

# The Religious Studies Program and the Women's and Gender Studies Program at the University of Oklahoma

## A lecture by Leila Ahmed

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## Contemporary Trends in North American Muslim Women's Activism

- Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 5 p.m.
- Robert S. Kerr Auditorium, Sam Noble Museum of Natural History  
2401 Chautauqua Avenue, Norman, OK 73072 (Free parking at the site)



**Leila Ahmed** came to Harvard Divinity School in 1999 as the first professor of women's studies in religion and was appointed to the Victor S. Thomas chair in 2003. Prior to her appointment at HDS, she was professor of women's studies and Near Eastern studies at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. While at the University of Massachusetts, she was director of the women's studies program from 1992 to 1995 and director of the Near Eastern studies program from 1991 to 1992. Her latest book, *A Border Passage*, has been

widely acclaimed. Her other publications include the books *Women and Gender in Islam: The Historical Roots of a Modern Debate* and *Edward William Lane: A Study of His Life and Work and of British Ideas of the Middle East in the Nineteenth Century*, as well as many articles, among them "Arab Culture and Writing Women's Bodies" and "Between Two Worlds: The Formation of a Turn of the Century Egyptian Feminist." Her current research and writing centers on Islam in America and issues of women and gender. Her forthcoming book, *The History of Veil*, will be published by Yale University Press.

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