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Author Speaks to Challenges of Being Second-Generation College Student in America

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GAINESVILLE, FL — College is hard enough as it is. Struggling with your identity, dealing with authority figures, the mental stress of growing responsibility, and balancing it all with your social calendar. Add to that being a second-generation immigrant in the wake of 9/11 and being an American Muslim college student is even more complicated.

The Department of Religion at the University of Florida, as part of its annual Scudder Lecture Series, is hosting author and speaker Haroon Moghul at the Pugh Hall Ocora on the campus of the University of Florida on November 6, 2019, 6pm to address this issue under the title, “Becoming American – Keeping My Religion: Religion and Identity among Second Generation New Immigrant College Students.”

Haroon Moghul is a Pakistani-American academic and commentator on Islam and public affairs. He is the Fellow in Jewish-Muslim Relations at the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America and a Contributor at the Center for Global Policy. His pieces have been published by The Washington Post, TIME, Foreign Policy, The Guardian and Al Jazeera English. He has also been a guest on CNN, BBC, The History Channel, and NPR. Moghul was an undergraduate leader at New York University’s Islamic Center when 9/11 thrust him into the spotlight as a prominent voice for American Muslims even as he struggled with his relationship to Islam. His personal memoir How to Be a Muslim is the story of the second-generation immigrant, of what it’s like to lose yourself between cultures and how to pick up the pieces.

The Scudder Lecture Series is funded by the Dr. Delton L. Scudder Endowment in Religious Studies. This fund was established in 1983 to honor Professor Scudder, the Department’s founding chair. The 2019 lecture series aims to address relevant topics in American religion and will feature speakers, each leading scholars in their respective fields, bringing insight to a range of topics including “Welcoming the Stranger: Immigration and American Values” with Dr. Marie Griffith early in 2020.

The Department of Religion at the University of Florida was established in 1946 and is the second oldest religion program at any public university in the nation. The Department prepares students for careers in academia, within government institutions, non-governmental organizations, and various forms of advocacy-work. Representatives from the department are also available for comment.

This event is co-sponsored by the Bob Graham Center for Public Policy.