

PALESTINIAN AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER

Pride in PARC's Accomplishments

by Hadeel Qazzaz



At the end of June, while packing my things and clearing my desk to leave PARC's office in Ramallah for a one-year sabbatical, I reflected with pride

on PARC's many accomplishments. After working with PARC as Director of the Palestine office for five years and serving as a member of PARC's Palestine advisory board for four years, I am extremely pleased with what has been achieved since my involvement with PARC began almost 10 years ago. At the start of my time with PARC, PARC was operating from a small desk in the house of the dedicated and hard working Palestine Director Penny Johnson. Now we have a spacious office hosted by the Institute of Palestine Studies, with a shared, specialized resource library that includes some primary sources that are not available anywhere else in the world. We have more than 100 Palestinian PARC fellows who are good friends and colleagues and will not hesitate to volunteer their time, knowledge and experience to support fellow researchers and promote PARC's mission.

We are well known and well recognized for our unique service of providing fellowships for research on Palestine in all fields of study, research that strives for excellence and adds value to knowledge about Palestine. Over the years, we contributed to several important seminars and conferences in Palestine where our fellows presented their work and engaged in high level, intellectual discussions.

We represent a bridge for many U.S. scholars who travel for the first time to Palestine through PARC's Faculty Development Seminar and become interested in pursuing study on Palestine. We also serve as a home base for U.S. scholars conducting research here. We brought Palestine to the academic scene in the United States by providing opportunities for visiting Palestinian scholars to tour and speak at U.S. universities and think tanks as well as participate in academic conferences.

The small community surrounding PARC is inspiring. I felt privileged to work with some of the most interesting intellectuals in Palestinian studies. This also includes my colleagues at PARC, especially the Executive Director Penelope Mitchell, who kept us running even in hard times. I sometimes envy her for her energy and dedication to Palestine. In addition, the wonderful members of the U.S. board of directors and the Palestine advisory board were always willing to give of their time and effort to PARC. I would like to thank them all for making my time with PARC rewarding and exciting.

We recently founded a new Palestinian NGO, which gathers PARC fellows in an effort to serve their community by promoting a culture of academic excellence and disseminating scholarly research on Palestine both in Palestine and around the world. The Palestinian Center for Academic Research (PCAR) will prove to be an important addition to Palestinian civil society, covering a gap that no other organization has filled to date.

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From the mid-1960s until 1993, the Palestinian revolutionary served as the icon of freedom and liberation throughout the Arab world. Since the 1993 Oslo Accords, and despite temporary revivals such as during the Al-Aqsa *intifada*, the power and efficacy of that figure has been largely marginalized in the Arab imagination, and replaced by others such as the Lebanese Hizballah. The Palestinians to some extent gave up, and were seen as relinquishing their self-defined and widely perceived exceptional status to become part of the Arab political system — a system characterized by hopelessness, helplessness, subservience, and apathy.

The last two years have witnessed the beginnings of a fundamental transformation of the entrenched Arab order — both conceptually and on the ground. Tunisians, Egyptians, and Arabs throughout the region took to the streets, risking life and limb to challenge and overhaul regimes and modes of rule that have largely been in place since the end of the colonial era. Rather than looking to Palestinians for inspiration, Arabs have been asking why Palestinians appear to be the only Arabs yet to launch an uprising against their rulers. In light of the above, this year's MESA panel,

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Around the PARC



By Penelope Mitchell, Executive Director

Though PARC is still struggling to secure funding for our Palestine office, other efforts to expand our work have been quite successful. Most notably, we celebrate the award of a **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship Programs at International Research Institutions (FPRI)** grant to PARC.

For each of the next three years, this new grant will fund a minimum of four and a maximum of eight months of post-doctoral research in the Humanities or research with a humanistic approach. We hope for a great pool of applicants so please spread the word about this unique opportunity.

In addition to the NEH/FPRI fellowship competition, thanks to the U.S. State Department's Educational and Cultural Affairs Bureau (ECA), we are now running our **14th U.S. fellowship competition** for doctoral and post-doctoral research on Palestine. Concurrently, we have our annual **Palestinian fellowship competition**, also for doctoral and post-doctoral research. The primary source of funding for these fellowships is individual donors, including your donations to PARC. This year our fourth **Faculty Development Seminar** competition has two slots set aside for faculty members from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and one for a faculty member from a Tribal College. These three slots will also be funded by ECA. PARC is particularly delighted to be able to reach out to HBCUs and Tribal Colleges and looks forward to the participation of their faculty members in our FDS experience. Finally, we encourage those of you interested in comparative research to explore the Council of American Overseas Research Centers' **Multi-country Research Fellowship** competition. The newsletter contains highlighted boxes with further information on each of these competitions.

Please join us for our **PARC panel at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA)** in Denver on Sunday, November 18 at 11:00AM. The panel, entitled "Palestine and the Arab Revolutions," is cosponsored with *Jadaliyya* and organized by two-time PARC fellow Sherene Seikaly, director of the Middle East Studies Center at the American University in Cairo. In addition to our panel, we will have a **gathering of fellows and friends on Saturday, November 17 from 3:30-5:00PM**. This will be an opportunity to hear from PARC fellows about their research in Palestine and other updates from the field. The gathering will also include a **silent auction** of rare and beautiful Palestine posters donated to PARC by Dan Walsh of the Palestine Poster Project Archives to help raise funds for PARC activities. So please come and bid often!

This newsletter presents the second installment of **profiles for our 2011-12 fellows**. This was a banner year with 21 U.S. and Palestinian fellows. Palestinians are looking at: family friendly practices in the workplace; one-state outcomes for conflicts in South Africa and Northern Ireland compared with conditions in Palestine/Israel; the effects of home demolition on Jerusalem families; recurrent pregnancy loss; and the early, Israeli 'leftist' settler movement. Our U.S. fellows are examining: concepts of citizenship under the British mandate; the occupation and the use of new media by the Israeli state; peace-building programs in Israel; the adaptation of militant organizations in Lebanon during and after war; and Palestinian environmental stewardship. I am sure you will agree this is quite an incredible range of topics.

PARC has made it to **Facebook and Twitter!** Thanks to our Social Media Intern, Leila Shebaro, office manager Basma Guthrie, and Project Manager Kaylan Geiger, we now have well over 3,000 followers on Facebook and over 100 followers on Twitter, and those numbers continue to grow rapidly. Facebook and Twitter have been especially helpful in getting the word out when our fellows publish online and in

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keeping you posted about conferences, seminars, and a host of other Palestine events in both the United States and Palestine.

