

Fulbright Specialist Teaches COCC Classes

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This fall Moroccan professor Dr. Jamal Koubali will be teaching a two-credit class and a four-week noncredit Community Learning class, both dubbed "Accessing the Muslim World," at Central Oregon Community College (COCC).

Dr. Jamal Koubali "I would like to explore with American students and community members how mass media, especially newspapers, impact and form beliefs and opinions about the Muslim world and culture," Koubali wrote in his application.

The credit class is offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings, October 23 to November 29. The noncredit Community Learning class will meet on Monday evenings, November 6 to 27.

Koubali, professor of English at Cady Ayyad University in Morocco, was selected by the COCC Foundation's Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program for a monthlong position as a Fulbright Visiting Specialist.

In these classes, Koubali will offer linguistic analyses of how the media treat subjects in the West and in the Muslim world. By analyzing newspaper editorials, cartoons, and advertisement and media images on both sides, he believes that it is possible to create and deepen cross-cultural understanding.

Koubali will also offer a community presentation at the Tower Theatre on Thursday, Nov. 16. In addition, he will also be guest lecturing in a variety of COCC and high school classes, and making presentations in partnership with the Interfaith Ministries of Central Oregon and the High Desert Forum. He will also consult with COCC and high school faculties and staff and about long-term strategies for educating globally minded citizens.

Koubali worked as an assistant professor of English for 13 years and presently serves as professor of linguistics and chair of the English Department at the university in Beni Mellal in Morocco. He is one of approximately 50 professionals who have received grants this year from the Fulbright Visiting Specialists Program: Direct Access to the Muslim World.

Koubali's visit is sponsored by the Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program and COCC, with support from various community partners.

For information about classes, call 383-7500.

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