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"MUSLIMS IN AMERICA" THEME OF NEXT WPSU COMMON GROUND TALK

The open forum discussion is free and open to the public.

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (Nov. 10, 2006) — Penn State Public Broadcasting, in partnership with its Public Service Media Study Group, will offer a "Common Ground Lobby Talk" called "Muslims in America" at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15 held in the lobby of the Outreach Building in Innovation Park. WPSU, in collaboration with Penn State's Institute for the Arts and Humanities, invites members of the community to join in this open forum, which will explore what it is like to be Muslim in central Pennsylvania in a post-9/11 world.

The panel will feature Muslim faculty and students from Penn State and other local Muslim community members. The talk will be an open discussion, welcoming questions and comments from the audience and will be featured as Penn State programming on ResearchChannel, on WPSU's Web site at www.wpsu.org and on Penn State Live at live.psu.edu.

Moderating the discussion will be Dr. Jonathan Brockopp, associate professor of history and religious studies and director of the religious studies program at Penn State. Panel members include a Penn State faculty member, an undergraduate student at Penn State, a local high school student, and a community member.

"Common Ground Lobby Talks" are productions of WPSU in partnership with Penn State Public Broadcasting's Public Service Media Study Group. The Public Service Media Study Group, which began in spring 2006 with partial funding by a grant from the National Science Foundation, is comprised of faculty members, graduate students, community members and WPSU TV/FM professionals. The group's goal is to provide a forum for interchange and exploration of the issues faced by public media and higher education as both reexamine a shared commitment to public engagement. More information on upcoming "Common Ground Lobby Talks" can be found at wpsu.org/lobbyspeaks.

The Institute for the Arts and Humanities fosters excellence by stimulating and supporting innovative, interdisciplinary work across the boundaries of departments, schools, and colleges. With wide-ranging, inclusive programming and funding, the Institute strives to play a role of leadership on issues of multidisciplinary and multicultural relevance and importance in the arts and humanities.

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