Next year, PARC will hold elections for two spots on the board of directors representing the PARC membership. This is your opportunity to become more involved in PARC and help shape our future. Please **consider running for office or nominate a colleague.**

To conserve costs, we have been experimenting with **distributing the newsletter electronically**, as we have been doing for our international members for the last several years. We will continue to send a hard copy of the newsletter to all institutional members and to anyone who requests it. However, the most important objective for the newsletter is that you read it! We believe the newsletter assists the community of scholars working on and interested in Palestine to stay connected by learning about current research, seminars and conferences, and other events and activities in the United States and Palestine. Please let us know your thoughts on your preferences for how you would like to receive the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing many of you at MESA.

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cosponsored by PARC and *Jadaliyya*, will examine how these past two years of unprecedented political upheaval have reverberated among Palestinians and influenced their realities, strategies, and visions.

The panel begins with a challenge to the long held narrative on the absence of 'contentious politics' in the Arab world, through tracing the resurgence of Palestinian social movements in the context of the Arab revolutions. The panel shifts to a mapping of the role of women's movements in Palestinian politics and the influence of the Arab revolutions on Palestinians' visions and strategies for gender liberation and equality. The panel then moves to an exploration of Palestinian political activism in Egypt in the aftermath of the 2011 revolution. The panel ends with a case study that draws lessons from the Palestinian refugee resettlement from Iraq to envision various possible scenarios for Palestinian refugees in Syria. Together these papers shed light on multiple sites of political potentialities as well as Palestinian strategies and challenges in a rapidly shifting political context.

Palestine and the Arab Revolutions

Sunday, November 18, 2012 11:00am-1:00pm

Chair, Discussant and Organizer: Sherene Seikaly, Department of History, American University in Cairo (PARC alumni fellow)

Panelists:

Fadi Quran, MA in Democracy and Human Rights, Birzeit University, *A New Generation of Palestinian Revolutionaries?* (To be read by Sherene Seikaly)

Halla Shoaibi, S.J.D candidate, Fulbright Scholar, Washington College of Law, American University, *The Arab Revolutions: Rethinking Women's Activism in Palestine*

Tahreer Araj, Assistant Professor, Institute for Gender and Women's Studies, American University in Cairo (PARC alumni fellow), *Does the Road to Freedom Begin in Cairo? Palestinian Political Activism in Egypt*

Noura Erakat, Freedman Teaching Fellow, Temple Law School, *Palestinian Refugees and the Syrian Uprising: Filling the Protection Gap During Secondary Forced Displacement*

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I am proud that during my sabbatical year, a PARC fellow, Dr. Ghada alMadbouh, a young and promising political scientist from Birzeit University, will manage PARC's Palestine office. Dr. al-Madbouh is a symbol of PARC's mission coming true. As a young woman scholar, she benefited from PARC's support to develop her excellent research and speak at international conferences, and now she has returned to serve in a Palestinian university. Dr. alMadbouh believes in what PARC can do and will be able to bring the organization to new levels of recognition and success.

I will always be committed to supporting PARC and will continue to contribute to its achievements. I hope that I will be back on board again soon to serve in any needed capacity. In the meantime, I will continue to promote PARC's mission among fellow academics and encourage them to donate to and support PARC's work in Palestine and the United States.

Spread the Word Call for HBCU and Tribal College Applications for FDS

PARC encourages faculty members at Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Tribal Colleges to apply for PARC's 2013 Faculty Development Seminar to Palestine. Full funding is available for two professors from HBCUs and one professor from a Tribal College.

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Lauren Banko

The 'Invention' of Palestinian Citizenship: Discourses and Practices, 1918-1936

Lauren Banko's research historicizes two distinct discourses of citizenship development under the Palestine Mandate. Banko's work analyzes how the Palestinian Arab concept of a Palestinian citizen developed alongside and differed from the citizen as promoted by the British administration. The first discourse that Banko investigates is the definition and legislation emanating from the British and League of Nations officials who essentially created a recognized Palestinian citizenship that was codified in 1925. The British discourses that surrounded this citizenship had a great deal to do with British conceptions of a citizen, national, and subject, as well as the proper status of Palestine within their empire and the obligations of the mandatory to the Jewish national home policy. As a result, the concepts of 'the national' and 'the citizen' conflicted during the Mandate.

The second discourse that Banko investigates is how the populist, non-notable and staunch anti-Mandate Palestinian Arab leaders at home and in the Diaspora, which numbered in the tens of thousands by the latter 1920s, defined, conceptualized,

framed and discussed the citizen and the national. In effect, former Ottoman natives, born in Palestine and later finding themselves in Diaspora, lost their Ottoman nationality and were refused Palestinian citizenship due to restrictive clauses in the citizenship order that prevented the *ipso facto* grant of citizenship to emigrants who habitually resided outside of Palestine. Specifically, the Arabs demanded that citizenship be granted as it was under the Ottoman Empire: by both *jus sanguinis* and *jus soli* qualifications. Banko analyzes how these populists used public forums, social, religious, student and political organizations, as well as strikes, petitions, newspaper columns and propaganda to popularize their particular version of citizenship. This stance can be viewed as the formation of a counter-definition of citizenship by the Palestinians to the British legislation on this identity.

Banko's work brings a new focus to an important and understudied element of Palestinian state-formation history as well as to the study of internationalism and mandates in the twentieth century Arab Middle East. In the current Palestinian historiography, a study that covers Mandate-era citizenship legislation and its counter-discourse by the populists does not exist. The process of 'inventing' an apolitical Palestinian citizenship was unlike anything else the British had done in their colonial empire. Banko's research will also open avenues for further work on the history of citizenship under other colonial structures in the Middle East.

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Mahmoud Abubaker

Family-Friendly Work Practices in Palestinian Organizations

Mahmoud Abubaker is investigating the nature of and reasons for the adoption of Family-Friendly Practices (FFPs) by organizations in Palestine. There are many types of FFPs adopted by various employers in developed and developing countries, such as flextime and part-time work, maternity and parental leave, and childcare centers. These practices have emerged in the West after women joined the workforce in large numbers and then struggled for decades to balance the traditional responsibilities of homemaker with the challenges of being a worker and eventually a career woman.

Abubaker's study, in addition to researching the reason for and nature of FFPs in Palestine, seeks to explore the viewpoints of both the employer and the employee concerning the impact of FFPs and their contribution to improving industrial and organizational performance. Utilizing flex time, for example, may enhance an employee's capacity to manage childcare requirements and thus leave him/her able to concentrate on work free from family pressures. Abubaker will utilize a qualitative approach based on in-depth interviews at two large organizations in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Both organizations have a good reputation in the marketplace, show high profitability, and have well-established human resource systems, including FFPs. Abubaker will conduct interviews with a cross-section of employees and managers in different departments in both organizations.

