Course Number: IDY-209-68 Monday evenings: March 11, and April 15, 22, 29, and May 6, 2013; Time: 7 p.m. Location: Civic Hall, inside the Connector Building, Blackwood Campus

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This lecture series will offer a multifaceted view of the arts in Islamic culture, illustrating the wide range of Islamic art and architecture, and the understanding of visual imagery in diverse Muslim contexts.

March 11: Religious Art, Perception, and Practice in Islam



Jamal Elias, Class of 1965 Endowed Term Professor of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania, will open the series and set the stage for our look at art and Islam. He will explore the complexity inherent in Islamic attitudes toward religious art and

how visual imagery is understood in diverse Muslim and comparative contexts.

April 15: Past in Present: Building in the Islamic World Today



Renata Holod, College for Women Class of 1963 Term Professor in the Humanities, University of Pennsylvania, is a specialist in the study of the visual culture of the

Islamic world and has conducted archaeological and architectural field work in Iran, Syria, Morocco, Uzbekistan, Turkey and Tunisia. She will discuss new trends in Islamic architecture.

April 22: Luxurious Layers: An Exploration of Islamic Textiles



Rose Muravchick, a Ph.D. candidate in Religious Studies at the University of Pennsylvania and Graduate Assistant at Penn's Center for Ancient Studies specializes in the study of Islamic textile arts. She will discuss the pervasive presence of decorative textiles within the visual culture

of the Islamic world and beyond.

April 29: Volatile Spaces and Fractured Heritage: Thinking about National Heritage in a Time of War



Uzma Z. Rizvi is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Urban Studies in the Department of Social Science and Cultural Studies at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Rizvi's work spans topics of Archaeology, Anthropology,

Urban Studies, and Critical and Visual Studies. In this talk she will be looking at contemporary Iraq and the effects of war on a contemporary city landscape, reformulating the ways in which we understand the construction of national heritage.

May 6: Art of the Qur'an: Writing and Ornamenting the Divine Word



Yael Rice received her Ph.D. in History of Art from the University of Pennsylvania in 2011, and is currently the Five College Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Islamic Art at Amherst College and Hampshire College. She specializes in the arts of Iran and South Asia, with particular

interests in the arts of the book, portraiture, and depictions of dreams. This richly illustrated talk will explore how Qur'an manuscripts were made and used during the first centuries of Islam.

Current exhibitions of Islamic art:

Penn Museum Islamic Gallery, Philadelphia <u>http://www.penn.museum/long-term-exhibits/islamic-near-east-gallery.html</u>

Metropolitan Museum, New York, Islamic Art http://www.metmuseum.org/about-themuseum/museum-departments/curatorialdepartments/islamic-art

The Textile Museum, Washington DC, The Sultan's Garden: The Blossoming of Ottoman Art <u>http://www.textilemuseum.org/</u>

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