

# MUSLIMS AND OTHERS IN SACRED SPACE

Saturday, March 24, 9:15 - 5:45  
Arnold Hall (Jewish Studies Building)

Session 1 9:15 - 11:30 AM

**Dr. Thomas Sizgorich** University of New Mexico

“Monks and their Daughters: Monasteries as Muslim-Christian Boundaries.”

**Dr. Ethel S. Wolper**, University of New Hampshire

“Khidr and the Politics of Place.”

**Dr. JoAnn Gross**, The College of New Jersey

“Shrines and Sacred History in Tajikistan: Oral Tradition and Cultural Geography.”

Session 2 1:00-3:00 PM

**Dr. Eric Ross**, Al Akhawayn University

“Second Comings, or how Muhammad Begets Jesus in Senegal.”

**Sufia Mendez Uddin** The University of Vermont

“Speaking the Same Language: Hindu and Muslim Veneration of Bonbibī of the Sundarbans.”

**Dr. David W. Damrel**, University of South Carolina Upstate

“*Baraka* Besieged: Islamism and Shared Sacred Space in South Asia.”

Session 3 3:30-5:30 PM

**Dr. Alexandra Cuffel**, Macalester College

“Ecology and Political/Religious Dominance in Shared Intercession and Pilgrimage among Medieval Muslims, Christians and Jews.”

**Dr. Lance D. Laird**, Boston University School of Medicine.

“Boundaries and *Baraka*: Christians, Muslims, and a Palestinian saint.”

**Dr. Alan Godlas**, University of Georgia

“Understanding An Inter-faith Pilgrimage to Turkey: Interfaith Dialogue in Islam and the Vision of Fethullah Gulen.”

This event is open to College of Charleston students, faculty, staff, and guests. Please note the following: the presenters will have read the papers in advance. At the conference they will summarize and discuss important points of their papers, as will other conferees. If you would like to read the papers in advance, copies will be available at the reserve desk in Addleston library and the Religious Studies Lounge at 4 Glebe St.

**THIS IS A SCHOLARLY CONFERENCE THAT FOCUSES ON RELIGIOUS INTERACTION AT SAINTS' SHRINES THROUGHOUT THE ISLAMIC WORLD.** It is interdisciplinary, the disciplines including religious studies, history, anthropology, art history, and the like. Be prepared for discussion of Sufis (but not the "theory" of Sufism), pilgrims, *baraka*, and miracles.

LUNCH 11:30-1, MIDAFTERNOON COFFEE 3-3:30, and DINNER 6:30 on Saturday are open to all conference participants PROVIDED YOU SIGN UP BY TUESDAY!

If you would like to have one of these meals, send an EMAIL to [cormackm@cofc.edu](mailto:cormackm@cofc.edu) (or reply to this message) with your name (and that of anyone accompanying you) and which meal(s) you would like. Sorry, I can't provide the menu in advance, except that turkey sandwiches will feature prominently at lunch time.

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