With two new grants received by PARC in hand, eight new awards made by PARC for research fellowships, and a host of other activities taking place, it has been a busy summer for PARC.

**New Grants to PARC**

PARC received a generous grant from the U.S. Department of Education (USEd) that will fully fund all administrative activities in Palestine over the next four years. In addition, the grant will cover academic seminars at Palestinian universities, participation of one or two Palestinian scholars on PARC panels at the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) annual meetings, stipends for PARC fellows to deliver papers at MESA annual meetings, and substantial improvements to our Website.

PARC also received a grant renewal from the Educational and Cultural Affairs Bureau of the U.S. Department of State to support fully all of our research fellowships for U.S. citizens along with modest funding for U.S. administrative costs. PARC receives this grant via the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC).

With our Ramallah office and U.S. fellowships secure, PARC is now focusing its efforts on raising additional funds for Palestinian research fellowships and our U.S. office administration. With distressing economic conditions in Palestine, our small research fellowships make an enormous difference to scholars there. The limited funding we have available is simply not enough to meet the extensive need to promote scholarly research. I deeply appreciate the generous support from PARC members that has helped to fund our Palestinian fellowships this year and hope that your generosity will continue for the coming year.

**2007-8 PARC Fellows**

This year, PARC received 20 applications from U.S. citizens, 39 from Palestinians, and three from other countries. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our review committees in the United States and Palestine that worked diligently and thoughtfully to assess all the applications.

PARC has awarded eight new research fellowships. The research we are funding this year is diverse and exciting: assessing reproductive health content in nursing education in Palestine; improving the use of recycled plastic by combining it with olive solid waste; developing a systems understanding of community water resource management; documenting Ottoman paintings and murals in Palestinian homes; ethnographic research on memories of al-Nakba in second- and third-generation Palestinian refugees in Syria; investigating youth participation in nonviolent activism; examining ambient uncertainty as it affects resilience and coping strategies of Palestinian youth in refugee camps in Lebanon; and evaluating the coastal plain aquifer in Gaza. We have two special teams this year among our researchers: a husband-and-wife team and a professor and his Palestinian graduate student.

We have included five profiles of these new fellows in this newsletter; the three remaining 2007-8 fellows will be profiled in Spring 2008. Also in the Spring newsletter we hope to include synopses of fellows’ final reports. I welcome short articles from alumni/ae fellows on their publications, academic appointments, grants and awards, and/or results of their PARC-funded research.
Around the PARC
by Penelope Mitchell

New Board Members Elected
Thanks to our new online election process and member participation, PARC welcomes Rochelle Davis and Rhoda Kanaan to the board of directors and bids farewell to departing board member Michael Suleiman. A short article introduces our new board members. Our board of directors’ meeting will take place once again at MESA this year. In addition, I would like to extend my gratitude to the executive committee of the board that meets throughout the year in Washington, D.C., and helps to guide PARC’s policies and activities.

In May, PARC held its annual board meeting followed by a fundraising dinner graciously hosted by Dina Rizk Khoury and Alfred Khoury. At the dinner, Kimberly Katz gave a lively presentation about her PARC-funded research on the diary of Sami ‘Amr with the visual support of an immense art project done by her students at Towson University as part of a class assignment based on Sami’s diary.

Gerner Award
To commemorate the life of Deborah “Misty” Gerner, beloved PARC board member and scholar, PARC is working with Birzeit University to put in place the first Gerner award for student excellence in the master’s degree program at the Ibrahim Abu Lughod Institute of International Studies. The award will be given annually and rotate among colleges and universities in Palestine.

Membership Renewal
Please renew your PARC membership today using the form on the back of the newsletter. PARC values its members and appreciates your generous support to help fund research fellowships in Palestine.

PARC in Palestine and the United States
PARC bids farewell and extends enormous gratitude to Ghada Almadbouh who has served as acting director in our Ramallah office since March. Ghada will return to the University of Maryland to finish her dissertation. PARC has been conducting a search for a new director and, hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter, we will have a director in place. We also welcome our two new administrative assistants: Mary Zarifeh in our Ramallah office and Layth Elmusa in our U.S. office. Layth and Mary both look forward to working with PARC fellows over the coming year. PARC continues to enjoy the support of Hiba Husseini, who provides PARC with office space and a host of other assistance with our daily operations.

PARC Website
With funding support from our USEd grant, an updated bibliography of scholarship on Palestine should be available on the Website by the time you receive this newsletter. Before the end of the year, we hope to update the chronology on Palestine, which is also on the Website, and to add a new module on Palestinian arts, architecture, and crafts as well as an annotated list of cultural institutions in Palestine and the Diaspora. I hope that researchers and others interested in Palestine will find these resources useful.
PARC Donates Microfilm Collection to the Institute for Palestine Studies

by Eugene Rogan

Over the summer of 2007, PARC donated a major microfilm collection of documents from the U.K. National Archives (formerly known as the Public Records Office) to the Beirut-based Institute for Palestine Studies (IPS).

The microfilm collection, entitled “Arab-Israeli Relations, 1917–1970,” was edited by Eugene Rogan at the University of Oxford. The collection, which comes to over 250 reels of film, comprises more than 200,000 pages of text on the politics, administration and diplomacy of the Palestine Mandate and the Arab-Israeli conflict, from the Balfour Declaration to the Black September War of 1970.

The series was published by Thomson Learning, which has since digitized the collection and now markets the documents as a Web-based resource. The donation of the microfilm collection was made with the approval of Thomson, which was pleased to see this collection made available to a Palestinian research institute that would not otherwise have had the means to acquire the resource. Further information on Thomson’s Middle East Online Series and a free trial of their Web-based resources may be found at www.galeuk.com/stormont.

