

# Religion and Identity Among Palestinians in Chicago

A Secularist Goes Islamic and Other Tales  
from Chicago's "Little Palestine"

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**SPEAKER**

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Loren D. Lybarger, Ph.D., is associate professor in the Department of Classics and World Religions at Ohio University. He is the author of *Identity and Religion in Palestine: The Struggle between Islamism and Secularism in the Occupied Territories*.

What might it mean to be Muslim, Palestinian and living in Chicago? This talk presents three stories of Palestinian Muslims living in the Palestinian immigrant community on the southwest side and in the southwest suburbs—each exemplifying different trajectories that individuals have taken in negotiating between religious and national identities.