

National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations

Summer 2009

Washington, DC Internship Program



"This is an absolutely necessary experience for anyone with a deep interest in the Arab and Islamic world and who doesn't want the average summer internship. It has been a truly indispensable part of my education that both fostered and transformed my fascination with this vital region."

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"The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is responsible for where I am today -- it was my National Council scholarship to study in the region that not only caused me to fall in love with the Arab world, but also introduced me to the Foreign Service. After college and an internship with the National Council, I joined the Foreign Service at twenty-three determined to specialize in the Arab world, and that is precisely what I have done

**Foreign Service Officer,
U.S. Department of State**

Dear Friends of the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations:

The words above were written only a few weeks ago, though they relate to a student's experiences with the National Council traveling in the Middle East as a student and working in the Washington office as an intern – more than two decades ago. These recollections of the importance of the National Council programs in shaping the transformation of a young person from an enthralled high school student traveler, to an engaged learner at university seriously encountering the history, culture, and language of the Arab world, into a perceptive, responsible, experienced foreign affairs professional are gratifying. But, these same words also constitute a challenge: is the metamorphosis of one young person described here a unique occurrence, or can the National Council offer similar challenging and transformative experiences to succeeding generations of students and emerging leaders?

I am pleased to share with you this record of the activities of our Summer 2009 interns. Participation in the National Council's summer internship program is competitive and highly selective. Each intern worked full-time in an organization whose focus was United States foreign policy and whose concerns dealt frequently with the Arab-U.S. relations. In addition, the interns met in academic seminars two evenings a week and met on-site with foreign affairs professionals, who modeled a wide-variety of possible career directions, on a weekly basis. This document is a record of those activities.

The National Council describes its mission as educational outreach, and leadership development is a large part of that agenda. Here you will meet an exceptional group of young people whose college studies, international interests, and personal experience brought them to a point where they were willing to devote a summer to working and studying in Washington, D.C. in order to better understand the complexities and the nuances of U.S.-Arab relations. These pages tell the story of their experience, demonstrate evidence of their growth, and offer proof that such internship experiences can and do change lives.

You'll find the reflections of this summer's interns throughout this document. I will let those words attest to the power and the impact of this experience on their intellectual and professional lives.

President and CEO
National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations

**National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations
2009 Summer Internship Program**

<u>University</u>	<u>Major(s)/Minor(s)</u>
George Mason University (Virginia)	Global Affairs – Middle East and North Africa
Tennessee Tech University	Political Science
University of Florida	Political Science/ International Relations
Indiana University	Near Eastern Languages and Cultures/ Economics
University of Texas at Austin	History/ Foreign Policy
Gettysburg College (Pennsylvania)	Religion/ Islamic Studies
The College of William and Mary Virginia	Middle Eastern Studies/Psychology
University of Connecticut	Political Science
Brown University (Rhode Island)	International Relations
Grand Valley State University	International Relations/History/Middle East Studies
University of St. Andrews (UK/Scotland)	MA Honours German/ International Relations
University of Vermont	Political Science/ Middle Eastern Studies
University of Virginia	Middle Eastern Studies
College of William and Mary	History/Middle Eastern Studies
University of Michigan	World Politics: Arab, Armenia, Persian, Turkish, Islamic Studies
Colby College (Maine)	International Studies
University of Montana	History/ Central and Southwest Asian Studies
Hobart and William Smith College (NY)	Religious Studies and Ancient Greek

University

Major(s)/Minor(s)

Pennsylvania State University	International Politics/ International Relations
Georgia State University	MA – International Business/International Affairs
Grand Valley State University	French/ International Relations
Ithaca College (New York)	History
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	Political Science/Public Administration
Duke University	Public Policy Studies/Arabic and Hebrew
University of Arkansas	International Relations/Middle Eastern Studies

In Appreciation to Our Friends and Supporters



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

The National Council wishes to thank the Olayan Corporation for its support of the National Council's University Student Summer Internship Program. In addition we extend thanks to Ambassador Edward W. Gnehm, Jr. and Dean Michael Brown of the Elliot School of International Affairs at The George Washington University for the use of their facilities. We also wish to extend our thanks to each of the organizations that hosted interns this summer and to each of the speakers, embassies, and organizations that met with the National Council interns in the course of the summer.

As in years past, the National Council was able to place its interns in a wide variety of organizations and corporations with interests in the Arab and Islamic worlds. These institutions identify with what the Council seeks to accomplish through its summer internship program: providing meaningful professional Arab-U.S. relations work experience to America's emerging leaders of tomorrow. Among the activities and functions the organizations that participated this past summer represent are international transportation, education and development as well as exchange, bimonthly and quarterly publications, humanitarian relief, public broadcasting, academic area studies, foreign trade, and peace and justice advocacy – all of them in one way or another involving the pursuit of a strengthened and expanded Arab-U.S. relationship.

National Council Summer Internship Program Schedule for June 1- August 7, 2009

Monday, June 1

Orientation Session – National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations Offices

Dr. John Duke Anthony, NCUSAR President and CEO

“An American NGO’s Position and Role in U.S.-Arab Relations”

National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations

1730 M St. NW, Suite 503

10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Metro: DuPont Circle or Farragut North



- Further content to include introductions, expectations, outline of program, NC history and context, various forms and handouts distributed.
- Interns to be at placement by 2 PM unless other arrangements have been made with supervisors

“My internship gave me tasks that not only challenged me but were integral to the operations of the organization. The best example is probably the essay contest that I worked on. I was assigned responsibility for the project and given wide freedom to implement it as I saw fit. We got over 850 submissions. It was a huge project administratively and in terms of time and effort. The challenge forced me to grow in my work habits and skills.”

