

Islam and Culture Around the World

**Tuesday, June 14, 2011
4:30pm - 8:30pm
4130 Posvar Hall,
University of Pittsburgh**



This workshop is designed to inform secondary school educators about the cultures, economic systems, governments, and other aspects of life in the Muslim world to allow for a richer understanding of people living in these regions and countries. It will extend existing resources for understanding Islam and provide teachers with authentic experiences and materials. The keynote talk will be given by Christina Michelmore (Chatham University) on "Islam: Faith, Culture, Civilization." Dr. Michelmore will discuss the historical development of Islam as a faith; how interpretations of that faith created ways of life associated with religion; how imperialism, modernity and inefficient governments challenged those ways of life; and how Muslims have met those challenges with a variety of responses - traditionalist, reformist, radical, and reactionary. Educators who traveled to Egypt on a federally funded Fulbright-Hays program, will provide participating teachers with lesson plans to use in the classroom. Following their presentation will be a panel of Muslims from diverse backgrounds giving their perspectives.

Teachers will be provided with suggested lesson plans and other curricular materials. This free workshop is being offered for 3 Act 48 continuing education credits. Dinner and parking will be provided.

To register, please visit: <http://goo.gl/MkA2i>

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