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**MOVIE AND DISCUSSION AT WCC WILL EXPLORE INTERCULTURAL  
RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ISLAM AND THE WEST**

**Bellingham, WA, May 14, 2012** — Whatcom Community College’s World Languages Department and the Programming and Diversity Board will present a screening of the movie *Crossing Borders* at 6-8:30 p.m. May 22 in Room 209 of the Heiner Building on WCC’s campus. Following the movie, a panel of international students from countries including India, Indonesia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, and Kenya will provide insight into their respective cultures as a follow-up to themes that arise in the film. The students are studying at Whatcom as part of the State Department-funded Northwest Community College Initiative.

*Crossing Borders* is a 70-minute, award-winning documentary that explores the interaction between four American and four Moroccan university students as they travel together through Morocco and, in the process of discovering “The Other,” discover themselves. The film opens dialogue about intercultural relationships between Islam and the West. *Crossing Borders* is designed to initiate dialogue and debate among students on university campuses in the U.S., North Africa and Middle East via screenings and interactive websites. These direct conversations will become a tool used to deepen the understanding of complex issues pervasive in the current world situation.

The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

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