Reflections on the First 10 Years
by Philip Mattar, PARC President

In 1997, when a small group of us met at Lake Arrowhead, California, under the auspices of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), our goal was to establish the first academic center focusing on Palestine and Palestinian studies. Too much attention and resources had been devoted to political studies, especially within the context of the Arab-Israeli conflict, at the expense of medicine, education, business, engineering, the environment, and many other fields. We were determined to expand Palestinian studies to all fields.

Our mission was to promote Palestinian studies and support scholarly excellence; to encourage understanding, communication, and cooperation among American, Palestinian, Israeli, and other scholars; and to provide access to research resources and opportunities. In short, we hoped to increase the quality, scope, and depth of Palestinian studies and to create a network of scholars by establishing an institutional infrastructure to provide funding, logistical support, and access to local resources.

It is one thing to have a mission and yet another to lay the foundations for an institutional infrastructure that fulfills that mission. At Lake Arrowhead, PARC was fortunate to have—besides Ann Mosely Lesch, Ralph Salmi, and myself—members of CAORC who had established and nurtured several other centers. Foremost among these was Mary Ellen Lane, the head of CAORC, who had also first conceived of PARC. Others included Ben Harer of the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE) and Joe Seger, board member and president of the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) and former president of the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem. A steering committee was formed that would later be replaced by a full board composed of some of the leading scholars in the field.

Our immediate objectives were to establish two offices, one in the United States and the other in Palestine. After PARC was officially registered in 1998, it opened its first office at Randolph-Macon College, under the direction of historian Michael R. Fischbach and his capable assistant, Donna Geisler, who helped launch our first office, website, database, and newsletter. Our Palestine office was established in Jerusalem, headed by Mouin Rabbani, who was then a doctoral student at Oxford University. He was later aided by an advisory committee chaired by Ibrahim Dakkak, a prominent Palestinian intellectual.

The response to PARC among scholars, students, institutions, and foundations was enthusiastic. Within two years, PARC raised $220,000 from the Ford, Rockefeller, Tananbaum, and Earhart foundations and the U.S. Department of Education, enabling PARC to award nine fellowships ranging from $5,500 to $7,000 to U.S. and Palestinian scholars.

Nowhere was interest greater than in Palestine. Thanks to publicity generated by the Palestine office, many Palestinian scholars applied to the annual fellowship competition. The applicants were and are from throughout the West Bank and Gaza, from various religious and political backgrounds, and both men and women. One might assume that a people whose daily life is disrupted by checkpoints and the wall, and who endure the hardships of direct or indirect occupation, would be predisposed to sending proposals about the political conflict. While some did, most applicants had other interests.

A selection of topics from the 2003–2004 PARC fellows reflects this diversity: coastal water pollution in Gaza; concepts of democracy among high school students; the management of wastewater in Palestinian olive oil mills; the contemporary Palestinian women’s movement; Israeli Supreme Court rulings regarding the Palestinian citizens of Israel; dispersal, destruction, and reconstruction of the Palestine archives of the British Mandate; Palestinian soldiers in the Israeli military; and a social history of Tulkarm in the late Ottoman period. These were precisely the kind of topics that had continued on page 4
Celebrating 10 Years of PARC
To help us appreciate PARC’s remarkable accomplishments, PARC’s president, Philip Mattar, offers his reflections on PARC’s first decade of activity, while PARC’s second director in Palestine, Penny Johnson, describes the early days of PARC in Palestine. In addition to these informative pieces, the newsletter provides a list of all PARC fellows to date and their research topics. Certainly, the variety of topics is remarkable. Another list contains all the PARC-sponsored panels at the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) annual meetings over the years. To celebrate our accomplishments, PARC invites you to join us at the MESA’s annual meeting in Washington, D.C. We will gather for refreshments on Sunday, November 23, from 6:00–6:45, in the same room as the PARC-sponsored two-part panel, and directly after its conclusion.

Fellowships and Training
PARC is pleased to announce eight (four American and four Palestinian) new fellows for 2008–09. This newsletter introduces four of these fellows and provides profiles of their interesting and diverse research. The remaining four fellows will be profiled in our spring newsletter. In addition to fellowships, PARC activity also included sponsoring a Getty research fellowship for cultural preservation that enabled a Palestinian scholar from Nablus to study in Amman as well as a library training session in Chicago (under the Digital Library for International Research) for a librarian from Birzeit University. PARC is fortunate to be a part of both these programs through the Council of American Overseas Research Centers. Preserving cultural heritage and improving libraries in Palestine are both critical needs that often lack the resources required for further development.

PARC will institute a new calendar for our 2009–10 competition that we hope will put us more in sync with other grants and give fellows a better opportunity to plan their research agendas. Our competition was announced in October; the deadline for applications is January 15, 2009. Awards will be announced on March 16. The announcement appears again in this newsletter; the application is also available for download on our Web site. Once again, we will have a pre-proposal process in Palestine. Applicants selected to submit full proposals will receive mentoring assistance as needed through our Palestine office.

Funding
PARC is pleased to announce that our Ramallah office has received two new grants to fund Palestinian fellowships: one is from the Palestine Investment Fund and provides support for two fellowships; the other is from the Institute of Jerusalem Studies for one fellowship. We are grateful for this new support for our programs and delighted to be generating this interest in and funding for PARC in Palestine.

We are also pleased to announce an increase in our funding for year two of our U.S. Department of Education grant. This grant helps to fund our Palestine office, travel...
for Palestinian participants on the PARC-sponsored panels at MESA, improvements to our Web site, and the production of our newsletter.

PARC also has a new, one-year extension grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State to fund our U.S. fellows. We are delighted that our funding level has been increased, and we are now able to raise the maximum grant amount for our 2009–10 fellowships. In addition, we have more support for our U.S. office.

**MESA**

PARC has a number of excellent events planned for MESA, and I invite you to join us for all of them. We are sponsoring a two-part panel titled “New Studies in Palestinian Society and Economy: A Panel in Honor of Rosemary and Yusif Sayigh” on Sunday, November 23, from 2:00–6:00 p.m. As mentioned earlier, we will celebrate 10 years of PARC in the same room immediately following the panel. PARC’s Palestine director, Dr. Hadeel Qazzaz, will join us for our general meeting on Saturday, November 22, from 3:00–4:30 p.m. and talk about new activities in our Palestine office. The center section of the newsletter highlights MESA panels and presentation content that may be of interest to scholars on Palestine.

Once again, thanks to a generous grant from the U.S. Department of Education, PARC is pleased to provide stipends to a number of current and former fellows to present papers at MESA. Also thanks to the same grant, PARC is able to provide travel support to two PARC-sponsored MESA panelists, Rosemary Sayigh (from Lebanon) and Samia al-Botmeh (from Palestine), as well as to PARC’s Palestine director, Hadeel Qazzaz.

**Board of Directors**

PARC is pleased to announce that Dr. Beshara Doumani was elected to the PARC board of directors as a representative of PARC’s membership. Thank you all for participating in our elections.

