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Hillsdale College's Kirby Center Hosts Panel Discussion On Religious Persecution

Scholars discuss experience of Christians living in the Middle East

On Wednesday, November 28, Hillsdale College's Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship will host a panel titled "Terror and Hope: Christians of the Middle East." The panel will feature photographer Rachael Lynn Reynolds, Philos Project senior fellow Juliana Taimoorazy and director of the Center for Religious Freedom at the Hudson Institute Nina Shea and will examine the often life-threatening nature of practicing Christianity in the Middle East through the lens of academic study and personal experience.

The lecture is free and open to the media, but space is limited and attendees are encouraged to [register by visiting the event's ticketing site here](#).

WHEN: **Wednesday, November 28, 2018**
6 p.m. ET – Doors Open
6:30 p.m. ET – Discussion // Reception to follow

WHERE: **Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship**
227 Massachusetts Avenue NE
Washington, DC 20002

WHO: **Rachael Lynn Reynolds** is a photographer and artist whose work has focused on the experience of Christians living in the Middle East and those displaced by persecution. She earned her bachelor's degree in art from Hillsdale College and studied art history and photography at the Florence University of Art.

Juliana Taimoorazy is a senior fellow of the Philos Project and president and founder of the Iraqi Christian Relief Council. A refugee who fled religious persecution in Iran, she is a vocal advocate for support of Assyrian Christians across the globe. Taimoorazy earned her master's degree from Northeastern Illinois University.

Nina Shea is the director of the Center for Religious Freedom at the Hudson Institute. She previously served seven terms on the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom and is the co-author of *Persecuted: The Global Assault on Christians* and *Silenced: How Apostasy and Blasphemy Codes are Choking Freedom Worldwide*. She earned a bachelor's degree from Smith College and J.D. from American University.

About the Kirby Center

The Allan P. Kirby, Jr. Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship is an extension of the teaching mission of Hillsdale College to Washington, D.C. Its purpose is to teach the Constitution and the principles that give it meaning. Through the study of original source documents from American history—and of older books that formed the education of America's founders—the Center seeks to

inspire students, teachers, citizens and policymakers to return the Constitution to its central place in the political life of the nation.

About Hillsdale College

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