

**“Connecting the Middle East to the Southeast” Local Study Tour
Tuesday, August 16, 2016**

**Greensboro, North Carolina**

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**TUESDAY, AUGUST 16**

**8:30-9:00am Registration and Light Breakfast**

**9:00-9:50am Welcome, Introductions & Curriculum Connections
 *Emma Harver*** *|**Outreach Coordinator, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies*

***Tom Daugherty*** *| Social Studies Coordinator, Guilford County Schools*

Welcome to this one-day exploration of Middle Eastern and Muslim cultures! To begin the day, teachers will receive an introduction to the agenda topics, and will explore activities and resources for translating these topics back to the classroom. Teachers will learn also about resources offered by the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies.

**9:50-10:00am Break**

**10:00-11:15am The Historical Roots of Islam in America
*Omar Ali*** *| Professor, Department of Religious Studies, UNCG*
Professor Ali will discuss the spread of Islam through Africa and the historical roots of Islam in America, focusing on the trans-Atlantic slave trade/African diaspora to the Americas, as well as the diversity of Islam across the world and in America today.

**11:15-11:30am Drive to Nazareth Bread Company**

**11:30-12:50pm** **Lunch: Tasting Middle Eastern Food Cultures**
 ***Maher*** *| Owner, Nazareth Bread Company*

Food is important in creating community and a sense of shared culture! Teachers will get to taste Middle Eastern cuisine at a buffet lunch at Nazareth Bread Company, a Middle Eastern restaurant and wholesale bakery that serves a variety of delicacies. The Palestinian owner of the restaurant will share more about his journey to the Unites States, Arab culture, the difference in food culture between his region of origin and the United States, as well as his experience running the restaurant.

**12:50-1:15pm Drive to Islamic Center of Greensboro**

**1:15-3:45pm *Eessa Wood*** *| Imam, Islamic Center of Greensboro*

This visit will offer a basic introduction to the beliefs and practices of Islam from an imam in the Greensboro community. The session will also offer insights into the culture and daily lives of Muslims around the world. Teachers will get to observe one of the five daily prayers, practiced for over fourteen centuries in every part of the world. Teachers will learn about the Greensboro Islamic Academy and Islamic education in the United States, and gain strategies for engaging in culturally-sensitive communication with Muslim students, teachers, and administrators.

**3:45-4:00pm Drive back to Guilford County Schools Administration Building**

**4:00-4:15pm Break**

**4:15-4:35pm** **Reflections & Applications**
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Increasing cultural competence and global understanding in our students is important! Discuss your challenges and needs, as well as the various ways you can implement what you have learned today back in your classroom. In small groups, teachers will reflect on their experience and identify entry points in the curriculum for teaching about Islam, local Muslim communities, and Middle Eastern cultures.

**4:35-4:45pm Break**

**4:45-6:00pm Women in Islam & Final Q&A**

***Sumayya Ahmed*** *| Information & Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

The topic of women in Islam is often misunderstood. As a Muslim woman, Sumayya will share her experiences and perspective. Teachers will also have the chance to ask any lingering questions about Islam, Muslim experiences, or Middle Eastern cultures!

**6:00-6:05pm Paper Evaluations**

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