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Ramadan Mubarak and Islam in America



[Statement by the President on the Occasion of Ramadan](#)

August 01, 2011 - As Ramadan begins, Michelle and I would like to send our best wishes to Muslim communities in the United States and around the world.



[Statement by Secretary Clinton On the Occasion of the Beginning of Ramadan](#)

August 01, 2011 - On behalf of the people of the United States, I wish all Muslims around the world a happy and blessed Ramadan. Ramadan is a time for self-reflection, sharing and renewal.



Engagement with Muslim Communities around the World. January 2011.
An interview by Washington Foreign Press Center with Alan Cooperman, Associate Director for research at the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life and Farah Pandith, Special Representative to Muslim Communities, U.S. Department of State on Muslim engagement around the world.



2011 U.S.-Islamic World Forum . April 12, 2011.
Secretary of State Remarks at the first U.S.-Islamic World Forum held in America, “Over the years, the U.S.-Islamic World Forum has offered the chance to celebrate the diverse achievements of Muslims around the world. From Qatar – which is pioneering innovative energy solutions and preparing to host the World Cup – to countries as varied as Turkey, Senegal, Indonesia, and Malaysia, each offering its own model for prosperity and progress.”



Thomas Jefferson’s Iftar

In 1805, Thomas Jefferson hosted what some consider the first *iftar* at the White House. The first Muslim ambassador to the United States, from Tunisia, was hosted by President Jefferson, who arranged a sunset dinner for his guest because it was Ramadan — making it the first known iftar at the White House, more than 200 years ago.



Picturing the Diversity of the Muslim World. IIP Digital.

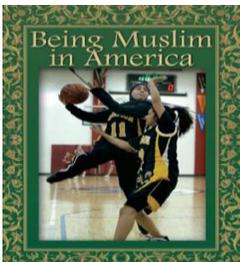
U.S. photographer Derek Brown, whose work has been featured in *The Economist* and other major publications, traveled to 28 countries for more than 18 months to photograph the diversity of the Muslim world. He made this image during a visit to a mosque in Fatehpur Sikri, India.

Video: Muslim-American Profiles: Mihyar. IIP Digital | 01’05”

This video was produced by the State Department’s Bureau of International Information Programs in July 2011. It features Sudanese-American Mihyar Osman Alnifaigy.

Role of Muslim Women in Enriching American Society Spotlighted. IIP Digital. 09 July 2010.

Four Muslim-American women — an educator, a politician, a publisher and a social worker shared their stories with hundreds of others at the “Standing Strong: Women Creating Legacy Communities” session of the Islamic Society of North America’s annual convention in Chicago.



Being Muslim in America. IIP Digital. March 2009.

With freedom, faith, and hard work, each successive wave of immigrants has added its distinctive contributions to the American story. *Being Muslim in America* is a publication consisting of articles that demonstrates the daily life of Muslim in America.

America: A Nation of Freedom, Diverse Cultures and Rich Traditions



[Faith on the Hill: The Religious Composition of the 112th Congress.](#)

Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. January 5, 2011.

Many analysts described the November 2010 midterm elections as a sea change, with Republicans taking control of the U.S. House of Representatives and narrowing the Democratic majority in the Senate. But this political overhaul appears to have had little effect on the religious composition of Congress, which is similar to the religious makeup of the previous Congress and of the nation, according to an analysis by the Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life.

[U.S. Department of State Celebrates Asian Pacific Heritage Month.](#) May 2011

The Department of State celebrates Asian-Pacific Americans for their remarkable role in United States' development. Asian-Pacific Americans have made great contributions to America's heritage and prosperity. Read about some of the people who work at the State Department.

[Winning the Future: President Obama's Agenda and the Asian American and Pacific Islander Community.](#)

White House, May 2011. In his State of the Union address, the President laid out his vision for America to win the future. The President made it clear that the most important contest we face today is not between Democrats and Republicans, but rather America's contest with competitors across the globe for the jobs and industries of our time. To win that contest and secure prosperity for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) and all Americans, we have to out-innovate, out-educate, and out-build the rest of the world and the AAPI community plays an integral part of that plan to win the future.

