



Novèmber 8

Jews, Christians, and Muslims in Conversation

Learn about interfaith dialog, both the theory and the practice in Portland. Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, and other groups, sponsor events and discussion groups so that Jews, Christians, and Muslims know each other better and have opportunities to talk about important questions of faith, practice, and interfaith interactions. Hear from people who have experienced interfaith dialog share about incentives, challenges and rewards.

Novèmber 22

Liberal Arts and Critical Issues Research Exhibit

EHS and Hoover, noon to 4

Senior research teams present their findings on Islam.

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In the Liberal Arts and Critical Issues (LACI) program, GFU seniors demonstrate their ability to integrate specialized knowledge and general education with Christian faith as they consider a significant public issue of current concern.

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Fall 2010 Lecture Series
Lecture Schedule

Hoover 105

4:40-5:40 P.M., 7:00-8 P.M.

SCHEDULE

September 6

Beliefs and Beginnings

Bilal Mosque, Beaverton

Hear members of the Bilal Mosque Association in Beaverton discuss the basic beliefs and practice of Islam and its early history. Take the opportunity to ask questions.

September 13

The 'Muslim Community'?

Grant Farr

Professor and Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Science, Portland State University



Learn about the complexity of Muslim communities around the world. Dr. Farr earned his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Washington. He has written extensively on Afghanistan and Iran and has testified before the U.S. Congress, House International Relations Committee about his research on U.S. foreign policy in Afghanistan.

September 20

Muslims in America: When did that happen?

Kambiz GhaneaBassiri

Associate Professor of Religion and Humanities, Reed College



Hear about the history of Muslims in America. Dr. GhaneaBassiri received his Ph.D. from Harvard University and is a Carnegie Scholar. His most recent book is *A History of Islam in America: From the New World to the New World Order* (Cambridge University Press, 2010) that focuses on the experiences of Muslims in America from colonial times to the present.

September 27

Being Muslim in America

What is it like to be young and Muslim in America? A panel of local Muslims will talk about their lives and experiences in America, about approaches to integration with American popular culture and responses to media representations of Islam.

October 4

Women's Lives in Pakistan and Afghanistan

Anita Weiss

Professor of International Studies, University of Oregon



Go beyond headlines, dramatic magazine covers, and novels as you learn about women in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Dr. Weiss received her Ph.D from the University of California at Berkley and specializes in development issues and gender. She is currently working on two books, *Interpreting Islam, Modernity and Women's Rights in Pakistan* and *Pathways to Power: the Domestic Politics of South Asia*.

October 11

Fundamentalism and Militancy: Islamic Edition

Yanal Vwich

Detective, Seattle Police Department

Arsalan Bukhari

Executive Director, CAIR-WA



Some people claim that Islam is inherently violent while others defend Islam as a religion of peace (both these claims have also been made about Christianity and Judaism). Both groups point to examples. It is clear that only a small percent of Muslims are engaged in terrorism and also that it is important to understand these groups. What are the main groups that claim both Islamic inspiration and justify the use of terrorism? How do they support their claims? What have been and are the responses of Muslims who reject these claims?

October 18

Reconstruction in Afghanistan

Zaher Wahab

Professor of Education, Lewis and Clark University



Seek to understand the lives of people in Afghanistan, the series of unfortunate events that led to the current troubles, the lives of ordinary people, and the foreign organizations trying to make a difference in this society. Dr. Wahab earned his Ph.D. in Education from Stanford University and specializes in education reconstruction under conditions of war. Along with teaching, he currently serves as a senior advisor to the Minister of Higher Education in Afghanistan, where he has lived about five months annually since 2002.

October 25

Are you my neighbor?

Hear from a panel sharing personal experiences about being neighbors to Muslims, both in America and abroad. Examples of what it means to be neighbors will be followed by descriptions of challenges and rewards as people know and learn from each other.

November 1

Models of Missions

Ron Stansell

Professor of Religion, retired, George Fox University



Islam and Christianity are among the missionizing religions of the world. What are various models that Christians have used when communicating to Muslims about Christian faith and practice? What are the questions and concerns about these practices? Dr. Ron Stansell begins our conversations on these important questions. His specialties include the world Christian movement, issues in missions, cross-cultural communications, and world religions.