

**ASSOC. PROF. OF FRENCH OURIDA MOSTEFAI TO BE HONORED  
BY FRENCH NATIONAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

CHESTNUT HILL, MA (January 2009) -- Ourida Mostefai, associate professor of French in the Romance Languages & Literatures Department at Boston College, will be honored by the French National Ministry of Education with the award of Chevalier dans l' Ordre des Palmes Académiques on Thursday, January 29.

François Gauthier, Consul General of France in Boston will decorate Professor Mostefai at a ceremony at Connolly House hosted by Provost and Dean of Faculties Cutberto Garza.



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The Order des Palmes Académiques ("Knight in the Order of Academic Palms") was established in 1808 by Napoléon in order to honor excellence in the academic world. The Palmes Académiques is the oldest and most highly respected award presented to scholars by the French government.

Professor Mostefai's award resulted from her many years of promotion of French language and culture through her teaching and research.

She holds a Ph.D. from New York University; a master's degree from New York University and a Licence de Lettres from the Université de Paris III-Sorbonne Nouvelle.

Her areas of research include 18th-century French Literature, Rousseau, pamphlets and polemical literature and strategies of reading and censorship.

She is author, editor or co-editor of numerous books and articles, most recently *Rousseau and l'Infâme: Religion, Toleration, and Fanaticism in the Age of Enlightenment*, of which she is co-editor with John T. Scott. She also is author of *Le Citoyen de Genève et la République des Lettres: étude de la controverse autour de la "Lettre à d'Alembert,"* editor of *Lectures de "La Nouvelle Héloïse"* and co-editor of *Approaches to Teaching Rousseau's "Confessions" and "Rêveries."*

She also was instrumental to the founding at Boston College in 1997 of the Lambda Psi chapter of Pi Delta Phi, the National French Honor Society.