

Calendar of Events



Upcoming Events: Visit the Engaging Muslims website <http://religion.alaskapacific.edu> for up-to-date information about special events, community programs, lectures, films and other opportunities. Chose the *"Notify me when the site is updated"* option and you'll enjoy receiving program updates via email.

FILM SERIES

The Film Series provides an opportunity to participate in interfaith discussions after viewing films such as: *Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet* or *Cities of Light: Rise and Fall of Islamic Spain*.

MEETING FACE TO FACE

Meeting Face to Face provides an opportunity for members of the local community to come together "Face to Face" for an open, respectful facilitated interactive discussion with members of the Islamic Community Center of Anchorage Alaska. (1 to 1.5 hours)

WHAT EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ISLAM

A two and one half hour program focusing on the foundations and understandings of Islam and interactive discussion with members of the Islamic Community.

To schedule a program call 564-8264 or email religion@alaskapacific.edu.

ENGAGING MUSLIMS LECTURE SERIES

February 20, 2008 **7:00 pm**

REZA ASLAN

The Future of Islam:

Toward the Islamic Reformation

Wendy Williamson Auditorium, UAA

Facilitated Discussions: "The Future of Islam"
February 21, 2008 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Consortium Library, 307 at UAA and
APU Carr-Gottstein Building, 102, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

March 2, 2008 **2:00 pm**

DR MUZAMMIL H. SIDDIQI

Islam and Diversity

Wendy Williamson Auditorium, UAA

Facilitated Discussions: "Islam and Diversity"

March 3, 2008 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Carr-Gottstein Building, Room 102, APU

March 4, 2008 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Wilda Marston Theater, Loussac Library

March 30, 2008 **2:00 pm**

DR INGRID MATTSON

Islamic Law and Life Past and Present

Wendy Williamson Auditorium, UAA

Facilitated Discussions: "Islamic Law and Life"

March 31, 2008 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Consortium Library, 307 at UAA

April 1, 2008 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Wilda Marston Theater, Loussac Library

April 13, 2008 **2:00 pm**

DR JOHN ESPOSITO

Islam and the Future of Foreign Policy

Wendy Williamson Auditorium, UAA

Facilitated Discussions:
"Islam and the Future of Foreign Policy"

April 14, 2008 2:00 - 3:30 pm
Consortium Library, 307 at UAA

April 15, 2008 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Wilda Marston Theater, Loussac Library

The Engaging Muslims programs are open to the public and free of charge

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ENGAGING MUSLIMS: RELIGION, CULTURES, POLITICS



A Community Education Project

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The Engaging Muslims Project

Global issues mandate that Americans gain a better understanding of Islam. This is especially true today as we prepare for the upcoming national presidential election. Islam is the second largest religious community in the United States and Anchorage is home to over two thousand Muslims.

The Cardinal Newman Chair of Catholic Theology at Alaska Pacific University received an exceptional donation from Larry and Wilma Carr to fund a community wide education project. The *Engaging Muslims: Religion, Cultures, Politics* project was created to offer the community an opportunity to engage in a self-education program by joining together to learn about Islam.

Under the direction of the office of the Cardinal Newman Chair of Catholic Theology APU is spearheading the Engaging Muslims project focusing on fostering a respectful understanding of Islam, recognizing the diversity in Islamic cultures as well as the internal struggles within the contemporary Muslim world.

The project is designed as a nine month effort traveling to diverse venues ranging from a public lecture series, local theater screens, art exhibits, special library collections, public radio and television programming, classroom discussions, the performance arts, book discussion groups and more. It is intended that the overall program be a model of community self-education deserving national recognition and duplication.

While this engagement will not solve world problems, it is our hope that we will all grow beyond the distortions and phobia promoted in much of the public media and come to grow in friendship with our Muslim neighbors. We certainly can expect to ask better questions and to address these questions to candidates for public office.

The Engaging Muslims Public Lecture Series

February 20, 2008

REZA ASLAN

"The Future of Islam: Toward the Islamic Reformation"

Reza Aslan is an internationally acclaimed Iranian-American writer, scholar of religions and author of the international best seller *No god but God*. He is a regular commentator for NPR's Marketplace, Middle East Analyst for CBS News, and John Stewart's "go-to guy" for all things relating to the Islamic world on the "Daily Show."

Reza Aslan's public lecture and book signing will begin at 7:00 pm in the UAA Wendy Williamson Auditorium on Providence Drive.



March 2, 2008

DR. MUZAMMIL SIDDIQI

"Islam and Diversity"

Dr. Muzammil Siddiqi is chairman of the Fiqh Council of North America. He is a prominent American Muslim, an Islamic scholar and a theologian. He is the past-president of the Islamic Society of North America and has been called to Council President George W. Bush. Dr. Siddiqi's public lecture on Islam and Diversity will begin at 2:00 pm in the Wendy Williamson Auditorium at UAA.

March 30, 2008

DR. INGRID MATTSON

"Islamic Law and Life Past and Present"

Dr. Ingrid Mattson is the President of the Islamic Society of North America, the Director of the Islamic Chaplaincy Center and Professor of Islamic Studies at the MacDonald Center for Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations at Hartford Seminary. Dr. Mattson's public lecture on Islamic Law and Life will begin at 2:00 pm in the Wendy Williamson Auditorium at UAA.



April 13, 2008

DR. JOHN ESPOSITO

"Islam and the Future of Foreign Policy"

A Professor of International Affairs and Islamic Studies at Georgetown University, Dr. John Esposito has dedicated his career to the promotion of Muslim-Christian dialogue. Among his many Islam related publications he is the editor-in-chief of *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*. Dr. Esposito will offer a public lecture addressing **"Islam and the Future of Foreign Policy"** at 2:00 pm in the Wendy Williamson Auditorium at UAA.

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