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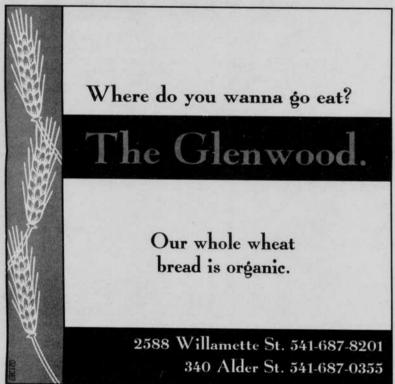
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Gianotti: Increased opportunities await expert

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but to promote intelligent engagement."

He expressed his excitement in joining a top school such as the University of Virginia.

Unlike at the University of Oregon, UVa has a Ph.D. program in Religious Studies, meaning that Gianotti will have the opportunity to help educate future religious scholars of America, he said.

UVa Religious Studies Department Chair Harry Gamble said Gianotti's experience in the Middle East and the "constellation of his teaching and research" will "extend the range and richness of our undergraduate and graduate programs." He will help make UVa a prominent center for work in the study of Islam, he said.

Born and raised in Portland, Gianotti is a Fulbright Scholarship winner for the study of Advanced Arabic and Islamic History at the University of Jordan. He earned his Ph.D. in Islamic Studies in 1998 from the University of Toronto.

For the five years leading up to his move back to Oregon, Gianotti taught as the first Islamic Studies professor at Pennsylvania State University. "Now I'll have the resources to get back to researching and writing while providing for my family," he said about the move to Virginia.

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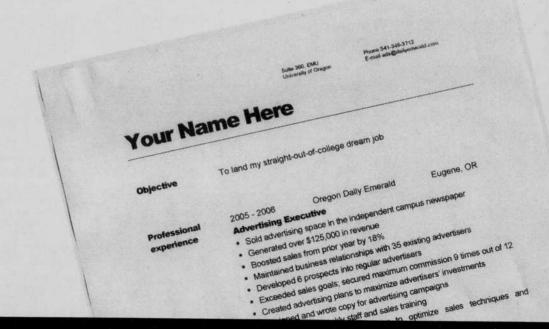
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