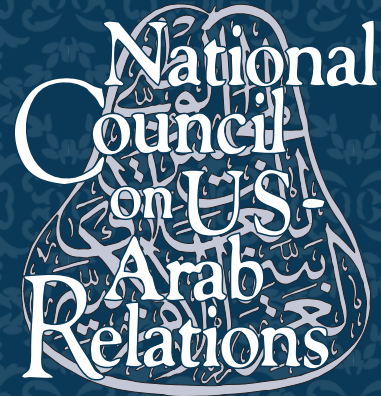


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The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is pleased to provide the 31st edition of the *Council Chronicle*, the Council's periodic newsletter. The Chronicle seeks to keep the Council's alumni, donors, and other supporters informed and updated, expanding the nature and extent of the Council's efforts in pursuit of its vision and mission. One among other efforts to do so on an ongoing basis is achieved by presenting highlights and special reports on the Council's programs, projects, events, and activities.

Numerous reports cover the ten annual programs that the Council has conceptualized, developed, and administered for decades. Some focus on new and ongoing projects such as the establishment of the first ever Arab Cultural Institute in the midst of the nation's capital. Additional reports cover such one-of-a-kind events as the world's only Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference, convened yearly in Washington D.C.'s foremost venue for national and international gatherings of policy formulators, analysts, and practitioners from the Arab countries and the United States – events that, for more than a decade and counting, have set and surpassed and set and surpassed yet again records for the highest-attend Arab-U.S. policy-centric gatherings in history. Numerous other national and international-themed Arab-U.S. relations briefings are convened on Capitol Hill and elsewhere year-round. Still other events focusing on the ties between the American and Arab peoples are administered with a view to ensuring that the relations between two of the planet's most vital peoples and regions are continuously strengthened, expanded, and improved – not only for their mutual benefit but for the betterment of humankind.

For new readers interested in learning more about the Council's vision and mission, and for ongoing supporters keen to keep abreast of the Council's accomplishments, together with the ways and means it utilizes to pursue both objectives, please read on and visit the Council's website at ncusar.org.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The National Council’s mission, reduced to a phrase, is: “**education, training, and leadership development.**”

“For what?” the question might be. The answer is:

To continuously search for, find, and pursue ways to *strengthen and expand* the Arab-U.S. relationship;

To *increase Americans’ knowledge and understanding* of the ongoing issues, challenges, and opportunities regarding America’s relations with its Arab friends, allies, and strategic partners;



Three students were recognized as *Paul Findley Fellows* at the conclusion of the National Council’s 2017 University Student Washington, DC Summer Internship Program: [left to right] Gabrielle Hunt (Seton Hall University), Shelby Karpa (Susquehanna University), and Anna Cizek (Mercer University).

To *serve as an information clearing house* with regard to Arab culture, society, economics, political dynamics, and the growing strategic positions, roles, and importance of the Arab world in regional and global affairs;

To *enhance American awareness* of the extraordinary mutuality of benefit derived from America’s relationship with the Arab world and, particularly, the ever-growing interdependency between our two peoples and our respective legitimate needs, concerns, interests, aspirations, and key foreign policy objectives; and

To *achieve such goals* not through theories but in reality and to do so not by words but by example.

With profound thanks to the National Council’s financial and in-kind contributors, supporters, and participants, the following pages illustrate the progress that the Council has been making toward accomplishing these goals.



Dr. John Duke Anthony
Founding President and CEO
National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations



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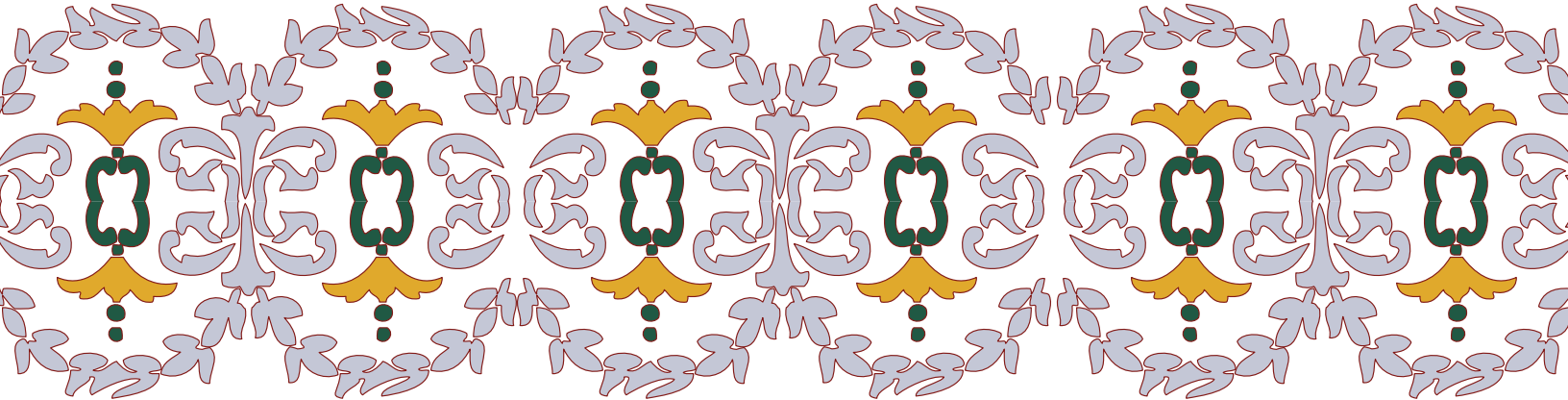
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ABOUT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS

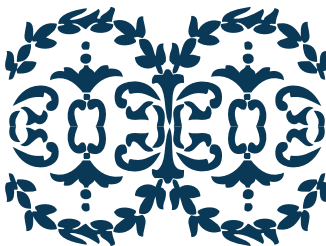
Founded in 1983, the National Council is an American educational, non-profit, and non-governmental organization. The Council is dedicated to improving American knowledge and understanding of the Arab world one person at a time through TEN annual programs, events, and activities.

First, the National Council is committed to educating, training, and developing the leadership skills of the current and emerging generation of Americans tasked with improving the overall U.S.-Arab relationship. From one Council leadership development effort alone, the Model Arab League Program, there are more than 45,000 alumni. The number of participants in **the Council’s 26 annual Models** – through 2016, held in 18 cities throughout the United States and in Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, and Saudi Arabia – is over 2,600. Illustrative of the increasing national and international recognition of the leadership skills that this one Council program provides its participants is the following: contributions from supporters enabled the Council to administer **two additional Models in 2016**. As evidence of the extraordinary value that comes through participation in the Models, all Council staff members are graduates of this program. Each

has exhibited the sterling leadership qualities necessary for helping to strengthen and expand the youth component of the Arab-U.S. relationship; for exercising discipline and organization; for analyzing clearly and effectively; for speaking lucidly and forcefully in addition to editing quickly and efficaciously; for managing time for optimum use in composing and fulfilling results-oriented agendas; for building coalitions in support of one’s views and new ideas as well as existing schools of thought; and for acquiring the attributes of tolerance and respect for the opinions of others that may differ from one’s own.

