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Cal Poly to Hold Third Talk in 'Abraham-Father of Many' Series May 22

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- A panel of scholars will give the final presentation in a three-part series titled "Abraham-Father of Many" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 22, in Philips Hall in the Performing Arts Center at Cal Poly.

The discussion will focus on the near-sacrifice of Abraham's son and its implications for inter-religious dialogue for Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Panelists will include Aaron Hahn Tapper, Ph.D. candidate at UC Santa Barbara and founder of Abraham's Vision, a conflict-resolution program for Jewish, Palestinian and Muslim American students; Jeffrey Siker, a noted New Testament scholar, chair of the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University, and author of "Disinheriting the Jews: Abraham in Early Christian Controversy;" and Hisham Mahmoud, Arabic lecturer at Yale University, Ph.D. candidate at UCLA in Islamic studies and frequent speaker on Islam's relationship to Judaism and Christianity.

This will be the final presentation in a three-part lecture series focusing on understanding the place and meaning of the person of Abraham in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The event is sponsored by Cal Poly's Religious Studies Program and other campus groups. The discussion is free and open to the public.

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