



# Modern Times

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## The Rivalry That Is Destroying the Middle East

On Tuesday, September 17, the Granville Historical Society will welcome Dr. Marcus Smith, a graduate of Purdue University and an adjunct member of the faculty of Columbus State Community College. Dr. Smith's presentation will focus on the the Iran/Saudi-Arabia rivalry and how that rivalry is driving conflicts throughout the Middle East. Dr. Smith views this rivalry as a prime example of how religious claims and religious language are employed in struggles that are ultimately about power and influence.



Dr. Marcus Smith

Born and raised in Ohio, Dr. Smith's deployment to Iraq in 2005 with the U.S. Army sparked his interest in the history and cultures of the region. As a Middle East specialist, he observed that U.S. foreign policy is often made and understood by Americans based on notions of how Middle Eastern politics and society function. As a Middle East specialist, he aims to educate better informed leaders, activists, and citizens to promote more productive U.S. engagement in the region and healthier relations with U.S. immigrants from the Middle East.

This program is free and open to the public and is a part of the Granville Historical Society's "History as Background Series". The program begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening, September 17 in the meeting room of the Granville Historical Society Museum, 115 East Broadway in Granville, Ohio. Interested readers can learn more about Dr. Smith by visiting his website at <https://marcusesmith.weebly.com/>

### Museum Hours

Saturday 12-4  
May thru September  
Sunday 1-3  
May thru September

### Research Archives Hours

All Year on  
Thursdays Only  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Enter through the Robinson Research Center on the west side of the building.

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## Documents Help Bring Granville's History to Life

Recent acquisition of two deeds for the property of 109 East College Street matched with photos we already had in our collection of previous owners. Items such as these help fill in the puzzle of the history of a home or family tree. If you are interested in finding historical information about your Granville home, contact us at the Granville Historical Society at 740-587-3951 or stop in on any Thursday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and visit our archives. (Use the side door on the church side by the Hubert and Oese Robinson Research Center sign.)