Of special note is that in the past year, 36 young American alumni of the Council’s Model Arab League Program received National Council Study Abroad Fellowships and Washington, DC Internships as a result of their participation in the Models.

Second, the National Council is the world’s only organization to have administered, for 26 years and counting, an annual Arab-U.S. **Polymakers Conference**. The Conference brings together many of the world’s foremost American and Arab specialists. The scope and focus of their contributions encompass the multiple dynamics of the overall relationship between the United States and Arab governments, economies,



National Council Analyses & Assessments



Arabia, the Gulf & the GCC Blog



U.S.-GCC CORPORATE COOPERATION COMMITTEE



Former U.S. Congressman Paul Findley, a founding Member of the National Council's Advisory Board and since 2014 its Co-Chairman, pictured here with Dr. John Duke Anthony in 1985, served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 22 years, representing the 20th District of Illinois. In 2013, the Council presented Congressman Findley its first-ever Distinguished Public Service and Lifetime Achievement Award.

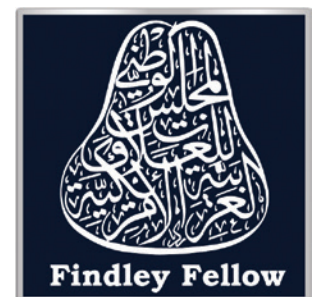
and societies. For each of the past four years the Conference has drawn record numbers of more than 1,200 registrants. Through coverage for four of the past six years by C-SPAN, annual attendance by other television satellite and radio broadcast networks plus dozens of print media outlets, and also through the Council's website at ncusar.org, additional millions have been able to benefit from the proceedings.

A *third* National Council annual highlight, dating from its inception in 1986, is its ten-week intensive [University Student Summer Internship Program](#) in the nation's capital. In the past year alone, the Council educated, trained, and developed the leadership skills of **8 interns during the academic year and 25 interns in the summer**. In cooperation

with the Olayan Foundation and The George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs, the program was administered for the seventh consecutive year in association with 15 sister organizations in the District of Columbia. The internship provides a professional work experience and a series of site visits to, meetings with, and briefings by representatives of Arab embassies, Congress, the Supreme Court, the Department of State, and other institutions. The internship also includes participation in the world's only known 20-part seminar

on "Arabia, the Gulf, the GCC, and the U.S.-Arab Relationship." In the seminar the interns not only learn to read and write weekly crisp analyses and critiques of publications by some of the world's most renowned authors. They also meet and are briefed by a dozen of the assigned topics' most accomplished role models. Among them are scholars, former Ambassadors, career Foreign Service officers, and other specialists of both genders, many of whom agree to serve as the interns' informal mentors. No other known student

In 2014, the National Council instituted the Findley Fellowship Award. The purpose is to recognize outstanding participants in the Council's University Student Summer Internship Program. Students honored as Findley Fellows are presented this lapel pin. In addition, their names are displayed prominently on a wall in the National Council's entry foyer in recognition of their achievement.



internship program provides as rich and diversified an Arab-U.S. relations experience.

Among the exciting features of the National Council's University Student Summer Internship Program, in which 25 interns participate annually, are the *Findley Fellowships*, which were first instituted in 2014. The Fellowships are presented at the end of the program to the most outstanding interns. The awardees are selected for having met four multifaceted criteria. First, they must have demonstrated on a regular basis the trait of excellence in the program's academic component. Second, they are required to manifest the skills of organization, productivity, research, analysis,

Arab challenges and opportunities. Fourth, they must have exhibited throughout the seminar the critical thinking and communications skills as well as the moral, leadership, educational, and, especially, extraordinary traits of courage and commitment associated with the life and works of Congressman Paul Findley. If the reader concludes that only an exceptional few individuals in the average 18 to 24 age range are likely to possess all four of the traits noted, it would be because of precisely that: Findley Fellowship awardees are indeed exceptional, which is exactly the kind of Arab-U.S. relations leader that is needed and that the National Council seeks to recruit, educate, train, and help develop.



Nawaf Althari, Counter-Terrorism Adviser for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Permanent Mission to the United Nations, addresses a National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations Capitol Hill public affairs briefing in June 2016.

assessment, composition, writing, and editing within tightly prescribed deadlines. Third, they are expected to display an ability to role play as Arab diplomats in a simulated introduction to

like Congressman Findley himself, they were often subjected to name calling, slander, defamation of character, and forced prematurely to withdraw from public life early for doing so.

In retirement soon after leaving office, Congressman Findley wrote *They Dared to Speak Out*, an award-winning account of more than two dozen nationally prominent Americans from all walks of life. Each of the individuals profiled had the courage of their convictions. They did not shy away from the duty to speak publicly and write for publication in an effort to set aright America's relations with its Arab friends, allies, and strategic partners. And

The National Council is committed to building, maintaining, and wherever possible strengthening and expanding the human, institutional, and programmatic bridges between and among the American and Arab public and private sectors.

A *fourth* National Council program is designed to contribute positively to national public and private sector conversations about American policies, positions, attitudes, and actions toward the Arab world and its peoples. To this end, the Council administers year-round a series of seminars on Capitol Hill and in other venues. In each instance, one or more internationally recognized specialists is tasked with analyzing, assessing, and recommending more effective American approaches to dealing with some of the most important challenges confronting American and Arab policymakers. The seminars, usually held in Congressional hearing rooms, are typically filled to capacity. In attendance are Members of Congress, Congressional staff, media representatives,

research and publications specialists in prominent public policy research institutes, members of the diplomatic corps, and other foreign affairs practitioners.

A *fifth* National Council activity is a specialized publications program. For the past eight years, the Council has achieved this, in part, through the *Council Chronicle*, which appears four times a year, and through an *Annual Review*. Still another feature of the Council's publications outreach and continuing efforts to provide perspective on matters pertaining to the overall Arab-U.S. relationship, and to Arabia and



The number of participants in the National Council's Model Arab League Student Leadership Development Program has increased twenty-fold since the early 1980s.



Model Arab League students and faculty advisers on a study visit to Qatar in April 2017.

the Gulf in particular, is the Council's blog: *Arabia, the Gulf, and the GCC*, which features cutting-edge analyses by Council Founding President & CEO Dr. John Duke Anthony, Dr. Imad Harb, and other specialists. Visit the blog at: ncusar.org/blog. In 2016, the National Council introduced an online publication series titled *National Council Analyses & Assessments* that regularly features articles on an aspect of U.S.-Arab relations or the Arab world. The series seeks to deliver unique insights and commentary on contemporary affairs and policies. It also seeks to provide a forum for pieces on broader issues such as the position, role, and rights of women, water, national security, climate change, economic reform, and Islamophobia. Read articles at: ncusar.org/aa.

A *sixth* National Council activity is organizing and providing scholarly escorts for delegations of American leaders on study visits to one or more

Arab countries — in the past year, to Oman, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia.

A *seventh* National Council activity is a public service in the form of facilitating the participation of American students and faculty in Arabic language and area study learning experiences in Lebanon, Morocco, and Oman.

