

Finding Aid for the College of Liberal Arts and Social
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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract:	The Center for Islamic Studies was established in 1995 as an agreement between YSU and the Youngstown Muslim Community. It is directed by Dr. Mustansir Mir. The center is housed in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences in the department of Philosophy and Religion.

Administrative Information

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Historical Sketch

The Center for Islamic Studies was established as a result of an endowment agreement between YSU President Leslie H. Cochran and Dr. Nazir Ahmed, the president of the "Community for the YSU Chair of Islamic Studies." Leslie Cochran said, "This gift will help the University advance its goal to produce graduates who are global citizens-who understand and value the diverse religious and cultural tradition in America and the world¹." The Center for Islamic Studies is located in the Philosophy and Religious Studies department in Debartolo Hall. The center seeks to promote the academic study of Islam by publishing periodicals (such as the *Iqbal Quarterly* and *Studies in Contemporary Islam*), inviting scholars to give talks and holding seminars². The Center

¹ "YSU faculty position endowed by local Muslim community." *Jambar* 17 Oct. 1995 pg. 1

² "Center for Islamic Studies, Youngstown State University." Located on the back of the cover of the pamphlet "The Spiritual-Intellectual Hospitality of Islam and Muslims: Reflections of a Christian Scholar"

for Islamic Studies is directed by Dr. Mustansir Mir. There is also a website at <http://www.as.yzu.edu/%7Eislamst/>. The website provides information on *Iqbal Quarterly* and *Studies in Contemporary Islam* as well as the center's activities, the Advisory committee (composed of 3 YSU faculty members and 3 members of the Youngstown Muslim community), links to other related websites, and information on the Pluralism Project of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies.

Scope and Content Note

The records were deposited by James Sacco, Dr. Mir's assistant in the Center for Islamic Studies, to the Archives and Special Collection. The materials cover the years 1999-2006, and are arranged by type of publication in chronological order. The records contain one series, Publications; within this series contains three different types of publications, a pamphlet from a lecture sponsored by the Center for Islamic Studies, the *Iqbal Quarterly*, and *Studies in Contemporary Islam*. The pamphlet was created by Frederick M. Denny, a professor of Islamic studies and history of religions at the University of Colorado, who's lecture was title "The Spiritual-Intellectual Hospitality of Islam and Muslims: Reflections of a Christian Scholar" when he came to YSU in March 2005 as a guest speaker for the Center of Islamic Studies. The *Iqbal Quarterly* (formerly the *Iqbal-Namah*) is published quarterly and is co published by the Iqbal Academy Pakistan. The bulletin "aims to introduce the works of the South Asian poet-thinker Muhammad Iqbal (1877-1938) to general readers in the English-speaking world and contains brief extracts from Iqbal's writings, short studies on his works, notices of critical and interpretive works about him, and other pertinent information in the field of Iqbal studies³. This collection contains the years 2001-2006. The final publication, *Studies in Contemporary Islam*, is published by the center, semiannually in the spring and fall (collection contains years 1999-2003). The journal is coedited by Professors Mumtaz Ahmad of Hampton University and Mustansir Mir of Youngstown State University. The mission statement of the publication "is devoted to the understanding, review, analysis, and critique of contemporary Islamic religious, intellectual, and philosophical developments as well as of sociopolitical changes in Islamic societies⁴." Unfortunately, according to James Sacco, the publication was suspended in 2007.

Series Description

Series I: Publications

Related Materials

Iqbal By Mustansir Mir located in the general stacks and in the Archives and Special Collections Stacks. [PK2199.I65 M57 2006](#)

by Fredrick M. Denny. Box 1, folder 1 of this collection

³ "Iqbal-Namah." Online Posting. Retrieved 9 Jan. 2008. <http://www.as.yzu.edu/%7Eislamst/iqbal.htm>

⁴ "Studies in Contemporary Islam". Online Posting. Retrieved 9 Jan. 2008. <http://www.as.yzu.edu/%7Eislamst/sci.htm>

Index Terms

Mumtaz Ahmad

Nazir Ahmed

Jambar

Mustansir Mir

Leslie H. Cochran

James Sacco

Islam

Muhammad Iqbal

Fredrick M. Denny

Youngstown State University

Community for the Chair of Islamic Studies

Studies of Contemporary Islam

The Iqbal Quarterly (formerly the Iqbal-Namah)

BOX 1

SERIES I: PUBLICATIONS

Folder	Content
1	“The Spiritual-Intellectual Hospitality of Islam and Muslims: Reflections of a Christian Scholar”, 2005
2	<i>Iqbal Quarterly (formerly Iqbal-Namah)</i> , 2001-2006 Pt. 1 of 2
3	<i>Iqbal Quarterly (formerly Iqbal-Namah)</i> , 2001-2006 Pt. 2 of 2
4	<i>Studies in Contemporary Islam</i> , Volume 1, Number 1, Spring 1999 (2 copies)
5	<i>Studies in Contemporary Islam</i> , Volume 1, Number 2, Fall 1999 (2 copies)
6	<i>Studies in Contemporary Islam</i> , Volume 2, Number 1, Spring 2000 (2 copies)
7	<i>Studies in Contemporary Islam</i> , Volume 2, Number 2, Fall 2000 (2 copies)
8	<i>Studies in Contemporary Islam</i> , Volume 3, Number 1, Spring 2001 (2 copies)
9	<i>Studies in Contemporary Islam</i> , Volume 3, Number 2, Fall 2001 (2 copies)
10	<i>Studies in Contemporary Islam</i> , Volume 4, Number 1, Spring 2002 (2 copies)
11	<i>Studies in Contemporary Islam</i> , Volume 4, Number 2, Fall 2002 (2 copies)
12	<i>Studies in Contemporary Islam</i> , Volume 5, Numbers 1-2, Spring and Fall 2003 copy 1
13	<i>Studies in Contemporary Islam</i> , Volume 5, Numbers 1-2, Spring and Fall 2003 copy 2