



Panel-Presentation: Were the Middle Ages the “Dark Ages” or the “Golden Age”? : Islamic, Jewish and Christian Perspectives

Time: May 22, 2017, 5.30 – 7.00 p.m.

Venue: St. Andrews United Church of Christ, 2608 Browns Lane, Louisville, KY 40220

(St. Andrews UCC is co-sponsoring this event as part of its Community Forum Spring 2017; other participating organizations include Temple Beth Shalom, St Mark United Methodist Church St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Church of the Ascension, and The Guiding Light Islamic Center)

THE PRESENTERS AND THEIR PRESENTATIONS:

Dr. Saleem Seyal, graduated from Nishtar Medical College Multan (University of the Punjab), Pakistan, in 1974 and came to Chicago in 1975. After completing his residency in Internal Medicine at Weiss Hospital and Cardiology Fellowship at the University of Illinois, he moved to Louisville in 1983. He is board- certified cardiologist, lipidologist, nuclear cardiologist and hypertension specialist. Dr. Seyal is a keen scholar of Islamic Art, Literature, Thought and Mysticism, and an accomplished Islamic Calligrapher. Dr. Seyal will speak on “Contributions of Islam to Western Civilization.” He will highlight not commonly known important Islamic contributions in a wide array of fields including mathematics, philosophy, all sciences, medicine, art, architecture, and culture.

Gregory S. Hutcheson who has a Ph. D. from Harvard University, is Associate Professor of Spanish in the Department of Classical and Modern Languages at U of L. He has published widely on gender and sexuality in the multicultural context of medieval Iberia. Dr. Hutcheson will speak on “Contesting the Reconquest Narrative.” He will talk about nationalist trends in modern Spanish historicism which read Islam’s eight-century presence in the Iberian Peninsula as a historical aberration, one ultimately corrected as Spain flexed its militaristic muscle in defense of Christian Europe. Taking issue with this narrative, Dr. Hutcheson will explore discrete cultural moments and phenomena that indicate a profound intellectual and cultural engagement among Iberia’s Christian, Muslim and Jewish communities throughout the Middle Ages.

Presented by The Salaam Network, a Louisville based interfaith group of educators, peacemakers and supporters from a wide variety of backgrounds. We believe it is critical to disseminate accurate information about Islam to promote peace and understanding in our *Beloved Community*.



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