An *eighth* National Council activity is its ongoing participation in year-round heads of organizations meetings. These forums, which began under the Council's auspices in 1991 in the aftermath of the reversal of Iraq's aggression against Kuwait, periodically gather the CEOs and other key representatives of like-minded organizations that are committed to strengthening and expanding the overall Arab-U.S. relationship. Beyond deepening the bonds of trust, confidence, and a willingness to join forces in pursuit of common goals, the meetings in themselves demonstrate how vital

donor support remains to these organizations' operations. Most important, they provide evidence to the respective organizations' "shareholders" that their financial, in-kind, and other investments in and contributions to what the organizations seek to accomplish have not been and are not in vain.

A *ninth* National Council activity is its President and CEO's service as Chair of the *North American*

Network Initiative have achieved in a wide range of activities. My contribution to the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is a continuation of a lifelong effort to build bridges, foster cultural understanding, develop communities, empower women, enable youth, and to provide vital disaster relief. In all, I wish to promote a more tolerant and accepting world. It is a commitment without boundaries – a commitment to all of humanity."



National Council Founding President & CEO Dr. John Duke Anthony (center), Executive Vice President Patrick Mancino (left), and Board Member Paige Peterson (2nd from left), with students from the Council's Washington, DC Summer Internship Program after Dr. Anthony received the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee's 2014 Distinguished Service Award.
Photo: Washington Report on Middle East Affairs.

A *tenth* National Council endeavor – the establishment of the first-ever Arab Cultural Institute in the nation's capital – is as yet more a project than a program, more a dream and a vision than as yet a reality, although in time it is designed to be that and far more. For the better part of the past 20 years Dr. Anthony, the proposed institute's visionary conceptualizer, has sought to obtain appropriate support for the idea and

Bridge Network (NABN). Established in April 2015 by HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal and comprised of six American non-profit educational and social activism organizations, the network endeavors to fulfill the programmatic activities supported by Alwaleed Philanthropies. In a letter to Dr. Anthony on March 16, 2016, HRH Prince Alwaleed, who appointed Dr. Anthony to serve as the NABN's Inagural Chairman, wrote, "We are proud of what our partnership and our North American Bridge

its implementation. To date, the project has received the informal and unofficial support of the Arab country cultural attachés and embassies' representatives of the League of Arab States' office in Washington. Representatives of appropriate agencies and officials of the U.S. government, in informal meetings and briefings, not only have acknowledged the national and pressing need for such an institute. They have also noted its innumerable, multifaceted, and

potentially beneficial attributes. These include, first and foremost, enhancement of the awareness, knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the dynamic *cultural* dimensions of the longstanding Arab-U.S. relationship. A summary description of the project and the underlying rationale for the establishment of such an institution is available on pages 11-12.

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Running through all of the National Council's programmatic works, activities, and other public services is the Council's vision for the U.S.-Arab relationship. The Council's *vision* is anchored in the legitimate needs, concerns, interests, and key foreign policy objectives of the American and Arab peoples. Resting on a solid and enduring foundation of cultural, strategic, economic, political, commercial, defense, and people-to-people cooperation, the vision encompasses the belief that the relationship is strengthened continuously by a range of richly rewarding efforts by people on both sides. Chief amongst these are the newly institutionalized and diverse strategic dialogues between the United States and numerous Arab countries, together with increased exchanges and the development of Arab-U.S. relations skills among current and emerging American and Arab leaders. The envisioned Arab Cultural Institute will provide a cultural-centric

forum for enhancing the Arab-U.S. relationship at many different levels.

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The National Council's *mission* is educational. It is committed to building, maintaining, and wherever possible strengthening and expanding the human, institutional, and programmatic bridges between and among the American and Arab public and private sectors. The Council seeks, in particular, to heighten and deepen American awareness and appreciation of the extraordinary range of benefits that the United States and the American people have long obtained, and continue to derive, from the overall U.S.-Arab relationship. But one among many hallmarks of the Council's mission is its emphasis on the publication and dissemination of documented facts.

In pursuit of its mission, the National Council serves as a U.S.-Arab relations programmatic, human resources, and leadership development clearinghouse. In so doing, it provides cutting-edge information, insight, and learning opportunities for national, state, and local grassroots educational organizations, media, and public policy research institutes in addition to select community civic, business, and professional associations.



An Arab Cultural Institute in the Heart of the Nation's Capital

Washington, D.C. is host to numerous museums and cultural institutions – none, however, feature the culture, development, economics, history, and societies of Arab countries. Neither is there a major center in the heart of the national capital that showcases the extraordinary range of Arab contributions to science and technology. Indeed, there is a paucity of anything highlighting what Arabs have contributed to the world's civilizations and to humankind in general.

An Arab Cultural Institute will do justice to these topics. As the first Institute of its kind in the nation's capital, it will do justice to the Arab world's richly diverse cultures and help to further strengthen America's relationship with this vitally important part of the world.

Fast Facts

- ❖ The Arab Cultural Institute will have permanent, temporary, and rotating exhibits. These will focus on Arab countries' culture and distinctive characteristics. They will also feature high-quality educational programs together with special events and activities.
- ❖ In addition to its regular, periodic, and special features, the Institute will provide a space for commemoration and gatherings for the national days of each of the 22 Arab countries. The center will house a conference hall, an auditorium, and a library with research facilities. A special section will be dedicated to the innumerable contributions of Arab Americans to American civic culture. There will also be meeting rooms for seminars, lectures, poetry readings, film screenings, book signings, and concerts.
- ❖ The Institute will offer visitors a bookstore/gift shop, a café and/or restaurant, a prayer room, and world-class museum items showcasing Arab historical monuments, archeological treasures, and literary masterpieces. It will also highlight examples of the innumerable, extraordinary, and myriad impacts that Arabs have had on humanity's endless quest for modernization and development. To ensure that everything is maintained in context, the Institute will also feature information and insight into the relations of Arabs with other world regions and cultures, and vice versa.
- ❖ The Institute will ideally be in a prime location in the center of Washington within walking distance of the National Mall and the White House. It will be easily accessible to the Washington Metro and other public transportation.
- ❖ A management team comprised of the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, in association with the League of Arab States' office in the United States and the Cultural Attachés and Ambassadors of the various Arab embassies, is working with American and Arab business and diplomatic leaders as well as the world's foremost museum designers, engineers, and architects to plan and administer the Institute.



Benefits to Americans and Arabs

- ❖ The Arab Cultural Institute will do much to correct the many false images of Arabs among key groups in the United States. The Institute will utilize the appropriate means to address the widespread myths and innumerable stereotypes surrounding Arab peoples.
- ❖ The Institute will likely be visited by most Members of Congress, their principal staff, and large numbers of senior and mid-level representatives of the U.S. Executive Branch.
- ❖ The Institute will serve as a forum for representatives from the media, think tanks, lobbies, professional associations, and other institutions such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. It will provide cultural and educational services for universities and history, geography, and social studies teachers as well as their students not only in the District of Columbia area, but also for the thousands of collegiate youth that visit the nation's capital year-round, in addition to significant numbers among many of the city's annual 20 million tourists.
- ❖ The Institute will heighten the interest of Americans and other visitors with an awareness and appreciation of Arab culture, Arab civilization, and the Arabic language. It will thereby provide current and future leaders a more educated and accurate portrayal of Arabs. It will heighten hard-to-come by knowledge and understanding of the position and role of Arab countries and their peoples in regional and world affairs. (and, not the least, how Arabs enabled the Age of Enlightenment, the precursor to the Industrial Revolution, and improvement in the well-being of humanity, world-wide).
- ❖ The opportunities for the Arab Cultural Institute to aid pan-Arab cooperation and American-Arab engagement will be limited only by the imagination.

