

Dr. Rashid Khalidi to Deliver Ware Lecture at 2007 General Assembly

The Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly Planning Committee and UUA President William G. Sinkford are pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Rashid Khalidi, author of two highly acclaimed Beacon Press books on the Middle East, to deliver the 2007 Ware Lecture at the UUA General Assembly in Portland, Oregon. Khalidi is the author of *The Iron Cage: The Story of the Palestinian Struggle for Statehood* (<http://www.beacon.org/productdetails.cfm?SKU=0308>), named an outstanding title of 2006 by Publishers Weekly, and *Resurrecting Empire: Western Footprints and America's Perilous Path in the Middle East* (<http://www.beacon.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=1313>).

Sinkford says, "Rashid Khalidi offers us a focused and much-needed perspective on the worsening situation in the Middle East. As we search for guidance on how to address this region's turmoil, Dr. Khalidi's well-researched and engrossing analysis of both the roots of the conflicts as well as the current context is crucial to restoring a sense of hope for the future. We are delighted to announce his selection for this prestigious Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly lecture."

Khalidi is the author of three previous books about the Middle East: *Origins of Arab Nationalism*, *Under Siege*, and the award-winning *Palestinian Identity*. He holds the Edward Said Chair in Arab Studies at Columbia University, where he heads the Middle East Institute. He has written more than eighty articles on Middle Eastern history and politics, as well as op-ed pieces in the *New York Times*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Chicago Tribune*, and *The Nation*. Khalidi has received fellowships and grants from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the American Research Center in Egypt, and the Rockefeller Foundation. He was also the recipient of a Fulbright research award. Professor Khalidi has been a regular guest on numerous radio and TV shows, including *All Things Considered*, *Talk of the Nation*, *Morning Edition*, *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, and *Nightline*. He lives in New York.

The Ware Lecture will be delivered on Saturday, June 23, at 9:00 p.m. in Portland at the Oregon Convention Center. General Assembly registration is required to attend this event. For information on General Assembly, please see registration information on the UUA website (<http://www.uua.org/ga/reg.html>). Previous Ware Lecturers have included the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., Kurt Vonnegut, and poet Mary Oliver.