Indiana University
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (NELC)
is pleased to announce the

Sixth Annual Victor Danner Memorial Lecture in Islamic Studies

by

Professor Vincent Cornell
Emory University

“Dialogues in the Vernacular: A Pragmatic Approach to Muslim-Non-Muslim Relations”

This lecture will explore the anthropological notion of "vernacular religion" as an approach to interreligious understanding. The social and political contextualization of Muslim approaches to other religions and their adherents, including legal and scriptural interpretations, serves to "vernacularize" virtually all such encounters in actual practice. Examples of religious vernaculars will be drawn from Islamic history and will include ritual practices, political accommodations, cultural analyses, and legal and theological debates. The lecture will conclude with general observations on the prospects of vernacular religion as a pragmatic aid to Muslim-Non-Muslim understanding.

7:30 p.m.
April 7th, 2008
Frangipani Room
Indiana Memorial Union