

The Arab Spring: Where are we today?

Evening Discussion and Book Signing

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In *The Fires of Spring: A Post-Arab Spring Journey Through the Turbulent New Middle East*, Shelly Culbertson narrates a journey through six countries (Tunisia, Turkey, Iraq, Jordan, Qatar, and Egypt), seeking to understand how the Arab Spring shaped the Middle East. Her work tells the stories of protest leaders, government officials, journalists, business leaders, and others — and describes their ideas as well as conflicting points of view.

Join us for a conversation surrounding Shelly's new book, and on the shifting dynamics within the New Middle East in the wake of the Arab Spring. What is the New Middle East? Where do the Arab Spring nations stand today? Is more turmoil and destruction expected, or a gradual progression towards stability?



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Evening Discussion

Monday, July 25, 2016

5:30—6:00 PM Networking

6:00—8:00 PM Discussion and Book Signing

Alphabet City Tent (City of Asylum)

318 Sampsonia Way

Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Members: \$15

Non-Members: \$20

Registration is required. No-shows and cancellations after **July 21, 2016** will be charged.

Light appetizers are included.