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Summary: Speakers also include Jamal Tarhuni, Libyan Council of North America board member, and Bas Vanderzalm, Medical Teams International president.

(October 7, 2011)-University of Minnesota, Morris Professor Cyrus Bina will moderate “Medical Teams International Event on Humanitarian Issues In Libya” at Cowles Auditorium at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs on the Twin Cities campus. The event on October 10, 2011, will be held from 10 until 11 a.m. Guest speakers are United States Representative Keith Ellison, who recently traveled to the region, Jamal Tarhuni, a Libyan-American businessman who serves as a board member on the Libyan Council of North America and a member of its Humanitarian and Relief Committee, and Bas Vanderzalm, Medical Teams International president.

Bina, professor of economics, is author of *Oil: A Time Machine—Journey Beyond Fanciful Economics and Frightful Politics*. A prominent political economist, Bina’s work on the transformation and globalization of oil first appeared in *The Economics of the Oil Crisis* (1985) and then expanded through numerous articles in scholarly and policy journals across the globe. He has co-edited two major volumes on completely diverse subjects, *Modern Capitalism and Islamic Ideology in Iran* (1991) and *Wage Labor in the Late Twentieth Century* (1996). Bina writes and speaks on post-revolutionary Iran and the nature of Middle Eastern conflict. In addition, he is a scholar of labor relations and social movements around the globe.

Medical Teams International is a Christian global health organization working serving people affected by disaster, conflict, and poverty around the world. Since 1979, the organization has sent more than 2,100 volunteer teams and shipped more than \$1.4 billion in lifesaving medicines and medical supplies to care for 25 million people in 100 countries.

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