



MIDDLE EAST  
STUDIES CENTER

## Sufi Poetry Night on March 4th at 7:00PM

Poetry Recitation Followed by Discussion - English translations read with original

**Location: Page Hall, rm 10**

There is a lot of press given to Sufism these days, particularly in reference to whirling Dervishes, and quotes of their founder, Rumi. Sufism is also put forth as an example of Islamic moderation. In fact, typical Muslims are moderate, and sufism is only one expression of the daily practices of Muslims, and Sufism is a living tradition from Northern Africa to Central and South Asia. Let this evening be a way to explore the poetry of this tradition and learn about sufism as it is actually lived and has been lived, in a diverse array of cultures, and through expressions in many languages (not only Rumi's native tongue of Persian).

Please join us for an evening of poetry recitation, and brief explanations from individual standpoints of what sufism means and how it is practiced. The evening will include poems in Arabic, Persian and Turkish; including Arabic poems by 'Umar Ibn al-Fārid (1181-1235), Ibn 'Arabi, Sharaf al-Dīn Muhammad ibn Sa'īd Al-Būsīrī (1213-1296); Turkish poems by Hayretī, Mihrī Hatun, Yunus Emre, and Sezai Karakoç; Persian Poems by Rumi, Sa'adi, Khwajab Abdullah Ansari, Ghazi; and a selection of Urdu and Pashto poems.



*Photo by Vickie Starbuck, Sheikh Safi-ad-din Is'haq Ardabili Tomb, Ardabil, Iran*

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