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DAYTON, Ohio, October 25, 1988--An inter-faith speakers series concerning the relationship of women and power in different religious traditions will be presented Nov. 7, 9 and 10 at the University of Dayton. The three-part series, "Religious Authority: Power and Empowerment," will examine the distinction between power and empowerment and will explore how religious authority can be structured to empower women as well as men. The presentations are free and open to the public.

"Women are interested in what's going on in religious traditions, even if they are not currently practicing a specific religion," said Patricia Johnson, director of the women's studies program at UD. "These three women have stayed with their traditions. They have found something within the tradition that does serve to empower them."

"A Christian Perspective" will be presented on Monday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Ballroom by Letty Russell, a professor of theology at Yale Divinity School. She is an ordained Presbyterian minister, a leading feminist theologian and the author of 13 books.

Riffat Hassan, chairperson of the religious studies program at the University of Louisville, will present "A Muslim Perspective" on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in O'Leary Auditorium in Miriam Hall. Hassan is co-founder of the Pakistan Association of Interreligious Dialogue. She lectures on feminist theology in Islam and has worked on many peace education projects. Her books include "The Bitter Harvest," "The Sword and the Sceptre"

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"A Jewish Perspective" will be presented on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in O'Leary Auditorium in Miriam Hall by Susan Weidman Schneider, editor-in-chief of LILITH magazine. She is a founding board member of US/Israel Women-to-Women, writes for daily newspapers and national magazines and has been appointed to many national commissions and task forces on issues of concern to Jewish women. She is the author of "Head and Heart" and "Jewish and Female."

The series is sponsored by UD's women's studies program, religious studies department, philosophy department, the Office for Ministry and Religious Education Services (MORES), the College of Arts and Sciences and the Provost's Office.

For more information on the series, call (513) 229-4285.

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