Abubaker's study aims to highlight how FFPs contribute to the development of the workforce in Palestine. In this respect, it is important to address the gender dimension of labor, including the 'double-burden' of women who desire to achieve at work and yet be good family providers. The implementa-

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Rebecca L. Stein

Digital Occupation: New Media and the Israeli Military Occupation

The popular revolutions within the Middle East have drawn attention to the ways that social movements and mass protest can be enabled by *new media*, meaning digital, computerized, or networked information and communication technologies. Yet, these instances are merely the most prominent examples of a phenomenon with a much broader regional scope, illustrating the ways that varying communities and constituencies within the region are employing these new technologies for political purposes. Rebecca L. Stein's research investigates the political role that new media are now playing within another Middle East theater: Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories. Counter to the narrative of digital utopianism that attended the examples of Egypt and Tunisia, the Israeli case directs our attention to the ways that new technologies can also be employed by state actors and institutions for repressive political ends.

Several questions lie at this project's core: How has the state's usage of social media altered its management of the occupation, its tactics of information dissemination and counter-insurgency, and the everyday practices of statecraft where the occupation is concerned? How has the increasingly pervasive usage of social media among the Israeli armed forces altered the everyday experience of soldiering? And in turn, how have these technologies changed the work of Israeli human rights organizations and anti-occupation activists in their efforts to document and protest against human rights abuses in the Palestinian territories?

Contrary to much of the existing scholarship on new media, with its focus on the ways new media aids political resistance in the hands of disenfranchised populations, Stein's research focuses heavily on the ways new media are being deployed within hegemonic Israeli institutions. While there is a growing scholarship about the import of such technology within divergent geopolitical contexts, there is scant work on either the Israeli or Palestinian cases. Using interdisciplinary methods, this project aims to reconsider the everyday workings of the Israeli occupation, and protest against it, through questions about new technology usage.

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Omar Imseeh Tessedell

Hidden Ecologies: A spatial history of Palestinian agriculture in the West Bank

Omar Tessedell's research seeks to understand the articulation of Palestinian environmental groups and farmers and agricultural science interventions. To address this lacuna, his study will follow the soil and water conservation programs that have been implemented in the West Bank since 1967. Soil and water conservation offers an opportunity to explore environmental stewardship practices that continue to garner significant attention today, especially given growing concern over the effects of climatic change. These local practices play a decisive role in the ability of Palestinian cultivators and communities to adapt to environmental shifts. Tessedell's study focuses primarily on the impact of the *agronomic regime of knowledge* on the practices of Palestinian cultivators, and secondarily on the connections of this *agronomic regime of knowledge to the spatial regime of occupation*. In contrast to the numerous studies of economic or political change in Israel/Palestine, Tessedell's research will illu-

minate a previously unexplored emergence of Palestinian environmental thought and contribute to a wider discussion on the politics of scientific knowledge and environmental change.

Tessedell's investigation reveals the contested status of agricultural development and environmental conservation among Palestinian farmers and environmental groups. This will enable the reconstruction of a *spatial history*, in other words, the historical emergence of a landscape of agricultural variation, adaptation and vulnerability for Palestinian farmers. This is a landscape produced by the conjuncture of scientific knowledge, political forces, and ecological processes in the West Bank.

If the vitality of West Bank agroecologies is to be ensured, Tessedell contends that the role of agronomic science in transforming the West Bank must be explored. Conceptually, Tessedell's research raises questions about politics of agricultural science and conservation from the vantage point of cultivators and environmental groups in the Middle East, where there is a longstanding dearth of environmental research. His study will also illuminate the production of space, nature, and vulnerability in the context of political upheaval and climatic variability. This is of particular significance for research on food and climate change in a politically fraught, environmentally fragile, and deeply significant part of the world.

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Areej Sabbagh-Khoury

Constructing colonial sovereignty in Palestine: Archive, political economy, and collective memory among the Kibbutzes of Hashomer Hatzair in Marj Ibn 'Amr (1936-1956)

The central question of Areej Sabbagh-Khoury's research is how a political settler movement, *Hashomer Hatzair*, perceived as a radical leftist movement in Israeli public discourse, negotiated the contradiction between its professed commitment to a "brotherhood of peoples" and its central role in constructing Jewish colonial sovereignty in Palestine. Sabbagh-Khoury's research focuses on three instances of sovereignty used to establish a colonial presence: the use of historical archives to establish sovereignty, conventional territorial sovereignty, and the construction of "collective memory."

The first instance of sovereignty Sabbagh-Khoury examines is the practice of establishing sovereignty over the historical archive. Despite extensive research in Israel/Palestine using archives, the archives themselves and their organization and categorization have usually not become a subject of research. Sabbagh-Khoury will probe the history of the establishment of specific archival categories as a way of challenging the conventions and narratives that are structured by the archives' own more inherent categories. The second instance deals with sovereignty in terms of territory, population management, and

property. Since the late 1920s, the *Hashomer Hatzair* movement was a partner in the process of colonizing Palestinian lands. Beginning with the *Nakba* in 1948, this process advanced in three ways: by controlling refugees' lands, by controlling refugees' property, and population management. The third instance deals with constructing a 'collective memory' that makes the exercise of sovereignty legitimate in the eyes of its subjects. In this regard, Sabbagh-Khoury traces the memory construction process of a leftist movement that espouses "brotherhood of peoples" while it simultaneously pursues a colonial endeavor. Her research examines which pre-1948 memories were deleted and which remained.

Focusing on a network of *Hashomer Hatzair* kibbutzim in Marj Ibn 'Amr with a long history of involvement in the region and one of the earliest sites of Zionist Labor settlement, Sabbagh-Khoury's study relies primarily on archival research. The documents she will examine include the minutes of the weekly kibbutz meetings between 1936 and 1956, the movement's own archive, the Central Zionist Archive in Jerusalem, the Israel State Archive, and a representative sample from Mapam's daily newspaper, *'Al Hamishmar*, from its inception in 1943 to 1956.

Sabbagh-Khoury's study underscores the role that the self-proclaimed Zionist 'left' played in the colonizing processes, and investigates the formation of this 'leftist' ideology as distinct from that of the political 'right.' She will challenge institutionalized frameworks of history-making by looking critically at the categories of 'left' and 'right' in Israel.

