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Eastern Professors Read From New Book

Willimantic, Conn. – Eastern Connecticut State University professors Raouf Mama and Andy Jones are getting together to tell us “Why Monkeys Live in Trees.” The pair has recently collaborated on this book of African folktales that was published this year by Curbstone Press in Willimantic. They are scheduled to read from the work Oct. 30 at 4 p.m. in the Johnson Community Room located on the second floor of the University’s J. Eugene Smith Library.

When Mama decided to work with a colleague from Eastern he chose illustrator Jones, who is noted for his design of the Charter Oak depicted on the Connecticut commemorative quarter. As the oak on the quarters has roots, so do both authors of this book. Aside from being much-loved members of the faculty at Eastern, their individual bodies of work are quite impressive. Mama has written a number of books with such interesting titles as “Why Goats Smell Bad and Other Stories from Benin,” and “The Barefoot Book of Tropical Tales.” “Why Monkeys Live in Trees” is his fourth. Jones’ list of accomplishments includes the covers for books and limited edition prints of local wonders in addition to his work on the Charter Oak quarter.

Don’t miss this free and exciting opportunity to meet these distinguished local artists.

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