

Fromherz to discuss major religions of the world

Itemizer-Observer staff report

DALLAS — The "Religions of Abraham" is the subject of a presentation Sunday at 6 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1486 SW Levens St. in Dallas.

Presented by Allen Fromherz, director of Middle East Studies and professor of history at Georgia State University, his talk will focus on the three major faiths that were present in medieval Spain and Portu-

gal: Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

Together the people of these three faiths forged a unique culture that would help spark the Renaissance.

The presentation is sponsored by St. Thomas Episcopal Church and has been arranged by Rebecca Fromherz, the church music director.

Rebecca and Allen Fromherz are siblings, born

and raised in Dallas.

Fromherz received his bachelor's degree in history from Dartmouth and his Ph.D. in Near and Middle Eastern studies from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.

His work on the life and writings of Ibn Khaldun of Tunis, a great historical Muslim thinker of the 14th century, inspired Allen Fromherz's interest in the countries, cultures and reli-



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gions of the Gulf. He is the author of several books, and has recently authored articles for *Mediterranean Encounters*, *Muslim World*, the *Journal of Medieval Iberian Studies* and the *British Academy*. He was recently selected as a Senior

Humanities Fellow at New York University Abu Dhabi for the spring of 2016. In that position, he will complete work on his next book, "The Global Gulf, A History." This book is contracted by Harvard University Press.

The program "Religions of Abraham" is endorsed by a recently organized group, the ad hoc task force on human equality, in which Rebecca Fromherz is a participant. Roger Fletcher, a

spokesman for the group, said that the formation of this group is in response to misinformation and misunderstanding that give rise to inequality.

"I think this presentation, as it relates to the three religions of Abraham, will certainly enlighten me about successful relationships of the past, and perhaps provide us with some insight to understanding the present," he said.



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