**PARC on the Web**

PARC has a new address on the Web, a new Webmaster, and many updates that should prove useful for researchers on Palestine.

**PARC Palestine**

By the time you receive this newsletter, our Palestine director, Dr. Hadeel Qazzaz, will have been at the helm of our Ramallah office for one, very active year. In addition to generating new funding for Palestinian fellows as mentioned above, our new office, housed in the Institute of Jerusalem Studies (IJS), has initiated a number of stimulating new projects. PARC helped to fund a well-attended and well-received IJS/Birzeit seminar on sources for research in social history that included a number of board members and former fellows among the speakers. Thanks to a donation by board member Charles Butterworth, the IJS/PARC library was able to acquire a valuable collection of scholarly journals. PARC is working with the Digital Library for International Research (DLIR) to develop an online catalog for the library. Work has already started on the Jerusalem Archives project, also funded by the DLIR. The project will conduct a survey of important archives and libraries in Jerusalem and make this information available on the Web. PARC is proud to announce that the first Gerner Award was conferred on a student at Birzeit University. The award was established in memory of our beloved board member, Deborah “Misty” Gerner.

**Spring Newsletter**

In light of the fascinating updates we received from alumni fellows last spring, we again invite former fellows to share their news in our spring 2009 issue of the newsletter. Additionally, we look forward to including synopses of fellows’ final reports in order to inform our members of research outcomes and to help fellows in publicizing their work.

**Membership**

Please renew your PARC membership TODAY. Your support is critical: we count on membership dues to offer fellowships to Palestinian scholars; we also count on membership numbers to advocate more powerfully and convincingly for additional funding for research on Palestine. PARC’s goal is to increase its membership significantly over the coming year. A large number of members have not renewed their membership for some time, even though they continue to receive our newsletter. We urge you to renew, and hope that you will consider additional contributions to help support worthy Palestinian academics. You can now renew or join and donate online using PayPal or credit card options at http://www.parc-us-pal.org. Please join in helping PARC to grow into a more substantial organization with greater membership support.
been neglected, and PARC was established largely to encourage such studies.

Since 2000, PARC has awarded nearly 120 fellowships to researchers from 13 countries. Although most awardees have been Americans and Palestinians, other countries with PARC fellows include Israel, Egypt, Germany, Canada, France, Great Britain, Greece, Pakistan, Jordan, Turkey, and India. The ratio between men and women awardees has been almost even, with women slightly outnumbering men. The wide range of topics includes numerous historical studies covering late Bronze Age archaeology through research on aspects of the Ottoman and Mandate periods; various studies on economic development, water quality and distribution, waste management and recycling, occupational hazards for Palestinian workers, and maternal and child health; and a look at various social aspects of Palestinian refugee life.

PARC has also been active in other academic endeavors. PARC is an affiliate member of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) and each year has organized a panel at MESA’s annual meeting. Here, too, the topics vary: The Legacy and Impact of British Rule from 1922–1948; Contemporary Social Science Research on Palestine; Views of the Other in Israeli and Palestinian Textbooks; Contemporary Life in the West Bank and Gaza Under Ongoing Israeli Occupation; New Perspectives on Mandate Palestine; The Multiple Economies of Palestine: Survival or Development?; Palestinians Inside Israel Revisited; and The Palestine Police and the End of the Mandate: British, Arab, and Jewish Perspectives. We have begun a Web site that not only includes application forms for our awards, but also a comprehensive bibliography, chronology, and other reference material.

None of these accomplishments could have been undertaken without the support of many people and organizations. In addition to support from a number of American foundations and the U.S. Department of Education and later the U.S. Department of State, we are fortunate to have nearly 20 leading U.S. universities as institutional members. Well over 100 individual members also belong to PARC, many contributing more than their annual dues to help fund research on Palestine. Board members have been generous with their time. The board meets twice a year, but individual members perform various duties throughout the year. An Executive Committee meets every two months to help implement board decisions and provide guidance.

PARC would not be where it is today had it not been for its outstanding and dedicated staff. In terms of accomplishments and length of tenure, three directors stand out for their exceptional contributions. In 2000, Ann Mosely Lesch, a Villanova University professor, took over as U.S. director until 2004, when she left to become Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences at the American University in Cairo. Ann combined three rare talents: path-breaking scholarship on Palestine, administrative ability, and energetic fund-raising. In addition, Ann received enormous assistance with PARC’s fund-raising efforts from Mary Ellen Lane. In Palestine, PARC director Penny Johnson—a researcher at Birzeit University—increased our exposure and contacts, and nearly tripled the number of applicants for our awards. Penelope Mitchell, who took over as U.S. director in 2006, has broadened PARC’s activities, expanded our base of support and membership, resumed fund-raising, and, in general, is applying her considerable talents to put PARC on an even more professional footing.

It is important to note that despite all of PARC’s accomplishments over the past 10 years, we have still not substantially fulfilled our mission. While the Palestinians have been the focus of world affairs for decades, PARC lacks sufficient funding to make a greater impact. With a budget of well under $200,000 and an endowment of just $60,000, we are still one of the smallest centers within and outside of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC). As a result, we are only able to award an average of a dozen fellowships a year, with a maximum of only $6,500 for each fellowship—and we are unable to initiate more than a very few other important research projects in addition to these fellowships. Our small budget does not enable us to employ full-time directors and staff in the United States and Palestine as we would wish. Our Web site has the potential to become the source for anyone doing research on Palestine and the Palestinians, but it is still a work in progress. We need more applicants from Europe and Israel, where a considerable amount of scholarship is being done. And while we are grateful for the moral and financial support PARC receives in the United States, the support is not commensurate with our goals and needs.

If we are truly to fulfill our mission and to increase the scope, quality, and quantity of Palestinian studies, we need to increase considerably our efforts over the next decade. I have faith that our staff, members, and current and potential funders share a belief in the importance of PARC’s work and will stand behind this belief with both their moral and financial support.

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“Would you be interested in directing PARC’s Palestine “office” on a part-time basis?”

When Ann Lesch e-mailed me in the spring of 2002, Israeli tanks were still parked in downtown Ramallah and curfews were strictly enforced. I was cheered when Ann explained that I could do the job from my house! Most importantly, however, PARC’s mission to promote Palestinian studies—and young scholars pursuing the same—seemed critical to a research community in Palestine facing problems from physical restrictions and lack of scholarly access to the mounting mundane pressures of maintaining academic life under daily hardships.

Since that time, I have thought of myself as PARC’s war-time director; although, Mouin Rabbani, who steered PARC through the first difficult years of the Al Aqsa Intifada might also claim this unfortunate title. Indeed, my first days on the job, in mid-September 2002, found Ramallah once more under a week-long curfew. The morning the curfew lifted, I ordered some essential fax and computer equipment; it was delivered and installed in hours, a testament to the community resourcefulness that would mark my three-year PARC experience with Palestinian doctoral students and scholars here.

