

PARC Celebrates 10 Years

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

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Around the PARC

by Penelope Mitchell, U.S. Director



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

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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.



Hadeel Qazzaz (left) and Penelope Mitchell

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, Germany, Canada, France, Great Britain, Egypt, 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 has included 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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PARC's Palestine Office in the Making

by Penny Johnson



"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!

PARC brings Rosemary Sayigh to MESA

Rosemary Sayigh will speak at the PARC-sponsored MESA panel about her new work, *"Palestinian Women Narrate Displacement: A Web-based Voice Archive."*

Alumni in the News

All PARC fellows are invited to submit their news for publication in the spring newsletter. Please send to us.parc@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Alumni Final Reports

All PARC fellows are invited to submit synopses of their final reports for publication in the spring newsletter. Please submit to us.parc@gmail.com.

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ISIS NUSAIR
**Gendered Politics
of Location of Four
Generations of
Palestinian Women in
Israel, 1948–2008**

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.

Isis Nusair is an assistant professor in both international and women's studies at Denison University and received her Ph.D. in women's studies from Clark University in 2007. *She can be reached at nusairi@denison.edu.*



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.

Ammar al-Dwaik is a doctoral candidate in social policy at the Heller School at Brandeis University. *He can be reached at adwaik@brandeis.edu.*



SHERENE SEIKALY
Food for All Under
Control: Nutrition and
Colonial Development
in Palestine

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.

Sherene Seikaly has a joint Ph.D. in history and Middle East studies from New York University. She is currently a postdoctoral fellow at the "Europe in the Middle East – The Middle East in Europe" Program at the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin. *She can be reached at srs272@nyu.edu.*

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DANA HERCBERGS **Playscapes: Children's Folklore As Articulation of Local-National Identity in Jerusalem/ al-Quds**

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.

Dana Hercbergs is a doctoral candidate in Folklore and Folklife at the University of Pennsylvania. *She can be reached at hercbergs@yahoo.com.*

Celebrating PARC-sponsored Panels at MESA

Since 2000 PARC has sponsored nine remarkable panels on Palestine, bringing together prominent scholars to address a diversity of topics. *(An asterisk after a name indicates a current or former PARC board member, director, or fellow.)*

The Legacy and Impact of British Rule from 1922-1948

Chair: **Lisa Pollard**, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

Discussant: **Roger Owen**, Harvard University

Ellen Fleishmann*, University of Dayton

Unnatural Vices or Unnatural Rule?: Sex Surveys During the British Mandate in Palestine

Sandy Sufian, Center for Health Research/Oregon Health Science University

Mapping the Marsh – Malaria and the Sharing of Medical Knowledge in Mandatory Palestine

Martin Buntun*, University of Victoria

Palestine's Land Registers: Imperial Authority or Empirical Truth?

Michael Fischbach*, Palestinian American Research Center

Mandatory Land Records, the U.N. and Palestinian Refugee Property Rights

Salim Tamari, Institute for Jerusalem Studies,

Post-British Records: the UNWRA Archives

Contemporary Social Science Research on Palestine

Chair: **Anne Lesch**, Villanova University

Judith Tucker, Georgetown University

Writing the History of Palestine

Glenn Robinson, Naval Post Graduate School

Current Political Science Theory and Method in the Study of Palestine

Julie Peteet*, University of Louisville

Beyond and Within the Political: Gender and Scholarship on Palestine

Mouin Rabbani*, Palestinian American Research Center

Social Science Research in Palestine

Views of the Other in Israeli and Palestinian Textbooks

Chair: **Philip Mattar***, United States Institute of Peace

Fouad M. Moughrabi, Qattan Foundation

The Politics of Palestinian

Issam Nasser, Institute of Jerusalem Studies

Overview of Palestinian Textbooks

Nathan Brown*, George Washington University

Debating Palestinian Democracy: The Effort to Write a New National Curriculum

Ruth Firer, Hebrew University

A Comparative Study of Israeli and Palestinian Social Studies Textbooks

Ilan Pappé, Haifa University

The Silencing of Critique: The Case of History Textbooks in Israel

Honaida Ghanim, Harvard University

Crossing the Border: Confrontation Strategies

Lena Meiri, University of California, Davis

The Roles of Palestinian Peasant Women 1930-1960: Al-Birweh Village as Model

Isis Nusair*, Denison University

Gendered Politics of Location of Three Generations of Palestinian Women in Israel, 1948-1998