Broader Significance

The appeal of an Arab Cultural Institute in the nation's capital to large numbers of Americans and visitors to Washington from every country is obvious. Also obvious is that the Institute's contents and programming will enhance American knowledge and understanding of Arab and Islamic culture and the world's indebtedness to the manifold contributions to the betterment of humanity that countless numbers of Arabs have made.

Of monumental significance is that the Arab Cultural Institute's contributions will occur in the center of the world's most technologically advanced, economically wealthiest, financially influential, and militarily powerful country.

The Institute will foster international education cooperation, tolerance, and respect for other peoples and their cultures. It will demonstrate the belief in and commitment to increasing and ever-strengthening American-Arab ties across a broad range of mutual endeavors.

With the launching of the Institute, the United States and the Arab peoples will be celebrating the onset of a new chapter in their relations.

ARAB CULTURAL INSTITUTE SIGNS COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH QATAR'S CULTURAL VILLAGE FOUNDATION

In December 2016, Qatar's Cultural Village Foundation (Katara) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Arab Cultural Institute to work together to present a more complete and honest image of Arab culture in the United States.

The Arab Cultural Institute's visionary conceptualizer and leader, Dr. John Duke Anthony, noted that the institute would "highlight the achievements the GCC region and the influence it has wielded internationally. The institute will include educational programs tailor-made to highlight these and all the other Arab countries. In itself, this cooperation agreement is a first step in boosting the image of the Arab world in the United States."

Katara's General Manager, Dr. Khalid bin Ibrahim Al Sulaiti, explained that "[t]his agreement is in line with a series of agreements that Katara has signed with a number of highly-reputed Arab and international organizations, including the United



The Arab Cultural Institute of Washington, DC's visionary conceptualizer and leader, Dr. John Duke Anthony, with Katara's General Manager, Dr. Khalid bin Ibrahim A Sulaiti, at the Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony.

Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO), the Arab World Institute in Paris, and the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (ALECSO). It is aimed at facilitating a cultural dialogue between the Arab world and the United States to create a better understanding between the two peoples."

UNIVERSITY STUDENT WASHINGTON, DC INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The National Council's Model Arab League/Arab-U.S. Relations Youth Leadership Development Program has been linked for many years to the Council's **Annual University Student Washington, DC Summer Internship Program**. The Summer Intern Program's participants are alumni of the Models and other rising young American and Arab leaders of tomorrow. U.S. Ambassador (Ret.) Edward Gnehm made it possible for the 2017 program to be administered again in association with The George Washington University's (GWU) Institute for Middle East Studies in the Elliott School of International

Affairs. Ambassador Gnehm is a member of the GWU faculty where he is the Kuwait Professor of Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Affairs. As in previous years, the 2017 Internship Program provided fertile training ground and an invaluable firsthand professional work experience for young American leaders interested in a career devoted to improving U.S.-Arab relations.

The program, which lasted from May 30 to August 4, provided 26 students an opportunity to work in the nation's capital at one of 15 international affairs organizations. All 15 organizations have



The National Council's Washington, DC Summer Internship Program engages students from around the United States and abroad. The program features an energizing and demanding mix of professional involvement, intellectual challenge, career exploration, and cultural encounters designed to provide interns a rich and varied training and educational experience.



As a component of the National Council’s Washington, DC Summer Internship Program, students participate in a 20-part evening lecture series on “Arabia, the Gulf, the GCC, and the U.S.-Arab Relationship.” Through this seminar the interns not only learn to read and write weekly analyses and critiques of publications by some of the world’s most renowned authors. They also meet and are briefed by a dozen accomplished scholars, former Ambassadors, career Foreign Service officers, and other specialists. Here, Council Founding President & CEO Dr. John Duke Anthony delivers a lecture on “Understanding the Arab World: Prisms for Perspective, Lenses for Learning.”

for years worked hand-in-hand with the National Council to administer this unique program – the only one of its kind to be found anywhere. Each is involved in one way or another in efforts to improve Arab-U.S. relations. A distinguishing feature of the program is that by its very nature it could not possibly be duplicated or paralleled by the students’ university studies on campus. A further hallmark of the experience – one not known to be matched by any U.S.-Arab relations student internship program elsewhere – is that, in addition to working full time in their host organizations, the interns met and were briefed as well as mentored several times a week by some of America’s most renowned specialists in international relations as they pertain to the Arab world.

By design, the primary focus of the academic component of the program is also unique: it centers on a sub-region of the Arab countries, the Middle East, and the Islamic world, namely *Arabia and the Gulf*. The reason relates to three truisms. Each one has implications for American and other countries’ needs, concerns, interests, relations, and key foreign policy objectives.

First, this particular region, together with its maritime and aviation routes, has long been regarded globally as the epicenter of the most strategically and economically vital energy resources that drive the engines of the world’s economies.



Students in National Council’s Washington, DC Summer Internship Program had the opportunity to visit and receive a briefing at the U.S. Department of State.

Second, Arabia and the Gulf remain front and center among some of the most pressing international issues relating to war and peace as well as world economic growth. Indeed, it is the one part of the planet more than any other to which, on three separate occasions, hundreds of thousands of U.S. annual forces personnel and other foreign militaries have been mobilized and deployed in the past three decades.

Third, the ongoing importance to much of humankind represented by these nine countries – Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen – is undeniable. Despite this, the number of Americans who specialize in this sub-region and its member states – or who can legitimately claim to be

well-informed about the external and internal political dynamics of these countries – remains exceptionally limited.

In no way can this situation be considered healthy. Neither is it reflective of what is necessary in terms of conserving and sustaining the area’s security, stability, and prospects for prosperity. Nor is it representative of what needs to be in place if the United States expects to be able to hold its own, let alone be regarded by others, as a responsible actor with regard to this particular region’s affairs, Americas relationships with its people, and the legitimate interests of those who live and work in the countries concerned.

Accordingly, one of the program's educational objectives is to increase the number of foreign affairs practitioners who are as knowledgeable of Arabia and the Gulf's internal and external dynamics as possible. To that end, most of the lectures and discussion sessions address issues related, on one hand, to the dynamics of the member-states' systems of governance, political realities, economic and social development, and their foreign relations, and, on the other, American relations with this Arab sub-region and its neighbors – and *vice versa*.

Internship Program alumni currently serve as senior diplomats in American embassies in the

Arab world and elsewhere, in U.S. government Executive Branch agencies as well as Congressional Committees dealing with U.S.-Arab policy issues, major national and international print as well as broadcast media, leading American corporations engaged in U.S.-Arab trade, investment, technology cooperation, and the establishment of joint commercial ventures, and as teachers of Arabic and Arab area studies in American universities.

