

Dr. Rabab Abdulhadi, Director of the Center for Arab American Studies and Associate Professor of Sociology at UM-D, has just returned from a research trip to the Middle East where she observed the Palestinian Legislative Elections. With the help of 10 field researchers from An-Najah University (Nablus), Professor Abdulhadi is among a few scholars in North America to attend this historic event. A scholar of gender, nationalism, and post-colonial studies, Dr. Abdulhadi was in Palestine during the illness and passing of the late Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat (November 2004), the Palestinian Presidential elections of Mahmoud Abbas in January 2005, and the launching of the Legislative electoral campaign in early January 2006. Dr. Abdulhadi will now discuss the insights of her team on the elections and their impact on the Palestinian people, the Middle East region and U.S. Palestinian relations.

"Palestinian Legislative Elections: Report and Analysis"

Wednesday, February 8, 6-8pm
Rm. 1030 CASL Building, UM-D

Professor Rabab Abdulhadi

- Director, Center for Arab American Studies
- New Century International Scholar, *Toward Equality: The Global Empowerment of Women*, "From Self-Determination to Self-Rule (and Back to Occupation): What Prospects for Palestinian Women?"
- Guest editor (with Nadine Naber and Evelyn Alsultany), *MIT Electronic Journal of Middle East Studies*, "Gender, Nation, and Belonging: Arab and Arab-American Feminist Perspectives" (May/June 2005)
- Author, "Activism and Exile: Constructing and Contesting Palestinianness" in *Local Actions: Cultural Activism, Power, and Public Life in America* (2005), "The Palestinian Women's Autonomous Movement: Emergence, Dynamics, and Challenges" in *Gender & Society* (December 1998) and "The Empowerment of Palestinian Women" in *Palestinian Elections: A Special Report* for The Center for Policy Analysis on Palestine
- United Nations journalist, *Media Al-Quds*, 1984-1994

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