

Speaker Introduction by Jonathan Trutor

Welcome to the 2005 Samuel F. Emerson Lecture. My name is Jonathan Trutor. I am the president of the UVM History Forum, the history department's student organization. Before we get underway, the History Forum would like to extend its thanks to Professor David Massell, who advised the Forum on putting together this year's lecture. The History Forum would also like to thank Kathy Morris and Kathleen Truax for their help in orchestrating this event.

The Emerson Lecture is an annual event. Every year, the History Forum brings a distinguished scholar to campus; often, the lecture focuses on a historical topic which relates closely to current events. This year's Emerson Lecture is no different. The 2005 Emerson Lecturer, Professor Febe Armanios of Middlebury College, will be discussing "Women in Iraq: Past and Present.

Professor Armanios completed her Ph.D in Islamic History at the Ohio State University in 2003. After finishing her doctorate, she spent a year working for the Congressional Research Service in Washington DC as an analyst in Middle East Affairs, where she published reports on the ties between Islam & U.S. policy in the region. In July 2004, she moved on to her current position at Middlebury College. Professor Armanios' research has focused on the Coptic Christians in Egypt. She has written a number of articles and given many lectures examining different aspects of Muslim-Christian relations and the Coptic experience.

Please welcome Professor Febe Armanios.