Leena Dallahseh, 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 Kanaaneh*, Columbia University

A Good Arab in a Bad House? Unrecognized Villagers in the Israeli Military

Amal Egeiq, 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

2003 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

Secular Prayers: An Ethnographic Encounter with Contemporary Palestinian Poetry

Carol Malt*, Independent Scholar

Museums: Cultural Survival under Occupation

2007 The Palestine Police and the End of the Mandate: British, Arab, and Jewish Perspectives

Organized & Chaired by Eugene Rogan*, St. Antony'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

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 Adversity

2004 New Perspectives on Mandate Palestine

Organizer/Moderator: Martin Bunton*, University of Victoria

Ilana Feldman*, Columbia University

Penny Johnson*, Palestinian American Research Center

Salim Tamari, Institute of Jerusalem Studies

Sherene Seikaly*, New York University

Mahmoud Yazbak, University of Haifa

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Jennifer Olmsted*, Drew University

Examining the Palestinian (and Israeli) Economies within the Framework of Sanctions

Claude Bruderlein, HPCR, Harvard School of Public Health

Gaza 2010: A Prospective Assessment of Palestinians' Livelihood in the Gaza Strip

Leila Farsakh, University of Massachusetts, Boston

The Multiple Economies of Palestine: Survival or Development?

Dennis J. Sullivan*, Northeastern University & PARC

Prospects for Egypt-Palestine Free Trade and Economic Cooperation: A Policy Analysis

Nubar Hovsepian, Chapman University

Neoliberalism & Palestinian Economic Development Strategies (1993-2003)

2006 Palestinians Inside Israel Revisited

Organized by Isis Nusair* & Rhoda Kanaaneh*

Chair Cynthia Enloe, Clark University

Discussants Lisa Hajjar, University of California, Santa Barbara and Rebecca Torstrick, Indiana University, South Bend

Samera Esmeir, University of California, Berkeley

Abandoned by Whom?: A Palestinian Story of Return

Celebrating 10 Years of PARC Fellowships

2000–2001

Rabab Abdulhadi "Oslo Accords and the Fate of Palestinian Refugees"

Martin Bunton "The Influence of Sir Ernest Dowson on the Definition of Property Rights in Palestine"

Frances Hasso "Paradoxes of Gender/Politics: Nationalism, Feminism and Modernity in Contemporary Palestine"

Fred Lawson "Rethinking the Emergence of Palestinian Arab Nationalism"

Weldon C. Matthews "The Istiqlal Party: A Study of Arab Nationalism in Mandatory Palestine"

Daniel B. Monterescu "Jewish-Arab Relations, Urban Space and the State in Palestinian-Israeli Mixed Towns"

Walid Sabbah "Identification of Surface Water and Groundwater Flow Patterns in the West Bank of Palestine"

2001–2002

Lori Allen "The Uncertain State of Palestine: 'Pain and Suffering' in Nationalism and State-Building"

Michelle Campos "A Shared Homeland and Its Boundaries"

Khaled Furani "Modern Poets Contesting Power"

Awad Eddie Halabi "Transformation of the Prophet Moses Festival and Shrine at Jericho: from Local Worship to Nationalist Identity"

Abdul Latif Hussein "Enhancing Research in Epidemiology in Palestine"

Manal Jamal "After the 'Peace Process': Foreign Aid and the Political Economy of Marginalization"

Carol Malt "Museums and Women in Palestine"

Hafez Shaheen "Storm Water Drainage in Arid and Semiarid Regions West Bank as a Case Study"

2002–2003

Thomas Abowd "Jewish-Arab Relations and the Spatial Dimensions of Everyday Life in British Colonial Jerusalem, 1917–1948"

Yousef Daoud "The Gender Gap and Returns to Schooling In Palestine: An Empirical Assessment"

Amal Jamal "The Politics of Minority Media in Ethno-National States: the Roles of Arab Media in Israel"

Laleh Khalili "Citizens of an Urban Kingdom: Stateless Refugees, Commemoration and Contention"

