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PRESENT

**FOCUS ON SYRIA**

Sunday • April 9, 2017 • 1:00 PM

**Loyola University Chicago, Lake Shore Campus, Piper Hall, First Floor**

OVERVIEW: Wendy Pearlman, Associate Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University

SYRIAN WRITERS IN EXILE: Osama Alomar and Riad Ismat reading from their works and in conversation with Wendy Pearlman and YOU on the current situation in Syria and on being writers in exile.



**Riad Ismat** - playwright, short story and screenplay writer, critic, theater director, and diplomat – reads from his plays and other writings



**Osama Alomar** reads from his new book *The Teeth of the Comb and Other Stories* just published by New Directions



**Wendy Pearlman** - Martin and Patricia Koldyke Outstanding Teaching Professor at Northwestern University – her book *We Crossed a Bridge and it Trembled: Voices from Syria* will be published by HarperCollins in June 2017

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