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Contemporary History Series Program Set for Immigrant Heritage Month

This is the third program in the Delaware Historical Society's yearlong Contemporary History Series.

Wilmington, DE — In commemoration of Immigrant Heritage Month, the Delaware Historical Society will present a special program recognizing Delaware's diverse immigrant heritage. The program will feature a screening of the short documentary film *Ellis*, which is based on a provocative art installation by the French artist and director JR and explores the themes of immigration through Ellis Island. After the film, there will be a discussion moderated by Dr. Anne Boylan, University of Delaware Professor Emerita of History. Delawareans will also share their immigration stories and a range of collection objects representing Delaware's immigrant heritage will be on display.

After the program, attendees are invited to participate in the Ramadan Iftar, or breaking of the fast at sunset with traditional foods from the Muslim community.

This is the third program in the 2016 Contemporary History Series in which a range of contemporary issues are being explored through the prism of their historical contexts. The goal of this series is to provide a much needed forum for healthy discussions on issues directly affecting our communities. In September, the program will look at the historical significance and the contemporary impact of the Voting Rights Act.

WHAT: Then and Now: Delaware's Immigration Stories

WHERE: Delaware History Museum at 504 N. Market St., Wilmington

WHEN: Thursday, June 30, 2016 from 7-9 pm

HOW: Reservations are required at (302) 655-7161 or deinfo@dehistory.org.
The program is free and open to the public.

About the Delaware Historical Society:

The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in Wilmington; as well as the Read House & Gardens located in historic New Castle, recognized as an "American Treasure" by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service; and the Center for African American Heritage, which will be included as part of the expansion of the Delaware History Museum, expected to reopen in October 2016. For more information, call (302) 655-7161 or visit www.dehistory.org.

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