

# Let's talk about ISIS:

## *Does ISIS actually represent Islam or Muslims?*

**Saturday,**

**September 19, 2015**

**2:00 pm—4:00 pm**

**Avon Library Community Room**

Join us for a presentation and discussion that will examine:

- the tenets of Islam
- the religious justification ISIS uses to kill Muslims and people of other faiths
- answers to those justifications from a practicing Muslim's perspective

ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq & Syria) claims to represent Islam and claims its roots are in the **Quran**, the Muslim holy book and the Prophetic Tradition (Hadith), recorded sayings and doings of the Prophet Muhammad.

This is untrue, as there are numerous verses in the **Quran** and Hadith that expound justice, tolerance, peace and love for neighbors. Islam, the name of the religion, derives from the word peace in Arabic, Salaam.

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Presenters:



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