA 92506'. At the bottom right, there is a line of text: 'Tickets available at: [interfaithiftarriverside.eventbrite.com](http://interfaithiftarriverside.eventbrite.com)'.

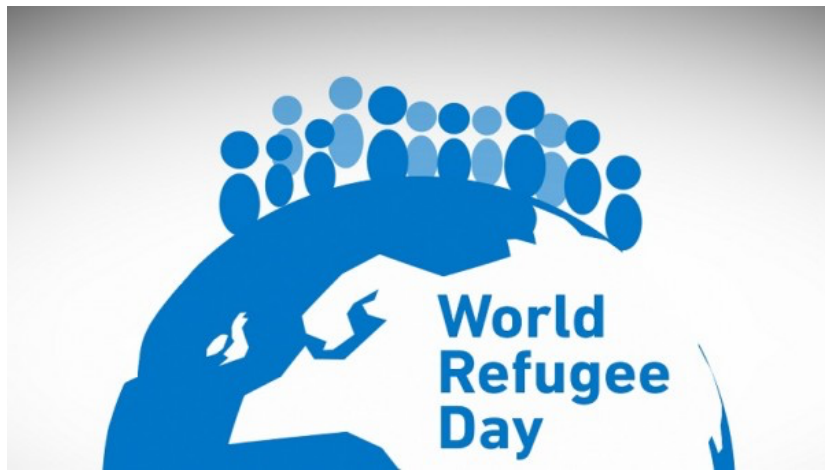
Please join us to a benefit interfaith Iftar dinner to celebrate the spirit of the holy month of Ramadan: support the refugee families in the area and enjoy great authentic Afghani and Syrian foods. All proceeds will go to the refugee families.

**When:** June 17, 2017, 6:30 PM  
**Where:** *First United Methodist Church of Riverside*  
4845 Brockton Ave. Riverside, CA 92506  
**Tickets:** General Admission: \$30  
Kids (2-12 years old): \$10  
**Donations are welcome!**

**Purchase:** *interfaithiftarriverside.eventbrite.com*

**Sponsored by:** First United Methodist Church of Riverside, Interfaith Coalition for Refugee Families, American Relief Fund and Glocally Connected

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*In recognition of refugees from all over the world, let us gather on this day in solidarity to recognize their plight, their agency and their hopes for a better future.*

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# Global Migration

## Global Studies 110

*Dr. Selin Yildiz Nielsen*

The course examines the push and pull effects of migration and mobility. Focusing on the **political, social and environmental aspects** of migration, we will address **economic development** and displacement of populations and **issues of identity** to understand how migration is reshaping borders, ideas of self, political and social entities, and transnational issues.

### About Dr. Selin

Dr. Nielsen is the co-founder of **Glocally Connected**, a non-profit organization working with refugees based in Riverside. Working on an international level, Dr. Nielsen is part of a **refugee women entrepreneurship program in Turkey**. In the past, she has taught courses on globalization of education and cross-cultural communication.

*Artist: Ed Fairburn*

# English as a Second Language

Our ongoing ESL classes are held on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-11:30am.

We provide the following:

- Multi-Level classes (literacy to advanced)
- Transportation to and from class
- Childcare

*In light of Ramadan, we will take the week of **June 19-25 off** to prepare for our summer program and to give our students the opportunity to celebrate Eid and the end of Ramadan.*

## Taste of Afghanistan

“Taste of Afghanistan” is a local initiative to start a catering business in the area. The menu and contact information are below.



# A Taste of Afghanistan

**AUTHENTIC HOMEMADE AFGHANI CUISINE**

*Order a tray OR have an entire meal catered*

### APPETIZERS



10 pc Samosa plate \$20



20 Bolani for \$30



*Impress your guests!*

### DESSERTS



One tray khajoor \$40



One tray rout \$40



20 pc Pakora plate \$30



20 pc Chapli plate \$40



One tray \$40



One tray \$40

To order : Friba (951) 446 7426  
 Sherry (951) 907 1538  
 Selin (951) 237 2513

## *Thank you!*

**We want to recognize and thank everyone who has supported Glocally Connected and refugee families in the area.**

UCR (students and faculty)  
CBU (students and faculty)  
CSUSB (students and faculty)  
La Sierra University (students and faculty)

Church of Latter Day Saints (Moreno Valley, Riverside, Corona)  
First Congregational Church of Riverside  
First United Methodist Church in Riverside  
Madison Street Church in Riverside  
Palm Baptist Church  
Peace Lutheran Church in Corona  
Temple Beth El  
Universalist Church in Riverside  
St. John's Episcopal Church in Corona  
St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Corona

American Relief Fund  
Interfaith Coalition for Refugee Families  
Islamic Center of Corona  
Refugee Welcoming Committee  
Riverside Art Museum  
TURN (Today's Urban Renewal Network)  
Uplift Charity

*\*other caring community members, volunteers, partners and sponsors\**



Please visit [www.glocallyconnected.org](http://www.glocallyconnected.org) for organizational news, event listings, program information, how to help, volunteer opportunities and more!

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