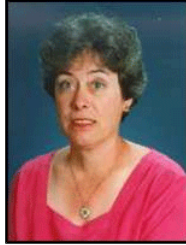




## Margaret Mills

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**Margaret Mills**  
Ohio State

"Afghanistan in August"

**Wednesday, September 29, 2004**  
**12:00 p.m. \***  
*Mershon Center*  
*Room 120*

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Margaret Mills (Ph.D., Harvard), Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, recently returned from a research trip to Afghanistan. In her talk, she will describe her experiences there during the month of August and compare them to her previous trips: she has been studying that country since 1974 and witnessed its many historical and cultural changes.

Mills came to OSU in 1998 from the University of Pennsylvania, where she was Chair of the Department of Folklore and Folklife. She is widely regarded as a leading specialist in the popular culture of the Persian and Farsi-speaking world. Her book, *Rhetorics and Politics in Afghan Traditional Storytelling*, won the 1993 Chicago Folklore Prize for best academic work in folklore. She is the author or co-editor of four additional books, with two others in preparation, as well as numerous other publications.

*\*Please R.S.V.P. to Ann Powers if you plan to attend this event.*