Menza M. Qato "Narrating the Catastrophic: Counter-Nationalism and Palestinian Historiography, 1948–1964"

Shira N. Robinson "From Palestinian Subjects to 'Arab Minorities' and Back Again: A Social History of Palestinians Under Israeli Military Rule, 1948–1966"

Musa Abdel Karim Sroor "Process of Transformation of the Pious Foundations (Waqf) Toward Private Property in Jerusalem, 1858–1917"

Haim Yacobi "Urban Ethnocracy: The Construction of a City and Identities"

2003–2004

Mohammed Ibrahim Abu Daya "A Primary Assessment of Sea Water Quality Along the Coast of the Gaza Strip"

Khalid Hafiz Abu Dayeh "Palestine Archives of the British Mandate Period: Dispersal, Destruction, and Reconstruction"

Diana K Allan "An International Study of the Cultural Production, Transmission and Uses of History Among Palestinian Refugees in Three Camps in Lebanon"

Farid al-Salim "Provincial Palestine: A Social History of Tulkarm in the Late Ottoman Period"

Gail Boiling "Mapping Out a Return/Compensation/Restitution Claims Mechanism for Palestinian Refugees That Complies With the Resolution 194 Formula"

Ilana K. Feldman "Government Assembled: The Work of Rule and the Making of Gaza (1917–1967)"

Ahmed Ra'fat Mustafa Ghodieh "Land-Use Changes in the West Bank by Satellite Remote Sensing and Geographical Information Systems (GIS)"

Samer Hamidi "Estimating Cost Savings and Health Effect of Implementing an Essential Drug List"

Maher Zuhdi Hashweh "Palestinian Students' Conceptions of Democracy"

Amal S. Hudhud "The Management of Olive Oil Mill Wastewater in Palestine"

Yousef Taiseer Jabareen "The Palestinian Minority in Israel and the Israeli Supreme Court"

Islah Mohamed Jad "Women in Transition—Reconstruction of the Palestinian Women's Movement Under the New Palestinian 'State'"

Rhoda Kanaaneh "Palestinian Soldiers in the Israeli Military"

Morag M. Kersel "Selling the Past: Global Strategies for Cultural Property Protection"

Basem Lutfi Ra'ad "Palestinian Subaltern Heritage: Ancient and Modern"

Thomas M. Ricks "Voices From the Schoolyards: Memories of Palestine, 1855–1973"

Sherene Seikaly "Dairy Queens and Sour Cream Arabs: Palestinian Cultures of Consumption in Israel"

Linda Tabar "Figuring Palestine: The Transformation of National and Colonial Discourses and the Construction of Spaces of Memory and Identity From Below"

2004–2005

Nadia L. Abu-Zahra "Development and Conflict: Community-Based Development in Complex Emergencies"

Abdul Aziz Ameen Mousa Arrar "The Role of Villagers in Jabal Nablus in the Great Revolt (1936–1939)"

Susan Greene "Violence, Trauma, Resilience and Creativity in Occupied Palestine"

Ghassan C. Haddad "The Zionist Co-Option of Sport in Palestine: Constructing the Palestinian Sport Narrative"

Maia G. Hallward "Building Space For Peace: Identity and Discourse in Israel/Palestine"

Yosef Jabareen "Space and Trust: A New Concept for Understanding the Contribution of Planning Policies to Conflicts in Cities: The Case of Nazareth"

Abigail Jacobson "From Empire to Empire: Continuity and Change in Palestine in the Transition Between the Ottoman and the British Rules, 1911–1925"

Abed al-Nasser Makky "Dilemmas of Local Government: Institutions in the Emerging Palestinian State"

Jennifer C. Olmsted "The Palestinian Economy in Crisis: The Impact on Labor Markets"

Senay Ozden "Forgotten Exiles: Palestinian Refugees in Syria"

Wendy Pearlman "Public Opinion, Political Fragmentation, and Capabilities in the Second Intifada: Analysis of Palestinian Use of Force"

Julie M. Peteet "An Ethnography of Israel Closure of Palestinian Areas"

Mrinalini Rajagopalan "Stealing Beauty"

Moain Sadeq "The History and Archaeology of Gaza During the Bronze Age"

Mohammed Hussein Sawalha "Word Connotation in the Second Palestinian Intifada"