The Arab-U.S. relations programs, activities, and functions represented by the 15 organizations that provided the professional work experience component of the past year's program are varied. Included among their missions and



Students in the National Council's Washington, DC Summer Internship Program visited and received a briefing at the Library of Congress' African and Middle Eastern Division (AMED). Volumes about Africa and the Middle East were in one of the first major purchases by the Library – the 1815 acquisition of the Thomas Jefferson library – the subject and linguistic range of which greatly influenced future Library acquisitions policy. Today, the Library's AMED is recognized as a major world resource center for Africa, the Middle East, the Caucasus, and Central Asia.

activities are U.S.-Arab educational development and exchanges, bimonthly and quarterly publications, humanitarian relief services, public broadcasting, academic area studies, international transportation, foreign trade, and peace and justice advocacy. An additional feature of the Internship Program is site visits to public and private sector institutions such as Arab embassies, energy corporations, Congressional Committees, and government agencies.

Administering the 2017 program were National Council President **Dr. John Duke Anthony** as Chairman and lead lecturer/resource specialist, Director of Student Programs **Zach Hrynowski** as Coordinator, and Student Programs Associate **Emily Bless** as Assistant Coordinator. Also included among the many briefers and specialists were **Nail Al- Jubeir**, Director of Information at the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia; **Kathy Tycz**, Director at the Documents Control Center, U.S. Supreme Court; **The Honorable Molly Williamson**, former Senior Foreign Policy Adviser to the Secretary of Energy, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, and Distinguished Scholar-In-Residence at the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations as well as the Middle East Institute; **Brother Abassie Jarrkoroma**, Librarian at the Islamic Center of DC; **David Kinzler** and **Dana Stroul**, Senior Professional Staff Members at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; **Dr. Mary Jane Deeb**, Chief, African and Middle Eastern Division, Library of Congress; **Professor David Des Roches**, Associate Professor and Senior Military Fellow, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University and National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations Malone Fellow in Arab and Islamic Studies in Syria; **Dr. Theodore Karasik**, Senior Advisor, Gulf State Analytics, and

former Director of Research, RAND Center for Middle East Public Policy; **Peter Howard**, Near East Affairs Regional Affairs Strategic Analyst, **Faisal Khan**, Recruitment Officer, and **Justin Reynolds** from the Office of Iran Affairs at the U.S. Department of State; **Mr. Bassel Korkor**, Legal Director, Syrian National Coalition Representative Office to the United States and United Nations; Vice President of Political Law Program, Fidelity Investments; **Dr. Imad Harb**, Director of Research and Analysis, Arab Center Washington DC; **Dr. Tamara Kharroub**, Assistant Executive Director, Arab Center Washington DC; **Dr. Judith Yaphe**, Senior Research Fellow and Middle East Project Director, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University and former Senior Analyst on Near East-Persian Gulf issues, Directorate of Intelligence, CIA; **Dr. Fida Adely**, Associate Professor and Clovis and Hala Salaam Maksud Chair in Arab Studies, Georgetown University Center for Contemporary Arab Studies; **Dr. Abderrahim Foukara**, Al Jazeera Bureau Chief for the Americas; **Barbara Slavin**, Director of the Future of Iran Initiative, Atlantic Council; **H.E. Sheikh Meshal bin Hamad al Thani**, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the United States; **Salman Aljalahma**, Chargé d'Affaires, and **Mubarak Abdulla Buti**, Cultural Attaché, Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain; **U.S. Ambassador (Ret.) Stephen Seche**, Executive Vice President, Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, and former U.S. Ambassador to Yemen; **Sara Al Saadi**, Director of Public Diplomacy, Embassy of the State of Qatar; **U.S. Ambassador (Ret.) Frances Cook**, Former U.S. Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman; and **MAJ (Ret.) Jason Howk**, Author, *The Qur'an: A Chronological Modern English Interpretation*, and National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations Malone Fellow in Arab and Islamic Studies in Oman.



The cityscape of Historic Jeddah, Saudi Arabia is the result of an exchange of human values, technical know-how, and building materials and techniques common to the Red Sea region and along Indian Ocean routes between the 16th and the early 20th centuries. It represents a cultural world that thrived due to the international sea trade, and which cultivated a shared geographical, cultural, and religious background.

Jeddah was built with innovative technical and aesthetic solutions to cope with the extreme climatic conditions of the region, including humidity and heat. Its historic district, inscribed

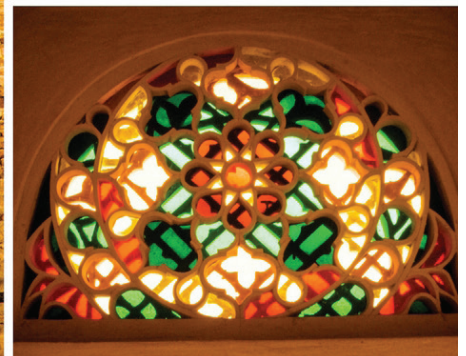
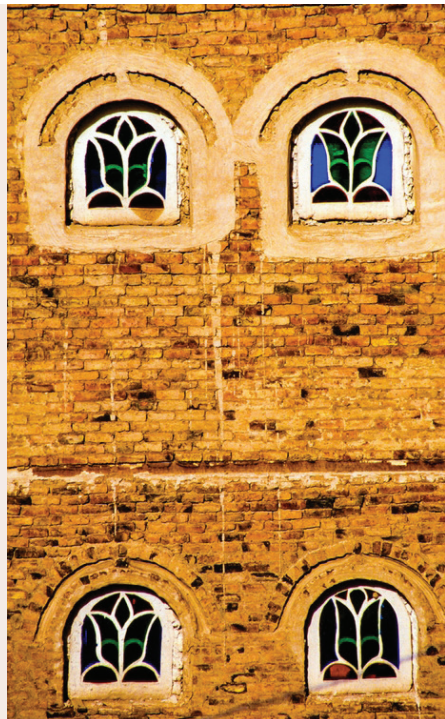
on UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2014, is the last surviving urban site along the Red Sea coast that still preserves the ensemble of attributes of its long history: a commercial-based economy, multi-cultural environment, isolated outward-oriented houses, coral masonry construction, precious woodwork decorating the facades, and specific technical devices to aid internal ventilation.

Photo by Dr. John Duke Anthony, 1996.



Among the most distinctive decorative features of Yemeni architecture is the qamaria, the multicolored stained-glass windows that grace some of Yemen's buildings. The qamaria, which comes from the word qamar, meaning moon, is said to let light reminiscent of the moon's beauty into the house. These intricately and ornately shaped and colored windows are both functional and aesthetically pleasing. Their carved shapes add color and charm to a home, and they help illuminate the inside without exposing it to direct sunlight. There are more than 150 traditional Yemeni qamaria patterns, with the most popular styles being Rommani, Yagoti, and Zanjeri.

Photos by Dr. John Duke Anthony.



NATIONAL COUNCIL'S HRH PRINCE ALWALEED BIN TALAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

In 2015, the National Council established the HRH Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Fellows Program to enable emerging American educators to visit Saudi Arabia and other Arab Gulf countries.

