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OU to offer workshop on Middle-Eastern American cultures

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Sharon Pray-Muir, a social-studies specialist who has lived and traveled solo in the Middle East, will lead the workshop. She also teaches a graduate course in multicultural education.

Participants will be introduced to the culture of Middle-Eastern Americans, specifically those living in the metro-Detroit area. Issues faced by schools, such as effective teaching, curricular accommodations and communication with parents of Middle-Eastern American students, will be discussed. Middle-Eastern religions, Christianity, Judaism and Islam also will be addressed along with the awareness of stereotypes and ethnic American customs.

The cost of the workshop is \$195 if enrolled for continuing education units (CEUs). Participants have the option to take the course for one university graduate credit.

For more information about the workshop or to enroll, visit the **Department of Professional Development and Education Outreach** Web site or contact Professional Development at (248) 370-3033 or pro-development@oakland.edu.

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