



**CONNECTING JERUSALEM AND DEARBORN:
DEVELOPING ARAB AMERICAN AND AMERICAN STUDIES CURRICULUM**

University of Michigan-Dearborn, USA & Al-Quds University, Jerusalem, Palestine

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SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, October 10, 2006:

10: 35 pm Palestinian Emergent Scholars arrive from Palestine
Detroit Metro Airport

Check into Extended Stay Hotel

Wednesday, October 11, 2006:

8:00 – 10:00 am Journal writing

10:00 am Check out of hotel—walk to CASL Building

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lecture and book signing by Dr. Rashid Khalidi, The Edward Said
Professor of Arab Studies and Director of the Middle East Institute
at Columbia University
Hosted by the Center for Arab American Studies
Room: 1030 CASL Building, UM-D
4901 Evergreen Road

1:30 pm Palestinian Scholars accompany Dr. Al-Labadi to cashier's office
for reimbursement of travel expenses
Return to CAAS
2200 Social Science Building, UM-D

4:30 p.m. Taxis to DTW

7:35 p.m. Flight to SFO

9:25 p.m. Arrive in SFO

Pick up rented vans

Check into hotel

Thursday, October 12:

8:00 – 10:00 am Journal exchange, discussion, reading

11:00 am – 2:00 p.m. Ethnic Studies American Studies, and Arab American Studies
San Francisco State University
Burk Hall 321

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Intersections: Ethnic Studies, American Studies, Arab American Studies

- History of Ethnic Studies at SFSU
- Legacies of struggles of communities of color
- Academic Conditions of American Studies in Palestine, or how field is conceptualized in the Arab world today.

Participants: Palestinian & US members of Dearborn Institute; SFSU faculty, students and staff; faculty and students in Ethnic Studies in Bay Area institutions and other relevant fields of study; Arab American and other activists and community leaders of color.

- 5:30 Register at American Studies Association (ASA)
Journal Writing
- 6:00 ASA Panel: The Black Panther Party, Reflections in Light of Forty Years- SRC Sponsored
Angela Davis
Ericka Huggins
Tracye Matthews, University of Chicago, Chair
- 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Reception: ASA International Committee
- 8:30-10pm Iftar/dinner

Friday, October 13, 2006:

- 7:00 – 8:00am Journal exchange, discussion, reading
- 8:00 – 9:45am ASA Panel: “American Studies and the Cultural Politics of the Middle East”
Nadine Naber, University of Michigan
Thomas Abowd, Wayne State University
Salah D. Hassan, Michigan State University
Steven Salaita, Virginia Technical University
Ella Shohat, New York University, Chair
- 9:45 - 5:30pm ASA
- 5:30 Journal Writing
- 7:00pm Iftar/Dinner— Hosted by ADC-SF

Saturday, October 14, 2006:

- 7:00 – 8:00 am Journal exchange, discussion, reading
- 8:00am - 5:00pm ASA
- 1:00pm Meeting on Palestine-Israel, organized by Marcy Newman, ASA

6:00 p.m. St. Peter's Housing Committee Celebration:
"20 Years in the Struggle for Land and Life"
St. Peter's Parish Hall, 1249 Alabama Street

Sunday, October 15, 2006:

8:00 – 10:00 am Journal exchange, discussion, reading

10:00am Tour of Precita Eyes Murals in Mission District
Visit to Golden Gate Bridge

5:30 Journal Writing

6:00 p.m. Break the Chains: Black Panther Prisoners & Repression Today
Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Black Panther Party
Kathleen Cleaver, Ashanti Alston and BPP Grand Jury Resisters
Eastside Arts Alliance
2587 International Blvd @ 26th Ave
Sponsored by Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, Eastside Arts
Alliance, The Freedom Archives & It's About Time

Dr. Adnan Husain and Dr. Margaret Pappano arrive in Dearborn

10:40 p.m. Fly SFO to DTW

Monday, October 16, 2006:

5:30 a.m. Arrive at DTW from SFO
Pick up Vans at airport
Drop off participants at Extended Stay

