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PRESIDENT OF ISLAMIC SOCIETY AT NEXT WPSU COMMON GROUND LOBBY TALK

The open forum discussion with Ingrid Mattson is free and open to the public.

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (Nov. 27, 2006) — The public is invited to “A Conversation with Ingrid Mattson,” president of the Islamic Society of North America on Wednesday, December 6, at 3:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Outreach Building in Innovation Park. This Common Ground Lobby Talk, hosted by Penn State Public Broadcasting in partnership with the Institute for the Arts and Humanities, will be moderated by WPSU's Patty Satalia. It is free and open to the public.

Ingrid Mattson earned her Ph.D. in Islamic Studies from the University of Chicago in 1999. She is a professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations and director of the Islamic Chaplaincy Program at the Hartford Seminary.

Dr. Mattson will give a public lecture later that evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Palmer Lipcon Auditorium in the Palmer Museum of Art as part of "An Evening with the Institute for the Arts and Humanities." The title of her lecture is "Knowing and Not Knowing: The Psycho-Spiritual State of the Muslim Ethicist."

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