

The World Affairs Council of Oregon and The PSU Middle East Studies Center present:

Teach the Middle East Conference

For K-12 Educators

April 18th, 2009

Portland State University

WHAT?

This timely Conference will open with a keynote panel of students from the Middle East and continue with grade level curricular workshops and breakout sessions representing the magnificent, ancient, strategic and controversial cultures of

Turkey, Iran, Israel and the Arab world.

This unique cultural immersion experience will also include a mid-day ethnic meal, entertainment and a chance to visit both a Middle Eastern Market and with members of organizations representing several Middle Eastern countries. Breakout sessions will address religion, language, geography, literature, women, the family, travel opportunities, opposing viewpoints and country specific art, history and culture.

WHERE and WHEN?

The Conference will take place at Portland State University on
April 18th, 2009 from 8:30 to 4:30.

The Keynote Panel & mid-day market and lunch will take place in Hoffman Hall. All breakout sessions and the closing will take place in Smith Memorial Union. Please consult the PSU website for building locations and parking structures.

WHY?

Relations between the U.S. and the Middle East directly affect the lives of people the world over. Understanding this region and its people is an essential part of the skills and knowledge needed to live and work in an increasingly interdependent world.

The World Affairs Council of Oregon www.worldoregon.org and PSU's Middle East Studies Center www.mesc.pdx.edu are partnering in a concerted effort to increase this much needed understanding.

HOW?

The cost for teachers and the general public is \$25. Full-time students will pay \$15. Please contact Karen Ettinger at karen@worldoregon.org for a registration form. A detailed program will follow your registration. The deadline for registration is April 14th. Many curricular materials will be available at the Conference, both free and for purchase.

**This Conference is the second in our "Teach the World Educator Conference and Youth Forum Series". It will be followed on December 11, 2009 by a "Teach the Middle East Youth Forum" for middle and high school students.*