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University of St. Thomas presents "Women of the World" Lecture Series

WHAT: Shada Salih Shinta, Iraqi native, will give a presentation on the people, history and culture of Iraq.

WHEN: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 20

WHERE: Anderson Hall, Room 103
University of St. Thomas
3913 Mt. Vernon

BACKGROUND: In her presentation, Shinta will examine the question "How much do we really know about the people of Iraq, their history, culture and their aspirations?"

Shinta was born and reared in Baghdad, Iraq. She came to the United States in 1986 with her husband and has lived in many states across the United States. She holds a mechanical engineering degree from Baghdad University. She now serves as a language consultant for ProEspa International, a company that provides professional language and translation services to Houston area professionals in the oil and gas industry. She aspires to become a teacher here in Houston.

Initiated by Dr. Debra Andrist, Cullen professor of Spanish, in honor of her parents, Bill L. and Gerre D. Andrist, the *Women of the World* series was inspired by Andrist's summer 2004 Fulbright-Hays summer seminar in Morocco, *The Triumph and Challenges of Women in Morocco*.

COST: Free and open to the public.

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