“Can’t we turn the fax off when we are sleeping?” Raja, my husband, inquired in as reasonable a tone as he could muster. The ring of the fax was insistent and constant. In response to the difficulties faced by the local research community, PARC had instituted a call for pre-proposals, where local researchers could submit a brief description of their research project, in either English or Arabic. The PARC “office,” along with the hard-working PARC advisors in Palestine, under the able chairmanship of Ibrahim Dakkak, would then select promising projects and work with researchers to develop full proposals. The idea was perhaps too successful, as the ring of the fax attested. Each year I worked with PARC, more than 60 pre-proposals were submitted, with about a third coming from Gaza. In 2003, the subjects ranged across disciplines from Ottoman history and archaeology to current and dire environmental, educational, and developmental problems to thorny issues of democracy and nationalism and to new media and new directions in women’s movements and civil society.

While this “embarrassment of riches” has its negative side in an office of one, it also demonstrates remarkable resiliency and determination from Palestine’s research community. One year, two proposals came from researchers living in Khan Yunis refugee camp on October 25, 2004, a day when a particularly brutal Israeli attack on the camp killed at least 16 people. While it is important not to romanticize researchers in Palestine—which has both its unusual constraints and the usual problems of academic research everywhere—the persistence of the Palestinian research community and its development even under adverse circumstances was truly inspiring. I also learned much about stamina from my colleague at the U.S. office, Ann Lesch. Whether we were trudging together through checkpoints to get to An-Najah University or corresponding in a deluge of e-mails, Ann was always a model of both cooperation and plain hard work.

A project that I hope PARC will be able to continue in the future is the Jerusalem Archives project. Our 2004 workshop here with scholars who literally have a life-long knowledge of the riches and the problems of libraries and archives in Jerusalem pointed both to the usefulness and urgency of global scholarly attention to these precious resources.

Ramallah this summer is hosting a dazzling array of cultural festivals, rather than remaining locked behind shutters with tanks in the street. Sadly, other Palestinian towns—and the whole of Gaza—are enduring much harsher conditions. In particular, the question of students who need to leave Gaza for graduate education—whether the Fulbright scholars or students with scholarships and places elsewhere—deserve the support not only of PARC, but of the global academy.

PARC now has a public office, directed by the able and experienced Dr. Hadeel Qazaaz, formerly an advisor to PARC Palestine. There are new opportunities for academic exchange and scholarly cooperation—so PARC members and friends, please drop by. Let’s break academic isolation visit by visit!
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ISIS NUSAIR

Synopsis of Research
Isis Nusair’s research examines the gendered politics of location of four generations of Palestinian women in Israel, 1948–2008. Nusair argues that women from each generational group were marked, albeit differently, by certain political events in a way that thereafter affected how they looked at themselves, how they defined their generational group, and how they defined their relation to the state of Israel. Although one would assume that the sociopolitical changes resulting from the creation of the state of Israel in 1948 had significant impact on women from all four generations, there were still particular gendered processes that intersected with militarized and nationalized ones that marked the experiences of each generational group.

Methodology
Nusair plans to use the snowball approach (where one person tells the researcher about another person to interview) to conduct 30 to 50 open-ended interviews with women from all four generations during July through September 2008 and November through January 2009. This research will allow for an examination of the points of intersection and departure among these four generational groups and for positioning women’s narratives within the current sociopolitical changes taking place in the state of Israel. It will also allow for an examination of their agency and resistance to limitations in their lives in both the private and public spheres.

Significance of Research
This research is significant in that it examines the gendered nature of generational experiences. It involves narrative analysis of those events and a critical examination of the private and public nature of these narratives as they constitute the universe of meaning within which generational identities are constructed and negotiated. The absence of voice for Palestinian women citizens of Israel in both Israeli and Palestinian official history and the majority of academic writing is troubling since it renders these women invisible and makes gender-neutral assumptions about their lives. This invisibility is multiplied by the marginalization and Orientalist representations of Palestinian history in Israeli official and collective narrative and ethos. This research coincides with Israel’s celebrations of 60 years of independence and Palestinian commemoration of 60 years of Nakba. It comes at a critical time in the history of the state of Israel as the Israeli parliament is considering drafting a constitution for the country that will determine, in part, the relationship between its Palestinian citizens and the Jewish national majority. Focusing on narrative analyses of the experiences of four generations of Palestinian women in Israel will allow for understanding the multiplicity of their histories and the intersectionality of their generational experiences.

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AMMAR AL-DWAIK
The Role of Islamic Social Organizations in the Social Welfare and Safety Net Systems in the Palestinian Territories

Ammar al-Dwaik’s research examines the role of Islamic social organizations (ISOs), including Zakat committees, in supplying a social safety net to Palestinians in the occupied territories. His work will assess the contributions of Islamic Social Organizations (ISOs), the challenges they face, and how their role is affected by the provision—or the lack thereof—of social services by the state and other organizations. This assessment will fuel an analysis of how the state might intervene to ensure the persistence and development of ISOs while making them more accountable and equitable.

The underlying assumption of this research is that the political sector in the Palestinian territories has either worked to create socioeconomic challenges (in the case of the Israeli authorities) or has failed to address them (in the case of the Palestinian Authority). The failure of the state, or in some points its absence, has been filled by a variety of actors and institutions, among them ISOs. The main hypothesis of the research is that ISOs,
due to their Islamic (religious) component, have unique abilities to mobilize, collect, and distribute resources that other local or international, secular NGOs do not enjoy. Consequently, ISOs are increasingly playing an important role in providing a social safety net for many Palestinians in the Palestinian territories. The Palestinian Authority (PA), which is in the process of state-building, needs to embark on innovative strategies and policies that utilize and build on existing institutional and organizational arrangements in the Palestinian territories and incorporate these organizations and institutions into the social and political development process.

Al-Dwaik's methodology will include the use of available data from the Palestinian Ministry of Social Affairs, the Palestinian Bureau of Statistics, and other relevant institutions. He will conduct semi-structured and open-ended interviews with both Islamic and secular social activists and government officials, as well as make field visits to ISOs.

Literature on ISOs in the Palestinian territories has thus far focused on the political dimensions of these organizations, particularly their relationships with broader sociopolitical Islamic movements like Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood. The focus on the political aspect excludes from the analysis the hundreds of ISOs that are actively engaged in serving Palestinian society and have loose or no political affiliation. It is here that Al-Dwaik will aim much of his attention.

Al-Dwaik hopes that his research will provide insight into the functioning of ISOs in the Palestinian territories as well as elsewhere in the Middle East and Muslim world. He argues that the state cannot effectively engage in providing social safety nets and welfare to its population unless it understands the role of religious organizations and actors in providing social services.

