CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY HOLDING PUBLIC FORUM TO DISCUSS NORTH AFRICAN, MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS

ATLANTA (March 23, 2011) – Clark Atlanta University President Carlton E. Brown today announced that the University will hold a public forum on events in North Africa and the Middle East Tuesday, April 5, from 5-7 p.m. in the Exhibition Hall of the University’s Thomas W. Cole Center for Research in Science and Technology, 233 James P. Brawley Drive, in Atlanta. The event is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

William H. Boone, associate professor in the University’s Department of Political Science, will moderate the discussion, led by experts in the field: Clark Atlanta University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Joseph H. Silver Sr., who holds a doctorate in political science; Hashim T. Gibrill, Ph.D., associate professor of political science at Clark Atlanta; Dr. Fatemeh Shafiei, Ph.D., associate professor of political science at Spelman College; Dr. Kasahun Woldemariam, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science at Spelman College; and Iman Sulaimaan Hamed of the Atlanta Masjid of al-Islam.

“Current events in Tunisia, Libya, Egypt and Côte D’Ivoire, as well as ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, are of key concern to those who understand the highly sensitive, fragile nature of politics in this region,” said Fragano S.J. Ledgister, chair of the Political Science Department, who will welcome the public to the event. “More important,” he added, “as global citizens, we are obliged to fully consider the political, social, economic and diplomatic impact these events will have on neighboring countries, as well as the United States and other governments in the broader, global community.”

Members of Metro-Atlanta’s academic communities and the public are encouraged to attend the forum which, according to Ledgister, will provide important context on current events in the region, as well as discourse on possible outcomes and solutions. For more information, call the Clark Atlanta University Department of Political Science at 404-880-8718.

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