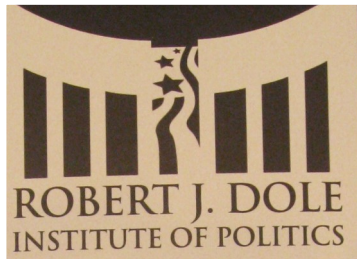


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**An Evening  
 with  
 Dr. Akbar Ahmed**  
 Wednesday, October 26, 2011  
 7:30 p.m. at the Dole Institute

**Ambassador Akbar Ahmed** is the Ibn Khaldun Chair of Islamic Studies at American University in Washington, D.C. He was the High Commissioner of Pakistan to Great Britain. He has advised Prince Charles and met with President George W. Bush, General David Petraeus, and Secretary Michael Chertoff on Islam. His numerous books, films and documentaries have won awards, and his books have been translated into many languages. Ahmed is “the world’s leading authority on contemporary Islam” according to the BBC.

In September 2008, he was appointed as the first Distinguished Chair for Middle East/Islamic Studies at the U.S. Naval Academy. From Fall 2009 onwards, he was appointed Distinguished Visiting Affiliate at the U.S. Naval Academy, and he has been Non-Resident Senior Fellow at The Brookings Institution for several years.

Ahmed has also been Visiting Professor at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton and has taught at Princeton, Harvard and Cambridge Universities. He was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Laws by the University of Liverpool, received his PhD at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University, MA and Diploma in Education from Cambridge University, and Bachelor of Social Sciences (Honors) from Birmingham University.

Ahmed was on sabbatical from 2008 to 2009 conducting a study of American society through the experiences of the Muslim community. He toured the United States with his American assistants, and their journey with accompanying film footage can be seen on [journeyintoamerica.wordpress.com](http://journeyintoamerica.wordpress.com). A film, *Journey Into America*, and a book, *Journey Into America: The Challenge of Islam*, contain the findings.

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