In compiling this collection, Rogan drew on original British government files from the Admiralty and the War Offices, the Prime Ministry, Treasury and Cabinet Offices, as well as the Colonial and Foreign Offices—all held in the National Archive in Kew. The documents were chosen by topic and key events. Thus, readers will find: extensive documentation on the main government policies and reports, such as the Balfour Declaration or the 1937 Peel Commission’s report, recommending the partition of Palestine; and detailed files on the mandate-era uprisings and revolt and subsequent Arab-Israeli wars, the early diplomacy to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the emergence of the Palestinian national movement and armed struggle.

Rogan and the editors at Thomson worked closely with the archivists in Kew to compile the collection. They decided to reproduce complete files from the National Archive, rather than selecting individual documents, so that users would have the experience of reading all of the paperwork associated with a topic. This also means that users who wish to follow up with further work in Kew will know precisely which files they have consulted. For, however extensive this collection, the 200,000 pages reproduced here represents but a small fraction of the total holding of the National Archive on Arab-Israeli relations over the six decades covered by the larger collection.

Welcome New PARC Board Members

PARC is delighted to welcome two new members to our board of directors: Rhoda Kanaaneh and Rochelle Davis. We appreciate all the members who took the time to vote in our first online voting experience. We hope you found the process a good one.

Rhoda Kanaaneh is a visiting scholar at New York University’s Department of Social and Cultural Analysis with a Ph.D. in anthropology from Columbia University. She has taught anthropology and gender and sexuality studies at New York University and American University in Washington, DC, and has held fellowships at Harvard, the European University Institute, and Columbia. She is the author of the award winning book “Birthimg the Nation” (University of California Press 2002). Her books “On the Edge of Security: Palestinian Soldiers in the Israeli Military” (forthcoming from Stanford University Press) and “Palestinians in Israel Revisited” with Isis Nusair (forthcoming from SUNY press) were both supported in part by PARC. She also serves on the Advisory Board of the Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies.

Rochelle Davis is an assistant professor at the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown University with a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in cultural anthropology and modern Arabic literature. She has studied and conducted research in the Arab world, mainly Palestine/Israel, Jordan and Egypt, for over ten years. Her research focuses on Palestinian local history and memory. She is working on a book manuscript on the village memorial books that Palestinians have written about their villages that were destroyed in 1948. Her collection of the books numbers over 100, gathered from Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, the West Bank, Gaza, and inside Israel. In addition, she is working on scholarly articles based on oral histories she collected.
PARC Workshop at Columbia University
by Isis Nusair and Rhoda Kanaaneh

In June 2007, PARC cosponsored a workshop on “Palestinians in Israel Revisited” with Columbia University. Columbia’s Institute for Research on Women and Gender and the Middle East Institute provided support for the activity. Eleven participants explored the social, cultural, and political dimensions of Palestinian life in Israel based on papers they had delivered at the Middle East Studies Association conference in November 2006. With backgrounds in anthropology, comparative literature, history, political theory, sociology, and women’s studies, the presenters were part of an exciting young generation of women academics—all Palestinian citizens of Israel—who gathered to share their original research on fresh topics and to question major assumptions of the traditional literature on Palestinians.

Over the course of two days and with the help of three astute discussants—Professor Lila Abu Lughod, Professor Ella Shohat, and Sherene Seikaly—a number of important interrelated conversations developed. A host of questions arose about language, silence, and representation, for both the people researched and for the scholars. These questions emerged in relation to the state and its surveillance, academic institutions and their influence on terminology and citations, and Palestinian nationalist frameworks and the anxieties of representation produced at this nexus. In particular, the problematics of religion, “hamula” (the largest unit of kinship), sexuality, community, and tradition emerged. Several discussions also unfolded related to methodologies and how best to manage the multiple positions of both the researcher and the researched relative to gender, sexuality, class, education, generation, and political affiliation. These discussions touched on issues of visibility, urgency, taboos, memory, forcing data, and links to other Palestinians, as well as to other cultures and contexts, globalization, and the significances of agency and resistance that take into consideration efforts to de-exceptonalize Palestinians.

The participants challenged each other and, as a group, raised important questions and forged new critiques. The conversations begun at this workshop will surely grow as the participants continue to revise their papers for a joint anthology to be published in 2008 by SUNY Press and as they continue to rethink Palestinians in Israel in relation to modernity, nationalism, and colonialism.

PARC Sponsors MESA Panel: The Palestine Police and the End of the Mandate: British, Arab, and Jewish Perspectives
by Eugene Rogan

This panel brings together the research findings of three oral-history teams examining British, Arab, and Jewish servicemen’s experiences in the Palestine Police, with particular focus on the years 1944-1948. These years were particularly interesting, given the Jewish insurgency, the pressures of Holocaust survivors flooding Palestine in the aftermath of the Second World War, and the British decision to withdraw from Palestine.

PARC has sponsored Ramallah-based oral historian Adel Yahya to attend the MESA conference. Yahya will present a paper based on interviews with Palestinian veterans in the West Bank area, entitled “Arab Policemen in Mandate Palestine: Conflict of Loyalties.”

from Palestinians who lived in Jerusalem before 1948, and has also published an article on British Mandate education and the Arab College in Jerusalem.

PARC bids farewell and offers our thanks to board member Michael W. Suleiman. Michael is a University Distinguished Professor at Kansas State University, where he has taught in the department of political science since 1965. He has received numerous awards for research and teaching and has acted as a consultant, commentator, adviser and/or reviewer to many organizations. Noteworthy among his over 70 publications are: “U. S. Policy on Palestine from Wilson to Clinton” (editor and coauthor); “Arabs in America: Building a New Future” (editor and coauthor); “Arabs in the Mind of America;” “American Images of Middle East Peoples: Impact of the High School.” He has served on the editorial board of five journals including the Arab Studies Quarterly and has been on the board of directors of a number of scholarly organizations in addition to PARC.