3:30 pm Dr. Mootacem Mhiri arrives at DTW

5:30 Journal Writing

7:00 pm Iftar/dinner and Welcome Reception
Fairlane Center, Dining Room B and C

Tuesday, October 17, 2006:

8:00 – 10:00 am Journal exchange, discussion, reading

10:00 – 2:00 p.m. Debrief
Process ASA and San Francisco visit
Review schedule of Dearborn
Participants' Expectations and Needs

3:00 – 5:50 pm Palestinian-US relations, Palestinian Politics and Reality

Part of Dr. Abdulhadi's class: "Refugees and Exile: Palestinian Diasporic Experience—Nakbah, Oslo and Beyond"

- 6:10 Arab Diasporas/Comparative Diasporas Film Series
"Los Repatriados" by Elena Herrada & "Frontiers of Dreams and Fears" by Mai Masri
Co-sponsored with Women and Gender Studies Program
- 7:15 pm Iftar, hosted by Muslim Student Association and Thaqaleen Society
- 7:30-9:00 Arab Diasporas/Comparative Diasporas Film Series
Post Screening Discussion: Professor Fadwa Al/Labadi, Professor Abdulhadi, Ms. Vanessa Saldivar, Moderated by Professor Nouri Gana.

Wednesday, October 18, 2006:

- 8:00 – 10:00 am Journal exchange, discussion, reading
- 10:00 – 12:00 History of Dearborn
Professor Lars Bjorn
Professor Lolita Hernandez
- 12:00 – 2:00 pm Mentoring workshop: Applying to Graduate School
Professor Margaret Pappano
Professor Rabab Abdulhadi
- 2:30 – 4:00 Arab American Scholars and Community Leaders (cancelled)
Journal Writing
- 4:15-6:00 pm Professor Hashem Al-Tawil
Lecture on the Looting and Destruction of Art in Iraq
- 6:50 Iftar/ Dinner

Thursday, October 19, 2006:

- 8:00 – 9:30 am Journal exchange, discussion, reading
- 10:00 – 2:30 pm Rouge Plant Tour and Henry Ford Museum and visit to Rosa Parks Bus
- 3:30 – 4:30 pm Arab American National Museum Tour
- 4:30 – 6:15 pm Roundtable Discussion on Arab American Studies
Matthew Shenoda

Michel Shehade
Rabab Abdulhadi

6:50 pm Iftar: Al-Ajami Restraaurant, Dearborn

7:30 pm Drums of Haiti, Traditional Haitian Roots Music, AANM

Friday, October 20, 2006:

8:00 – 10:00 am Journal exchange, discussion, reading

11:00 – 12:45 pm Los Repatriados Conference
Detroit Public Library

12:00 – 1:00 pm Detroit Institute of Art - Diego Rivera Murals

2:00 – 4:00 pm African American-Arab American Roundtable
Charles Wright Museum
Charles Simmons
Malik Yakini
Jamila Humphrey
Mark Fancher
Ahmad Rahman
Gloria House

4:00 – 5:00 pm Museum Tour

5:00 – 6:30 pm Detroit Tour: Belle Isle, Indian Village

6:30 – 7:30 pm Iftar

8:00 – 10:30pm Writing Across Borders
Black Star Bookstore, Detroit

Saturday, October 21, 2006:

8:00 – 1:00 pm Journal exchange, discussion, reading

1:00 – 4:00 pm Assessment

4:00 – 5:00 pm Recommendations and Future follow up

6:50 pm Iftar

Sunday, October 22, 2006:

8:00 – 12:00 pm Journal exchange, discussion, reading

12:00 – 6:00 pm Free Time

6:50 pm Iftar

Monday, October 23, 2006:

8:00 – 10:00 am Journal exchange, discussion, reading

10:00 – 7:00 pm Finish Reports, Contact Lists, Press Release
Copy trip photographs

7:30 pm Communal Good-bye Dinner

11:00 pm Fly to Palestine