Year of Arabian Peninsula - FALL 2014

Please Note: Lectures held in SO 1019 every Thursday from 12:30-2:00pm unless otherwise noted.


8/28 "The Maqamat of Al-Hariri: A Medieval Pictoral Travelogue," Sandra Bird, Professor of Art Education, Kennesaw State University

9/4 "Mobility and Monuments in Ancient Arabia," Kimberly D. Williams, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Temple University

9/11 "Oman, The Indian Ocean and World History: Sayyid Sa'id bin Sultan’s Maritime Empire," Allen Fromherz, Associate Professor of History, Georgia State University

9/18 "Islamic Origins and the Quran," Gabriel Said Reynolds, Professor of Islamic Studies and Theology, University of Notre Dame

9/20 Year of Arabian Peninsula Day: Featuring traditional music, dance and attire, henna hand-painting, Arabic Calligraphy, the KSU Tellers and food-tasting. LOCATION: University Place Amphitheatre TIME: 2:00 PM

9/25 "The Arabian Peninsula from the Student Perspective," Student Panel Presentation

9/30-10/1 "Hijab for a Day," A participatory event – bring your own scarf. You may participate on either day. LOCATION: Student Center Leadership Room 205 TIME: 12:30 PM

10/2 "Intersecting Currents in Medieval Arabic Mathematics," Jeffrey A. Oaks, Professor and Chair of Mathematics and Computer Science, University of Indianapolis

10/01-10/31 "Tolerance, Understanding, Coexistence: Oman's Message of Islam," An Exhibit from the Ministry of Endowments & Religious Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman, Opening Reception on Oct. 2 at 5:00 pm, SO Atrium

10/9 "Religious Experience in the Sufism of al-Hallaj" Tom Pynn, Coordinator of the Peace Studies Program and Senior Lecturer of Philosophy, Kennesaw State University

10/16 "World Heritage on the Arabian Peninsula," Christopher P. Thornton, Lead Program Officer, National Geographic Society"


10/30 "Ottoman Arabia and the Holy Hijaz," William Ochsenwald, Emeritus Professor of History, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

11/6 "Women in Islam" Soumaya Khalifa, Executive Director, Islamic Speakers Bureau of Atlanta

11/7: "Women of Oman: Changing Roles & Transnational Influence," International Conference, Co-sponsored by the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center (SQCC) LOCATION: SO 1021; TIME: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

11/7 Oud Hobbyists Association and Al Najoom Dance Troupe, LOCATION: Bailey Performance Center, 8:00 PM


11/18 "A History of Trade and Commerce in the Arab World," Timur Kuran, Professor of Economics, Political Science and Islamic Studies, Duke University LOCATION: SO 1019; TIME: 12:30 PM