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THE DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES PRESENTS
THE SECOND ANNUAL SIDDIQI LECTURE IN ISLAMIC STUDIES

Freedom of Expression *in Islam and the West*

TUESDAY
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He received his BA in History from Georgetown University in 2000 and his doctorate in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from the University of Chicago in 2006.

Professor Brown studied and conducted research in countries such as Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, South Africa, India, Indonesia and Iran.

His book publications include *The Canonization of al-Bukhari and Muslim: The Formation and Function of the Sunni Hadith Canon* (Brill, 2007), *Hadith: Muhammad's Legacy in the Medieval and Modern World* (Oneworld, 2009) and *Muhammad: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press, 2011), which was selected for the National Endowment for the Humanities' Bridging Cultures Muslim Journeys Bookshelf. His most recent book, *Misquoting Muhammad: The Challenges and Choices of Interpreting the Prophet's Legacy* (Oneworld, 2014), was named one of the top books on religion in 2014 by the *Independent*. He has published articles in the fields of Hadith, Islamic law, Salafism, Sufism, Arabic lexical theory and Pre-Islamic poetry and is the editor in chief of the Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Law.

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LECTURE SUMMARY

With controversies such as the protests calling for depictions of the Prophet Muhammad in Texas and tragedies like the attack on the Charlie Hebdo satirical paper in Paris, much confusion surrounds the place of freedom of expression in Islam and Muslim societies. For Americans, seeking to understand these issues raises compelling questions about the issue of freedom of expression in our own culture. This lecture will address the question of the freedom of expression in the Islamic tradition and the West from both sides of this divide.

PROGRAM

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QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

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