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# Facing Mecca: Understanding and Misunderstanding Muslims

*Saturday, February 26, 2005  
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

## Seminar DESCRIPTION

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. In this seminar Professors Kevin Reinhart and Marlene 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 Islam and Muslims than the media ordinarily allow.



**MARLENE ELIZABETH HECK** is a Senior Lecturer in History and Art History. She received her BA from the University of Texas at Austin, a Master of Architectural History from the University of Virginia, and an MA and PhD in American Civilization from the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Heck's work focuses on the architectural and social history of "America in the Age of Jefferson." Extensive travel in North Africa and the Near and Middle East has permitted her to document the work of American and European architectural firms who built in those regions during the 1970s and 1980s. Professor Heck is particularly interested in the way Western architectural motifs and building types have been assimilated into traditional building practices in Islamic cultures.



**A. KEVIN REINHART**, Associate Professor of Religion, has taught at Dartmouth since 1983 and has received an M.A. and Ph.D. in the study of Religion from Harvard University. Professor Reinhart has received numerous awards and grants including two Fulbright Fellowships, a Newcombe Fellowship and an American Research Center-Egypt Fellowship. He spent the summer of 2003 taking part in a relief effort in Najaf and Karbala, Iraq. Professor Reinhart has finished a book manuscript that discusses how we ought to study contemporary Islam. Its working title is *Lived Islam: Colloquial Religion in a Cosmopolitan Tradition*. Professor Reinhart has lived over 11 years in various parts of the Islamic world, and has visited all of it except Southeast Asia.

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## *Seminar* LOCATION

The seminar site is **Coffman Memorial Union (CMU)** on the **Minneapolis campus of the University of Minnesota**. The address of **CMU** is **300 Washington Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis**. The telephone number at **CMU** is **612.624.4636** if someone needs to contact you during the seminar.

### **DIRECTIONS:**

*From the junction of I-94 and I-35W in Minneapolis proceed north on I-35W, follow Exit 17C ("U of M") and proceed with the signs indicating "U of M - East Bank." At the end of the Washington Avenue Bridge follow the exit indicating "East River Pkwy" and bear left at the immediate road fork. From the stop sign proceed to the Public Parking entrance indicated by the sign "U of M - East River Road Garage." After parking, walk to the North Elevator bank and take an elevator to Level 1. Exit the garage building, cross the road and walk up a short flight of steps to enter CMU. You will be on the Ground Floor ("G"). Walk to an elevator at the far side of CMU and proceed to Floor 3. The seminar will be presented in Room 332 (The Presidents Room).*

## *Seminar* SCHEDULE

**Saturday, February 26, 2005**

<b>8:00 – 8:45 am</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>8:45 – 9:00</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>
<b>9:00 – 10:00</b>	<b>First Presentation</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:25</b>	<b>Morning Break</b>
<b>10:25 – 11:25</b>	<b>Second Presentation</b>
<b>11:25 – 12:40 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:40 – 1:40</b>	<b>First Discussion Period</b>
<b>1:40 – 2:00</b>	<b>Afternoon Break</b>
<b>2:00 – 3:00</b>	<b>Second Discussion Period and Summation</b>

**The charge for this seminar is \$30.00 per person, except \$20.00 for a member of the Classes of 1995 – 2004 and for a guest of an alumnus(a). Tuition includes refreshments during the day and luncheon.**

**The deadline for our receipt of your reservation form and payment is February 19, 2005.**

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