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Fadel A. Sharif

Association between Endothelial Nitric Oxide Synthase Gene Polymorphisms, Haplotypes, Plasma Nitric Oxide Level and Idiopathic Recurrent Pregnancy Loss

Recurrent pregnancy loss (RPL) in the Gaza Strip is encountered in about 3-4% of pregnant women. This anomaly constitutes a major social and emotional problem. The known causes of RPL include a wide variety of factors, such as parental chromosome abnormalities, uterine abnormalities,

acquired and hereditary thrombophilia (a clotting disorder), endocrinologic disorders (hormone disorders), immunologic factors, infections, and environmental factors. In about 50% of RPL cases, however, the cause is unknown. Fadel A. Sharif's research addresses the association between endothelial nitric oxide synthase (the enzyme that catalyzes the synthesis of nitric oxide) gene polymorphisms (genetic alterations) on the level of nitric oxide synthase enzyme and RPL. The study group consists of women between 18 - 35 years old from the Gaza Strip who have had at least three unexplained RPLs.

Genetic association studies are valuable for understanding the contribution of specific genetic factors to the development of RPL. For example, particular polymorphisms in factor V Leiden, factor II prothrombin, and methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase genes, which are hereditary clotting disorders, are significantly associated with RPL, and administration of

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Karen Ross

Sowing Seeds of Change? Education for Partnership Between Jews and Palestinians in Israel

After more than 60 years of statehood, Israel faces internal conflicts between majority and minority groups as serious as its tensions with neighboring countries. While education is seen as crucial for social change, it is still unclear how educational encounter programs bringing together Jewish and Palestinian citizens facilitate positive change in Israeli society. Karen Ross explores how participation in programs bringing together Palestinian and Jewish youth in Israel influences their subsequent life choices and worldviews, particularly in relation to structural inequalities faced by Palestinian citizens.

Ross' research examines these questions through a comparative case study of two organizations working with Jewish and Palestinian Israeli youth. She utilizes a three-pronged approach in her data collection: in-depth, life history interviews with organization alumni as well as with former and current organization staff and board members; social network analysis to map relationships developed and sustained throughout the

years; and observations of program activities and staff meetings to understand better how organizational ideologies are put into practice. These multiple layers of data help address the inter-connected questions this project seeks to answer.

Ross' research re-examines what it means for educational and peace-building programs to have an impact on the society within which they are embedded. Practically, she seeks to provide a new methodological approach for understanding the societal impact of organizations whose work focuses on relations between Palestinian and Jewish Israelis. The focus on alumni spanning a range of ages, use of life history interviews, and use of a comparative perspective fill an important gap in research on the long-term impact of peace-building activities in Israel/Palestine. Moreover, the nature of this project makes it relevant well beyond the constraints of a single discipline, with Ross bringing together theoretical and methodological components from sociology, education, psychology, and the inherently interdisciplinary field of conflict resolution. From a geographic perspective, research on programs designed to promote peace-building speaks to any number of locations plagued by ongoing conflict. Given the urgent nature of the conflict between Jewish and Palestinian citizens in Israel, Ross' project addresses questions important not only in an academic context, but also in the practice of peace-building—in Israel and elsewhere.

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Hasan S. Ayoub

The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: A One-State Solution? Comparing the Conflicts in Palestine/Is- rael, Northern Ireland, and South Africa

In some cases, such as South Africa and Northern Ireland, ethno-national conflicts were resolved by creating more integrative, unified political entities. Yet other cases witness ethno-national conflicts resolved by establishing distinct, separate political entities. Hassan S. Ayoub's research seeks to understand what underlying conditions of a conflict trigger integration dynamics and processes in their resolution in order to inform our understanding of how conditions in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict have thus far led to a separation and partition phenomenon. Ayoub contends that the most important factors determining the outcome of ethno-na-

tional conflicts are the superordinate group's features and organizational structure within its system of domination over the population that it aims to subordinate and control. In the case of Israel, integral systems of domination and their structures are more coherent and persistent than the modular systems that existed in South Africa's and Northern Ireland's conflicts.

Ayoub examines the effects of interrelated processes that determine the outcome of ethno-national conflicts. First, he considers the actual processes involved in founding the dominant state or superordinate group in the three conflict case studies he examines: Israel/Palestine, South Africa, and Northern Ireland. Second, he identifies the methods of segregation that the dominant state or superordinate group implements over the subordinate group. Finally, he evaluates the cohesiveness of political actors within the dominant group. Ayoub then compares the dominant group's cohesion with the extent to which the corresponding subordinate group's political strategies are consistently cohesive. In each of these conflict case studies, Ayoub also outlines the role that external factors play at critical junctures of conflict development and res-

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Sarah Elizabeth Parkinson

Reinventing the Resistance: Order and Violence among Palestinians in Lebanon

Sarah Elizabeth Parkinson's research project examines militant organizations' adaptation in wartime Lebanon. Parkinson asks the questions: What is the impact of war on militant organizations' structures and behaviors? How do different conflict environments—for example, guerrilla warfare or military sieges—shape organizational form? What effect does armed conflict have on organizational solidarity and post-war violence?

Based on nearly two years of fieldwork, Parkinson's project uses a blend of ethnographic techniques, social network analysis, and archival research to trace organizational evolution across seven Palestinian refugee camps in three Lebanese cities. She examines in detail relations both within and among political and social groups including Palestinian militant organizations, humanitarian and social aid groups, the United Nations Relief

and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, Lebanese political parties, and foreign governments.

Parkinson argues that current theories of civil war and occupation violence cannot account for patterns of organizational behavior on the ground during or following armed conflict. Rather, her research holds, civil war and occupation violence restructure local and regional social relationships, producing distinct patterns of meso-level decision-making and creating tension between local leadership and national command structures. From this viewpoint, Parkinson contends that in the case of the Lebanese Civil War, local Palestinian parties' different internal structures interacted with geographically distinct combat environments to produce new local power constellations and decision-making practices. Parkinson argues that analyzing these processes has become especially consequential to understanding forms of political power, protest, and solidarity among Palestinian refugees in postwar Lebanon, especially in situations of deep poverty and social exclusion.

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Sana Khsheiboun

The Meaning of Home and the Impact of its Loss on the Palestinian Family in East Jerusalem

Home is a significant space for families and individuals psychologically, socially and politically. Building a home is usually a symbol of personal achievement, and the trauma of losing a home may cause psychological, familial, social, and economic problems. Various studies have examined the impact of home loss on the individual, specifically focusing on the impact of home demolition and loss on children and women. Human rights organizations, on the other hand, have examined the impact on individuals and families as a result of violating the right to housing from the perspective of international humanitarian law. Sana Khsheiboun's research aims to map and analyze the significance for Palestinian families in East Jerusalem of home and the subsequent impact of its loss in the aftermath of house demolition.