The Center for Cultural Heritage Preservation (CCHP) was established in March 2001 with the mission of overseeing the preservation of old neighborhoods and buildings within the towns and villages of the Bethlehem District and enhancing public awareness of cultural heritage. In order to achieve its mission, CCHP is also involved in research related to: tangible and intangible heritage; skills development of its in-house team; training for architects and craftsmen; and participation in regional and international conferences related to cultural heritage preservation and development.

Juha has been working as an architect at the CCHP since 2002 and was appointed head of the rehabilitation unit in April 2007. He has been involved in the management, design, and supervision of urban rehabilitation projects, including the rehabilitation of buildings for adaptive reuse. He has also been involved in research and studies on the development of cultural heritage with a holistic approach that takes into consideration socio-economic and tourism development. Juha’s work has involved preparing and giving presentations about the development of architectural and urban heritage within the framework of CCHP’s approach. These presentations, which target conservationists, planners, decision-makers, tourism officials, and members of the community, are part of CCHP awareness-raising activities and community outreach.

Juha was selected by PARC to attend a four-day Getty Foundation funded workshop in September in Istanbul on cultural heritage research, resources, and methods. The workshop was held in partnership with the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) and was the first activity of the Middle East and Mediterranean Basin Research Exchange Fellowship Program.

This program will include further opportunities for Palestinians to conduct summer research activities at one of the American Overseas Research Centers in the region. At this workshop, Juha, in his role as conservationist and practitioner in the field of cultural heritage development, had the opportunity to share with other participants the rich cultural heritage of Palestine and the challenges it faces in preserving its heritage while planning for economic development. Participation in the workshop also afforded him the opportunity to learn about and listen to the experiences of colleagues from other countries, particularly those working in conflict situations.

Juha has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the Palestine Polytechnic University and can be reached at ijuha@bethlehem2000.org.
We have included two lists of highlights: one list with some of our current and past PARC fellows, board members of directors on topics not related to Palestinian studies; and a second list of conferences sessions related to Palestinian studies. An asterisk by the name indicates a past or current PARC fellow, board member, or director.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.  
(NP08) Identity and Nation in Contemporary Maghrebi Literature and Film  
*Irene Siegel, University of California, Berkeley  
Forgetting as a Path to Remembering: Intertextual Subjectivity and the Work of Edmond ‘Amron El Maleh

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.  
(NP30) Media and Education in the Middle East  
*Mezna Qato, University of Oxford  
On Reading a Jordanian Primer, c. 1952

(P098) Dispossessions, Reparations, and Claims against Post-Independent North African States  
*Michael R. Fischbach, Randolph-Macon College  
The Complexities Surrounding Jewish Property Claims Against Libya

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
(NP22) Health Discourse I: General  
Chair: *Angel M. Foster, Ibis Reproductive Health

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.  
(TC006) Islamic Philosophy, Contours and Center  
Organized by and Session Leader: *Charles E. Butterworth, University of Maryland

(P142) Professional Development Workshop for Graduate Students  
Marketing the Academic: Curricula Vitae, Job Applications, and the Interview Process  
Chair: *Ellen Fleischmann, University of Dayton  
*Dina Rizk Khoury, George Washington University  
On the Interview Process

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19 8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.  
(P045) Imagining the Couple in Middle Eastern and North African Literature and Film  
Organized by *Michael R. Fischbach  
Chair/Discussant: *Michael R. Fischbach, Randolph-Macon College

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
(P020) Gulf Security in Historical Perspective  
*Fred H. Lawson, Mills College  
Security Implications of Preferential Trading Arrangements in the Gulf

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19 2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.  
(NP31) Colonial Policy  
*Martin Bunton, University of Victoria  
The Cadastral Survey of Egypt, 1892–1907

SPECIAL SESSION  
(P136) Writing the Oral History of Modern Iraq  
Organized and chaired by *Dina Rizk Khoury, George Washington University  
*Dina Rizk Khoury, George Washington University  
Telling War Stories, War and Remembrance in Iraq

Please don’t miss the PARC-sponsored panel on Sunday, November 18, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
MESA Conference Sessions Related To Palestinian Studies

**Saturday, November 17** 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

**(NP43) Security Concerns in the Middle East**
Chair: Kemal Silay, Indiana University
Haggai Ram, Ben-Gurion University

*Constructing Palestine and Lebanon as Zones of Emergency: Israeli Images of the Iranian Threat*

Oren Barak, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and Assaf David, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*The Elephant in the Room: Why the Security Sector in the Middle East Is Understudied and What Can We Do About It?*

Naomi Weinberger, Colgate University

*International Contributions to Promoting Human Security in Palestine*

Carolyn Smith, The Ohio State University

*The Kurds, Turkey, and NATO: Did NATO Obligations Decrease Turkish Military Attacks Against the Kurds?*

Thomas W. O’Donnell, University of Michigan

*The Political Economy of Iranian Oil: U.S. Sanctions and Iran’s Nuclear Gambit*


**(P074) Resistance and Compliance: Protestant Education and the Complexities of the Ottoman World**
Organized by Nancy L. Stockdale and Carolyn Goffman
Chair/Discussant: *Ellen Fleischmann,* University of Dayton

Emine O. Evered, Michigan State University

*Local and Imperial Perceptions of and Responses to Missionary and Foreign Schools in Territories of the Late Ottoman Empire*

Carolyn Goffman, DePaul University

*Challenging the New and Noble Vocabulary: Student Resistance to Protestant Educators*

Nancy L. Stockdale, University of North Texas

*Contradiction and Control: Nazareth and the Arab-British Missionary Encounter, 1848–1918*

Elizabeth Brownson, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Protestant Missions, Education and Political Influence in Palestine from the Late Ottoman Period to the British Mandate*


**(P082) Christians of the Middle East: Interrogating Identities from Orientalism to the Diaspora**
Organized by Hakem Rustom, London School of Economics
Chair: Anthony Shenoda, Harvard University

