

OCT. 20

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Islam and Sub-Saharan Africa

Terrorist groups linked to Islam like Boko Haram and Al-Shabab in Sub-Saharan Africa do not represent the majority who practice the faith. Nevertheless, the number of Muslims in the

region is growing along with their political and social influence.

OCT. 27

LISA OHLEN HARRIS

Author

My Muslim Sisters

Lisa Ohlen Harris, author of the Middle East memoir *Through the Veil*, will offer glimpses into the lives of several Muslim women who befriended her during the years she lived in Jordan and Syria.



NOV. 3

Trapped in the Crossfire: Women and Children Under the Taliban

A child of six when the Taliban took over Afghanistan, our speaker reports on the experience of women and children during and after Taliban rule, highlighting the artificial divisions and injustices created by radical Islamist rule.

NOV. 17

Liberal Arts and Critical Issues Research Exhibit

Noon-4 p.m.

In the Liberal Arts and Critical Issues (LACI) Program, GFU seniors integrate professional preparation, the liberal arts, and Christian faith as they respond to a significant public issue of current concern.

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Liberal Arts and Critical Issues Lecture Series
FALL 2014

Hoover 105

MONDAYS

5-6 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m.

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LECTURE SCHEDULE



SEPT. 1

SHAHRIAR AHMED

President
Bilal Mosque Association

The Five Pillars: Comparing and Contrasting Islam with the Other Abrahamic Faiths

The talk will cover the basics, tasks and rituals that describe the life of a Muslim – rituals sustained for over 1,400 years without a formal church and non-negotiable aspects of the faith.

An open Q&A session follows where ALL questions are welcome.

SEPT. 8

CAITLIN CORNING

Professor of History
George Fox University

From Mecca to Modern Times:
A Historical Survey of Islam

Wondering why Islam began, where it spread, and other basic points of its history? This lecture provides an overview of the expansion of Islam

in the medieval and modern periods and some of the more recent challenges facing Islam.



All lectures in Hoover 105 at 5-6 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m.

SEPT. 15

KAMBIZ GHANEABASSIRI

Associate Professor of
Religion and Humanities
Reed College



Islam in America

This lecture will provide an overview of the history of Muslims in America, from colonial times to the aftermath of 9/11.

SEPT. 22

MARIAM ALI

Islamic Center of Portland



NATHAN LEWIS

Pastor, Evergreen Presbyterian Church

The Islamic and Christian Views of Mary the Mother of Jesus

As these two speakers demonstrate, Mary the Mother of Jesus is held in high esteem in both Christianity and Islam. Anyone looking for points of contact and substantive conversation between Muslims and Christians will find this topic of great interest.



SEPT. 29

HARRIS ZAFAR

National Spokesperson
Ahmadiyyah Muslim Community



Demystifying Islam:
Major Misconceptions

What are the major areas of angst and confusion about Islam in the minds of non-Muslims around the world these days? This lecture will tackle difficult topics such as Jihad, Shariah Law, and freedom of religion. It will explore whether Muslim views of these topics conflict with the values of the West.

OCT. 6

CHRIS SOPER

Distinguished Professor of
Political Science
Pepperdine University

Islam in Western Europe: Religion, Secularism, and the Liberal State

The number of Muslims in Western Europe has increased dramatically over the past several decades, as has political controversy surrounding how or if states should accommodate Islamic religious practices. This lecture explores the historical and political dynamics of that dispute, and examines how Muslims pose a challenge to how liberal states deal with religion.



OCT. 3

MIRIAM ADENEY

Associate Professor of
World Christian Studies
Seattle Pacific University



Jesus' People in the Muslim World:
Followers of Jesus, Christian and Muslim

There are diverse views of Jesus, and diverse kinds of followers. Theology matters, and so does contextualization.