Usamah Salim Shahwan & Romell Soudah "Public-Private Partnership as a Strategy for Economic Development in Palestine"

Nahda Younis Shehada "Islamic Family Law: Debate and Practice"

Yael Warshel "Childhood Constructions of the Palestinian National Identity"

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

2005–2006

Riyad Abdel-Karim & Amer M. El Hamouz "Usage of Stone Cutting Waste in Producing Chemical Construction Products"

Luay Abdul-Hafiz Shabaneh "Palestinian Unemployment in the International Context: On the Relevance of International Comparisons Based on the ILO Labour Force Framework, a Comparative Study"

Adnan Ibrahim al-Hindi "Prevalence and Diagnosis of Cryptosporidium Parvum Among Children in Gaza City"

Ghada AlMadbouh "Coexistence with them is possible but partnership is not!" An Inquiry into the Struggle between the Palestinian Authority Fatah Elites and Hamas over Governance."

Mohammad Nihad Almasri "Characterization of Alexander Wadi: Analysis of Pollutant Input Loadings, Concentrations, and Impact on Groundwater Resources"

Hassan Ali Arafat "Pollution Prevention by Recovery and Reuse of Hazardous Wastewater from Operations in Palestine"

Rana Barakat "The Politics of Revolution in Mandate Era Palestine: Resistance, Violence, and National Thinking, 1929–1939"

Irene Calis "Security and the Imprisoned Other: An Ethnography of National Security and Human Rights in Israel"

Beshara B. Doumani "The Palestinians: A Social and Cultural History"

Suliman Eid "Reproductive Health (Gaza)"

Kimberly Katz "Preserving History, Preserving Family: The Diary of Sami 'Amr"

Ibrahim A. Makkawi "Hegemonic Educational Curriculum and National Identity Among the Palestinians in Israel"

Falestin Naili "Memory and Oblivion in Artas: An Element of the Rural History of Palestine"

Hani Mustafa Nur el-Din "Reevaluation of the Tell et Tell Site: A Possible Model for Palestinian Archaeology"

Sylvain J. Perdigon "Is There a 'Refugee Kinship'? Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon and the Vulnerability of Family Ties"

Lori H. Rudolph "Gender Dimensions of Conflict and Political Violence Among Palestinian Refugee Women"

Nasser Tawfik Saleh "Toward an Information Society in the West Bank and Gaza: Measuring ICT Indicators"

Randa B. Serhan "Suspended Community: 2nd Generation West Bank Palestinians"

Irene R. Siegel "Mapping the Subject: Levantine Geographies of Power and Narration"

Faedah M. Totah "Palestinian Refugees in the Old City of Damascus"

Anthony C. Wanis-St. John "Back-Channel Negotiations in the Palestinian-Israeli Peace Process"

2006–2007

Laila Abed Rabho "The Discourse of Palestinian Women in the Shari'a Courts in Jerusalem and Taybe"

Thomas P. Abowd "The Politics of Home Demolition and the Contest Over Residential Space in Contemporary Palestine"

Tayser AM Abu Mourad "Demand for Primary Health Care in the Gaza Strip-Palestine"

Ghada Yousif Abu Nahla "Knowledge, Attitudes and Practice Regarding Family Planning Among Palestinian Couples in Gaza Strip"

Abdelrahim A. Abusafa "Assessment and Alleviation of Health Risks Associated With the Use of Drinking Water From Rainwater Harvesting Wells in Palestine"

Issam Ahmad al-Khatib "Enhancing Municipal Solid Waste Management in Palestinian Territories via Accurate Modeling of Solid Waste Generation Rate and Composition"

Irus Braverman "Landscaping Israel/Palestine: Trees and Ideology"

Isabelle D. Humphries "Commemoration From Below: Post-Oslo Narratives of Palestinian Internal Refugees in the Galilee"

Yamila Hussein "Palestinian Intellectuals and Educational Discourse Between 1967 and 1993"

Osamah F. Khalil "At the Crossroads of Empire: The Origins of U.S. Foreign Policy Toward the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1946–1967"

Samir Abdulmajid Kuhail "Occupational Health Hazards of Dust Exposure for Workers"

Nadia Latif "Home in a Palestinian Refugee Camp"