Magi Abdul-Masih, St. Mary’s University

*Jesus, a Palestinian Jew? Christian Theology and the Palestine/Israel Conflict*

Hakem Rustom, London School of Economics

*The Armenian Church: From an Ottoman Millet to the Diaspora*

Adel Iskandar, University of Texas at Austin

*Indigenizing Orientalism? Reflections on the Mediated Self-Portrayal of Coptic Orthodox Christian Identity*


**SPECIAL SESSION**

**Debating the Arab Human Development Report 2005:**
Towards the Rise of Women in the Arab World
Organized by *Frances S. Hasso*

**Azza Karam,** United Nations Development Program

*The UNDP Arab Human Development Report: An Outcome or Process?*

**Hossneya M.H. Gad,** Birzeit University

*What is New in the Arab Human Development Report on Women?*

**Fida Adely,** Georgetown University

*Education as Crisis and Cure: Woman and Education in the Arab Human Development Report*

*Frances S. Hasso,** Oberlin College

*Empowering States and Neo-Liberal Transnational Governance Rather than Women: Comments on the Arab Human Development Report 2005*

**Heba R. Ezaz,** Cairo University

*Women, Islamism, and the Future of Democracy in the Arab World*

**Lila Abu-Lughod,** Columbia University

*The Dangers of the Circulation of a Transnational Dialect of Rights*

**Saturday, November 17** 7:15 p.m.–8:15 p.m.

Friends and colleagues gather to reflect on the life and work of

**Muhsin S. Mahdi,** MESA Founding Member and Honorary Fellow– Palais, Room 513E

**Sunday, November 18** 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

**(NP36) Expressions of Arab Identities**
Chair: Joseph Zeidan, Ohio State University

**Maysa Abou Youssef Hayward,** Ocean County College, NJ

*Negotiating and Deconstructing Dynamics in Arab American Literature*

**Galeet Dardashti,** University of Texas at Austin

*Arab Music and the Politics of Culture-Broking in Israel*

**Carol Fadda-Conrey,** Saint Joseph’s University, Philadelphia

*Writing Arab-American Identity Post 9/11*

**Bruce Fudge,** The Ohio State University

*A Handful of Saints: The Wise and the Weird in Modern Arabic Fiction*

**Muhammed Alkhalil,** School for International Training

*The Prince’s Tale: European Imperialism and the Arab Conceptualization of America in 1912*

**(NP49) History of Elites in Palestine**
Chair: Maryanne A. Rhett, Washington State University

**Yeliz Baloglu-Cangay,** Brandeis University

*Ottoman–Zionist Diplomacy: The Repercussions of Abdülhamid-Herzl Correspondence*

**Liora Halperin,** University of California, Los Angeles


**Laura Robson,** Yale University

*Demanding a Voice: Christian Palestinians in the Greek Orthodox Church and the British Mandate*

**Itamar Radai,** The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*The Collapse of the Palestinian-Arab Middle Class in 1948: The Case of Qatamon*

**Noah Haiduc-Dale,** New York University

*The Influence of Foreign Clergy on Palestinian Christian Political Participation During the British Mandate*

**(NP60) Across Contested Territories: Discourse, Narrative, Configuration, Reevaluation**
Chair: *Kimberly Katz,* Towson University
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Michael J. Reimer, American University in Cairo
The Emir and the Mufti: A Comparative Study in Jordanian and Palestinian Nationalist Historiography

Clea Lutz Bunch, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Re-Evaluating the 1967 War: Hussein, Israel, and the Attack on Samu

Carol Bardenstein, University of Michigan
Palestinian and Israeli Third Zones: Fantasies of Ethnicity and Nationalism

May Ahmar, Columbia University
Discourse Analysis, Case Study: Lebanon–Israel War

(P084) Cities at Stake: Urban Life in Bilad al-Sham
Organized by James A. Reilly
Sponsored by the Syrian Studies Association
Chair: Peter Sluglett, University of Utah
Discussant: Jens Hanssen, University of Toronto

James Grehan, Portland State University
Public Ritual and Popular Culture in Syrian Towns, c. 1500–1800

Rub'a Kana'an, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
From "City-Centre" to "Public Square": Local Discourses on Modernity in Jaffa c. 1900

Ralph Bodenstein, DAI/German Archaeological Institute Cairo
Building "New Saida" around 1900: Urban Expansion and Short Revival of a Stranded Port City

James A. Reilly, University of Toronto
Recent Lebanese Histories of Ottoman Saida

Mafalda Ade Winter, University of Tübingen
Waqf Tenancy and Consular Jurisprudence in Late Ottoman Aleppo

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

(P035) Nationalism across the Waters: Exploring a Neglected Marker of Identity in the Lives of Arab and Muslim Immigrants in the U.S.
Organized by Hani Bawardi
Supported by the Center for Arab American Studies, University of Michigan-Dearborn

Hani Bawardi, University of Michigan-Dearborn
Syria for the Syrians: Nationalist Content in the Arabic-Language Press in the U.S. Before WW I

Eric Fritzler, Wayne State University
Rethinking Arab-Zionist Debates on Palestine before 1948: A Discussion of Methods, Styles, and Identities

Tara Lannen-Stanton, Wayne State University
Arab Nationalism at the Brooklyn Bridge: An Examination of the Nationalist Ideas of Ameen Rihani as an Arab-American

Alia Charara, University of Michigan, Dearborn
Lebanese-American Responses to Israeli Militarism: A Construction of a New Lebanon?

