

# An Abrahamic Family Reunion:



## *Holy Women*

Wednesday, April 1, 2015  
University of Arizona Poetry Center, Rubel Room

4:00-6:00 PM

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*The Institute for the Study of Religion and Culture* and its co-sponsors invite you to participate in the second in a series of conversations.

Family reunions refer to those occasions when siblings born of the same parent join together to share experiences and reflect upon what they continue to hold in common and where, over the years, their different paths have led them.

Jews, Christians and Muslims are referred to as members of the Abrahamic family of faith since Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all claim descent from the family of Abraham, Hagar, and Sarah. Yet despite their common origins, they have followed their separate paths, not always in ways that are respectful of one another.

In this second session of “The Abrahamic Family Reunion,” the panelists will explore the significance of women who are deemed holy or exemplary in the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim traditions.

### **Program**

4:00 PM

#### **Welcome – Introduction of Program and Speakers**

Moderator: Peter Foley, Dr. phil.

Director, Institute For the Study of Religion and Culture, University of Arizona

4:15 – 5:00 PM

#### **“Two Role Models: Mary and Fatima”**

Scott Lucas, Ph.D.

Associate Professor Islamic Studies, University of Arizona

Director, School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies

#### **“Eve, and the Matriarchs of Judaism”**

Sanford Seltzer, Rabbi, D.D.

Institute For Judaic Services and Studies, Saddlebrook

Adjunct Rabbi, Temple Emanuel, Tucson

#### **“Foundations and Prototypes: Rebekah, The Samaritan Woman at the Well, and Mary Magdalene”**

Karen Borek Ph.D.

Religious Studies Program, University of Arizona

5 – 6:00 PM

Questions and Discussion

6:00 PM

Refreshments



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