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Sherene Seikaly’s research project explores the links between nutrition, colonial development, and war-making in 1940s Palestine. As Europe moved toward total war in the late 1930s, the crises of supply and distribution of basic goods became a growing concern for Britain and its colonies. The colonial state in Palestine played its part in a broader regime of British wartime economic control in the Middle East by instituting a command economy in stages, from the control of importers through licensing in 1939 to a monopoly on all imports and locally produced foodstuffs by 1942. The colonial state made intimate incursions into people’s daily lives through various phases of food rationing.

Food rationing is an understudied component of the Colonial Office’s tentative turn to development in 1940. The twentieth-century study of nutrition came into its own during World War II and inspired debates on the controversial links between poverty and malnutrition in the House of Commons and the Colonial Office. The role of food in war was part of a broader debate on the new meaning of British colonial development and welfare. Differentiated caloric standards for the “Western” and the “Oriental” echoed earlier vocabularies of scientific racism and contributed to the categorization of and disparities between the “Arab,” the “Oriental Jew,” and the “European Jew” in Palestine. By studying the British colonial state apparatus of food control and rationing as well as Palestinian Arab and European Jewish institutional and individual reactions to these policies, this project will reveal the links between colonialism and notions of collective well-being.

Three sets of scholarship inform this project. First, this study will contribute to the expansive work on the history, society, and politics of early twentieth-century Palestine. Second, it will explore how the exigencies of the two world wars reshaped interactions among the state, private capitalists, and consumers in Palestine specifically and the Middle East more broadly. Third, this project will provide critical historical and contemporary studies of development with a case study that unpacks the notions and trajectories of “basic needs” and general welfare in a colonial context.

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Dana Hercbergs’ dissertation exposes the everyday lives of Palestinian and Israeli children and teens throughout the last 60 years in Jerusalem. Motivated by her interest in the city’s post-1948 social landscape, the research engages adults’ memories and young people’s contemporary lives to tell a story of children’s culture over roughly three generations. In addressing both sides of this divided city, the study’s questions converge around the themes of leisure and play, youth groups and hangouts, patterns of mobility and routes, and places of tension and conflict. Combining these aspects, Hercbergs uses the term “playscapes” to refer to the contexts where young people make their own mark on the city through their routines and traditions.

In an effort to address both continuities and fissures in the lives of Jerusalem’s young residents in the last half century, Hercbergs focuses on enduring as well as emergent forms of children’s folklore and youth culture. In interviews with adults, personal objects such as photographs, collectibles, and family heirlooms were solicited to conjure narratives about the past. Hercbergs also followed residents on guided tours of their neighborhoods, which called forth personal memories of the city, its material and emotional landscapes. Research with children and teens combined hanging out with informal interviews, in addition to observing their new trends, behaviors, and local knowledge while accompanying them about the city and to their homes. One emerging issue for both Israelis and Palestinians was the role of childhood memories in constituting a golden age in relation to the current socio-political environment in addition to the latter’s impact on changing notions of childhood and youth.

Hercbergs’ aim in this research is to contribute a heretofore neglected perspective of Jerusalem’s social history after 1948 and, more broadly, a perspective of children’s cultural (re)production of space. Studying young people’s daily lives in a multicultural yet fragmented city exposes processes by which local subjects are socialized into and participate in, perpetuating the borders of their national and religious communities. This ethnographic study renders young people’s insights on historical events, accounting for both tradition and authority in guiding their actions and behaviors, as well as young people’s subjectivity in negotiating their inherited reality.

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Palestine Today: The Possibilities and Limits of Life under Occupation
Chair and Discussant: Ibrahim Dakkak*, Chair, Advisory Committee, Palestinian American Research Center
Penny Johnson*, Palestine Director, Palestinian American Research Center
A Father’s No Shield for His Child: Crisis and Change in Palestinian Families and Gender Dynamics in the Second Palestinian Intifada
Lori Allen*, University of Chicago
The Banalization of Violence and the Nationalization of Emotions: Towards an Ethnography of the Palestinian Intifada
Manal Jamal*, McGill University
Popular and Not So Popular: Responses to Donor Assistance in Palestine
Khalid Furani*, Graduate Center, City University of New York
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New Perspectives on Mandate Palestine
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Ilana Feldman*, Columbia University
Penny Johnson*, Palestinian American Research Center
Salim Tamari, Institute of Jerusalem Studies
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Mahmoud Yazbak, University of Haifa

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Palestinians Inside Israel Revisited
Organized by Isis Nussair & Rhoda Kanaan*
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Samara Esmeir, University of California, Berkeley
Abandoned by Whom?: A Palestinian Story of Return

Honaida Ghanim, Harvard University
Crossing the Border: Confrontation Strategies
Lena Meari, University of California, Davis
The Roles of Palestinian Peasant Women 1930-1960: Al-Birweh Village as Model
Isis Nussair*, Denison University
Leena Dallashoh, New York University
Al-’Ard, a Pan-Arab Nationalist Movement in Israel from 1959 until 1965
Shira Robinson*, University of Iowa
Guns, Coffee and Tractors: The Making of Non-Jewish Folklore in 1958 Israel
Rhoda Kanaan*, Columbia University
A Good Arab in a Bad House? Unrecognized Villagers in the Israeli Military
Amal Eqeiq, University of Washington
Louder than the Blue I.D.: Palestinian Hip-Hop in Israel
Ibtisam Ibrahim, Washington College
Immigration Patterns among Arab Palestinians in Israel

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John L. Knight, University of Oxford
Securing Zionist Public Security in Mandate Palestine
Yoav Alon, Tel Aviv University
Treading a Fine Line: The Jewish Segment of the Palestine Police
Adel Yahya, PACE, Ramallah
Arab Policemen in Mandate Palestine: Conflict of Loyalties
Eugene Rogan*, St. Antony’s College, Oxford
The British in the Palestine Police: Narratives of Adversary

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Basel Salch, Radford University
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Samia al-Botmeh, Birzeit University
Labour Market Gender-Differentiated Impact of Israeli Movement Restrictions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip
Part II – Chair: Julie Petet*, University of Louisville
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Randa Farah, University of Western Ontario
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Isabelle Humphries*, St. Mary’s College, University of Surrey, UK
Homeless in the Homeland: Survival Narratives of Internal Refugees under Military Rule in Nazareth 1948-1966
Diana Allan*, Harvard University
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Nahda Younis Shehada "Islamic Family Law: Debate and Practice"

Yael Warshel "Childhood Constructions of the Palestinian National Identity"

Adel Said Zagha "Urban Migration in Developing Countries and the Portfolio Theory: A Case Study of Palestine"

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**Session I: Saturday, Nov. 22, 5–7 p.m.**

(S005) SPECIAL SESSION - International Relations of the Middle East: Challenges of the Last Decade and the State of Scholarship

Laurie Brand*, University of Southern California

**Session II: Sunday, Nov. 23, 8:30–10:30 a.m.**

(P129) Informality, Persistence, and Political Change in the Middle East

Organized by Wendy Pearlman*, Northwestern University—Emigration as an Informal Political Mechanism: The Case of Lebanon