Khsheiboun's main research question is: What is the impact that the loss and destruction of a home has on the family unit,

family roles, and coping strategies among family members? Her research employs a qualitative approach, looking at reality as a subjective process of continuous social construction to which subjects assign meaning. This approach appropriately addresses multifaceted and dynamic perceptions of personal experiences and coping, mining the many layers of meaning that are influenced by interactions in social, psychological, political, and economic contexts and the subjective interpretations of the participants. She will conduct semi-structured interviews with family members, narrative analyses of the interviews, and participant and non-participant observations.

Khsheiboun's research will contribute to the body of theoretical knowledge on the significance of 'home' for families who live in conflict zones, providing a deeper understanding of the impact of the violent loss of home on individuals and families. By taking a psycho-social approach and carefully mapping the violations of children's and parents' rights, her research will aid service providers in assessing the situation of families following home demolition and in developing new interventions based on psychological support to help families to cope with their loss. Her work will also assist human rights organizations to expand advocacy programs to ensure safe housing based on a human rights approach.

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Profile: Mahmoud Abubaker

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tion of adequate FFPs by organizations ought to increase the number of women able to enter the labor market as well as improve the quality of the workplace and the ability of these women to make a significant contribution to both their fam-

ilies and their communities. Abubaker intends to contribute recommendations for policy makers in Palestine, in both business and government, to highlight the importance of FFPs for developing the Palestinian nation and society.

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Profile: Fadel A. Sharif

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appropriate doses of anticoagulants (blood thinners) during pregnancy to people with those polymorphisms has shown some success in maintaining pregnancy. However, RPL cases without disposing genes' polymorphisms and those who are not responsive to anticoagulant administration are frequent and they need further investigation.

Nitric oxide (NO) is a short-lived free-radical gas synthesized by a family of nitric oxide synthase (NOS) enzymes. It is an important regulator of the biology and physiology of the reproductive system and is involved in the regulation of various pregnancy-associated events. Genomic DNA extracted from participants' peripheral blood will be used for determination

of *eNOS* gene polymorphisms (chemical changes in the building blocks of the gene responsible for producing NOS) by allele specific-PCR and PCR-RFLP analyses (techniques that detect alterations in genetic material). Moreover, nitric oxide synthase level in plasma will be measured colorimetrically (based on a reaction that produces color). The data will be statistically analyzed to measure the strength of association between *eNOS* gene polymorphisms, haplotypes (a collection of changes in the same gene), nitric oxide synthase enzyme level, and RPL. With this investigation, Sharif aims to help elucidate one of the causes of unexplained RPL and pave the way for new diagnostic and treatment strategies for such cases.

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Profile: Hasan S. Ayoub

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olution. Grounding his analysis in political theory, Ayoub's analytical strategy relies heavily on the process of tracing variations within each case and their causal mechanisms.

Ayoub work looks at what might be required in order to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including the need to refine, if not replace, the two-state solution by reorienting diplomatic tracks to address the conflict's most profound aspects and roots. He analyzes the diplomatic stance of the U. S. government and

the need to modify this stance and adopt a more even-handed approach that serves to level the negotiations arena for the conflicting parties. In addition, Ayoub examines the value of other stakeholders, such as the European Union and the United Nations, becoming more deeply involved as central actors in the conflict resolution process. Ayoub's research will ultimately suggests bold ways of political thinking in which novel approaches to resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict come to the forefront.

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Report on PARC's 2011 MESA Panel in Washington, D.C.

With Mada al-Carmel, PARC co-sponsored a panel entitled "Theorizing the Palestinian Colonial: Segregation and Subjects" at the 2011 Middle East Studies Association meeting in Washington, D.C. Thanks go to panel organizer Rochelle Davis, PARC's Vice-President and Assistant Professor at Georgetown University, for bringing together such a stellar collection of scholars. Penny Johnson of Birzeit University was the panel chair and Jennifer Olmsted of Drew University the discussant. Panelists included Lena Meari, Ph.D. candidate at the University of California, Davis; Nadera Shalhoub-

Keorkian, faculty member of the Law School and School of Social Work and Social Welfare at Hebrew University, and Gender Studies Program Director at Mada al-Carmel; Penny Johnson of the Institute of Women's Studies at Birzeit University; and Hadeel Qazzaz, PARC's former Palestine Director. An engaged audience of about 70 people followed up the papers with lively questions. After the panel, PARC fellows and friends had an opportunity to network. PARC is grateful to the fellows who, at this event, donated books to the PARC library in Ramallah.

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Don't miss the opportunity to apply for this new research fellowship in the Humanities.

2013 U.S. Faculty Development Seminar on Palestine May 16-27, 2013 in Jerusalem and the West Bank

Complete applications due January 25, 2013 • Awards announced March 15, 2013

PARC announces its fourth Faculty Development Seminar on Palestine. This 12-day seminar is for U.S. faculty members with a demonstrated interest in, but little travel experience to, Palestine.

PARC will select 10 to 12 U.S. faculty members to participate in Jerusalem-based activities that will include lectures, workshops, and visits to local universities and other related institutions in the West Bank.

Through these activities, participants will learn about the region, deepen their knowledge of their particular fields of interest as they relate to Palestine, and build relationships with Palestinian academic colleagues.

Applicants must:

- Be U.S. citizens.
- Be full-time faculty members at recognized U.S. colleges or universities. Applicants may come from any academic discipline, including the humanities, social sciences, economics, law, health, and sciences.
- Have a demonstrated interest in Palestine.
- Have little previous travel experience to Palestine.

• Be willing to integrate their experiences from the seminar into their own teaching and/or pursue a joint research project or publication with a Palestinian colleague.

• Be a member of PARC. Please refer to PARC's website for membership information

PARC will make all arrangements for seminars, workshops, tours, and meetings with Palestinian academic colleagues. PARC will cover all expenses for in-country, group ground travel, accommodations, and group meals. International airfare, personal, and free day expenses will be the responsibility of each faculty member. In cases of demonstrated need, PARC will consider partial funding for international travel.

PARC will fund full international travel and participation for two professors from Historically Black Colleges and Universities and one professor from a Tribal College.

Funding for these three participants is provided by the Educational and Cultural Affairs Bureau through CAORC.

