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### **'Importance of Building Respect, Trust, Peace in Middle East' Title of Nov. 7 Talk**

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Nonie Darwish, a free-lance writer and internationally known public speaker, will present "The Importance of Building Respect, Trust and Peace in Middle East" at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, in Cal Poly's Chumash Auditorium.

Darwish, a Muslim raised in Cairo, Egypt, and the Gaza strip, writes extensively against the culture of terror and jihad. She speaks around the world to promote interfaith dialogue and peace.

Her father headed the Egyptian military in Gaza and the Sinai Peninsula when Gaza was under Egyptian control in the 1950s. He was appointed by Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser to head operations against Israel. In 1956, when Darwish was eight years old, her father was killed in the war against Israel and became a national hero.

Darwish earned a bachelor's degree in sociology/ anthropology from the American University in Cairo. She immigrated to America in 1978 and is now a U.S. citizen.

"After 9/11, I realized that my culture of origin is in a head-on collision with the rest of the world, and I started speaking out against terrorism," Darwish said.

Her articles have appeared in [frontpagemag.com](http://frontpagemag.com), the Jerusalem Post, [worldnetdaily.com](http://worldnetdaily.com) and Pakistan Today. Several articles have been translated into French, Italian, Spanish and Russian.

Darwish has spoken at such major universities and colleges as Cornell, Carnegie Mellon and Stanford.

The presentation is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by Cal Poly's Associated Students Inc. and Hillel of San Luis Obispo. For more information, contact Cal Poly student Ryan Evans, a member of Hillel, at 402-4191 or [raevans@calpoly.edu](mailto:raevans@calpoly.edu).

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