

Arab Diasporas/Comparative Diasporas Film Series

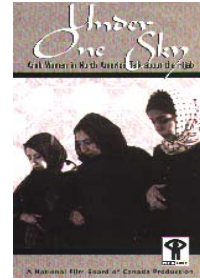
**Tuesday, March 7, 2006
6:30-9:00 p.m.**

**Room # 2195, Social Science Building
University of Michigan - Dearborn**

Under One Sky: Arab Women in North America Talk about the Hijab, Directed by Jennifer Kawaja, 44 min., 1999.

Against a backdrop of ads and Hollywood movies that exoticize or demonize the Middle Eastern woman, UNDER ONE SKY interviews Arab women who trace their history, from early colonialist missions, to post-Gulf War feminism. Informed and articulate, they reveal the ideologies behind the veil with passionate insight and flair.

<http://www.nfb.ca/trouverunfilm/fichefilm.php?id=33487&v=h&lg=en&exp=8309>



Nazrah: A Muslim Woman's Perspective.

Directed by Farah Nousheen. 44 min., 2003.

NAZRAH: A MUSLIM WOMAN'S PERSPECTIVE is an intimate look at a diverse group of Muslim women living in the Pacific Northwest in the USA. By creating a forum where Muslim women can freely engage in an open dialogue about complex issues, filmmaker Farah Nousheen exposes a vast and fascinating array of thoughts and ideas.

The women discuss their views on Islam, current political events and how they reflect on the image of Islam in the West. They also talk about the difficulty of achieving equality within the Muslim community while fighting stereotypical portrayals of Muslim women in the US media. NAZRAH (the Arabic word for "perspective") also includes director Farah Nousheen's own views on being a Muslim woman at a time when Islam is in the international spotlight.

<http://www.arabfilm.com/item/301/>

Post-Screening Roundtable Discussion with:

Najah Bazy

- R.N., Transcultural Nurse Specialist in Arab & Muslim health care, beliefs, & practices
- Documentary Producer, "Forbidden Truth"
- Featured in PBS documentary "Muhammed: Legacy of a Prophet" & "Arab American Story"
- Co-Founder and Senior Advisor, Young Muslim Association of the Islamic Center of America

Moulouk Berry

- Assistant Professor of Modern and Classical Languages, UM-Dearborn
- Initiator, Arab and Arab American Writer's Series, CAAS
- PhD, Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- Author, "Teaching Scriptural Texts in the Classroom: The Question of Gender" (MIT Electronic Journal of Middle East Studies) and "Lebanon" *World Marck Encyclopedia of Religious Practices*.

Nada Selameh

- Graduate Student in the Masters Program in Liberal Studies (MALS), UM-Dearborn
- Administrative Assistant, Center for Arab American Studies, UM-D
- B.A., Wayne State University, Public Affairs
- Featured in Los Angeles Times article "Uncovering the Truth", <http://snipurl.com/hrna> and interviewed by KPFK show, "Middle East in Focus" regarding Muslim women in the United States.

Free and open to the public.

Space is limited. Please RSVP by Monday, March 6, 2006
at caasumd@umd.umich.edu or call CAAS at (313) 583-6334