

INTRODUCTION TO AFGHANISTAN CULTURE - A Zoom Q&A with David Edwards, James N. Lambert '39 Professor of Anthropology at Williams College
October 25th, 4:30-5:30pm - See Zoom link below.

Description: Join Williams Anthropology Professor David Edwards for an online question and answer session focused on understanding Afghanistan culture. Edwards will share his knowledge gained from extensive research in the country over more than 30 years. Share your questions in advance via this [form](#).

Note that Professor Edwards is not personally involved in organizing Afghan refugee resettlement. The organizers of this info session will share the most up-to-date information available regarding the resettlement initiative in Berkshire County at the end of the event. The Zoom session will be recorded and made available to those interested.

More about the speaker:

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David Edwards has been conducting research on and writing about Afghanistan, South Asia, and Islam for more than thirty years. A graduate of Princeton University (BA, 1975) and the University of Michigan (PhD, 1986), he is the author of numerous articles and three books published by the University of California Press, the most recent of which, *Caravan of Martyrs: Sacrifice and Suicide Bombing in Afghanistan* (2017), was awarded the Senior Book Prize from the American Ethnological Society (<https://americanethnologist.org/awards/senior-book-prize/winner-caravan-of-martyrs-sacrifice-and-suicide-bombing-in-afghanistan>). Edwards is also the co-director and producer of the film, *Kabul Transit* (<https://www.kabultransit.net/>), which was an official selection of the Los Angeles Film Festival, the International Documentary Festival in Amsterdam, and the Independents Night film series at Lincoln Center in New York City. In addition to his research and teaching, Edwards serves on the board of trustees of the American University of Afghanistan and chairs the task force planning the university's future in the wake of the Taliban takeover.

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