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11/25/03—Boston College Law School is co-sponsoring a lecture by Ann Elizabeth Mayer as part of the BC Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Program Distinguished Lecture Series. Mayer will speak on Tuesday, December 2, from 4:30-6:30 pm in Higgins Hall room 225.

Mayer, an Associate Professor of Legal Studies in the Department of Legal Studies at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, will discuss Women’s International Human Rights and Islamic Law -- An Uneasy Existence? The event is also co-sponsored by the Center for International Partnerships and Programs and the Women’s Studies Program.

Ann Elizabeth Mayer earned a Ph.D. in Middle Eastern History from the University of Michigan in 1978; a Certificate in Islamic and Comparative Law from the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London in 1977; a J.D. from the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1975; an M.A. in Near Eastern Languages and Literatures (Arabic and Persian) from the University of Michigan in 1966; and a B.A. in Honors German from the University of Michigan in 1964.

Mayer has taught as a visitor at Yale University Law School (1997); at Georgetown University (1992); and at Princeton University (1983). Her scholarship centers on Islamic law in contemporary legal systems, comparative law, and international law, with a special focus on human rights in North Africa and the Middle East. She has published extensively in law reviews and scholarly journals concerned with comparative and international law and the contemporary Middle East and North Africa. Her book *Islam and Human Rights: Tradition and Politics* (Boulder: Westview, 1999) is now in its third edition.

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