Presentations—Panel on Crucial Contemporary Issues for Women in the Three Abrahamic Traditions

Time: September 24, 2017 at 7:00-830 p.m.

Venue: Bellarmine University—*Hilary's* in <u>Centro</u>, (main admin. building)

THE PRESENTERS:

Dr. Marcia Texler Segal (M.A. Columbia University. Ph.D. Indiana University-Bloomington) is Professor of Sociology and Dean for Research Emerita at Indiana University Southeast where she taught a variety of courses including American Ethnic Diversity, Sociology of Religion, Social Problems and Introduction to LGBTQ Studies. She has authored and edited publications on topics related to gender, race, ethnicity and religion in the U.S. and around the world. She is co-editor of the book series *Advances in Gender Research*. She has worked in countries in in sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia and Saudi Arabia. She is a "minyanaire" at Adath Jeshurun.

The Rev. Dr. Johanna W. H. van Wijk-Bos (M.Div and Drs. Theology, Leiden University, Ph.D. Union Theological Seminary, New York) Professor Emerita was Dora Pierce Professor of Bible, at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary where she taught for 40 years. Ordained in 1977 in Rochester New York at the Downtown United Presbyterian Church she has served the church through teaching, lecturing, writing and speaking for the rights of those who are denied equality and full participation in religion and society. A regular contributor to interfaith meetings, her recent work includes teaching at the University of Lund, Sweden, and the Swedish Institute in Jerusalem, Israel.

Dr. Riffat Hassan (B.A. Honors and Ph. D. University of Durham, England, Doctor of Humane Letters, Meadville Lombard Theological Seminary, Chicago)) Professor Emerita at U of L where she taught for 33 years, was born in Pakistan. Widely recognized as a pioneer of Islamic feminist theology, she is also an activist who has traveled extensively addressing diverse audiences about the Qur'an's strong affirmation of women's equality with men. She is also a pioneer in the field of Jewish-Christian-Muslim interreligious dialogue. She is the founder of **The Salaam Network**.

<u>MODERATOR</u>: : The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty (M.Div Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Ph. D. Union Presbyterian Seminary) is Professor and Chair of the Theology Department at Bellarmine University.

The Salaam Network is an interfaith group of educators, peacemakers, artists and supporters from a wide range of backgrounds. **The Network** is committed to building bridges of understanding and harmony from a knowledge-based foundation. The word *salaam* is an Arabic word that means *peace*, *good will* and *wholeness* and is often used in greetings.



September 24 Event preceded by a related series:

Women in the Three Abrahamic Traditions *Series* at Bellarmine University, Moderated by Professor Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty

- 1) Religion as a Social Institution: The Framing of Gender in Contemporary Judaism Presenter: Professor Marcia Segal, September 14 at 12:15-1:30 p.m.
- 2) Women in Christianity: the Bible and Gender Construction Professor Johanna Bos, September 19 at 12:15 1:30 p.m.
- 3) Women in Islam: Normative Qur'anic Teachings versus Muslim Cultural Practice- Professor Riffat Hassan, September 21 at 12:15-1:30 p.m.

The above three presentations which will be held in Pasteur 109, are primarily for students of Bellarmine University. If anyone from *TSN* wants to attend any of the presentations they need to get in touch with Professor Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, Coordinator of these presentations, at ehinsonhasty@bellarmine.edu



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