Saeed Khan, Wayne State University
The Iraq War and the Emergence of New Construction of Arab Nationalism Among Iraqi Americans in Metropolitan Detroit

(P083) The Palestine Police and the End of the Mandate: British, Arab, and Jewish Perspectives
Organized by Eugene Rogan
Sponsored by the Palestinian American Research Center
Chair: Eugene Rogan, St. Anthony's College, Oxford

John L. Knight, University of Oxford
Securing Zion? Public Security in Mandate Palestine

Yoav Alon, Tel Aviv University
Treading a Fine Line: The Jewish Segment of the Palestine Police

Eugene Rogan, St. Anthony's College, Oxford
The British in the Palestine Police: Narratives of Adversity

(RT001) Islamist Movements and Parliamentary Elections in the Arab World: Current Research
Organized by Nathan J. Brown, George Washington University
Chair: *Jillian Schwedler, University of Massachusetts

Nathan J. Brown, George Washington University
Abortion after Rape in Islamic Law: A Historical Perspective

*Angel M. Foster, Ibis Reproductive Health
The Internet and Intra-Generational Exchange: Improving Sources of Sexual and Reproductive Health Information in Tunisia, Jordan, and Palestine

L. L. Wynn, Macquarie University
Reproductive Health Technologies and Cyber Fatwas

Shifra Kisch, ASSR/University of Amsterdam
Reproductive Encounters: Negev Bedouin Women's Experience of Childbirth in an Israeli Hospital

(NP23) Health Discourse II: Reproductive Health
Organized by Eugene Rogan
Chair: Alan Mikhail, University of California, Berkeley

Thomas Eich, University of Bochum
Islamists and Shifts in Family Law in Morocco and Jordan

*Samer Shehata, Ben-Gurion University
Reproductive Health Technologies and Cyber Fatwas

*Nathan J. Brown, George Washington University
Arab Policemen in Mandate Palestine: Conflict of Loyalties

*Jillian Schwedler, University of Massachusetts
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(NP55) Living Under Occupation, Palestine
Organized by Eugene Rogan
Chair: Nubar Hovsepian, Chapman University

Amy Wanounou, York University
Palestinian Women between the Two Intifadas

Neve Gordon, Ben-Gurion University
From Colonization to Separation: Exploring the Structure of Israel's Occupation

Zeynep Baser, Middle East Technical University
Israeli Security Discourses Reconsidered: The Closure System in the West Bank

Taroob R. Boulos, University of Michigan
While Waiting for The Dream: Palestinian Women Bear Witness to Their Detention Experiences

(P011) Creating a Paradoxical Political Class: Islamist Parties and Women’s Activism
Organized by Stacey Philbrick Yadav
Discussant: *Jillian Schwedler, University of Massachusetts

Janine Clark, University of Guelph, Canada and Amy E. Young, Gettysburg College
Islamists and Shifts in Family Law in Morocco and Jordan
Lisa Blaydes, Stanford University and Safinaz El Tarouty, British University in Egypt
Women's Electoral Participation in Egyptian Parliamentary Elections

Marion Boulay, Trent University
Islamist Women and Politics of Palestine

Stacey Philbrick Yadav, University of Pennsylvania
Veiled Expectations: Islahi Women's Activisms in Yemen

(P141) Using Middle Eastern Film in the Classroom
Organized by Nadia Hlibka, MESA FilmFest Coordinator
Chair: Thomas B. Stevenson, Ohio University- Zanesville
Thomas B. Stevenson, Ohio University-Zanesville
Media Literacy: Creating Context and Developing Visual Perceptivity
Elizabeth Bishop, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Using Arab Film in the Classroom
John Sinno, Arab Film Distribution
Marketing Middle Eastern Films in the U.S.: A Distributors Point of View
Nitin Sawhney, Cytex and Salma Abu Ayyash
Bahlam fî Falastîne: Dreaming in Palestine
Digital Storytelling Workshops for Palestinian Youth: A Collaborative Project in Palestinian Refugee Camp

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18 4:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.
(P041) Displacing the Nation: Diaspora, (Im)mobility and Empire in the Modern Middle East
Organized by Omar Dewachi
Chair: Omar Dewachi, Harvard University
Omar Dewachi, Harvard University
From Professional Hajj to Professional Refugee: Journeys of the Iraqi Doctor to Britain
Didem Danis, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales
Limits of Transnational: Iraqi Christian Transit Migrants’ Networks in Turkey
*Senay Ozden, Duke University
Borders of Belonging: Palestinian Refugees and the Politics of Opposition in Syria
Stefanie Nanes, Hofstra University
The Impact of Iraqi Refugees on Jordanian Perceptions of Citizenship and National Identity
Aye Knudsen, Chr. Michelsen Institute
From Guerrillas to Guests: Changing Political Relations of Palestinian Refugees in Post-War Lebanon

(P044) The Wild Card of Memory, Challenging the Present: Egyptian, Palestinian, and Armenian Historical Consciousness
Organized by Carel Bertram and Mohammad Salama
Carel Bertram, San Francisco State University
New Signposts on the Landscape of Memory: Armenian Pilgrims in Modern Turkey
Mohammad Salama, San Francisco State University
Re-Membering Nasser: Egyptian Nationalism between Memory and History
*Rochelle Davis, Georgetown University
Turning Memory Into History: Palestinian Narratives of Village Life Before 1948
Salim Tamari, University of California, Berkeley/Bir Zeit University
Soldiers’ Diaries and the Reconstruction of WWI in Popular Memory: Palestine and Anatolia

Issam Nassar, Illinois State University
Palestinian Articulation of the Past: The Role of al-Nakba as a Collective Memory

(P134) Deciphering UN Security Council Resolution 242 after 40 Years
Organized by George E. Bisharat
Supported by the Institute for Palestine Studies
Chair/Discussant: George E. Bisharat, Hastings College of the Law
Richard Falk, University of California, Santa Barbara
UNSCR 242: A Benchmark for Peace or a Geopolitical Gambit?
John Quigley, The Ohio State University
Security Council Resolution 242 and the Right of Repatriation
Jamal Dakwar
People Without Borders for Borders Without People: Demography and Peacemaking Under UNSCR 242
Omar Dajani, University of the Pacific
The Resolution that Lacked Resolve: Tracing the Influence of 242 on Arab-Israeli Peace Talks
Michael Lynk, University of Western Ontario
Conceived in Law: The Legal Foundations of Resolution 242

