Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends:

The role of Islam in today’s world is a topic about which many Americans have little understanding.

Accordingly, your School of Liberal Arts Alumni Association is pleased to be offering a continuing education program on “Understanding Islam” which we hope will provide all of us a solid foundation on which to build our knowledge base for future discussions on this extremely interesting and important topic. We have assembled a great group of liberal arts faculty along with a representative from the Islamic Society of North America to provide an overview and then to answer questions on the subject.

We will follow the education program with our annual recognition luncheon. After the lunch program, there will be an opportunity for those who are interested to visit the headquarters of the Islamic Society of North America and tour the Mosque.

I hope you will plan to join us.

Linda Claflin
President
IU School of Liberal Arts Alumni Association
Saturday, March 5, 2005
University Place Conference Center and Hotel

8:45-9:15 a.m.  Registration
Conference Center, Room 118

9:15–10:00 a.m.  Lecture
Understanding Islam presented by
Amira Mashhour, Ph.D., Associate
Faculty Member, Department of World
Languages & Cultures/Women’s Studies
Program

10:00–10:15 a.m.  Break

10:15–11:15 a.m.  Panel Discussion
Moderator: Jan Shipps, Ph.D., Professor Emerita,
Departments of History and Religious
Studies
Panelists:
Wayne Husted, Ph.D., Associate Faculty
Member, Department of Religious Studies
Amira Mashhour, Ph.D., Associate
Faculty Member, Department of World
Languages & Cultures/Women’s Studies
Program
Louay Safi, Ph.D., Executive Director,
Leadership and Development Training
Center, Islamic Center of North America
Charles H. Winslow, Ph.D., Professor
Emeritus, Department of Political Science

11:30 a.m.  Lunch and Awards Program
Ballroom, University Place Hotel

1:00 p.m.  Optional Tour of the Mosque and
Islamic Society of North America
headquarters, Plainfield, Indiana

Listed below are additional programs designed to
enrich your understanding of the Islam culture. These
programs are free and open to the public, but not
included in the “Understanding Islam” registration.

March 3, 6-8 pm: “Representations of the Veil” a short
video presentation on hijab (the veil), followed by a
panel discussion devoted to some of the following
questions: what does the veil represent for women
who choose to wear it? Why do some Muslims choose
not to wear it and others oppose the practice? How is
the veil represented in western media portraits? The
panel will represent a diverse cross-section of
Muslims, including faculty and students, and will be
moderated by Dr. Kelly Hayes, Asst. Professor of
Religious Studies.

March 31, 12-1:30 pm: “The Diversity of Islam: What
Does Islam Mean to Me?”—a panel discussion on the
topic: “What does Islam mean to me?,” by a group of
Muslim scholars, leaders, lay people and students who
come from some of the different geographic regions
where Islam is practiced. The panel will be moderated by
Dr. Wayne Husted, associate faculty in the department of
Religious Studies.

Refreshments will be provided at both events, and all
are welcome.

In addition, on March 23, 12-1:00 pm in the Lilly
Auditorium, the RSSA in conjunction with Women
United and the Multicultural Facilitators Board will
present a panel discussion entitled “Women and
Islam: Where Tradition Meets the West.”

Presented by the Religious Studies Student
Association (RSSA) which fosters critical awareness
and conversation about the role of religions in culture.

For more information contact:
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Do you know?
What are the beliefs, practices and
duties of Muslims?

What are the pillars of Islam?

What is the difference between Muslim
and Islamic?

Who is Allah? Muhammad?

What are the Muslim’s holidays?

What is Jihad? Shariah? Qur’an? Hadith?

Who are the Muslims and how big is the Muslim
population in the world and in North America?

Who are the people of the book?

What is the status of women in Islam?

Registration

Name
Guest Name(s)
Address
Day Phone
Email

I would also like to join the Mosque visit  □ Yes  □ No

Cost is $20.00 per person

Checks payable to IUPUI Office of Alumni Relations

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Signature

Please make reservations no later than February 25 by returning this
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