GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY PRESENTS

Islam and the West

A Liberal Arts and Critical Issues Series

Fall 2016

Scheduled each Monday, Aug. 29 through Nov. 7
5-6 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m. in Hoover 105

Research Exhibit

Monday, Nov. 21, Noon - 4 p.m. in EHS Atrium and Hoover Lower Lobby

Introduction to the course · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · Aug. 29

Ron Mock
Professor of Politics and Peace Studies, George Fox University

How the LACI course works – and a preview of what's coming up in the lecture series.

Introduction to Islam · Sept. 5

Wajdi Said
President, Muslim Educational Trust

Said will discuss some key things non-Muslims need to know about Islam to understand the faith, the lives and motivations of its adherents, and their interactions with others.

Highlights of the History of Islam · · · · · · · · · · Sept. 12

Caitlin Corning
Professor of History, George Fox University

The history of Islam spans 1,500 years and covers a vast range of terrains and cultures. Corning will discuss key aspects of Islamic history to help us understand the diversity of Islam and its adherents.

The Muslim Experience in America · · · · · · · · · Sept. 19

Wajdi Said
President, Muslim Educational Trust

Said will provide insight as to what life is like for Muslims in America today.

The Challenge of Living as Muslims in Europe · · Sept. 26

Paul Silverstein
Professor of Anthropology, Reed College

Islam is being increasingly treated as a challenge to, and even a problem for, rather than a constitutive part of Europe. Muslims today assert their Islamic piety in different ways within their French and Belgian identity, even as they challenge Islamophobia and call for a fundamental rethinking of what it means to be European.

Transcending Exile · Oct. 3

Natasha Haunsperger
Officer, Portland Police Department

Portland police work to holistically engage with the Muslim refugee and immigrant communities while assisting with the navigation of the criminal justice system, while also building sustainable peace in the process of reintegration into the broader community.

The Friends' Work in Ramallah, West Bank/Palestine · Oct. 10

Elizabeth Sherwood
Administrative Pastor, Newberg Friends Church
Shawn McConaughey
Assistant Superintendent, Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends
Lynn Clouser-Holt
Lead Pastor, North Valley Friends Church

Quakers have been active in Ramallah, in the West Bank, since at least 1869. Three representatives of the Northwest Yearly Meeting will describe the current work being done there, and what their experience teaches us about Christian peacemaking at the boundaries of Islam and the West.

The future of Islam and the West · · · · · · · · · · · Oct. 17

Harris Zafar
National Spokesman for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

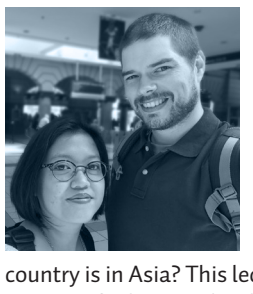
What will "Islam and the West" look like 10, 20 or 50 years from now? A prominent Muslim who has been speaking and writing about this issue for years will discuss what he expects Muslim / non-Muslim relations to be like over the course of your lifetimes: the risks, the opportunities, and how we can improve the chances for a positive outcome to the current crisis.

Christian-Muslim Relations in Oregon · · · · · · · Oct. 24

Jan Elfers
Executive Director, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

How do Muslims and Christians interact here in Oregon? What has gone wrong, and what has gone well? How can Christians work for a positive, peaceful and just relationship with Muslims in their communities? The director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon will describe what EMO is doing to improve Christian/Muslim relations in the state.

Religious Pluralism in Indonesia · · · · · · · · · · · Oct. 31



Dwight Burton
Web Developer; Political Science Instructor, George Fox University

Monik Kadarmanto
LACI Instructor, George Fox University

Did you know that the largest population of Muslims in one country is in Asia? This lecture will explore the history and context of religious pluralism in Indonesia and emphasize the value personal relationship and experience bring to building bridges across culture and religion.

TBA · Nov. 7

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

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