

# Speaker Series:

## Middle East in Historical Context

**UCD International Center | Reception 4:30-5:30pm |  
Scholar Talk and Conversation 5:30-7pm**

*This event is open to the public and will begin with a reception, appetizers provided.*

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Brian Catlos is a Professor of Religious Studies and Director of the Mediterranean Studies Seminar at the University of Colorado. He has authored several books, including *Kingdoms of Faith: A New History of Islamic Spain*, a history of al-Andalus that accounts for how religion often served as the language of conflict, but it was rarely its source. He will speak on Muslims, Christians, and Jews in medieval Spain.

### About this series:

Join the Department of History, the California History-Social Science Project, and the Middle East/South Asia Studies Program at UC Davis as we host a speaker series and forum aimed at improving our public understanding of Middle Eastern history. This series aims to bring together UC Davis students, faculty/staff, K-12 teachers, and the public as we grapple with bias and bigotry and learn to contextualize current conflicts.