The fellowship program is designed to expose a new generation of American college and university faculty members to the Arab world through National Council study visits. The visits empower the educators to become goodwill ambassadors. Upon return from their experience, they can transmit increased knowledge and understanding of the Arab world so as to counter any imagined “clash of civilizations” as well as counteract false stereotypes of Arab culture and civilization that have tainted American understanding of Islam and the Arab world.

The HRH Prince Alwaleed bin Talal

Fellows Program, with the support of Alwaleed Philanthropies, represents a long-term investment in faculty professional development, curriculum enrichment, Arabic language training, and student enlightenment. In the throes of what was once described as a global war on terror that is



On May 8, 2016, at the Plaza Hotel in New York City, the National Council was honored and privileged to present its first-ever **Global Philanthropic and Humanitarian Achievements Award** to HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. The award was presented in recognition of his tireless and magnanimous efforts in helping to build a world of greater tolerance, acceptance, respect, equality, opportunity, and justice for all.

National Council Founding President and CEO Dr. John Duke Anthony, Council Board Member Ms. Paige Peterson, and Council Executive Vice President Mr. Patrick Mancino personally conveyed the award to Prince Alwaleed.

Dr. Anthony noted that Prince Alwaleed, through his charitable organization Alwaleed Philanthropies, has pledged to donate his entire \$32 billion fortune to charity. In making this promise, Prince Alwaleed said: “Philanthropy is a personal responsibility, which I embarked upon more than three decades ago and is an intrinsic part of my Islamic faith. With this pledge, I am honoring my lifelong commitment to what matters most – helping to build a more peaceful, equitable, and sustainable world for generations to come.”

now entangled in a virulent and unending wave of Islamophobia, it is vitally important that these topics be approached in an informed, thoughtful, and empathetic way. It is also essential that the National Council work with the Alwaleed Fellows to reach a new generation of classroom scholars who challenge their students to think, who question the frequently-misleading descriptions provided by the mainstream media and extremist voices on the worldwide web, and who can provide alternative sources of accurate and credible information, studied opinion, and on-the-ground experience.

National Council study visits with college and university faculty have an important “multiplier effect” of knowledge and understanding. If the average faculty member reaches 100 students per year in the classroom (on average teaching 2 classes per semester, with 25 students per class) and if the average teaching career pattern after a study visit to the Arab world is 15-20 years of continued teaching, then these faculty will cumulatively touch hundreds of thousands of students in ways that increase their awareness of the Arab world, sensitize them to the values of Arab culture and civilization, and increase their interest in a part of the world about which they knew little before. In this way, each educator and leader who takes part in a Council study visit provides an ongoing return on the investment made in improving their empirical knowledge and understanding.

For example, last fall a National Council delegation of 16 HRH Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Fellows visited the Arab Gulf. Before their departure, the fellows spent a day in Washington, D.C., participating in a pre-departure orientation at the National Council’s office, where they received briefings from: (1) Dr. John Duke Anthony; (2) Ambassador (Ret.) Richard Schmierer, former U.S.

Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman and member of the Board of Directors of the Middle East Policy Council; (3) Professor David Des Roches; (4) The Honorable Molly Williamson; (5) Ambassador (Ret.) Frances Cook, former U.S. Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman; U.S. Consul General in Alexandria, Egypt, and the first female chief of mission in the Gulf from any nation in the world; (6) Ambassador (Ret.) Greta Holtz, immediate past U.S. Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman and former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs. The delegation spent 11 days in the Gulf and were introduced to host-country government officials, businessmen, academics, and scholars. The Council’s Alwaleed Fellows also had the opportunity to visit numerous sites of cultural, developmental, and historical interest.

Further enhancing the “multiplier effect” of the Alwaleed Fellowship study visits, the National Council requires fellows to complete a follow-up outreach program to spread what they learned visiting the Arab Gulf. For example, as a result of an August 2015 Alwaleed Fellowship visit (with outreach completed in August 2016) 8 educators gave presentations about Oman and the Arab Gulf to a combined audience of 763 individuals (“face-to-face reach”), placed articles in publications with a combined print circulation of 249,000 (online publishing views not available), appeared on local TV station programs with combined viewership of 30,000, and appeared on local radio shows with a combined listenership of 15,000. In addition, one of the fellows developed a book proposal based on his experience that has been accepted by a publishing company, and another of the fellows published and presented academic research based on his visit through the Jeddah-based Gulf Research Center.

NATIONAL COUNCIL'S MALONE FELLOWSHIP VISIT TO OMAN

In February-March 2017, a delegation of U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) officers, National Council Malone Fellows in Arab and Islamic Studies, and other American foreign affairs specialists participated in the Council's 21st Annual Cultural Immersion Program in Oman. The delegation was led by National Council Founding President & CEO Dr. John Duke Anthony and Council Board Member John Pratt.

Since its inception in 1996, this particular National Council program has been and remains one of a kind. Many of the Council's programs in other Arab countries examine policymaking issues and topics related to economic and social development. The Council's programs in Oman for the past 21 years, however, have been and remain different. They are designed to provide hard-to-come-by information and empirical insight into not just these kinds of issues but, also, and especially, into Oman's cultural and anthropological dynamics.

The program unfolds primarily in half a dozen different regions outside the Sultanate's capital of Muscat. It does so in order to allow delegation members to experience the dynamics of what is not only one of the Arab world's most demographically, geographically, economically, and socially diverse



The National Council's Malone Fellow delegation visited Oman's Jabrin Castle and Fort, among the best preserved, architecturally stunning, and most impressive sites in all of the Sultanate. Built in 1675 by an Imam of the Ya'aruba dynasty (17th-18th centuries), it was an important center of learning for astrology, medicine, and Islamic law. Until the mid-nineteenth century, Jabrin was also the seat of a prosperous merchant community linked with the Indian sub-continent and East Africa.

Photo by Dr. John Duke Anthony.

countries. It does so also because of Oman's position adjacent to the Hormuz Strait, arguably the most strategically vital waterway on earth, through which one fifth of the world's globally traded oil transits daily. The program provides context, background, and perspective related to a broad range of dynamics that influence Oman's national development processes as well as its domestic priorities, international relations, and foreign policy objectives.

Before their departure for Oman, the Fellows participated in a two-day orientation program in Washington. Upon arrival in Oman, the delegation members participated in meetings and briefings by officials at the U.S. Embassy and Omani government ministries. They visited Bait Al-Zubair, one of Oman's world class cultural and historical museums in Muttrah, the commercial center of the capital territory. In addition, the Fellows spent time along the country's coasts, crisscrossing its numerous mountains and wadis, as well as camping under a moonlit and star-strewn sky in a desert outpost situated in Oman's vast Sharqiyah (Eastern) Sands, where they were

hosted by members of the Al-Harthy, the region's most prominent tribe.

Further into the interior, the Fellows visited remote villages, hilltop hamlets, and little known fruit and vegetable gardens tucked beneath groves of trees clinging to hillsides. In so doing, the participants were able to observe Oman's fisher folk, boat builders, weavers, potters, the faithful at prayer, women at work and at leisure, and school children at study and at play.

