

Announcing the DCUV Annual Seminar

Facing Mecca: Understanding and Misunderstanding Muslims

Presented by Professors Kevin Reinhart and Marlene Heck
Saturday, January 29TH- Kellogg Auditorium
\$16 for Members - \$20 for Non-Members
8:30AM - 9:00AM Registration and Coffee & Pastries from Lou's
9:00AM - 12:00PM Seminar

Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world. Yet European culture from its beginning has seen Islam and Muslims as the antithetical "Other." Events such as the bombing of the World Trade Center and the subsequent invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq evoked a flurry of representations of Islam, most of them uninformed. The media and other political actors virtually ignore the enormous body of modern scholarship, which has carefully refined our understanding of Islam (the religion), its associated history, culture and politics, and its modern face in the United States. The misinterpretations that result influence public opinion, political planning, and the objective use of knowledge about Islam by policymakers. In this seminar Reinhart and Heck provide a richer and deeper understanding of Islam and the architectural traditions it has engendered. The goal is to help us all understand more about Muslims than the media ordinarily allow.

Professor of Religion Kevin Reinhart draws on decades of experience in the Islamic world to discuss both Islam and our understanding of it. Marlene Heck is a social and architectural historian, who discusses contemporary Islamic architectural practices as an analogy for cultural changes underway in Islamic communities around the globe.

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