

rites vs. Rights: Women of Islam

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On Tuesday, January 8, the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Branch of the American Association of University Women will present RITES vs. RIGHTS, Women of Islam, an informative panel discussion on a very timely subject: Equality and Suppression in the Muslim World. The meeting will begin at 9:30 am at the Holy Trinity Serbian Church Cultural Center, 1700 School Street, Moraga.

Members of the panel will include Guity Kiani, originally from Iran and currently a retired founder, executive director and counselor for the Center for New Americans; Wafaa Aborashed, who has

been involved with the United Nations and Women's Interfaith groups since immigrating from Jordan; Dr. William Davis, J.D., who has done extensive studies on gender bias, and has provided technical, management and advisory services to help developing and transitioning societies navigate the challenges they face. Branch member Jaleh Kilpatrick will facilitate the panel discussion and an audience question-and-answer time following the presentation.

For more information on this meeting and on the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette Branch of AAUW, please visit their website: www.aauwoml.org.