In Jabrin and Nizwa, located deep in Oman's interior, the Fellows made their way on foot through the architectural mazes and defense mechanisms of two of the country's centuries-old forts. Through mountains, deserts, wadis, and sea, the experience unfolded along the shores and inland reaches of the Indian Ocean, the Gulf of Oman, the Arabian Sea, and other storied places. All this transpired with Dr. Anthony and alongside an extraordinary Omani guide, Badar al-Yazeedi, who personifies the country's long history of residence and interaction within Arabia, the Gulf, and the Indian Ocean as well as Central and East Africa.



The National Council's Malone Fellow delegation spent two days aboard a traditional Arab sailing dhow, fashioned from wood and crafted by hand in the manner of Omani shipwrights and mariners of yesteryear, plying the sea in and out of the Hormuz Strait, the world's most strategically vital waterway. Photo: Dr. John Duke Anthony.

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FEBRUARY 16, 2017

WHAT ARAB-U.S. WAY FORWARD IN MAJOR CRISIS AREAS?

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- ❖ **Ms. Raghida Dergham**, Columnist, Senior Diplomatic Correspondent, and New York Bureau Chief, *Al Hayat*; Founder and Executive Chairman, Beirut Institute
- ❖ **Mr. Khalil Jahshan**, Executive Director, Arab Center Washington DC; Former President, National Association of Arab-Americans; and Former Vice President, American Committee on Jerusalem
- ❖ **Mr. Fahad Nazer**, International Affairs Fellow, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations; Consultant, Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Washington, DC; and Advisor, Gulf State Analytics
- ❖ **Dr. Theodore Karasik**, Senior Advisor, Gulf State Analytics; Adjunct Senior Fellow, Lexington Institute; and Former Director of Research, RAND Center for Middle East Public Policy
- ❖ **Dr. Imad Harb**, Director of Research and Analysis, Arab Center Washington DC; Distinguished International Affairs Fellow, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations
- ❖ **Dr. Hani Shennib**, Founding Chairman, National Council on U.S. Libya Relations

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MARCH 27, 2017

A CONVERSATION ABOUT ENERGY & DEVELOPMENT IN QATAR

Featured Specialist:

- ❖ **H.E. Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah**, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy & Industry, State of Qatar; Chairman, Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Attiyah International Foundation for Energy and Sustainable Development

Moderator:

- ❖ **Dr. Herman Franssen**, Executive Director, Energy Intelligence Group; President, International Energy Associates, Inc.; Senior Associate, Center for Strategic and International Studies; Adjunct Scholar; Middle East Institute; and Visiting Fellow, Centre for Global Energy Studies (London, UK)

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MARCH 29, 2017

THE FUTURE OF U.S.-GCC TRADE AND INVESTMENT

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- ❖ **Mr. Christopher Johnson**, Chairman, Middle East Council of American Chambers of Commerce; Attorney based in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Chairman, KKR Saudi Limited
- ❖ **Ms. Nahlah Al-Jubeir**, Director, Center for Career Development, Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission; Senior International Affairs Fellow, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations
- ❖ **Mr. Robert Hager**, Founding Chairman, American Chamber of Commerce in Qatar; Partner, Squire Patton Boggs
- ❖ **Dr. Karl Petrick**, Associate Professor of Economics, Western New England University; Coordinator, Middle East Council of American Chambers of Commerce/Western New England University Gulf Region Trade Project
- ❖ **Mr. Mike Jones**, Washington, D.C. Representative, Middle East Council of American Chambers of Commerce; Founding President, Capitol Capital Group, LLC

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MAY 4, 2017

PERSPECTIVES ON THE CONFLICT IN YEMEN

Co-Administered with the **Gulf Research Center (GRC)** as part of the GRC's series of workshops on Yemen at various institutes throughout the United States and Europe. The GRC's Yemen Workshops bring together major stakeholders in the conflict to explore the best way forward to bring peace and security to Yemen.

Participating Specialists:

- ❖ **Dr. Abdulaziz Sager**, Chairman, Gulf Research Center
- ❖ **His Excellency Dr. Ahmed Awad Bin Mubarak**, Ambassador of the Republic of Yemen to the United States
- ❖ **His Excellency Mohammed Al-Jabir**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Republic of Yemen
- ❖ **Mr. Mansour Al-Eid**, King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- ❖ **Dr. Mustafa Alani**, Gulf Research Center
- ❖ **Mr. Abdulrahman Aleryani**, Embassy of the Republic of Yemen
- ❖ **Dr. Omar Al-Zahrani**, Ministry of Interior, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- ❖ **Mr. Ahmed Al-Aqeely**, Ministry of Defense, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- ❖ **Dr. John Duke Anthony**, Founding President and CEO, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations



MAY 8, 2017

ECONOMIC DYNAMICS OF U.S.-GCC RELATIONS

Participating Specialists:

- ❖ **Ms. Khlood Aldukheil**, Managing Director, Aldukheil Financial Group; President, National Committee for Statistics, Council of Saudi Chambers
- ❖ **Mr. Khaled Alderbesti**, Senior Investment and Economic Consultant, Ministry of Economy & Commerce, State of Qatar
- ❖ **Dr. Ihsan Ali Bu-Hulaiga**, Founder, Joatha Consulting; Former Chairman of the Finance Committee, Majlis Al-Shura (Consultative Council) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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MAY 10, 2017

U.S.-LIBYA RELATIONS 2017: NEW VISION, HOPE, AND OPPORTUNITIES

Co-administered with the **National Council on US Libya Relations**, this full-day conference was convened to examine opportunities for partnerships and investment in the Libyan energy, infrastructure, banking, and security sectors; explore the future of U.S.-Libya relations at the commencement of a new U.S. presidential administration; and discuss strategies for moving forward toward mutually beneficial growth and prosperity.

Participating Specialists Included:

- ❖ **Mr. Saddek Omar Ali Elkaber**, Governor, Central Bank of Libya
- ❖ **H.E. Ali Al-Qatrani**, Vice President, Libyan Presidency Council
- ❖ **H.E. Dr. Mahmoud Jebril**, Former Prime Minister of Libya
- ❖ **H.E. Ali Zeidan**, Former Prime Minister of Libya
- ❖ **H.E. Mossa El-Kony**, Former Deputy Prime Minister, Government of National Accord, and Former Member, Presidency Council
- ❖ **Mr. Mohamed Mohamed Ben Yousef**, General Manager, Libyan Foreign Bank
- ❖ **Dr. Syed Jaffar Hussain**, Representative & Head of Mission, World Health Organization for Libya, U.N. Resident & Humanitarian Coordinator in Libya
- ❖ **Ms. Zahra Langhi**, Chairperson, Libyan Women's Platform for Peace
- ❖ **Dr. Paul Sullivan**, Professor of Economics, National Defense University, and Senior International Affairs Fellow, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations





JUNE 20, 2017

**VISION 2030:
ENHANCING AMERICAN AND SAUDI ARABIAN
BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT DYNAMICS**

Participating Specialists:

- ❖ **Dr. Paul Sullivan**, Professor of Economics, National Defense University, and Senior International Affairs Fellow, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations
- ❖ **Mr. Fahad Nazer**, International Affairs Fellow, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, and Consultant, Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Washington, DC
- ❖ **Mr. Edward Burton**, President and Chief Executive Officer, U.S.-Saudi Arabian Business Council, and Author, *Business and Entrepreneurship in Saudi Arabia* (2016)

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SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

HUMANITARIAN CHALLENGES IN YEMEN

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Located between the Tigris and Euphrates in what today is Iraq, the ancient city of Babylon was first mentioned in the historical record in the 23rd century BC. At its magnificent peak, Babylon's most important artery was the Processional Way, a paved road embellished with reliefs of bulls and dragons that began at the Gate of Ishtar.

