

Beyond Islamic Studies: De-essentializing the Study of Muslim Societies

April 7-8, 2011

Program

April 7

9:30am: Welcome

June Youatt, Senior Associate Provost, MSU

Mohammed Ayoub, Coordinator, Muslim Studies Program, MSU

Steven Kautz, Executive Director, Symposium on Science, Reason, and Modern Democracy, MSU

Paulette Granberry-Russell, Director, Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives, MSU

9:45-10am: Coffee

10am-12pm: Session 1

Carl Ernst (University of North Carolina) and Richard Martin (Emory University):
Rethinking Islamic Studies

Robert Hefner (Boston University): The New Anthropology of Islam

Discussant: Mara Leichtman (MSU)

1:30pm-3:30pm: Session 2

Carole Hillenbrand (University of Edinburgh): Rethinking Jihad

Sohail Hashmi (Mt Holyoke College): Islam, Muslims, and International Relations

Discussant: Mohammed Ayoub (MSU)

3:30pm-3:45pm: coffee

3:45: 4pm to 5:15pm: Keynote

Bruce Lawrence (Duke University) -- Muslim Cosmopolitanism in the Age of Globalization

April 8

9am-11am: Session 3

Gary Bunt (University of Wales): Researching Islam and Muslims Online

Saleem Ali (University of Vermont): Islam, Muslims and Environmental Concerns

Discussant: Ani Sarkissian (MSU), Steven Gasteyer (MSU)

11am-1pm: Session 4

Mansoor Moaddel (Eastern Michigan University): Modalities of National Consciousness in Muslim Countries

Nader Hashemi (University of Denver): The Future of Liberal Democracy in Muslim Societies

Discussant: Ramazan Kilinc (MSU)

2:30pm-4:30pm: Session 5

Waseem El-Rayes (MSU): The Quest for Harmony between Tradition and Progress in Islamic Political Thought

Juliane Hammer (George Mason University): Muslim/Islamic Discourse and Practice at the Intersection of Text and Ethnography

Discussant: Mohammad Khalil (University of Illinois), Emine Evered (MSU)

4:30pm-5:30pm: Session 6

Concluding Remarks and Discussion