Manal A. Jamal*, James Madison University

Globalization, Migration, and Tiered-Citizenship in the UAE

**Session III: Sunday, Nov. 23, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

(TC004) Conducting Research in the Gulf: Assessment, Challenges, and Future Directions

Session Leaders: Moulouk Berry, University of Michigan, Dearborn and Frances S. Hasso*, Oberlin College

Manal Jamal*, James Madison University

May Seikaly*, Wayne State University

(P041) Everyday Political Engagements:

State-Society Relations in the Middle East

Mark A. Tessler*, University of Michigan

Do Arab Women and Men Think Differently About Politics, Religion, Gender, and International Affairs? Findings from Survey Research in 10 Arab Countries

(P099) Displacing Borders:

Iraq’s Post-2003 Forced Migration, Part II

Supported by the University of Exeter

Isis Nusair*, Denison University

Gendered Bodies/Gendered Wars: Iraqi Women Refugees in Jordan

(P016-I) Authoritarianism, Opposition, and Elections in the Middle East, Part I & II: Electoral Authoritarianism in the Middle East

This double session runs from 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Co-Organized by Nathan J. Brown*, George Washington University

Elections without Democracy: Semiauthoritarianism and Voting in the Arab World

**Session IV: Sunday, Nov. 23, 2–4 p.m.**

(R006) Rethinking the 1958 Coup in Iraq

Sponsored by The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq

Isis Nusair*, Denison University

Qist: Justice or Installment? The Invention of a Mulberry-Flavored Legal Practice in Nineteenth-Century Beirut

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**Session VI: Monday, Nov. 24, 8:30–10:30 a.m.**

(P021) Dynasticism without Monarchy:

Succession Politics in Egypt, Libya, Syria, and Yemen

Chair: Jillian Schwedler*, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

We have compiled two lists of MESA highlights: one list includes current and past PARC fellows, board members, or directors presenting on topics not related to Palestinian studies; a second list has conference sessions and presentations related to Palestine. An asterisk (*) by a name indicates a past or current PARC fellow, board member, or director.
Reform, Participation, and Engagement

Chair/Discussant:

Sponsored by the Association for Middle East Women's Studies

Session I: Saturday, November 22, 5–7 p.m.

(P052) Minorities under Mandate:
Arab Christians in Palestine and Syria, 1917–1948
Organized by Noah Haiduc-Dale and Laura Robson
Sponsored by the Syrian Studies Association
Discussant: Geraldine Chatelard, Institut français du Proche-Orient
Noah Haiduc-Dale, New York University
Palestinian Christians and Communal Identification during the Revolt, 1936–1939
Laura Robson, Yale University
Re-Imagining Sectarianism: Palestinian Arab Christians and the Millet System under the British Mandate

Session II: Sunday, November 23, 8:30–10:30 a.m.

(P058) Palestinian Contentions
Chair: Charles D. Smith*, University of Arizona
Paul Scham, Middle East Institute
Expanding Peacemaking: The Utility of the Study of Israeli and Palestinian Historical Narratives
Suha Hindiyeh-Mani, Birzeit University
Palestinian NGOs in a Changing Environment
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Itamar Radai, Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
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Joseph M. Lewis, Ohio State University
Palestinian Spaces of Sovereignty: Negotiating Territoriality and the “Fragile” Development of Palestinian Lives
Gary Fields, University of California
San Diego–Enclosure: Landscape in Palestine in an Historical Mirror

(P105-I) New Perspectives on International Relations
Stacie L. Pettijohn, University of Virginia
U.S. Policy toward the PLO and Hamas: Isolation or Engagement?

Session V: Monday, November 24, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

(P102) Critical Globalizations, Contestations, and Resistances
Chair/Discussant:

Sponsored by the Institute for Palestine Studies in Memory of Walid Khalidi

Session VIII: Monday, November 24, 5–7 a.m.

(P027) Public Dilemmas, Private Spaces in Middle Eastern Cinema
Organized by Danielle Brathwaite
Chair/Discussant: Salim Tamari, University of California, Berkeley/Birzeit University
Walid Khalidi*, Institute for Palestine Studies
Was the Yishuv on the Defensive in the 1947–48 Palestine War?
Ilan Pappe, University of Exeter
The Vicissitudes of Israeli Historiography on 1948
Eugene Rogan*, St. Anthony’s College, Oxford
“Civil War”: The Conflict between Arabs and Jews in Palestine, 1947–1948
Lawrence Davidson, West Chester University
Truman and Palestine—1948

Session IX: Sunday, November 23, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

(P048) Israeli Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy after the Annapolis Conference
Organized by Robert O. Freedman
Chair/Discussant: Robert O. Freedman, Johns Hopkins University
Pierre Atlas, Marian College
Israeli Domestic Politics after Annapolis
Oded Haklai, Queen’s University, Canada
Patterns of Israeli Settler Resistance after Annapolis
Eyal Zisser, Tel Aviv University
Israel, Syria, and the Palestinians after Annapolis
Eli Lieberman, Baltimore Hebrew University
Israel, Lebanon, and Hizbollah After Annapolis: Has Deterrence Been Restored?

Session X: Tuesday, November 25, 8:30–10:30 a.m.

(P040) Iranian Women’s Employment: Myth and Realities
Organized by Paul Scham
Chair/Discussant: Jennifer Olmsted*, Drew University
Samar Habib, George Washington University
U.S. Policy toward the PLO and Hamas: Isolation or Engagement?

Session XI: Monday, November 24, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

(P035) Three Decades after Revolution: Social Change and Social Transformation in Contemporary Iranian Society
Discussant: Frances S. Hasso*, Oberlin College

Session XII: Tuesday, November 25, 8:30–10:30 a.m.

(P061) Music, Experience and Identity
Organized by Galeet Dardashti
Chair/Discussant: Salim Tamari, University of California, Berkeley/Birzeit University
Mezna Qato*, University of Western Sydney
‘Sing Us a Mawal’: The Politics of Culture—Brokering Palestinian-Israeli Musicians in Israel

Session XIII: Wednesday, November 26, 8:30–10:30 a.m.

