

## ***Why Go To a Place Like That?*** **Metropolitan State University Student Contributes to State Building and Human Rights in Somalia**

Somali Family Services is an NGO working to enhance human rights as Somalia begins moving from clan politics to a multi-party democracy.

Join us as Prof. Michal Moskow, CWA, and Abdurashid Ali, Metropolitan State University student and Director of Somali Family Services in Garowe, Somalia, discuss how a student project mentored by Prof. Tom O'Connell evolved into Somali Family Services.

**When: Tuesday, April 2, 2013, 11:30-12:30**  
**Bring your lunch – light refreshments will be provided**  
**Where: Saint John's Hall, room SJH 154**



The SFS board, chaired by Prof. Tom O'Connell, is located in the Twin Cities, but much of the work is carried out in the Puntland State of Somalia. The presentation will highlight recent SFS activities:

- leadership and human rights training for SFS staff,
- opportunities for women, including financial education and no-interest loans and grants,
- a new radio station to help build peace and promote democracy.

Other projects to be discussed include:

- schools and a camel mobile library for nomadic children,
- job training and employment for youth at risk,
- a coffee shop where government and NGO leaders meet regularly, and
- a computer room and library/resource center for public use.



Future plans include programs to positively connect youth in the Twin Cities and Somalia and to involve the diaspora in moving toward stability.

There will be an opportunity for questions and dialogue.



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