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On **December 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7 pm, the Whatcom Human Rights Task Force will celebrate the International Human Rights Day at the Community Food Co-op on Forest St to commemorate human rights activists around the world. This year, we are pleased to welcome Dr. Babafemi Akinrinade as the keynote speaker, who will speak on “**Universal Human Rights: Promises and Challenges.**”

Dr. Akinrinade received his LLM and JSD in International Human Rights Law from the University of Notre Dame Law School. After receiving his LLB and LLM degrees from the Obafemi Awolowo University in Ile-Ife, Nigeria, he became a Lecturer of Law at the Faculty of Law for Obafemi Awolowo University. He was a fellow at the Center for Civil and Human Rights at Notre Dame Law School and from 2003-2004, he was the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellow and co-Instructor for the Sawyer Seminar on Comparative Truth and Reconciliation Process at the Center for International Human Rights, Northwestern University Law School, Chicago. His research interests focus on international human rights, transitional justice and humanitarian law.

Currently, Dr. Akinrinade resides as the Assistant Professor of Human Rights at Fairhaven College at WWU. Previously he was a post-doctoral instructor for two years for the University of Chicago’s Human Rights Program and Center for International Studies.

This event is co-sponsored by Amnesty International, Community to Community, The Social Justice Committee of the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship, Whatcom Peace and Justice Center, The Velvet Rope, and Rumors Cabaret.