

# UNL Arabic day

March 16, 2015

A short report

To whom it may concern,

This year the Arabic studies program at UNL celebrated its annual event “The Arabic day” by inviting Prof. Amir Hussain who gave a presentation about “Islam and the building of America”. Dr. Amir Hussain is Professor of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he teaches courses on world religions. His own particular speciality is the study of Islam, focusing on contemporary Muslim societies in North America. For 2011 to 2015, Amir is the editor of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, the premier scholarly journal for the study of religion. In 2008, he was appointed a fellow of the Los Angeles Institute for the Humanities. Prior to his appointment at Loyola Marymount University, Amir taught at California State University, Northridge (CSUN) from 1997 to 2005. He is the co-editor for the fourth editions of *World Religions: Western Traditions*, and *World Religions: Eastern Traditions*, textbooks published in 2014 by Oxford University Press. He is also the co-editor for the third edition of *A Concise Introduction to World Religions*, to be published by OUP in 2015. Prior to those books, he wrote an introduction to Islam for North Americans entitled *Oil and Water: Two Faiths, One God* (Kelowna: Copper House, 2006). He has published over 50 book chapters and scholarly articles about religion.

The presentation was followed by an authentic Arabic Buffet and reading from Arabic poetry by Zahra Aldekhel and Ian Francis, both are minoring in Arabic Studies at UNL. The event was sponsored and made possible by the generous help and support from: Global Studies- UNL parent association- Classics and religious studies- Faculty senate convocations committee- Modern languages- Arabic Studies program.

The event was attended by UNL students, faculty and Lincoln community (see name list attached)

Best Regards,

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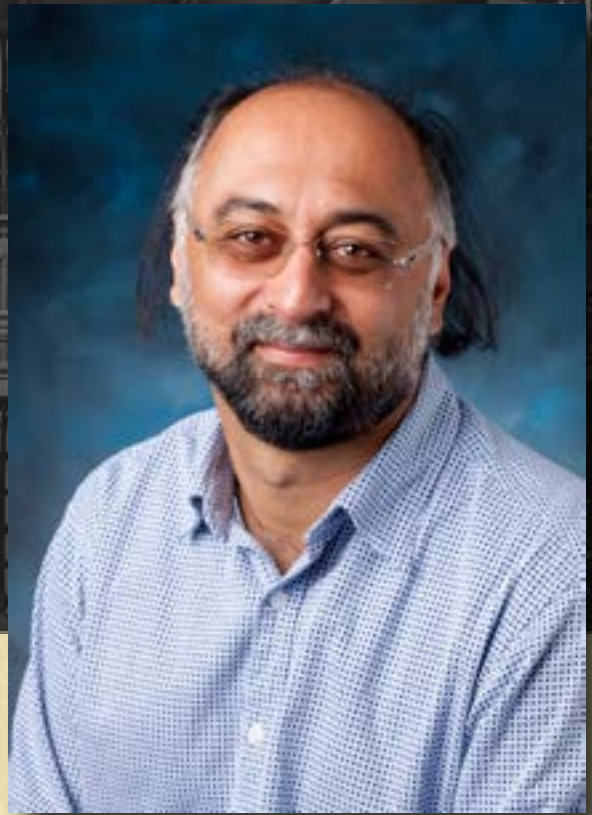
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Note: At least 50 people signed the sign-in sheets for this event.

# Islam and the Building of America

## Amir Hussain

Professor of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University



### **Editor**

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We invite you to join us for a presentation during UNL's Arabic Day followed by an authentic Arabic Buffet; event is open to the public.

The majority of America's Muslims are immigrants or the children of immigrants who arrived here after immigration reform in 1965. However, Islam in America goes back centuries. Amir Hussain, the editor of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, will discuss research he is doing on the contributions of Muslims to what it means to be "American."

Presentation and Reception Sponsored by:

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