Nora Lester Murad "The Effects of Dependence on International Aid on Palestinian Civil Society"

Najwa Odeh Rizkallah "Reproductive History and Coronary Heart Disease Risk Factors Among Palestinian Women"

Yaser Ahmed Shaheen "The Perceived Importance of Information for Investment Decisions, Evidence From the Palestinian Security Exchange (PSE)"

Rebecca L. Stein "Dis/possessions: The Social Life of Palestinian Things in Jewish-Israeli Society"

Livia C. Wick "Transnational Families and the Construction of Palestinian Subjects"

2007–2008

Walid and Tamara Afifi "The Palestinian Youth Resilience Project: Ambient Uncertainty and Communal Coping Among Palestinian Youth in Lebanese Refugee Camps"

Anaheed Mohamed al-Hardan "Remembering the Present, Remembering the Past: The Place of the 'Nakba' in the Memories of Second and Third Generation Palestinian Refugees in Syria"

Samir Khalil Shaath "Evaluation of the Coastal Plain Aquifer Physical Parameters in Gaza Strip"

Stephen Philip Gasteyer "A Systems Understanding of Community Capacity to Manage Water Resources in Palestine"

Angelina Foster "Assessing the Reproductive Health Content of Nursing Education in Palestine"

Julie Norman "Beyond the Battikh: Youth Participation in Nonviolent Activism in Palestine"

Shadi Husni Sawalha & Amer M. El Hamouz "Improvements of the Recycled Plastic Properties by the Use of Olive Solid Waste"

Sharif Mahmoud Sharif "Wall and Ceiling Paintings in Mansions of Palestinian Notables at the End of the Ottoman Empire: An Expression of Change in Palestinian Society"

2008–2009

Ammar al-Dwaik "The Role of Islamic Social Organizations in the Social Welfare and Safety Net Systems in the Palestinian Territories"

Dana Herscberg "Playscapes: Children's Folklore as Articulation of Local-National Identity in Jerusalem/al-Quds"

Daniel Hoffman "Prevalence and Influences on Childhood Growth Retardation in Palestine"

Natalie Jensen "Mobility Within Constraints: Gender, Migration and New Spaces for Palestinian Women"

Isis Nusair "Gendered Politics of Location of Four Generations of Palestinian Women in Israel, 1948–2008"

Tami Rafidi "Material Memories of Forgetfulness"

Sherene Seikaly "Food for All Under Control: Nutrition and Colonial Development in Palestine"

Rabab Tamish "Penetrating the Practices of Palestinian School Teachers in Bethlehem District: A Qualitative Investigation of Teachers' Reflections on the Practices, Principles, and Values That Underpin their Classroom Practices"

Web site UPDATES

PARC has a new web address:
<http://www.parc-us-pal.org>

You can now join, renew, and donate to PARC online at our website.

Visit PARC on the Web for updated resources on Palestine—including a 60-page bibliography of books on Palestine, a historical chronology, links to other Web sites on Palestine, and many new listings of films and videos.

PARC's new Webmaster is Shelby Kinnaird. Shelby resides in North Carolina and has run her own Web and graphic design business since 2003. She spent most of her career in Washington, D.C., and Boston working for Cray Research and then Sun Microsystems. Shelby has a M.A. from the University of Baltimore in publication design and an M.S. in applied math from Johns Hopkins University. We are indeed fortunate to have her.

TOPICS OF INTEREST

MESA 2008 Conference

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Please don't miss...

the two-part, PARC-sponsored panel on Sunday, November 23, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. A celebration of 10 years of PARC will follow the panel in the same room; we will have refreshments.

The PARC general meeting will be held on Saturday, November 22, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. All members and those interested in learning more about PARC are invited to attend and hear an update from Hadeel Qazzaz, PARC's Palestine director.

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.

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*

(NP32) Marriage and the Family: Case Studies

Chair: **Angel M. Foster***, Ibis Reproductive Health

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Field Research: What You Should Know Before You Go

Rochelle Davis*, Georgetown University–ethnography and
oral histories

Session IV: Sunday, Nov. 23, 2–4 p.m.

(RT006) Rethinking the 1958 Coup in Iraq

Sponsored by The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq
Dina Rizk Khoury*, George Washington University

(P008) Creating Justice:

Law and Court Procedure in the Ottoman Empire, Part I & II

This double session runs from 2:00–6:30 p.m.

