

Monday, Mar 27, 2017

## OU hosting events celebrating Arabic culture, history

Beginning Monday, March 27, Oakland University will host a weeklong series of events celebrating Arabic culture and history.

- **11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, March 27** in the Fireside Lounge at the Oakland Center: Food/culture day.
- **11:30 a.m. to 12:30 pm. On Tuesday, March 28** in Nyberg Room 242 at the Kresge Library: A lecture on Arabic mathematics and inventions that contributed to the world.
- **Noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29** in the Fireside Lounge at the Oakland Center: A lecture on Arabic religion and history featuring guest speakers Malik Balla, adjunct associate professor of Arabic, and Dunya Mikhail, special lecturer with the Department of Modern Language and Literature.
- **Noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 30** in the Fireside Lounge at the Oakland Center: "Muslims, Jews and Christians in the Arab World" featuring guest speaker Sheikh Ishtiaq.
- **Noon to 3 p.m. on Friday, March 31** in Rooms 128-129 at the Oakland Center: Friday Prayer/"Understanding the Muslim Prayer."



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"The purpose of these events is to show the positive contributions that Arabic culture has offered the world," said Jean Ann Miller, director of the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development.

The events, which will feature free food, are sponsored by the Arabic Language Club, the Muslim Student Association, the Saudi Student Organization, the International Students and Scholars Office, the Student Program Board, and the Center for Student Activities.

"This is such a crucial event because it tends to break misconceptions about Arabic culture and its three monotheistic religions – Islam, Christianity and Judaism," said Syed Hussain, program director for the Muslim Student Association.

Looking ahead, a Quran Night is scheduled from 7-10 p.m. on Friday, April 7, in Oakland Center Banquet Rooms A and B. Along with dinner, the event features presentations on a variety of topics related to the Quran, the main religious text of Islam. Everyone is welcome.

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