

Hello, I am writing to introduce myself. My name is Patrick Bowen and I am a PhD student at the University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology in the Religion and Social Change program. For my dissertation I am studying US Muslim re/converts, and so I am trying to make connections with various groups throughout the US. I have been referred to your center by Juan Alvarado (Shafiq Muhammad) of LADO. My goal is to be able to get in touch with people from your organization who would be willing to talk to me about PIEDAD and Latino Muslims in general. I am sending out questionnaires (for organizations and individuals) and asking people if they'd be willing to do more in-depth interviews. This is going to be a very thorough, 2-year study.

Just so you are aware, my school's overview board requires that I do not initiate contact with individuals who are not acting as representatives of organizations. For people who are not group representatives, they can only either get the survey and consent form from another source (either from an organization or through being passed on by other people), or contact me directly--I can't contact them first.

I've attached 3 things. There is the individual survey (called "conversion survey") and informed consent form, plus there is a survey for organizations. Please have someone fill out and return the organization survey for PIEDAD.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Take care,
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