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Award-Winning Professor Speaks on Women and Islam, Life after 9/11

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Zayn Kassam, chair of the Religious Studies Department at Pomona College, will give talks on Monday and Tuesday, May 12 and 13, as part of a Cal Poly lecture series on Islam in the Modern World.

Kassam will present “My Journey After 9/11” from 7 to 9 p.m. May 12 in the Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering Building, Room 123.

On May 13 from 11 a.m. to noon she will talk on “The Veil: Piety or Punishment,” also in the Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering Building, Room 123.

Kassam is a frequent commentator on Islam in the modern world. She has written a number of essays and articles on Islam and is editor of the forthcoming volume, “Activism, Gender and Islam.”

In 2005 she was awarded the American Academy of Religion’s Excellence in Teaching Award.

The free public lectures are sponsored by Cal Poly’s Religious Studies Program.

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