

Lecture Series Set for Nov. 27

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Dr. Andrea Stanton will be the featured speaker at the Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series set for Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center.

Dr. Stanton is Assistant Professor of Islam at the University of Denver. Her courses include a first year seminar class on the life and influence of Muhammad and an introductory-level course on Islam in the United States. The course connects the early presence of enslaved African Muslims and colonial-era debates on whether a Muslim could be President to U.S. Muslim communities of the nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

Trained as a historian, Stanton's research focuses on Islam in the Middle East, looking at expressions of faith and religious identity in print and broadcast media, and investigating the sometimes conflictual, sometimes cooperative relationships between new technologies and claims to religious authority.

Dr. Stanton's most recent work examines government management of religious broadcasts in Palestine in the 1930s and 1940s, connecting this to a broader history of Middle Eastern states controlling religious communities' access to radio and television, including the complications engendered by the satellite phenomenon that started in the late 1990s.

Dr. Stanton obtained her Doctoral degree from Columbia University. She has taught at Sarah Lawrence College and the American University of Beirut. She has worked at the New York University Center for Dialogues which is an academic, policy and community-focused institute that fosters initiatives for sustainable engagement with Muslim communities and the United States and abroad.

There is no admission charge to attend this lecture. For more information, contact Dr. Linda Davis-Stephens at (785) 4670-5528 or Jim Latoski at (785) 460-5463.