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## **UCSB Lecture Looks at Islamic Charities and Terrorism**

The complex and secret financial systems that help support international terrorism will be examined in a public lecture entitled "Alms for Jihad - Charities and Terrorism in the Islamic World" by Robert O. Collins, a distinguished author and professor emeritus of history at UC Santa Barbara.

His talk, a joint presentation by the UCSB History Associates and the UCSB Affiliates, will be held on Thursday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 21 East Constance Avenue, Santa Barbara.

A leading scholar of the history and culture of the Sudan and of East Africa, Collins was recently awarded the prestigious Edward A. Dickson Emeriti Professorship at UCSB for 2005 -- 06.

He has published 25 books, the most recent of which is "Alms for Jihad: Charities and Terrorism in the Islamic World" (Cambridge University Press, 2005).

Islamic charities have proliferated of late, and while most of them are legitimate, "There is now considerable evidence to show that others have more questionable intentions, and that funds have been diverted to support terrorist groups, such as al-Qaeda," says Collins.

Tickets for the talk are \$8 for members of the UCSB Affiliates, History Associates, and Chancellor's Council; \$10 for others. Reservations can be made by calling the

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