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
(NP63) Water and Land
Chair: Hoda Baraka, American University in Cairo
Leena Dallash, New York University
Land Rights and Citizenship in the Negev
*Stephen Gasteyer, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and
*Tahreer Abed Araj, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Layering Access: Palestinian Community Management of Water Resources in Context
Zeynep Kadirbeyoglu, McGill University
Decentralization and Democratization: The Case of Water User Associations in Turkey

DOUBLE SESSION—CONTINUES UNTIL 1:00 p.m.
(P062) Before Nationalism: Land and Loyalty in the Middle East
Organized by Steve Tamari
Sponsored by the Syrian Studies Association
This double session will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Chairs: *Dina Rizk Khoury, George Washington University and Thabit Abdullah, York University
Discussants: Karl Barbir, Siena College and Thabit Abdullah, York University
Ulrika Martensson, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
The Promised Land: The Material and Analytical Significance of the Sawad in al-Tabari’s (d. 923 CE) History of the Messengers and the Kings
Nabil Al-Tikriti, University of Mary Washington/USIP
Was There an Iraq Before There Was an Iraq?
Zayde Antrim, Trinity College
Watan before Wataniyya: Love for Land in Ayyubid and Mamluk Syria
Dana Sajdi, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin
The City Possessed: Narrations of Damascus in the 12th and 18th Centuries
Steve Tamari, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Bilad al-Shamism or Territorial Consciousness in Ottoman Syria
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(P023) Israeli Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy in the Aftermath of the Israel-Hizbollah War
Organized by Robert O. Freedman
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Chair: Robert O. Freedman, Baltimore Hebrew University/Johns Hopkins University
Oded Haklai, Queen's University
The Refocusing of Israeli Domestic Politics After the Second Lebanon War
Eyal Zisser, Tel Aviv University
Israel and the Arab World after the Israel-Hizbollah War
Robert O. Freedman, Baltimore Hebrew University/Johns Hopkins University
Israel and the United States After the Israel-Hizbollah War
Pierre Atlas, Marian College
Conflict Management and Conflict Resolution After the Israel-Hizbollah War
Laurie Zittrain Eisenberg, Carnegie Mellon University
Gaming for Peace in the Aftermath of the Israel-Hizbollah War

(P090) States of Representation, States of Discourse in Contemporary Syria
Organized by Alexa Firat
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Discussant: Annie C. Higgins, Wayne State University
*Faedah M. Totah, Virginia Commonwealth University
Remembering and Forgetting: Urban Development in Damascus
Nell Gabiam, University of California, Berkeley
Palestine Before the Golan: The Politics of Development in Syria’s Refugee Camps
Edith Szoanto Ali-Dib, University of Toronto
Shi’i Children’s Books: The Formation of Twelver Shi’i Identity, Community, and Practice
Yong-Bin Lee, Seoul National University
On the Question of “Truth Claims”: Contemporary Syrian Prison Literature and Human Rights Discourse
Alexa Firat, University of Pennsylvania
Looking In, Looking Out: Formations of a Literary Discourse in Syria after 1967

(PRT07) Rethinking Nationalism and Inter-Communal Relations in Late Ottoman Palestine
Organized by *Abigail Jacobson
Chair: Salim Tamari, University of California, Berkeley/Bir Zeit University
Louis Fishman, Carleton College
Yuval Ben-Bassat, University of Chicago
*Abigail Jacobson, Interdisciplinary Center & Tel Aviv University
Roberto Mazza, SOAS

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(PNP3) Forms of Palestinian Resistance: Past and Present
Chair: Yong-Bin Lee, Seoul National University
Poly Pallister-Wilkins, SOAS, University of London
Ruptures in Palestinian Nationalism and Resistance: The Beit Sahour Tax Strike
Nadia G. Yaqub, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Reading Gender and Modernity in Palestinian Political Cartoons
Omar Tesdell, University of Minnesota
Cartographic Confrontation: Maps As Palestinian Resistance and Knowledge Production

*Rena Barakat, University of Chicago
A Different Kind of Arab Jerusalem: The Jerusalem Fallah, the Hebron Jerusalemite and the Buraq Revolt, August 1929

Jane Power, Simon Fraser University
Settlers vs. the State: Making British Labour Policy in Palestine and Northern Rhodesia, 1941–1947

(P112) Gender and Empire
Organized by Martina Rieker and Shahrazad Mojab
Supported by the Cynthia Nelson Institute for Gender and Women’s Studies, American University Cairo and the Women and Gender Studies Institute at the University of Toronto
Chair: Shahrazad Mojab, University of Toronto
Discussant: Martina Rieker, American University Cairo

Haifa Zangana, London, United Kingdom
Women Living Under Military Occupation in Iraq

Nadeen Z. El-Kassem, University of Toronto
The Pitfalls of a “Democracy Promotion” Project for Women of Iraq

Nahla Abdo, Carelton University
Imperialism, “Culture Talk,” and Palestinian Women Resistance

Sedef Arat-Koc, Ryerson University
Turkish Feminism, Civil Society and the European Union: Empowered Voices, Silenced Issues

*Penny Johnson, Birzeit University
Rights at Last?: Dilemmas of Global and Local Agendas Addressing Violence Against Palestinian Women

Mariz Fikry Tadros, American University in Cairo
The Elusive and the Illusionary: Donors’ Empowerment Agenda in Perspective

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
(P093) Identity Politics and the Boundaries of Israel and Palestine
Organized by *Maia Carter Hallward

