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## **Peace Activist/Author Brings Anti-Islamophobia Tour to Vancouver**

*Founder of SalaamUSA, Steve Slocum, to speak on Islamophobia in the U.S. and its overflow into Canada*

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**WHO/WHAT:** Peace activist and author, [Steve Slocum](#), brings his North American media tour to Vancouver this month with two upcoming events. He will sign his new book, [Why Do They Hate Us? Making Peace with the Muslim World](#) (Top Reads July 2019) and discuss Islamophobia as the gateway to racism and hate crimes. Slocum is on a mission to dismantle the fear-mongering of Islamophobia and shed light on Islam's peaceful mainstream. He is traveling up the Pacific Coast to Canada, speaking and sharing his message of peace and denouncing Islamophobia as a political weapon.

**WHEN/WHERE:**

- **August 25 from 1:00pm - 4:00pm**  
Slocum will kick off his Pacific Northwest tour with a book discussion and signing at  
**Indigo - Grandview Corners**  
2453 - 161A Street, Unit 10  
Surrey, British Columbia V3Z 0M6  
(604) 535-8166
- **August 28, 2019, 7 p.m. Celebration of Diversity in West Vancouver.**  
(Address provided upon RSVP to [steve@salaamusa.org](mailto:steve@salaamusa.org) Media Welcome.)  
Slocum will host a 'Celebration of Diversity' and address the overflow of American Islamophobia into Canada. **Susan Lepin, Founder of VancouverCares**, and **Siddika Jessa**, Board Member of **SalaamUSA.org**, join forces with Steve to celebrate cross-cultural friendships and promoting interfaith understanding.

*In an era of rampant Islamophobia, Slocum's book is essential reading.*

*-Todd H. Green author of "The Fear of Islam: An Introduction to Islamophobia in the West"*

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**

Steve Slocum, author and peace activist wants people to understand their Muslim neighbors. The founder of SalaamUSA.org, Slocum recently released his debut book, *Why Do They Hate Us? Making Peace with the Muslim World* to counter rampant Islamophobic political rhetoric and give a voice to Islam's peaceful mainstream. In 2018, he founded SalaamUSA.org, a nonpartisan, nonreligious organization, whose mission and meaning is 'peace', to create mutual understanding between Muslims, Christians, Jews and the non-religious. Through SalaamUSA and his new book, Slocum hopes to fight the fear, prejudice, and violence surrounding Islamophobia. He is an ambassador for the Parliament of World Religions and a presenter at the 2018 Parliament in Toronto. He is a frequent keynote speaker and media expert.

**SalaamUSA.org** is a non-profit organization that focuses on creating mutual understanding between Muslims and non-Muslims. Salaam uses events, community outreach, and media to raise awareness of Islam from an unbiased, non-religious, nonpartisan perspective.

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