[Presidential Proclamation--National Native American Heritage Month.](#) October 29, 2010

"During National Native American Heritage Month, we honor and celebrate their importance to our great Nation and our world."



[Celebrating Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders.](#) IIP Digital

Each May, when the United States celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, citizens of Asian ancestry showcase their cultural roots through festivals, traditional Asian foods, parades and cultural events. Numbering about 17.3 million, Asian Americans "strengthen our economy, protect our security, and enliven our country every day," said President Obama.

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[National American Indian Heritage Month.](#)

National American Indian Heritage Month celebrates and recognizes the accomplishments of the peoples who were the original inhabitants, explorers and settlers of the United States.

[People and Places: Offering a Place for everyone.](#) IIP Digital.

Page dedicated to diversity resources; stories, articles, books and pictures.



[Art and Culture of India Showcased in Washington.](#) IIP Digital.

How do you present in 20 days the arts of more than a billion people who have a culture of stunning diversity that stretches back millennia? The answer is “maximum INDIA,” a festival of music, theater, art and artifacts at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington from March 1 to 20.



[Celebrations of Diversity in the American Calendar.](#) IIP Digital.

Americans love anniversaries, special months, holidays and observances related to the calendar. The president alone issues more than a hundred proclamations each year on special days, weeks or months. Here are just a few examples of diversity celebrations in the U.S.



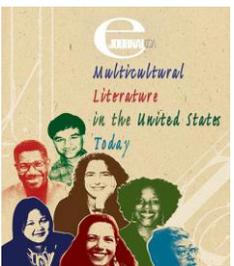
[Polish Americans: Proud of Their Heritage.](#) IIP Digital.

More and more Americans are celebrating their cultural heritage. Among the most enthusiastic are the nearly 10 million Americans who claim Polish ancestry.



[Flushing: Birthplace of America's Religious Freedom](#)

The Flushing Remonstrance, signed in 1657 in what is now the New York neighborhood of Flushing, Queens, is the earliest known document in America to argue for religious freedom. The map on the left presents samples of the many houses of worship in Flushing today.

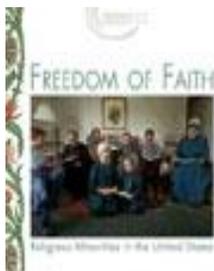


[Multicultural Literature in the United States Today](#) . February 2009.

The United States is enriched culturally by immigrants from many nations. This edition of eJournal USA focuses on distinguished American writers from various ethnic backgrounds who add immeasurably to mutual understanding and appreciation through tales of their native lands and their experiences as Americans.

[Freedom of Faith.](#) IIP Digital. August 2008.

The principle of religious freedom is a cherished right in the United States, one that has historical roots older than the formation of the nation itself. In the 21st century, the United States pulses with a unique cultural chemistry brought on by a wave of immigration which has brought followers of more diverse faiths to many communities. This edition of eJournal USA examines how the nation adjusts to these demographic changes to remain true to the principles of freedom of faith.



[Historian Scott Hanson Discusses Religious Diversity in America.](#) IIP Digital. August 2008

R. Scott Hanson, a visiting assistant professor of history at the State University of New York at Binghamton and an affiliate of the Pluralism Project at Harvard University, discussed religious diversity in America in an Ask America webchat

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[U.S. Religious Freedom Owes Debt to Colonists' Radical Document.](#) IIP Digital. August 2008

New York -- The ancient, fragile document now lies protected in a glass case, its revolutionary, eloquent prose barely visible, its pages scorched. But the principle of religious freedom promoted by a small group of English settlers in the Flushing Remonstrance has survived the centuries.

[Young People Are Seen as Key to Success of Interfaith Efforts.](#) IIP Digital. July 2008.

Washington -- Interfaith movements hold the key to resolving conflicts rampant in today's world, but focusing those efforts on youth is critical to their success, panelists at a June forum sponsored by the United States Institute of Peace agree.

[DVD: On Common Ground: World Religions in America 2nd Edition.](#)

This DVD produced by Columbia University is about Professor Diana L. Eck's Pluralism Project at Harvard University. It portrays the many religious traditions of the United States today, from a Hindu temple near Boston to the nation's oldest Islamic Center in Iowa. View this DVD at the [Lincoln Corners](#).

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