*Maia Carter Hallward, Kennesaw State University
Negotiating Boundaries, Narrating Checkpoints: The Case of Machsom Watch

Ned Lazarus, American University
The War Within: Identity Mobilization, Self-Determination, and North American Peace Education for Israeli and Palestinian Youth

Rebecca Kook, Ben Gurion University
Between Right and Left: The Shoah in Israeli Identity

Wafaa Hasan, McMaster University
The Politics of Feminist Alliances in Israeli and Palestinian Women’s Activism

Maxine Kaufman-Lacusta, Independent Scholar, Burnaby, BC
The Potential for Joint Struggle: An Examination of Present and Future Participation by Israelis in Palestinian Nonviolent Resistance to the Occupation

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
(NP50) Literature and Poetics in the Palestinian Imagination
Kevin W. Martin, Indiana University Bloomington
Adnan al-Malki, the Martyr of Arabism: Murder, Masculinity, and Secular Sacrifice in Post-WWII Syria

Nathalie Khankan, University of California, Berkeley
Kam Tar Taram Tar: Reading Ghada Shafi’i and New Palestinian Poetry

Noémie Crépeau, Université de Montréal
About Otherness: From Violence to Conscience

Montserrat Rabadas, Independent Scholar, Chicago, IL
Female Ogres and Genies in Palestinian Fairytales

P069) Narrating Home and Homelands: Space, Place, and Displacement in Comparative Arab Diasporas
Organized by *Rabab Abdulhadi and Rachad Antonius
Chair: Rachad Antonius, University of Quebec in Montréal
Discussant: *Rabab Abdulhadi, San Francisco State University

Christoph Schumann, University of Bern
Bilingualism and Political Communication in the Diaspora: Arab-American Publications in the USA and Turkish-German Magazines in Germany

Samia Shoman, San Mateo Unified High School District
Diasporic Activism: Arab-American Organizations and the Question of Palestine

Nadje Al-Ali, Institute of Arab & Islamic Studies, University of Exeter
Memory and “Truth” in the Diaspora: Constructing a Modern History of Iraqi Women

Fadwa Allabadi, Al-Quds Arab University
Home, Identity and Dispossession of Palestinian Refugee Women

Akram Khater, North Carolina State University
Becoming Syrian in America: A Global Geography of Ethnicity and Nation

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
(NP47) Political Parties in Transformation
Chair: Tamir Moustafa, Simon Fraser University

Khaled Helmy, Dartmouth College
The Crescent, the Cross & the Ballot Box: The Inclusion-Moderation Hypothesis between Political Islam & Christian Democracy

Emily Regan Wills, New School for Social Research
Democracy, Citizenship and Women’s Rights: Kuwait, 1999 and 2005

*Ghada Al Madbouh, University of Maryland
Radicalism of Moderation?: Hamas’s Transformation and the Prospects of a New Democratic Government

Ashraf Elsherif, Boston University
Transformation: Islamists Responses to Political Liberalization in Turkey and Egypt

Gunes Murat Tecur, Loyola University Chicago
The Evolution of the Justice and Development Party: A Tale of Two Elections

(NP54) Palestinian Activism in Media and Arts
Chair: Nadia G. Yaqub, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

*Julie Norman, American University
Creative Activism: Youth Media in Palestine

Sama R. Alshaibi, University of Arizona
Without Papers

Chiara De Cesari, Stanford University
Cultural Heritage Beyond the State: The Healing Values of Palestinian Heritage Practices

Lena Jayyusi, Zayed University
Palestinian Broadcasting During the Oslo Years: Representation and Nation-Building in a Non-Sovereign Space
Julie Norman is conducting dissertation research in Palestine on “Nonviolent Resistance in the West Bank,” with a specific emphasis on the role of youth in popular struggle. The study aims to describe how popular resistance has shifted from the first intifada to the present, critically analyze the dynamics of the current nonviolent campaign, and investigate the potential for the emergence of a more widespread popular movement. Despite notable local actions, Norman posits that, in contrast to the first intifada, current widespread popular participation is limited largely by the lack of significant youth engagement in the nonviolent struggle.

Norman uses a mixed methodology approach, incorporating narrative research, survey analysis, and participant action research. In-depth, semi-structured interviews will increase the understanding of current activism and how popular resistance has changed over the past 20 years. The interviews complement her participation and observation at various training sessions, events, and conferences related to nonviolence to inform her critical analysis of the current movement. Finally, she is administering a survey to Palestinian youth to gauge their perceptions and attitudes toward nonviolent resistance to determine if there is a space for the current resistance efforts to take root in the new generation.

Norman hopes that her study fills a gap in the existing literature on Israel-Palestine by bringing the attention of both international scholars and policymakers to the emergence of a Palestinian nonviolent movement in the post second intifada context. She also hopes her research will be useful to nonviolent activists and community leaders in Palestine and Israel for critically analyzing the current movement and examining its potential viability. Finally, she expects the conclusions from the study will be useful to activists and scholars outside of Israel-Palestine who are interested in nonviolent activism and the role of youth in popular resistance.

Julie Norman is a Ph.D. candidate in International Relations at American University, with concentrations in peace and conflict resolution and human rights. She has worked with human rights organizations, youth groups, and documentary media projects in Palestine and Egypt.

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Though the daily consumption of plastic in Palestine has increased tremendously, there are no environmental regulations in the Palestinian territories for disposing of used plastic. Most, if not all, used plastic is disposed of along with the municipal solid waste and burned. With their research, Sawalha and El-Hamouz hope to reduce the environmental impact of used plastic while simultaneously investigating the possibility of improving recycled plastic’s properties by adding olive solid waste particles using a simple extruder machine. This new methodology for recycling will guarantee that olive solid waste can be used to encourage the reuse of used plastic waste and thus contribute to the creation and maintenance of a green environment. Because of the low density and rigidity of olive solid waste, it can be used as subsidiary filler in plastic production instead of other additives, such as wood fibers. These additives affect mechanical properties, such as flexural strength and resilience. This project will offer a new method to address scientifically and practically the pressing need to preserve environmental health in Palestine.

