

WORKSHOP 3

EGYPT: PERCEPTION AND POLITICS

February 7, 2009, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Free parking; light breakfast and lunch provided

Why do Muslims hate us? Don't Egyptians want democracy? Do they really value peace? While in Egypt our study group met with leading political activists, educators, and student groups at three major universities. What surfaced repeatedly were the complex and contrasting perceptions of Islam, U.S. foreign policy, human rights, democracy, and the state of Israel. In this third workshop we will formulate ways that Pennsylvania students can better understand how cross-cultural perceptions are formed, how to engage in dialogue with the Muslim world, how to comprehend the politics of Islam, and how Israel continues to be a polarizing issue for the Arab world.

- 9 a.m. Registration and Welcome
9:15 a.m. **Islam and the West: Dialogue of Cultures**
Charlotte E. Lott, professor of economics, Chatham University
10 a.m. **The Muslim Brotherhood: Vanguard for Modern Political Islam**
Tony Gaskew, assistant professor of criminal forensic studies, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
10:45 a.m. Break with Refreshments
11 a.m. **Egyptians, Americans, and Israel**
Michael Yoder, social studies and Spanish language teacher, Northside Urban Pathways Charter School
Noon Lunch and Discussion
12:30 p.m. **Why It All Matters**
Michael McKale, professor of philosophical and religious studies, Saint Francis University
1:30 p.m. Ideas for Curriculum Application
2 p.m. Workshop Closure

REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is required at www.ucis.pitt.edu/global/outreach.html. Each registration must be submitted at least one week prior to workshop date.

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October 13, 2008, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

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In summer 2007, a group of Western Pennsylvania educators toured Egypt to study that country's unique intersections of East and West. Based on their experiences and professional expertise, this workshop series has been designed to help teachers incorporate age-appropriate and culturally sensitive content into existing school curricula.

While its historic stature as a world leader is well known, today's Egypt remains the most influential Islamic Arab nation in the world. Rather than attempt a broad-brush summary of Egypt's past, the workshops provide essential background information for just a few relevant topics that ignited the interest of our study tour participants. The result is content and instruction modules making dynamic connections between past and present, useful in classrooms of art, world cultures, sociology, history, current events, and world religions.

Participants may attend the opening session, and one, two, or all three of the workshops. Secondary educators will receive four Act 48 credit hours for each of the three workshops attended, earning up to twelve credit hours. All workshop participants will receive a booklet containing 12 lesson plans and complimentary course materials. Workshops location: University of Pittsburgh in Wesley W. Posvar Hall, room 4130.

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Throughout the millennia, Egypt has played a pivotal role as a geopolitical crossroad of cultures. It is a site of political, social, and religious changes as Arab, African, Western, Islamic, Jewish, and Christian cultures meet and mingle in the latest of a long history of encounters. The series Opening Session will provide an overview of periods of East and West intersection from ancient times to the Mubarak regime and as well as offer a snapshot of the lives of the 80 million Egyptians living today.

- 5 p.m. Registration and Dinner
- 5:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions
- 5:45 p.m. **The History of Egypt: Ancient Egypt to Present Days**
Chris Michelmores, professor of history, Chatham University
- 7 p.m. **The People of Egypt: 80 Million and Growing**
Michael McKale, professor of philosophical and religious studies, Saint Francis University

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What are Egypt's cultural contributions? Who has benefited from them the most? To whom do they belong? Beginning with insights into how Egypt has been influenced over time by religion, we'll take a look at its distinguished history in the arts. After learning about Napoleon's invasion in the 1700s and the West's subsequent fascination with Egypt (that still shapes assumptions about Muslims and the Middle East today) we'll look at how colonial attitudes set the stage for contemporary questions about the ownership of cultural antiquities and the right of modern nations to reclaim usurped artifacts.

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Welcome
- 8:45 a.m. **Art in Ancient Egypt**
Rebecca Denova, visiting lecturer of religious studies, University of Pittsburgh
- 9:30 a.m. **The Qur'an and Islamic Art**
Fran Leap, associate professor of humanities, Seton Hill University
- 10:30 a.m. **Sufi Muslims: "The Heartbeat" and Soul of Islam?**
Michael McKale, professor of philosophical and religious studies, Saint Francis University
- 11 :15 a.m. Break with Refreshments
- 11:30 a.m. **France's Invasion of Egypt and Its Heritage**
Eric Tuten, assistant professor of history, Slippery Rock University
- 12: 15 p.m. **Who Owns Antiquities?**
Deborah Rubin, professor of social work, Chatham University
- 1 p.m. Lunch and Small Group Discussion
- 2 p.m. Ideas and Curriculum Applications
- 2:30 p.m. Workshop Conclusion

WORKSHOP 2 EGYPT: CHANGES AND CHOICES

October 13, 2008, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Light breakfast and lunch provided

Are other faiths tolerated in Egypt? Who writes the laws? Are women really free? The second workshop will delve into the religious customs and codes of ancient, Coptic, Islamic, and secular Egypt and how they have co-existed in for centuries. Islamic law and tradition will be discussed, including how Sharia laws are formed and applied, who creates and mandates the laws, and how they are integrated into a secular government system. With that background we'll talk about the impact of religious doctrine and contemporary Western secularism in the lives of Egyptian women today.

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Welcome
- 8:45 a.m. **Religious Continuity and Change in Egypt**
Rebecca Denova, visiting lecturer of religious studies, University of Pittsburgh
- 10 a.m. **Islamic Jurisprudence and the Grand Mufti**
Richard Saccone, assistant professor of political science and international business, Saint Vincent University
- 10:30 a.m. Break with Refreshments
- 11 a.m. **Different Types of Marriage in Islam**
Tracy Flynn, social studies teacher, Hickory High School
- Noon Lunch
- 1 p.m. **Women, Culture, and Islamic Dress**
Chris Michelmores, professor of history, Chatham University
- 2 p.m. Ideas and curriculum applications
- 2:30 p.m. Workshop Conclusion