

Melinda McClimans Bio

Melinda McClimans, Assistant Director of the Middle East Studies Center at the Ohio State University, is an expert in pedagogy, learning, and curriculum development, specializing in U.S.-Middle Eastern cultural exchanges. Dr. McClimans manages a variety of projects with partners in and outside of OSU, small and large, to educate students, teachers, professionals in a variety of fields, and the general public about the Middle East. She manages marketing and communications for the Middle East Studies Center, in addition to teaching, designing and implementing educational programs, and conducting research on cross-cultural learning taking place in OSU courses. She works across multiple domains of knowledge, creating transformative intercultural learning experiences for students at OSU and other participants. She is experienced in multi-disciplinary projects on global issues such as the water crisis, and the unique ways they manifest in the Middle East. Dr. McClimans holds a doctorate in Global Education. Melinda's dissertation is on the ways in which teachers push student conceptual boundaries of self and Other to enhance cultural learning. She also holds an MA in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, with a concentration on Arabic and the history of Arabic-speaking communities.