To improve the properties of discarded plastic by employing olive solid waste as filler, a three-phase methodology will be used.

**Phase 1: Materials**

**Used Plastic**

High density polyethylene (HDPE), which is very popular in the Palestinian market, will be collected according to its recycling type.

Used plastic bottles of detergents and containers will be ground into flakes using plastic mills or crushers.

**Olive Solid Waste**

Olive solid waste will be collected and sieved according to international standards.

Accumulated particle size under 100µm will be dried and cleaned from the residual oil using the Soxhlet method.

**Phase 2: Processing**

Crushed, used plastic will be blended with fine particles of olive solid waste in different weight fractions by using a simple tumbling machine.

The mixture will be fed into a simple, single-screw extruder that will be operated at constant screw speed (20–40 rpm) and temperature of all zones (200°C). Several parameters, such as screw speed and temperatures, will be tested.

**Phase 3: Testing**

Mechanical and physical properties (tensile strength and modulus of elasticity) will be examined from the prepared samples mentioned above. Effects of olive solid waste on the properties of the recycled plastics will be examined. In addition, the morphology of processed samples will be examined under an optical microscope.

Sawalha and el-Hamouz expect their research project will achieve the following outcomes:

- Enhancement of the utilization of olive solid waste in improving the mechanical and physical properties of recycled used plastic.
- Optimization of the operating condition of a simple, single-screw extruder, thereby supplying a practical apparatus with widespread availability and application.
- Recommendations on how to use the modified recycled plastic according to its properties.
- Encouraging Palestinian plastic producers and consumers to adopt this method of creating environmentally friendly recycled plastic.

**Shadi Sawalha** is an engineer and a project supervisor at An-Najah University in Nablus, as well as a consultant for the Olive Chemical Detergents Company. He can be reached at sawalhashadi@yahoo.com. **Dr. Amer El-Hamouz** has a Ph.D. in chemical engineering and is an associate professor in the Chemical Engineering Department at An-Najah University in Nablus. He can be reached at elhamouz@yahoo.com.
The Gaza Strip, like many other parts of the Middle East, has a distinct and serious deficit of water that has created the current water-shortage problem for most of its residents. The quality of consumed water suffers from bacterial contamination, as well as increases in nitrates and chlorides to levels that are already above the safety limit. Furthermore, it is forecasted that the quantity of available water, which is already scarce, may drop to levels incompatible with an acceptable standard of living, public health, and social and economic development in the region. In short, Gaza’s water quantity is decreasing year after year, and the quality of water is continuously deteriorating. Some suggestions to address these problems include increasing the water quantity in the reservoir and decreasing the usage of water through conservation.

Samir Shaath aims to calculate physical characteristics that control the passage of fluids through the coastal plain aquifer in the Gaza Strip. He will analyze transmissivity, storage coefficients, porosity, and permeability. The Gaza Strip is divided into five locations according to the availability of pumping water wells in addition to observation wells. These locations are Beit Lahia, Beit Hanoun, Gaza City, Khan Younis, and Rafah. All the wells to be tested in these five localities supply water for domestic consumption, with most of them pumping water about 24 hours daily. The pumping tests will be carried out continuously for periods of 18–36 hours. To study and calculate the aquifer’s physical characteristics, Shaath will execute some pumping tests to find the transmissivity and storage coefficients and dig open pits to decipher the permeability and porosity of the coastal plain aquifer in the Gaza Strip.

The investigation of the physical properties for the subsurface aquifer will enable the calculation of reservoir parameters, the amount of water stored in the aquifer, and the groundwater extent and thickness.

With a Ph.D. in geology from Al-Neelain University in Khartoum, Dr. Samir Shaath is president of the Green Plains Group. He can be reached at thegreenplains2004@yahoo.com.
The international literature on water management argues increasingly for community and local management of water resources. Community management, however, is frequently depicted in case studies that describe individual community agency— islands of success without consideration of the broader political, social, and biophysical context. Stephen Gasteyer’s research focuses on the role of different stakeholders in the Palestinian context by examining efforts to build capacity for community-based water management and disaster recovery in rural communities. Gasteyer uses a combination of content analysis of project documents and field research involving interviews with key stakeholders in selected communities, Palestinian government agencies, and Palestinian and international nongovernmental agencies. His approach situates Palestinian rural community water management in the context of regional water scarcity, which has been exacerbated by the political realities of Israeli control of water resources and a tradition of non-participatory, top-down water management. Gasteyer’s research aims to describe the roles of multiple actors: grassroots organizations, nongovernmental organizations, government, and donors in efforts to facilitate water resources for rural communities in this context.

Gasteyer feels that to act as if the context of regional water scarcity and inequities of water access as a result of occupation do not exist in considering community water management in the Palestinian context would be absurd and that it would be equally absurd to ignore the role and capacity of the Palestinian Authority government. Gasteyer will consider how all of these factors, along with the roles of other nongovernmental actors and donors, interact with community members and representatives at the local level by comparing the impact of water initiatives in different communities in the northern West Bank. In describing these impacts, Gasteyer aims to broaden the discourse on water in Palestine beyond both technical issues, on the one hand, and national water rights, on the other.

This research project will be conducted by Dr. Stephen Gasteyer, assistant professor, Department of Human and Community Development, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and Tahreer Abed Araj, a Ph.D. student in the department of Human and Community Development. The project will result in presentations at professional meetings, including The Rural Sociological Society annual conference in Santa Clara, California, in August 2007, and the Middle East Studies Association annual conference in Montréal, Canada, in November 2007, and a manuscript for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

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