

Free Expression and Freedom of Religion

*Cartoons of Mohammed, the DaVinci Code, and
other Offenses to Belief.*

The Religion and Human Rights Project sponsors a community forum on Monday, June 19 at 7 p.m. at Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center, 341 Delaware Ave, in Buffalo.

This forum will explore the difficult question: How do we preserve the freedom of expression, even satire, ridicule and dissent in our pluralistic culture and deal with the offense that some persons feel when certain words, images, or stories are published?

A panel of legal, media, religious and ethical leaders will lead this forum. It is open to the public, admission is free. The panel includes:

Tom Flynn, editor of *Free Inquiry*, a secular humanist magazine that published some of the cartoons of Mohammed along with extensive commentary.

David Jay, human rights/civil rights attorney in Buffalo, with long and distinguished experience in civil rights and human rights litigation.

Stan Bratton, Executive Director of the Network of Religious Communities, with expertise in ethics and intentional community and interfaith affairs.

Faizan Haq, professor of Islamic Studies at SUNY at Buffalo and Buffalo State College.

Moderator: Allen Farabee, priest of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York, immigration attorney, and founding Director of the Religion and Human Rights Project of the Network of Religious Communities