Najwa al-Qattan*, Loyola Marymount University
*Qist: Justice or Installment? The Invention of a Mulberry-Flavored Legal
Practice in Nineteenth-Century Beirut*

Please Join Us To Celebrate 10 YEARS OF PARC!

- Sunday, November 23, 6:00–6:45 p.m.
- Room Marshall West

*Please join us for refreshments immediately following
the PARC panel.*

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

(P028) America's Middle East: Cultural Enunciations

Organized by **Rebecca L. Stein***, Duke University
Virtual Zion

Rochelle Davis*, Georgetown University
U.S. Military "Cultural Encounters" in Iraq

(P021) Dynasticism without Monarchy:

Succession Politics in Egypt, Libya, Syria, and Yemen

Chair: **Jillian Schwedler***, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Session VII: Monday, Nov. 24, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

(RT012) Rethinking Islamism in the Middle East:

Reform, Participation, and Engagement

Nathan J. Brown*, George Washington University

Session IX: Monday, Nov. 24, 5–7 p.m.

(P035) Three Decades after Revolution: Social Change and Social Transformation in Contemporary Iranian Society

Discussant: Frances S. Hasso*, Oberlin College

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

(P040) Iranian Women's Employment: Myth and Realities

Sponsored by the Association for Middle East Women's Studies

Chair/Discussant: Jennifer Olmsted*, Drew University

MESA Conference Sessions Related to Palestinian 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, Nov. 23, 8:30–10:30 a.m.

(NP58) 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

Julie M. Norman*, American University

The Activist and the Olive Tree: Nonviolent Resistance in the West Bank During and After the Second Intifada

Itamar Radai, Harry S. Truman Institute for the Advancement of

Peace, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Rise and Fall of the Palestinian-Arab Middle Class Under the British Mandate

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

(NP55) New Perspectives on International Relations

Stacie L. Pettyjohn, University of Virginia

U.S. Policy toward the PLO and Hamas: Isolation or Engagement?

(P134) Breaching Boundaries: Negotiating Memory—and More—in Popular Culture

Rachael Marks, Simmons College

Embodied Memory and the Representation of Palestinian Nationalism: An Examination of Children's Films Produced in the West Bank

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

(P048) Israeli Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy after the Annapolis Conference

Organized by Robert O. Freedman

Sponsored by the Association for Israel Studies

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

Elli Lieberman, Baltimore Hebrew University

Israel, Lebanon, and Hizbollah After Annapolis: Has Deterrence Been Restored?

(P090) Reinterpreting the 1948 War in Palestine

Organized by the Institute for Palestine Studies in Memory of

Dr. Mansour Armaly

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 Pappé, University of Exeter

The Vicissitudes of Israeli Historiography on 1948

Eugene Rogan*, St. Antony's College, Oxford

"Civil War": The Conflict between Arabs and Jews in Palestine, 1947–1948

Lawrence Davidson, West Chester University

Truman and Palestine—1948

(NP61) Music, Experience and Identity

Galeet Dardashti, University of Texas at Austin

"Sing Us a Mawal": The Politics of Culture—

Brokering Palestinian-Israeli Musicians in Israel

(P027) Public Dilemmas, Private Spaces in Middle Eastern Cinema

Nadia G. Yaqub, University of North Carolina

Chapel Hill–Forbidden Marriages, Forbidding Marriage:

Love and Politics in Palestinian and Israeli Documentary Films

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

(NP36) Textbooks and Identity:

Studies from Egypt, Iran, Jordan, and Turkey

Mezna Qato*, University of Oxford

Primers for Erasure: Educating Refugees in Jordan, c. 1948–1958

(NP59) Comparative Perspectives on Egypt

Martin Buntun*, University of Victoria

Land Settlement in Egypt and Palestine: The Transformation of Colonial Land Regimes in Comparative Perspective

(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.)

