

Author's Abstract

Broadening our narratives and historical perspectives of Arab Americans in Michigan, requires discussion of our current demography, settlement patterns, and historical trends. This overview, based on a summary of Dr. Hassoun's new monograph, will also examine some of the towns and villages of origins of Arab Americans, the push and pull factors for their immigration, and examples of transnationalism. In addition, the history and settlement patterns and oral histories of communities will go beyond just Metropolitan Detroit to discuss other major cities and areas that are part of the Michigan Arab-American experience. Topics of interest to Arab Americans, such as health, gender and environmental issues will be examined.

"Arab Americans in Michigan: An Anthropological History"

**Friday, December 2, 12-2pm
Rm. 2205 Social Science Building, UM-D**

Center for Arab American Studies,
University of Michigan Dearborn
Mapping Arab Diasporas Colloquium Series

with:

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- Author, *Arab Americans in Michigan* (2005), part of the "Discovering the Peoples of Michigan" series
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Book signing to follow presentation of research.

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