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2013-14 NEH/FPIRI Fellowship Competition for Scholars Conducting Field-Based Humanities Research in Palestine

**Fellowship awards range from four to eight consecutive months.
Selected fellows are awarded \$4,200 per month of the award.**

Complete applications due January 4, 2013 • Awards announced March 8, 2013

The Palestinian American Research Center (PARC) announces its first National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship Programs at Independent Research Institutions (FPIRI) competition for post-doctoral fellowships for research in Palestine.

Important information about the fellowship competition:

- Fields of study include, but are not limited to, history, philosophy, religious studies, literature, literary criticism, and visual and performing arts. In addition, research that embraces a humanistic approach and methods will be considered.
- Applicants must be post-doctoral scholars.
- Applicants must propose a minimum of four consecutive months of research and a maximum of eight consecutive months of research that takes place in the West Bank.
- Selected fellows must work on their research full-time during their period of funding.
- Fellowship recipients must be U.S. citizens or have lived in the United States for a minimum of three years immediately preceding the application deadline.

To download an application, and for more information on PARC and the application process, go to <http://parc-us-pal.org/> or contact us.parc@gmail.com.

Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) under the Fellowship Programs at Independent Research Institutions (FPIRI). PARC will award one to two fellowships each year for the next three years beginning in 2013.

2013-14 Fellowship Competition for U.S. Scholars Conducting Field-Based Research on Palestine

Fellowship awards from \$6,000 to \$10,000

Complete applications due January 4, 2013

Awards announced March 8, 2013

PARC announces its 14th annual competition for U.S. doctoral and post-doctoral research fellowships in Palestinian studies.

Important information about the fellowship competition:

- Research must contribute to Palestinian studies. Any area of Palestinian studies will be considered, including the humanities, social sciences, economics, law, health and sciences. Purely scientific research is not eligible for this fellowship competition.
- Research must take place in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, or Lebanon.
- PARC funding is limited to one year of research.
- Individual and joint research projects are eligible for this competition.
- Applicants must be post-doctoral scholars, established researchers, or full-time doctoral students enrolled in a recognized degree program. Doctoral students must have fulfilled all preliminary requirements for the doc-

torate degree except the dissertation by the time the research commences. The fellowship will not cover tuition fees. Senior researchers without doctorates but with a record of academic publication are eligible. Applicants with a master's degree may only apply jointly with a post-doctoral scholar.

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens. U.S. permanent residents are not eligible for this competition.
- Applicants must be PARC members. Please refer to PARC's website for membership information.
- Former PARC fellows who received grants in the last three years are not eligible to apply.
- Applications from women and minorities are especially encouraged.

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The Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) Multi-Country Research Fellowship Program supports advanced regional or trans-regional research for U.S. doctoral and post-doctoral scholars. Preference will be given to candidates examining comparative and/or cross-regional research. Candidates must hold U.S. citizenship. Scholars must carry out research in two or more countries outside the United States, and at least one of the countries in which research is conducted must host a participating American overseas research center. Nine awards of up to \$10,500 each will be awarded.

Application Deadline: Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

For more information, visit <http://caorc.org/programs/multi.htm>

MESA HIGHLIGHTS

MESA 2012 Conference

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Saturday, November 17, 3:30-5:00PM

South Convention Lobby (Tower 2)

Join PARC fellows and colleagues to hear about latest developments in Palestine and participate in a Silent Auction of rare Palestinian posters from <http://palestineposterproject.org>

PARC has compiled two lists of MESA highlights: one list includes panels and papers related to Palestine; a second list shows current and past PARC fellows, board members, and directors presenting on topics not related to Palestinian Studies. An asterisk (*) by a name indicates a past or current PARC fellow, board member, or director.

Panels and papers related to Palestinian Studies

SESSION I: SATURDAY, NOV. 17, 5:30PM-7:30PM

(3021) Remembering the First World War in the Middle East
Organized by **Pheroze Unwalla** (School of Oriental and African Studies)
Chair/Discussant: **Benjamin Carr Fortna** (SOAS, U of London)
Roberto Mazza (Western Illinois U) *Once Upon a War: Memories of World War One in Palestine*

(3039) The Transformation of the Palestinian Peasantry: Capitalism, Reform, and Resistance in the Late Ottoman and British Mandate Eras

Organized by **Charles Anderson** (New York U) *British Rule and the De-composition of the Palestinian Peasantry*
Munir K. Fakher Eldin (Birzeit U) *The Politics of Landholding in British-Ruled Palestine, 1921-1948, Land Reform and the Impoverishment of a Rural Society*
Erik Freas (Borough of Manhattan Community Col-CUNY) *Reform, Islam, and Palestine's Peasantry*

(3167) States, Markets, Media, and the Environment
Sophia Stamatopoulou-Robbins* (Columbia U) *Seepage and Statecraft: Pollution in Post-Oslo Palestine*

SESSION II: SUNDAY, NOV. 18, 8:30AM-10:30AM

(3165) Palestine: The Mandate and Its Aftermath
Chair: **Michael R. Fischbach*** (Randolph-Macon College)
Nicolas E. Roberts (Sewanee: U of the South)
Mezna Qato* (U of Oxford) *Lessons in Self-Determination: Histories of Palestinian Pedagogical Emancipation (1948-1968)*
Fredrik Melton (New York U) *Electrical Power: Infrastructural Concessions in Early Mandatory Palestine*
Laura Goffman (New York U) *"Under the Strenuous Conditions of the Modern World": Organizing Arab Education in Mandatory Palestine*
Laura Fish (U of Texas at Austin) *Publicized Violence: Photographed Realities of Palestine*

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SESSION III: SUNDAY, NOV. 18, 11AM-1PM

(3059) Palestine and the Arab Revolutions
Organized by **Sherene Seikaly*** (American U in Cairo)
Chair/Discussant: **Sherene Seikaly*** (American U in Cairo)
Fadi Quran (Birzeit U) *A New Generation of Palestinian Revolutionaries? (To be read by Sherene Seikaly)*
Halla Shoaibi (American U) *The Arab Revolutions: Rethinking Women's Activism in Palestine*
Tahreer A. Araj* (American U in Cairo) *Does the Road to Freedom Begin in Cairo? Palestinian Political Activism in Egypt*
Noura Erakat (Georgetown U) *Palestinian Refugees and the Arab Spring: Legal Regimes, Durable Solutions, and Outstanding Questions*

SESSION IV: SUNDAY, NOV. 18, 2PM-4PM

(2991) Cosmopolitanism and Modernity in the 20th Century Middle East

Organized by **Andrea L. Stanton** (U of Denver)
Andrea L. Stanton (U of Denver) *Cosmopolitanism and Consumption: Religion, Advertising, and National Identity in Mandate Palestine*

