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Imam Talal Eid To Visit Bates

Imam Talal Eid, Religious Director of the Islamic Center of New England since 1982, will speak at Bates on Monday May 20 on the topic, "Islam: An Overview of the Tradition and a Discussion of Current Challenges" (7:00 p.m. in Chase Hall Lounge). A well-known Muslim scholar, activist and lecturer on Islam, Imam Eid also serves as Muslim Chaplain at Children's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. A graduate of al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt, he also holds a Master of Theological Studies from Harvard Divinity School, where he is presently a doctoral candidate. Imam Eid's visit to Bates is being arranged in conjunction with a study group on Islam organized by the College Chaplain and some members of the Mushahada Association (the Muslim student organization at Bates), open to faculty, students, and staff of the College. Other events planned in connection with the study group-which meets every Monday during Short Term from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.,- include a continuation of our film series on Islam, an outing to the Islamic Center of New England in Sharon, Massachusetts, a reception for our neighbors of the new Lewiston Mosque, and an outing to Cambridge, Massachusetts to meet with Prof. Leila Ahmed of Harvard University for a discussion of women and Islam. For more information on the study group and/or its ancillary activities, please contact the Office of the College Chaplain