

# Understanding the Refugee Experience

*Learn what happens when persons fleeing war, terror and persecution in their home countries relocate and begin new lives in Iowa communities*

Two Iowans with experience in helping refugee populations resettle in the Cedar Rapids and Columbus Junction areas will share insights into challenges and opportunities facing immigrants and their new communities



**7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9  
First Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall  
902 S. Walnut St.  
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641**



**The public is invited**

**Stephen Schmitz  
Social Justice Director  
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Community Development Center Director  
Columbus Junction**

**Sponsored by the Refugee Assistance Commission of Mount Pleasant,  
a volunteer group formed in September 2015  
in response to the global refugee crisis.**

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