(P072) Geopolitics and Global Power
Chair: Charles D. Smith*, University of Arizona
Paul Scham, Middle East Institute
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(P105-I) Queering the Middle East:
Globalizations, Contestations, and Resistances, Part I
Samar Habib, University of Western Sydney
Voices from the Margins: Palestinian-Lesbian Activism and Experiences in Israel
PARC PANEL AT MESA

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Session IV: Sunday, Nov. 23, 2–3:45 p.m.
PART 1
(P079) New Studies in Palestinian Society and Economy:
A Panel in Honor of Rosemary and Yusif Sayigh
(Note: this is a two-part panel that runs until 6:00 p.m.)
Organized by Rochelle Davis*, Georgetown University, Jennifer Olmsted*, and Beshara Doumani*
Sponsored by the Palestinian American Research Center
Chair: Roger Owen, Harvard University
Discussant: Jennifer Olmsted*, Drew University
Leila Farsakh, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Revisiting the Palestinian Economy after 40 Years of Occupation:
The Legacy of Yusif Sayigh’s Works
Basel Saleh, Radford University
An Analysis of the Palestinian Fiscal Situation: Challenges and Consequences
Samia al-Botmeh, Birzeit University
Labour Market Gender-Differentiated Impact of Israeli Movement Restrictions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip

PART 2
Session V: Sunday, Nov. 23, 4-6 p.m. (note different time)
(P079) New Studies in Palestinian Society and Economy:
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Sponsored by the Palestinian American Research Center
Chair: Julie Petet*, University of Louisville
Discussant: Beshara Doumani*, University of California, Berkeley
Randa Farah, University of Western Ontario
Refugee Camps and the Shifting Political Landscape
Isabelle Humphries*, St. Mary’s College, University of Surrey, UK
Homeless in the Homeland: Survival Narratives of Internal Refugees under Military Rule in Nazareth 1948–1966
Diana Allan*, Harvard University
"Nar Tabi Al-Ramadah [Fire under Ash]: Remembering the Fall of a’Zaatar"
Rosemary Sayigh, Independent Scholar
Palestinian Women Narrate Displacement: A Web-based Voice Archive

Regular Session V: Sunday, Nov. 23, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
(NP07) Contemporary Ethnography from the Middle East
Dana Hercbergs*, University of Pennsylvania
Teenage Culture and Identities of Place, Nationality, and Religion in Jerusalem/al-Quds

(P114) Politicization in Muslim Festive Culture: Commemorating the Prophet Muhammad, Imam Hussein, and Nasreddin Hodja
Philippe Bourmaud, ATER, Université Lyon 3
The Attempted Making of a Palestinian Arab National Festival: The Mawlid Al-Nabawî during the British Mandate in Palestine and the Dialectics of Identities

Session VI: Monday, Nov. 24, 8:30–10:30 a.m.
(NP32) Power and Influence in the New Arab Media
Yael Warshel*, University of California, San Diego
It’s All About “Tom and Jerry,” Amir Khaled and “Iqra,” Not Hamas’s Mickey Mouse: Palestinian Children’s Television Viewing Habits and Their Parents’ Related Preferences

(NP34) Women’s Movements and Activism
Fadwa Allabadi, Al-Quds Arab University
War, Peace and Palestinian Women’s Liberation

(NP39) British Colonialism in the Middle East
Richard Cahill, Berea College
"Black and Tans" in Palestine?

(NP43) Social Movements and Mobilization
Suha Hindiyeh-Mani, Birzeit University
Palestinian NGOs in a Changing Environment

Session VII: Monday, Nov. 24, 11 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
(P029) Colonial and Postcolonial Development: Health, Humanitarianism, and "Knowledge Economies"
Organized by Sherene Seikaly* and Hanan Kholoussy
Chair: Nadya Shaiti, Smith College
Discussant: Omnia Elshakry, University of California, Davis
Sherene Seikaly*, Georgetown University
"Food for All under Control": Nutrition and Colonial Development in Palestine
Ilana Feldman*, George Washington University
From Relief Work to Development Assistance: CARE in Gaza, 1955–1967
Fida Adely, Georgetown University
Developing Knowledge for the Knowledge Deficient: Educational Development

(S004) SPECIAL SESSION - Models of Co-existence:
A Universe of Possible Solutions in Israel/Palestine
Organized by Sandy Tolan
Chair: Sandy Tolan, University of Southern California
Joel Beinin, American University in Cairo
Jocelyn Cole, University of Michigan
Beshara Doumani*, University of California, Berkeley
Glenn E. Robinson, Naval Postgraduate School
Nadim Rouhana*, George Mason University

Session VIII: Monday, Nov. 24, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
(P055) Palestinian Intellectuals in Israel: Negotiating Gender and Nationalism Within and Beyond the State
Organized by Maha Nassar and Amal Eqeiq
Chair/Discussant: Shira Robinson*, George Washington University
Joyce Dalsheim, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Demonized Muslims, Vilified Jews: Considering the Implications of Equivalency
Maha Nassar, University of Arizona
Amal Eqeiq, University of Washington
Palestinian Cinema in Israel: The New Generation
Minoo Derayeh, Truman Research Institute, Hebrew University
"Food for All under Control": Nutrition and Colonial Development in Palestine
Ilana Feldman*, George Washington University
From Relief Work to Development Assistance: CARE in Gaza, 1955–1967
Fida Adely, Georgetown University
Developing Knowledge for the Knowledge Deficient: Educational Development

(NP31) Conflict, Diversity, and Inclusion in Education
Chair: Minoo Derayeh, York University
Dan Walsh, Georgetown University
Angel M. Foster*, Ibis Reproductive Health
Reproductive Health and Nursing Education in Palestine: Identifying and Addressing Curricular Gaps
Miriam Cooke, Duke University and Shai Ginsburg, Duke University
Teaching the Literature and Cinema of the Palestine-Israel Conflict: A Report
Maya Rosenfeld, Truman Research Institute, Hebrew University
The Expansion of Higher Education in the Occupied Palestinian Territories in the Face of Protracted Economic Social and Political Crisis
**Session IX: Monday, Nov. 24, 5–7 p.m.**

(P057) In and About Palestine  
Chair: Ala al-Hamarsheh, CERAW/Mainz University  
Suheir Daoud, Harvey Mudd College  
The Palestinian Trapped Minority in Israel and July War 2006  
Omar Tesdell, University of Minnesota  
Development, Religion and Modernity in Israel-Palestine  
Timothy Seidel, Mennonite Central Committee  
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Polly Pallister-Wilkins, SOAS, University of London  
The Wall as a Representation of Power in Israel and an Alternative Discourse  
Adina Friedman, George Washington University  
Unraveling the Right of Return  
Ghada Al Madbouh*, University of Maryland  
"Coexistence with Them Is Possible but Partnership Is Not": An Inquiry into the Struggle between the Palestinian Authority Fatah’s Elites and Hamas over Governance

(P039) Under Western Eyes: Arab Performances and Dissident Politics since 9/11, Part II  
Rania Jawad, New York University  
Palestinian Theater: Self-Representation and History-Writing

(P112) Sijillat: New Directions in the Use of Islamic Court Records  
Elizabeth Brownson, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Gendered Strategies for Negotiating Child Custody Disputes in Mandate Palestine

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**Session X: Tuesday, Nov. 25, 8:30–10:30 a.m.**

(P034) Manifest Destiny in Israel?: An Ideological and Historical Reassessment of the Settlement Project  
Organized by Rebecca Steinfeld  
Seth Anizika, Columbia University  
From "Illegal" to "Obstacles to Peace": American Policy & Israeli Settlements, 1981–1988  
Frerik Meiton, University of Oxford, St. Antony’s College  
Between Herzl and Gush Emunim: Israel and Its Settler Movement  
Rebecca Steinfeld, University of Oxford  
Settler Ideology Redefined: The Case for "Zionized Judaism"  
Trude Strand, University of Oslo  
Israeli Settlement Policy 1967–1990: Competing Agendas beyond the Green Line