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PART 2

Session V: Sunday, Nov. 23, 4–6 p.m. (note different time)

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Discussant: **Beshara Doumani***, University of California, Berkeley

Randa Farah, University of Western Ontario

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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-Nabawi during the British Mandate in Palestine and the Dialectics of Identities

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

(NP52) Power and Influence in the New Arab Media

Yael Warshel*, University of California, San Diego

It's All About "Tom and Jerry," Amr 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 Sbaiti**, 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 Beinlin, American University in Cairo

Juan 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 Intelligentsia in Israel: Negotiating Gender

and Nationalism Within and Beyond the State

Organized by **Maha Nassar** and **Amal Equeiq**

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

The Generation Gap: Marxism and Nationalism in Palestinian-Israeli Literary Productions, 1948–1967

Amal Equeiq, University of Washington

Palestinian Cinema in Israel: The New Generation

Lilian Abou-Tabickh, Bar-Ilan University

Palestinian Women in a Dual Struggle: Will the Struggle Against the Israeli Policy Concerning Land Resources Free Women From the Rule of Patrilocality Residence?

(NP31) Conflict, Diversity, and Inclusion in Education

Chair: **Minoo Derayah**, York University

Dan Walsh, Georgetown University

Exploring the Formative History of Political Zionism (1897–1947)

Through Poster Art: A Curriculum Model

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

(P026) Conflict and Shifting Gender Norms

Sponsored by the Association for Middle East Women's Studies

Organized by **Jennifer Olmsted***, Drew University

Gender, Conflict, and the Palestinian Economy

Sophie Richter-Devroe, Exeter University

Palestinian Women's Political Activism in Peace-Building and Nonviolent Resistance

Kimberly Katz*, Towson University

Highlighting a Palestinian Diary from the Margins: Comparative Historiographies

Issam Nassar, Illinois State University

Under Israeli Occupation: The 1949 Diary of Jiryas Salti of al-Baqa'a, Jerusalem

Session IX: Monday, Nov. 24, 5–7 p.m.

(NP57) In and About Palestine

Chair: **Ala al-Hamarnah**, 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

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 Anziska, 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

(P032) Identity and Integration: The Dilemmas Facing Contemporary Christian Communities in the Middle East

Una McGahern, Durham University

Writing the Palestinian Christians of Israel: The Relationship between Israeli Sociology and Minority Policy

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

(NP46) 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

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

(NP35) 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

(NP05) 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, Palestine, 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.*



(From left to right) Beshara Doumani (PARC board member), Salim Tamari (Director IJS), Hana Abu Hana, Kimberley Katz (PARC fellow) at IJS conference.

Gerner Award Goes to Birzeit Political Science Student

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.



Imad Ghayathah, Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mo'Tasem Afane, Librarian Ibrahim Abu Lughod Institute of International Studies; Majdi Malki, Professor of Sociology and Director of Ibrahim Abu Lughod Institute of International Studies; Hadeel Qazzaz, Director PARC Palestine; and Muhamad Abu el Rub, Gerner Awardee.

Palestinian Librarian Participates in Digital Library for International Research (DLIR) Training



Suhaila Abu-Gudeib

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.

PARC 2009–10 Research Fellowship Competition: Studies on Palestine

Full proposals are due January 15, 2009

Fellowship awards range from \$3,500 to \$8,000

Award notification March 16, 2009

The Palestinian American Research Center (PARC) announces its 10th annual competition for post-doctoral and doctoral research fellowships in Palestinian studies.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants must be post-doctoral scholars, established researchers, or full-time doctoral students enrolled in a recognized degree program.
2. Doctoral students must have fulfilled all preliminary requirements for the doctorate degree except the dissertation by the time the research commences.
3. Senior researchers without doctorates but with a record of academic publication are also eligible.
4. Any area of Palestinian studies will be considered, including the humanities, social sciences, economics, law, health, and science. Research must contribute to Palestinian studies. Purely scientific research is not eligible for this fellowship competition.
5. Individual and joint research projects are eligible.
6. Funding is for one year only.
7. Research may take place in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, or Syria.
8. Applications from women are especially encouraged.
9. All applications must be in English.
10. Applicants must be U.S. citizens.
(Non-U.S. citizens, see below.)

For more information on PARC and to download a full application package, go to:
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You may send any questions by e-mail to: us.parc@gmail.com
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PARC
Penelope Mitchell, U.S. Director
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Palestinian applicants who are not U.S. citizens should direct application inquiries to:

Hadeel Qazzaz
Palestine Director at: parcpal@palnet.com.

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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