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Included below is a press release regarding a Fulbright lecture at Ferris State University. Further information is available by contacting Leah Nixon, assistant director of News Services.

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Ferris Fulbrighters announce annual foreign lecture

BIG RAPIDS – The 13th annual Fulbright Foreign Lecture will be held on March 1. Dr. Liljana Elverskog, a native of Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, will deliver the lecture entitled “Arabic: The Language of God and Man.”

All members of the campus and Big Rapids communities are invited to attend the free lecture from 4 to 5 p.m. in BUS 111.

Dr. Elverskog is currently teaching Arabic at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. She earned her B.A. at the University of Sarajevo in Language and Literature in both Arabic and English. Her graduate studies in Sudan in Africa led to an M.A. degree in 1987 from the Khartoum International Institute for Arabic Language. She holds a Ph.D. from Indiana University in Arabic Linguistics.

She has taught Arabic at the University of Texas-Austin, Indiana University, University of California-Santa Barbara, Middlebury College and Brown University. In addition to teaching, she has worked as a translator, language consultant, and interpreter for academic, private, and government organizations and institutions. She has received numerous teaching and language awards, and has also been recognized for starting Arabic language programs at a number of colleges and universities throughout the U.S.

Ferris professors Phillip Middleton, Languages and Literature, and Robert Friar, Biology, were colleagues of Elverskog when they both were Fulbright scholars in Sudan in 1987.

Elverskog sees this year’s Fulbright lecture as an opportunity to share with the Ferris community insights about the Arabic language, the countries where it is spoken, the people who speak it and how it has come to be an important language today. Her many international experiences will provide a window into the lives and cultures of Arabic-speaking peoples.

In addition to the lecture on March 1, Elverskog will be available for classroom and seminar lectures on March 2. She is prepared to speak on topics related to Arabic language, teaching, cultures where Arabic is spoken and her experiences in these countries.

For further information, or to arrange a speaking appearance for Elverskog, contact Christine

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CAPTION – Dr. Liljana Elverskog



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