(P045) 20th Century Palestinian Diaries as Social and Cultural History  
Organized by Thomas M. Ricks*  
Chair: Beshara Doumani*, University of California, Berkeley  
Discussant: Salim Tamari, University of California, Berkeley/Birzeit University  
Thomas M. Ricks*, Independent Scholar—Palestinian Schools during the Mandate: The Diaries of Khalil Totah

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**Session XI: Tuesday, Nov. 25, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

(P050) Global Perspectives on the Palestinian Struggle  
Organized by John Collins and Andrew Clarno  
Barbara Harlow, University of Texas at Austin  
Child and/or Soldier: Two Stories toward a Global Perspective on the Palestinian Struggle  
John Collins, St. Lawrence University  
Settler-Colonialism and Its Discontents: A View Forward From the "Long 1960s"  
Salah D. Hassan, Michigan State University  
 Sovereignty and Self-Determination: Palestine in a Global Context  
Andrew Clarno, University of Michigan  
Insecure Empire: The Politics of Security in Palestine/Israel and South Africa

(P046) Challenge of Radical Islamist Movements  
Steven Niva, Evergreen State College  
Problems with Robert Pape’s Dying to Win: Rethinking the Crucial Case of Palestinian Suicide Bombings

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**Session XII: Tuesday, 1:30–3:30 p.m.**

(P108) Arab American Activism: Historical and Contemporary Trends  
Hani Bawardi*, University of Michigan  
Historical Modalities of Arab Immigrant Political Action  
Aseel Sawalha, Pace University  
Palestinian Art Exhibit in Diaspora and the International Social Justice Movement

(P035) Gender Across the Middle East  
May Seikaly*, Wayne State University  
Globalized Gender in the Arabian Gulf  
Randa I. Nasser, Birzeit University  
Feminist Consciousness and Empowerment: Palestinian Women Activists

(P005) Palestine: Histories and Memories  
Chair: Yong-Bin Lee, Seoul National University  
Yuval Ben-Bassat, University of Haifa  
The Ottoman Background of the Early Jewish-Arab Encounter in Palestine at the End of the 19th Century  
James P. Reidy, University of Texas at Austin  
Arabs and Jews in the Court System of the Palestine Mandate  
Tom Hill, Trinity College, University of Cambridge  
The Nakba Commemorations of 2008  
Enaya Hamad Othman, Marquette University  
Dogma of Womanhood: Quaker Missionary Women in Ramallah, 1886–1914  
Scott C. Lesko, The State University of New York (SUNY) Stony Brook  
"Whose Palestine": Representation of Gender and Nationalist Consciousness in Palestinian Political Poster Art, 1968–1987
PARC Panel at MESA
by Rochelle Davis

This year, PARC will hold a two-part (double) panel titled “New Studies in Palestinian Society and Economy: A Panel in Honor of Rosemary and Yusif Sayigh.” The idea of the session is to honor the Sayighs via a Festschrift of new work by researchers whose studies build on the work of these two eminent scholars in their fields: Rosemary in the fields of Palestinian society, gender studies, and oral history; and Yusif in Palestinian and Arab economics. With a generous grant from the U.S. Department of Education, PARC is fortunate to be able to bring Rosemary Sayigh from Lebanon and Samia al-Botmeh from Palestine to participate on the PARC panel and to meet with colleagues at MESA.

The first part of the panel will focus on Arab and Palestinian economies and is chaired by Roger Owen (Harvard University), a senior economist of the Middle East who will talk about the development of the field of Middle East economics from the 1940s to the present and situate Yusif Sayigh’s work within that field. Three scholarly papers will focus on the Palestinian economy: Laila Farsakh (University of Massachusetts, Boston) will offer a reassessment of the Palestinian economy after 40 years of occupation, Basel Saleh (Radford University) will discuss the financial situation in Palestine and the problem of foreign aid dependency, and Samia al-Botmeh (Birzeit University) will analyze how Palestinian labor markets have changed in recent years. Jennifer Olmsted (Drew University) is the discussant and will place the three scholarly papers within the context of the honorees’ work and the developments in the field.

The second part of the panel will be chaired by Julie Peteet (University of Kentucky) who will reflect on the state of scholarship on Palestinian society/gender studies/oral history, when Rosemary Sayigh began her work in the 1950s and discuss the influence of Rosemary’s work in the field. The three scholarly papers focus on new research while at the same time drawing on the methodological and intellectual inspiration that Rosemary Sayigh’s work has had on these three authors. Randa Farah’s (University of Western Ontario) paper addresses the shifting political landscapes of Palestinian refugee camps, while Diana Allen (Harvard University) discusses collecting narratives of the Tel a’-Zaatar massacre in Lebanon, and Isabelle Humphries (University of Surrey) examines Palestinian refugees within the Israeli state structures. Beshara Doumani (University of California, Berkeley) will then discuss their work within the broader field of social history and oral-history methodologies.

Rosemary Sayigh will conclude the two-part (double) panel with a presentation of her new digital book project (http://almashriq.hiof.no/voices/) and her community-based, oral-history projects. Immediately following the session, PARC will hold a reception in the same room celebrating our 10th anniversary.

Changes on PARC’s Board of Directors

PARC bids farewell to board member Dr. Laurie A. Brand with great appreciation for her years of active service since 2003. Laurie is professor of international relations at the University of Southern California (USC), where she directed the Center for International Studies from 1997 to 2000 and currently serves as Director of the School of International Relations. She holds a Ph.D. in comparative politics from Columbia University. Prior to joining the USC faculty in fall 1989, she was a research fellow and assistant director of the Institute for Palestine Studies in Washington, D.C. A four-time Fulbright scholar to the Middle East, she is the author of “Palestinians in the Arab World: Institution Building and the Search for State; Jordan’s Inter-Arab Relations: The Political Economy of Alliance Making; Women, the State and Political Liberalization: Middle Eastern and North African Experiences”; and “Citizens Abroad: Emigration and the State in the Middle East and North Africa.” Not only has Laurie made formidable contributions to scholarship on the Middle East, she was also the 2004 president of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) and currently chairs MESA’s critically important Committee on Academic Freedom.

We welcome our newest board member representing the PARC membership, Dr. Beshara Doumani. Beshara is associate professor of history at the University of California, Berkeley. A graduate of Kenyon College, he received his M.A. in Arab studies and his Ph.D. in history from Georgetown University. He writes on the social and cultural history of provincial life of the Arab East in Ottoman times, on everyday life of Palestinians living under Israeli military occupation, and on academic freedom. His books include Rediscovering Palestine: Merchants and Peasants in Jabal Nablus, 1700–1900; Family History in the Middle East: Household, Property, and Gender (Ed.); and Academic Freedom After September 11 (Ed.). He has edited special issues of the Journal of Palestine Studies and the Jerusalem Quarterly. For details and downloads, visit http://history.berkeley.edu/faculty/Doumani/. Beshara has much to contribute to PARC, and we look forward to his service on the board over the next three years.

