



Dr. Mounira Soliman

Egyptian Scholar Focuses on Women's Issues

Dr. Mounira Soliman, assistant professor, comparative literature, in the English department, Cairo University, Egypt, will be

JCCC's scholar in residence the week of March 31.

Soliman will present *Women and Islam* at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, in Hudson Auditorium, second floor of the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art. A second presentation on Middle Eastern literature will be presented from 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Thursday, April 3, in the Craig Community Auditorium, second floor of the General Education Building. Both lectures are free and open to the public. During her visit, she will also be meeting with individual classes and with faculty participants in the Islamic Studies Title VI grant.

Earning a Ph.D. from Cairo University, Soliman examined magic realism in contemporary fictional work by African and African-American writers. Her research interests include American studies, African literature, postcolonial theory and gender studies.

Soliman's journal articles include *The Arab Child Between East and West* in *Alif: A Journal of Comparative Literature*; *From Past to Present and Future: The Regenerative Spirit of the Abiku* in *Contemporary Literary Criticism*; *Ethnic (-)American: With or Without the Hyphen* in proceedings of CASAR First International Conference: *America in the Middle East, The Middle East in America*, American University of Beirut. She is also the co-editor of *Developing American Studies at Arab Universities: Resources, Research and Outreach*, Cairo.

Soliman was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at New York University in 2005. She has presented widely at national and international conferences and participated in numerous seminars, including the Salzburg Seminar, Cambridge Seminar and Dartmouth Institute.

In addition to her academic work, Soliman has served as a consultant on several educational and cultural projects. She was the academic coordinator of the first regional conference on "Developing American Studies" in the Arab Universities, Cairo, by the Binational Fulbright Commission in Egypt (2004). She co-founded the American Studies Fulbright Alumni Circle and is a member of the Women and Memory Forum (a nongovernmental organization for gender studies) and coordinated the rewriting of workshops and storytelling performances of the Gender-Sensitive Fairy Tales project (2000).

In the area of teacher training, Soliman has served as consultant on prestigious international educational projects and conducted training workshops on active learning, basic methodology, educational technology, civic education and research skills.

JCCC's scholar-in-residence program is designed to bring visiting scholars to students, faculty and the public. Soliman's residency is sponsored by Dr. James Leiker, associate professor, history, and Carolyn Kadel, professor and program director, international education. For more information, contact Leiker at 913-469-8500, ext. 3673. 🌿

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