

Dearborn/Detroit Tours

Arab American National Museum Tour

Friday, April 17, 2009

9:45am-1:00pm

Paul Draus, Assistant Professor of Sociology at UM-Dearborn, will be coordinating this event. Please contact him at draus@umd.umich.edu or at 313.583.6628 if you are interested in participating in this tour.

Dearborn is home to one of the largest concentrations of Arab-Americans in the United States, and this morning excursion will allow you to learn more about this community, and to sample some delicious local food. We will depart the conference site at approximately 9:45 for a 10 a.m. guided tour of the Arab American National Museum. At 11:30 we will have lunch at Amani's Restaurant or the M& M Café, depending on the size of the group (see reviews/websites below). The cost of the tour will be \$8 per person. The restaurants are both moderately priced—count on \$8-10 for basic lunch.

About the museum:

The Arab American National Museum is the first museum in the world devoted to Arab American history and culture. Arab Americans have enriched the economic, political and cultural landscape of American life. By bringing the voices and faces of Arab Americans to mainstream audiences, we continue our commitment to dispel misconceptions about Arab Americans and other minorities. The Museum brings to light the shared experiences of immigrants and ethnic groups, paying tribute to the diversity of our nation.

For more information on current exhibits, see the museum's website:

<http://www.arabamericanmuseum.org/Visit-the-Museum.id.5.htm>

About the restaurants:

For Amani's Restaurant info and menu, see <http://amanilebaneserrestaurant.com/> (No reviews are yet available for this location).

M&M Cafe is one of the better restaurants in Dearborn. They have menu specials which change daily, e.g., crab cakes, salmon cakes, white fish, spaghetti and sausage. Soups are great (lentil, lemon rice, tomato basil which also rotate daily). Regular menu items like chicken stir-fry and patty melt are always good. French fries are the best in the area. Call for specials and hours. I've never had a bad meal here and it's in east Dearborn, so no hourly parking scam going on. Pricing is moderate and they should be able to accommodate 8-10. Hmmm, I'm gettin' hungry. www.chowhound.com

Inside-Out Prison Exchange Experience

Friday, April 17

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Limited to 15 participants.

Lora Lempert will be coordinating this tour. ALL participants will need to be LEIN cleared (Law Enforcement Information Network), so please contact Lora Lempert (llempert@umd.umich.edu) by April 10 if you are interested in this tour.

Participants will meet at NCSA and will be transported to Ryan Road Correctional Facility.

If you are interested in (or have ever wondered about):

- Teaching in a prison
- Teaching your undergraduate students in a prison
- Teaching your undergraduate students in a prison in the same class with student inmates

Then this Inside-Out Prison Exchange Experience is the opportunity for you to explore the possibilities. The experience is offered by Lora Lempert, UM Dearborn and IO Steering Committee member, and “inside student” alumni from Ryan Correctional.

Inside-Out Prison Exchange is an opportunity for college students to go behind the walls to reconsider their conceptions of crime and justice. At the same time, it is also an opportunity for those inside prison to place their life experiences in a larger framework. IO participants (and NCSA participants) not only learn to look at particular issues from new perspectives; they learn to see themselves as potential agents of change.

The core of the Inside-Out Program is a semester long course through which 15-18 undergraduate students and the same number of incarcerated men or women attend class together inside prison. Crucial to the Inside-Out pedagogy is the powerful exchange that occurs between inside students and outside students, made all the more compelling for being conducted inside a prison. It is the reciprocity and authenticity of this exchange of students from different environments learning together that makes Inside-Out unique.

For more information on Inside Out, please see: www.temple.edu/inside-out/aboutus/

Detroit Bus Tour

Saturday, April 18

8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Lars Bjorn (UM-Dearborn) (lbjorn@umd.umich.edu) who has taught a course on Detroit history for thirty years will be coordinating this tour. This tour will cover a number of significant spots in Detroit’s colorful history. We will go by the headquarters and plants of what used to be called the Big 3, drive through immigrant and old elite neighborhoods (Hamtramck and Boston-Edison, resp.), survey some recent efforts of revitalization in the downtown area (lower Woodward Avenue), as well as a fair number of failed projects.