Enormous thanks go out to all the PARC members who participated in our online elections. We hope you found the process a good one and appreciate your involvement. For a full list of PARC board members, please see the PARC Web site.
Rania Taha Awarded Getty Fellowship for Cultural Heritage Preservation

For the second year, PARC was fortunate to participate in the Getty-funded Middle East and Mediterranean Basin Research Exchange Fellowship program with a summer research fellowship for a Palestinian involved in preservation. The grant, which is managed by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers, facilitates the study of cultural heritage preservation through research fellowships to American Overseas Research Centers in the region.

Rania Taha, a rehabilitation engineer with the Nablus city municipality who is also working on her M.A. thesis, won PARC’s 2008 grant competition and was funded for a research fellowship at the American Center of Oriental Research (ACOR) in Amman. Taha’s research focused on the “Analysis of architectural heritage problems in the historic center of Nablus City.” Taha made good use of ACOR’s library—one of the best libraries on cultural heritage in the Middle East—where she looked at recent publications dealing with rehabilitation and restoration projects in the region, and how these projects address cultural heritage, including the new and special techniques used in other historic cities, the materials used, and ways of solving complex problems of buildings in old cities. She also had access to information about recent preservation efforts in the old city of Aleppo and in Cairo, including the analysis of materials in the Rome laboratory of the International Centre for the Study and the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM), an international association specializing in restoration. ICCROM reports included the effect of different materials on historic buildings as well as numerous case studies.

Ms. Taha remarked: “This work needs professionals, and here in Palestine it is a new experience that needs to be developed practically and scientifically.” According to Taha, this grant was a great opportunity to add scientific knowledge to her practical experience working over the last several years on rehabilitation projects in historic Nablus. She is currently working on the final report of her study, which should be ready in early 2009.

PARC Sponsors IJS Conference on Family Papers and Public Archives with photo

For two days in July, more than 100 participants attended a conference on “Family Papers and Public Archives: Sources for Research on the Social History of Palestine” that was organized by Institute of Jerusalem Studies (IJS) and Birzeit University. The conference was partially sponsored and funded by PARC, the Palestine Investment Fund, and Heinrich Boell Stiftung. PARC board member Beshara Doumani was the keynote speaker and presented a methodological paper on Palestinian family archives. Many PARC fellows and members attended this important conference. Various sessions included: Personal Papers as a Source for Historical Research, Jerusalem Court Records, Archives of the 1948 War, Photography and Visual Culture, and the British Mandate Seen through Family Papers.

At the end of the conference Salma Khalidi announced that she is donating her family papers (two hundred years of documents, correspondence and photographs) to IJS. Several participants made similar initial commitments. Ahmad Murwat, from the Nazareth Archives center donated a copy of the diaries of the head of the Russian Seminary Emil Kozma from the end of the 19th century.

One important feature of the conference was the announcement of the launch of an IJS archives website. The site will have scans of original diaries, sections of published material from IJS, historical photographs in lower resolution, and other archival material. This website is expected to be a significant source for researcher in Palestine studies.

The conference received good media coverage from Al Jazeera Mubashir (Al Jazeera’s live TV broadcasting), which covered the first day of the conference live to some 25 million viewers. Local media coverage included Maan and Palmedia. The conference proceedings will be published in a special issue of Jerusalem Quarterly. The IJS website address is www.jerusalemquarterly.org.
Muhamad Abu el Rub, political science M.A. student at Birzeit University, was selected to receive the first Gerner Award, an annual award in memory of beloved PARC board member, Deborah “Misty” Gerner who passed away in 2006. Misty spent more than 25 years studying, visiting, and living in the Middle East and specialized in the Arab-Israeli conflict and Palestinian affairs. Abu el Rub is a student in the very same program that Misty Gerner helped to found at Birzeit University, where her photo hangs overlooking the library of the political science department. Abu el Rub was selected for his remarkable cumulative GPA in his M.A. courses. He has completed a study entitled “The Role of Al Jazeera Satellite Channel in Shaping Qatar International Relations.” Abu el Rub was highly recommended as a promising scholar by his tutors. The award was given to him at Birzeit; in attendance were Dr. Majdi Malki, the chair of the department, and other colleagues.

In the future years, the award will be offered at other Palestinian universities and will be granted to political science students based on academic excellence and financial need.

PARC facilitated the participation of Suhaila Abu-Gudeib, head of Cataloging, Classification, Indexing and Special Collections at Birzeit University’s main library, in a well-designed training program on digital libraries that took place in Chicago, April 15–24, 2008. Abu-Gudeib was nominated by Birzeit to participate in a training course organized by the DLIR. The training was sponsored by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers with participants from more than 16 countries and aimed at facilitating access to resources for researchers from around the world. Participants were trained on digitizing materials, cooperation and sharing in cataloging, and bibliographic information to access resources. Abu-Gudeib attended lectures on the services of JSTOR, the significance of DLIR for researchers all over the world, and the importance of documentation and cataloging. She had the chance to visit the Chicago History Museum and learn about library archives. She also had intensive training in cataloging basics and cataloging tools.

This training was an excellent opportunity for Abu-Gudeib to learn new tools and to explore the future of cataloging and cooperation among libraries. It was also an occasion for networking, establishing contacts, and comparing experiences with librarians from different countries, including Arab countries, such as Yemen, Morocco, and Algeria.

It warrants mentioning that there is an enormous need in the Palestinian context for the training of librarians, especially new and young librarians. Training in and implementing new techniques will facilitate research in Palestine for both local and visiting researchers. PARC hopes to continue to facilitate and sponsor such technical trainings in the future.
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Attacks on PARC
by Penelope Mitchell

In the midst of our celebration of 10 years of PARC, I would like to inform PARC’s membership about several attacks on PARC over the summer. The attacks question the validity of the research that we fund, the scholarly writings and positions of some of our members, and the U.S. government funding we receive. In the interest of full disclosure, and with the hope that this information will further strengthen our commitment to scholarship on Palestine, I bring these attacks to your attention.

This newsletter demonstrates clearly and powerfully the positive contributions that PARC has made over the past 10 years through funding to fellows to pursue their research and sponsoring MESA panels, seminars, and other diverse educational activities that expand and promote scholarly research on Palestine. With PARC support, many different voices have addressed a wide spectrum of topics providing a more nuanced and in-depth understanding of Palestine’s past and present. As we move forward, I encourage all of us to renew our resolve and commitment to scholarly research on Palestine.

Correction
Isabelle Humphries abstract was incorrectly titled in the Spring 2008 Newsletter.

The final report abstract is properly titled Commemoration from Below: Post-Oslo Narratives of Palestinian Internal Refugees in the Galilee (2006).
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