



**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Hillsdale College History Department Welcomes Lecturer Adam S. Francisco**  
*Concordia University professor to discuss Martin Luther's perspective on Ottoman "Holy War"*

On Tuesday, October 24, Hillsdale College welcomes Adam S. Francisco, chair of the department of history and political thought at Concordia University, for a public lecture presented by the department of history and office of the president. Francisco's lecture, titled "Martin Luther and the Ottoman Jihad," will draw on his academic expertise into Luther's work and Christian-Muslim relations.

Though the early sixteenth century is well-remembered for theological and political conflicts between Catholics and Protestants, both were also drawn into conflict with the expansionist Islam of the Ottoman Empire under Süleyman the Magnificent. Among the Protestant reformers, Luther especially gave sustained attention to Islam. From his involvement in a publication of the *Quran* to his commentaries on "holy war," Luther offered a surprisingly comprehensive analysis of Islam and the challenges it posed to early-modern Christianity.

This lecture is free and open to the community. Media are asked to RSVP to edavis1@hillsdale.edu.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017  
4 p.m. ET

**WHERE:** Hillsdale College  
Lane Hall – Room 124  
33 East College Street  
Hillsdale, MI 49242

**WHO:** Adam S. Francisco is the chair of the department of history and political thought at Concordia University—Irvine. He was an Albin Salton Fellow at London's Warburg Institute and author of *Martin Luther and Islam: A Study in Sixteenth-Century Polemics and Apologetics*. Francisco has contributed to the creation of *The Routledge Reader in Christian-Muslim Relations* and *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical History*. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Historical Theology and Christian-Muslim Relations from the University of Oxford.

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