(2995) The Palestinians: Representation and Accountability
Organized by **George Bisharat** (UC Hastings Col of the Law)
Chair/Discussant: **George Bisharat** (UC Hastings Col of the Law)
Osamah Khalil* (Syracuse U) *"Who are You?" The Politics and Limits of Representation and Accountability*
Nimber Sultany (Harvard U) *The Palestinian Citizens in Israel*
Khalil Shaheen (Palestine Center for Policy Research and Strategic Studies) *Reform Movements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip*
Diana Buttu (Consultant) *Talk to Me!*

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(3008) Post-Ottoman Citizenship Discourses in the Arab Levant

Sponsored by the Syrian Studies Association

Organized by **Lauren Banko*** (School of Oriental and African Studies) *Nationality, Citizenship and Rights: Palestinian Counterdiscourses and Practices, 1920-1930*

Discussant: **Will Hanley** (Florida State University)

Hilary Falb* (U of California Berkeley) *"Are They Educating Their Pupils for a World in which They are To Be First or Second?": Government Schools and Citizenship in the Mandates for Mesopotamia (Iraq) and Palestine*

(3078) Content Based Arabic Second Language Instruction (CBI): Issues and Practical Considerations, the CASA Experience

Sponsored by the Center for Arabic Study Abroad and the American U in Cairo

Chair: **Iman Aziz Soliman** (American U in Cairo)

Nadia Harb (American U in Beirut) *The Role of Task Design in Content-Based Instruction: The Case of Palestinian Literature Course*

(3096) Politics and Literature Intertwined: The State Meets the Citizen in the Modern Arab World

Organized by **Caroleen Sayej** (Connecticut Col)

Waed N. Athamneh (Indiana U) *Commitment and Identity in Selected Poems by Darwish*

(3215) More than Meets the Eye: Spaces, Places, and Monuments

Chair: **Jacqueline Armijo** (Qatar U)

Tamir Sorek (U of Florida) *The Distinctiveness of the Collective Narrative of the Palestinians in Israel*

(3232) Thematic Conversation: The Arab Uprisings: Media Representations of Women & Youth (Year 2)

Sponsored by the Encyclopedia of Women & Islamic Cultures

Organized by **Therese Saliba** (Evergreen State Col)

Suad Joseph (U of California, Davis)

Sarah Gualtieri (U of Southern California)

Linda Steet (SUNY Geneseo)

Bahar Davary (U of San Diego)

SESSION V: SUNDAY, NOV. 18, 4:30PM-6:30PM

(3011) The United States and the Middle East: The End of the American Century?

Organized by **Osamah Khalil*** (Syracuse U)

Chair: **Nathan Citino** (Colorado State U)

Discussant: **Osamah Khalil*** (Syracuse U)

Lisa Bungalhia* (Syracuse U) *Between Military and Humanitarian: Contours of the American Security State in Palestine*

(3109) The 1967 Watershed: The Arab-Israeli Conflict in the Aftermath of the June War

Organized by **Avi Raz** (U of Oxford)

Chair/Discussant: **James L. Gelvin** (UCLA)

Shay Malki (Ben Gurion U of the Negev) *From Radicalism to Pragmatism: Egyptian Intellectual Discourse towards Israel, 1967-1977*

Avi Raz (U of Oxford) *The Bride and the Dowry: Israel's Foreign Policy of Prevarication in the Aftermath of the June 1967 War*

Olivia Sohns (Cambridge U) *Hostage to Fortune: President Johnson's Arab-Israeli Policies after the June 1967 War*

Hillel Gruenberg (New York U) *"You're Still Here Too!?" Continuity and Change in 'Israeli-Arab' Policy after 1967*

SESSION VII: MONDAY, NOV. 19, 8:30AM-10:30AM

(3017) Roundtable: Palestinian Refugees and International Protection

Organized by **Neil Gabiam** (Iowa State U)

Discussant: **Randa R. Farah** (Western U)

Kristine Beckerle (Yale Law School)

Richard Wright (United Nations)

(3193) Modern Media and Contemporary Culture

Chair: **Claudia Youakim** (U of Florida)

Andrea L. Stanton (U of Denver) *The BBC and Its Children: Palestinian and Egyptian Broadcasting in the Middle East, 1934-49*

(3223) Thematic Conversation: Islamophobia, Anti-Semitism, and Racism as Ideological Formations (Year 2)

Organized by **Stephen P. Sheehi** (U of South Carolina)

Chair: **Sherman A. Jackson** (U of Southern California)

Israel Gershoni (Inst for Advanced Study, Tel Aviv U)

Eve Troutt Powell (U of Pennsylvania)

SESSION VIII: MONDAY, NOV. 19, 11AM-1PM

(3082) Breaking Commitment: Cause and Dissent in Contemporary Arabic Writing

Organized by **Tarek El-Ariss** (U of Texas at Austin) *Anatomy of Scandal*

Chair: **Moneera Al-Ghadeer** (Qatar U)

Drew Paul (U of Texas at Austin) *Rewriting Home: New Forms of Commitment in Palestinian Literature*

(3136) Taking Place: Media Objects, Media Histories, and Middle East Studies

Organized by **Peter Limbrick** (UC Santa Cruz)

Chair: **Peter Limbrick** (UC Santa Cruz)

Michael Allan (U of Oregon) *Facing the Camera: The Place of Palestine in a History of Film Form*

(3231) Israel: Two Years after the Arab Spring

Sponsored by the Association for Israel Studies

Chair: **Robert O. Freedman** (Johns Hopkins U)

Joshua Teitelbaum (Bar-Ilan U) *Israel, Saudi Arabia, and the Arab Uprisings*

Ilan Peleg (Lafayette U) *Israel's Reaction to the Arab Spring: A Domestic & International Explanation*

Eyal Zisser (Tel Aviv U) *Israel and the Arab World: Two Years after the Arab Spring*

SESSION IX: MONDAY, NOV. 19, 2:30PM-4:30PM

(3166) Palestine: Separation, Discontinuity and Social Movements

Chair: **Arturo Marzano** (European U Inst)

Maia Carter Hallward* (Kennesaw State U) *Examining the Relations between Identity, 'Peace' and Activism in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*

Nadim Bawalsa (New York U) *Identifying from Afar: Palestinian Emigrant Narratives before 1948*

Ahmad Amara (New York U) *Colonial Legal (Dis)Continuities in Palestine: The Negev Lands*

