

## Projects

### **Islam, the West, and the Muslim World:**

A Fulbright-Hays government grant facilitated a four week Egypt study tour for 12 educators from CERIS institutions and area high schools for the development of teacher workshops and expanded curriculum at their home institutions.

### **Undergraduate Research Symposium:**

Students gain valuable experience in abstract submission, research, writing, editing, and presentation skills.

**Visiting Fulbright Scholars:** Grants were secured for social scientists come from India and Egypt to provide diverse perspectives from the Islamic world to a wide variety of audiences.

**Guest Lectures:** CERIS institutions have hosted over 40 area experts for classroom and community engagements.

**Member Readers' Forums:** Faculty can expand their knowledge base through dialogue with colleagues on timely and relevant readings.

### **Library Holdings Assessment:**

Groundwork has been laid for improved institutional asset sharing and acquisition planning.

**Community Education:** Residents in the tri-state region are exposed to the riches of Islamic cultures, languages, calligraphy, and film through public lectures and exhibits.

**Global Generation-Y Program:** An Association of International Educators grant partnered young professionals with Muslim graduate students to broaden cultural understanding.

## Member Benefits

**Faculty Development:** Workshops and our Faculty Readers' Forum offer personal and collegial opportunities to broaden your knowledge base.

**Curriculum Expansion:** Professional workshops, academic exchanges, and visiting scholar programs provide supplemental content for existing courses and substantive material for new offerings.

**Student Enrichment:** Intellectual and cultural engagement beyond the classroom is available through member events; and first-hand global experiences can positively expand nascent world views.

**Resource Sharing:** The combined physical and human resources of 28 member institutions and community based organizations in the tri-state region make a wealth of speakers, library holdings, and programming available to institutions with otherwise limited capabilities.

**Up-to-date Info:** Valuable content is a click away through our Web site's regional events calendar of workshops, lectures, symposia, and films; announcements of local and international opportunities designed to expand experience through internships, travel programs, and immersion experiences; funding offers for educators and students; centralized listings of relevant course offerings by member-institutions.

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# CERIS

## Your Resource for Islamic Studies

The Consortium for Educational Resources on Islamic Studies (CERIS) is a collaboration of academic, nonprofit, and religious organizations in the tri-state area serving faculty and students with classes, conferences, events, grants, and scholarships.

[www.cerisnet.org](http://www.cerisnet.org)

# A Valuable Link

The Consortium for Educational Resources on Islamic Studies (CERIS) is a collaboration of 27 academic, non-profit, and religious organizations in the tri-state area (Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia) dedicated to the sharing and augmenting of Islamic Studies resources in the region.

Our mission is to strengthen the presence of Islamic Studies in grades K-12, institutions of higher education and the community at large.

Please visit our Web site or contact a CERIS member representative for additional information on ...

- Upcoming cultural events
- Courses, classes, lectures, workshops
- Internships, study abroad, travel programs
- Grants and funding opportunities for educators and students
- Faculty Readers' Forums
- Links to other resources

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