The gate, a potent symbol of ancient Babylon's magnificence, was largely removed from Iraq by German archaeologists after World War I, along with most of the lions in relief that once decorated the walls of the Processional Way. A portion of the gate can now be seen in the Pergamon Museum in Berlin. Saddam Hussein began reconstruction on Babylonian ruins in the 1980s (a reconstructed, smaller replica of the Ishtar Gate is seen here) but the project was soon abandoned.

In 2003 and 2004, American and Polish troops turned the area of the ancient city's archaeological site, including the Gate of Ishtar, Processional Way, and Temple of Ninmah, into a military base during their occupation of Iraq. According to a study by the British Museum, the damage caused by the occupying forces to one of the most important archaeological sites in the world was extensive.

Photos by Dr. John Duke Anthony, 1986.



The distinctive waterwheels of Hama, also known as the Norias of Hama, are large wooden wheels on the banks of the Orontes River. They lift water from the river into aqueducts and other channeling systems at the summit of the wheel's rotation. Early iterations of Hama's norias date back to at least the 5th century, though the 17 that remain today date mostly from the Ayyubid period and were rebuilt and added to in the Mameluke and Ottoman periods.

Photo by Dr. John Duke Anthony, mid-1990s.

PARTNER HIGHLIGHT: BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING & REFUGEES DIRECTLY

Bridges of Understanding is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit, nonpolitical organization driven by the mission to foster a personal understanding between the American people and people of the Arab World through original education and outreach initiatives. As tensions between regions intensify and the refugee crisis escalates, thought-provoking lessons and dialogues at the desk, in the field, and online serve to humanize ‘the other’ — so that the very notion may soon cease to exist.

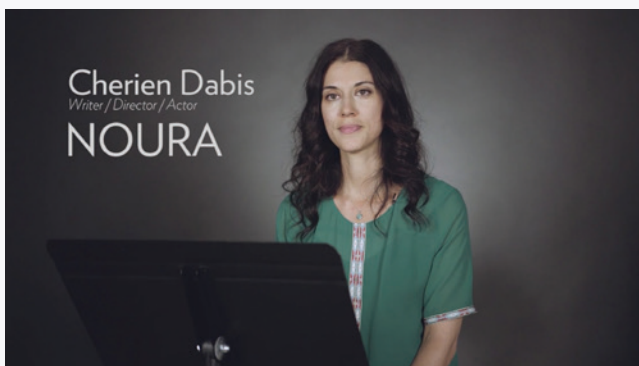


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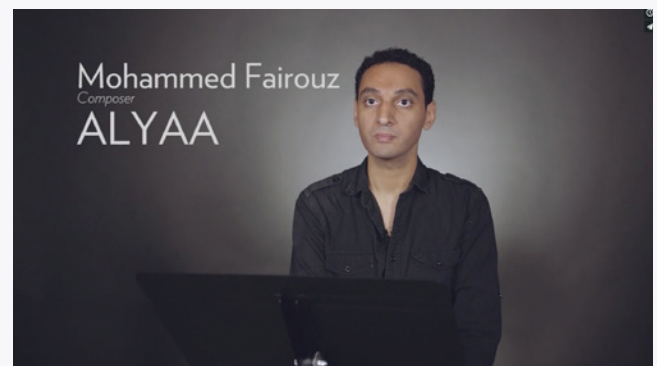
Places of Pilgrimage

Places of Pilgrimage, a Bridges of Understanding initiative, was originally created by Heather Raffo and developed with the Epic Theatre Ensemble through the generous support of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. This video and podcast series provides a platform for the stories of and relating to Arabs living in marginalized communities, providing a startling and frank look at the life-altering journeys that trailblazing individuals have taken and the bravery required to talk about them. Most importantly, they use their own words — words that never fail to resonate across cultures and regions.

In this series, individuals and their stories have been paired with prominent Arab artists across all kinds of media – theatre creatives, film and television actors, and composers. The artist reads the piece aloud, then sits down with author to have a frank discussion about their shared human experience and issues of identity as peoples of the (Middle) East and West collide.



Actor/writer/director Cherien Dabis lends her voice to share the story of Noura, a young Egyptian American woman who demands religious freedoms and liberties.



Composer Mohammed Fairouz lends his voice to share the story of Alyaa, a young woman who seeks refuge and peace in the UK after a life marked by war and turmoil on the soils of Iraq.

For more information, please visit:

newsdeeply.com/refugees/partners/bridges-of-understanding



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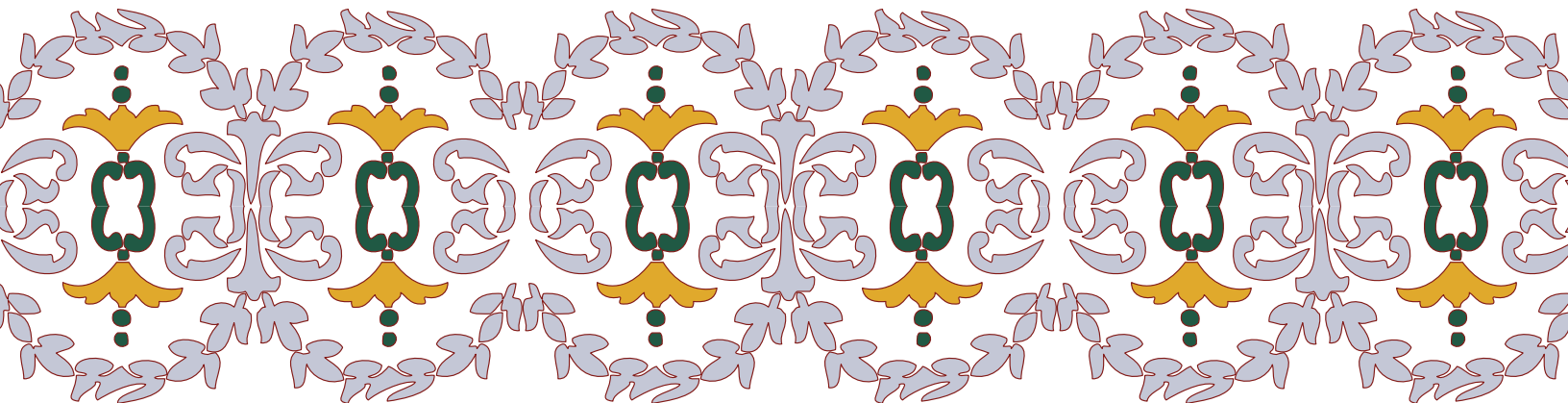
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