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Jamil Al Wekhian (Kennesaw State U) *Examining the Relations between Identity, 'Peace' and Activism in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*
Sharri Plonski (SOAS U of London) *Palestinian-Arab Citizens of Israel, the Struggle over Land, and the Politics of Space*
Elizabeth Brownson (UC Santa Barbara) *"He Left Me without Maintenance (Nafaqa)": Gendered Strategies to Negotiating Maintenance Disputes in Mandate Palestine*

SESSION XI: TUESDAY, NOV. 20, 8:30AM-10:30AM

- (3012) *Forgotten Legacy: Palestinians in Kuwait*
Sponsored by the Association for Gulf & Arabian Peninsula Studies
Organized by **Mai Al-Nakib** (Kuwait U) *Kanafani in Kuwait: A Clinical Assessment*
Chair/Discussant: **Ann M. Lesch*** (American U in Cairo)
Shafeeq Ghabra (Kuwait U) *Palestinians in Kuwait Revisited*
Farah Al-Nakib (Kuwait U) *Shiber's City: Palestinian Urbanism in Kuwait*
Rania Al-Nakib (U of London, Inst of Education) *Palestinians and Education "Beginnings" in Kuwait*
- (3187) *Construction of Collective Identities*
Shay Hazkani (New York U) *"The Arabs are Our Brothers, Not the Ashkenazi Jews": Shaping an Arab Jewish identity in Israel, 1948-1959*
- (3142) *Russian and Soviet Strands in Arabic Literature*
Organized by **Spencer Scoville*** (U of Michigan)
Chair/ Discussant: **Alexander Knysh** (U of Michigan)
Spencer Scoville* (U of Michigan) *MaHabbat al-WaTan: Shifting Allegiances in Khalil Baydas' Russian Translations*

SESSION XII: TUESDAY, NOV. 20, 11AM-1PM

- (3154) *Palestinian Counter-Maps and Counter-Strategies*
Organized by **Linda Quiquix** (U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)
Salim Tamari (Inst for Palestine Studies) *Ottoman Cartography and the Shifting Ethnography of Palestine*
Omar Tesdell* (U of Minnesota) *Reimagining the Land: Questions of Representation in Palestinian Cartography*
Nora Akawi (Independent Scholar) *Atlas of Palestine 2.0*
Linda Quiquix (U of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) *The Cadastral Map and the Destruction of the Common*

SESSION XIII: TUESDAY, NOV. 1:30PM-3:30PM

- (3049) *Jews, Muslims and Christians in Ottoman and Mandatory Palestine: New Perspectives for Research*
Organized by **Abigail Jacobson*** (Brandeis U)
Chair: **Ami Ayalon** (Tel Aviv U)
Discussant: **Salim Tamari** (Inst for Palestine Studies)
Noah Haiduc-Dale (Waynesburg U) *The Al-Bahri Affair: An Interpretation of Religious Violence*
Liora R. Halperin (Princeton U) *Resituating the Yishuv in its Arabic Speaking Context*
Andrew Patrick (Princeton U) *Confession over Community: Forced Decisions in 1919 Palestine*
Jonathan Gribetz (Rutgers U) *"To Respond to the Lies Hurlled at the Israelite Nation": Methodical Challenges in the Study of Jewish Arabic Religious Apologetics in the Fin de Siècle*
Abigail Jacobson* (Brandeis U) *Jews from Middle East Descent and Jewish-Arab Relations in Mandatory Palestine*

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Sessions Not Related to Palestinian Studies with PARC Fellows or Board Members

SESSION I: SATURDAY, NOV. 17, 5:30PM-7:30PM

(3126) Tunisia's Forgotten Literary Avant-Garde
Kimberly Katz* (Towson U)

(3227) Teaching the Arab Uprisings
Heidi Morrison* (U of Wisconsin, La Crosse)

SESSION III: SUNDAY, NOV. 18, 11AM-1PM

(3013) The Americans are Coming: Assessing the Impact of the Expansion of US Study Abroad in the Arab World
Chair: **Ann M. Lesch*** (American U in Cairo)

(3135) In the Shadow of the Cold War: Modern Art in the Arab World
Organizer: **Sarah Rogers*** (Darat al Funun)

(3240) Special Session: How the Arab Uprisings Have Made Us Rethink What We Knew about the Arab World
Joel Beinín* (Stanford U)
Nathan J. Brown* (George Washington U)

SESSION IV: SUNDAY, NOV. 18, 2PM-4PM

(3111) State of the Field: Agriculture and Colonial Rule in Egypt, 1870-1952
Chair/Discussant: **Sherene Seikaly*** (American U in Cairo)

SESSION VII: MONDAY, NOV. 19, 8:30AM-10:30AM

(3108) Gender and Entrepreneurship in the MENA Region
Jennifer Olmsted* (Drew U)

SESSION IX: MONDAY, NOV. 19, 2:30PM-4:30PM

(3181) Contested Politics of Gender and Sexuality
Angel M. Foster* (U of Ottawa & Ibis Reproductive Health)

(3226) Thematic Conversation: Whither the Iranian Diaspora (Year 3)
Persis M. Karim* (San Jose State U)

SESSION X: MONDAY, NOV. 19, 5PM-7PM

(3051) Forbidden Love, Illicit Sex: Unsanctioned (Extra) Marital Practices in Modern Egypt
Chair: **Judith E. Tucker*** (Georgetown U)

(3036) The Current State of Arab American Studies from Graduate Student Perspectives
Discussant: **Karam Dana*** (Harvard U)

SESSION XI: TUESDAY, NOV. 20, 8:30AM-10:30AM

(3069) Animal Studies in the Middle East: Opening the Cage to Inquiry
Chair/Organizer: **Heidi Morrison*** (U of Wisconsin, La Crosse)

(3058) Perspectives on Female Agency in Classical Fiqh
Discussant: **Judith Tucker*** (Georgetown U)

SESSION XII: TUESDAY, NOV. 20, 11AM-1PM

(3076) The Arab Spring: Authoritarian Reincarnation, Transition, or Revolution
Chair/Discussant: **Julian M. Schwedler*** (U of Massachusetts)

(3208) Women's Agency
Manal A. Jamal* (James Madison U)

SESSION XIII: TUESDAY, NOV. 1:30PM-3:30PM

(3045) Seasons of Activism and Dissent: Preludes to the 'Arab Spring'
Discussant: **Christopher Stone*** (Hunter Col, CUNY)

(3046) Famine and Starvation in the Modern Middle East: Environmental Causes, Social Crises, Political Consequences
Chair/Discussant: **Zachary Lockman*** (New York U)

(3225) Thematic Conversation: Disciplining a Religious Scholar/Secular Divide: "Secular States" (Year 2)
Loren Lybarger* (Ohio U, Athens)

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