Summer 2009 Intern

June 2 (Tuesday)

Dr. John Duke Anthony



“Understanding the Arab World: Lenses Through Which to Look and Learn”

George Washington University, Elliot School of International Affairs

1957 E St, NW

Room 303A, 6-7:30

Metro: Foggy Bottom



June 3 (Wednesday)

DC Services and Arts Session – Volunteerism in Washington, D.C.

Venise Byrams, CHEVRON Corporation

Martha's Table – represented by Martha Katz

Duke Ellington Jazz Festival

GWU – Room 303A, 12-1:30 p.m.



Human Energy



June 4 (Thursday)

Obama Cairo speech and analysis – Dr. Anthony

GWU – Room 303A, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

“So long as our relationship is defined by our differences, we will empower those who sow hatred rather than peace, and who promote conflict rather than the cooperation that can help all of our people achieve justice and prosperity. This cycle of suspicion and discord must end.”



“I have come here to seek a new beginning between the United States and Muslims around the world; one based upon mutual interest and mutual respect; and one based upon the truth that America and Islam are not exclusive, and need not be in competition. Instead, they overlap, and share common principles - principles of justice and progress; tolerance and the dignity of all human beings.”

Barak Obama
President of the United States
Cairo, Egypt June 4, 2009

Tuesday, June 9
Hussein Ibish, American Task Force on Palestine
The Arab-Israeli Conflict
GWU – 303A, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



June 10
Visit to the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia
601 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Metro: Foggy Bottom



understanding



Thursday, June 11

Dr. Peter Bechtold

“Understanding Islam” [in preparation for next week’s visit to the National Islamic Center]

GWU/Elliot School of International Affairs – 303A,
6:00 -7:30 p.m.

- Chairman *emeritus*, Near East North Africa Area Studies, Foreign Service Institute, Dept of State
- Mid East Seminars & Orientations - Introductory to Advanced - Politics, Religion, History, US Policy, Economics, Palestine/Israel Conflict
- Graduate level courses/seminars taught at Foreign Service Institute, Georgetown, George Washington, Johns Hopkins, Maryland, Oregon Universities; Army, Naval, Air War Colleges; Marine Corps & National Defense Universities
- Field research in 25 Mid East countries, from Egypt to Israel to Iraq to Kazakhstan to the Gulf
- Publications: Politics in the Sudan, 20+ articles, book chapters, encyclopedia entries, bibliographies and videography
- Fluent in Arabic (4 dialects & classical), German, French
- PhD (double) & MA, Princeton University
- Soccer coach & enthusiast



Tuesday, June 16 [replaces our regularly scheduled session]

APPSIA

ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Graduate Schools of International Affairs/ Public Affairs Reception

Johns Hopkins University, Nitze School of Advanced International Studies [SAIS]

Paul H. Nitze Building

1740 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

Explore opportunities for career advancement by meeting with representatives of five top graduate schools of international affairs and public policy to learn about their academic programs, activities, and career development resources.

SCHEDULE:

5:30 to 6:00 p.m. - Registration and Arrival

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Comments from program representatives, current students, alumni

7:00 to 7:30 p.m. - Mingling (drinks and light hors d’oeuvres will be served)

Admissions representatives, alumni, and current students from the following schools will be present at the reception. By filling in this registration information, your contact information will be shared with all five schools.

**Georgetown University
Columbia University
Johns Hopkins University
Princeton University
Tufts University**

**Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service
School of International and Public Affairs
Nitze School of Advanced International Studies [SAIS]
Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs
Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy**

[Please note: ALL National Council interns have been registered for this event in advance.]



**THE FLETCHER
SCHOOL**
TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Wednesday, June 17

Visit to the Islamic Center of Washington, DC

2551 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

12 Noon – 1:30 p.m.

[Please be certain to arrive before 12 Noon so that we can enter as a group.]



Thursday, June 18

Dr. Peter Bechtold

“Career Directions in Foreign Affairs – U.S. Government, International Organizations, and NGOs”

GWU/Elliott School of International Affairs – 303A, 6:00 -7:30 p.m.



“I was exposed to a wide range of career paths which were previously not on my radar. The things I learned from people to whom I would not normally have access were priceless.”

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Monday, June 22 – All interns have been registered for this program.



NEXT AMERICA

Debate. Decide. Connect.

Young Professionals in Foreign Policy and the Next America Summit

3:00 - 6:00pm

Reception to Follow

Center for Strategic and International Studies [CSIS]

B-1 Conference Center

1800 K Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20006

"A New Vision for America's Future:

Young Leaders Shaping an International Agenda"

Keynote Address: Derek Chollet
Principal Deputy Director, Department of State Policy Planning

Derek Chollet is the Principal Deputy Director of the Secretary's Policy Planning Staff. Prior to joining the State Department, he was a Senior Fellow at The Center for a New American Security (CNAS), a non-resident fellow in the Brookings Institution's Global Economy and Development Program and an adjunct associate professor at Georgetown University. During the Bill Clinton administration, he served in the State Department in several capacities, including as Chief Speechwriter for U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Richard Holbrooke, and Special Adviser to Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott.



Followed by a Roundtable Discussion with Young Leaders

The Next America Project seeks to engage future leaders in a substantive international policy debate in order to shape a new vision for America's role in the world. Next America has challenged young leaders to develop a vision for tackling tomorrow's toughest issues.

On June 22, Next America Fellows will present this vision for the future of U.S. global engagement. Please visit <http://nextamerica.csis.org> for more information.

Tuesday, June 23

Dr. Peter Bechtold

"U.S. Foreign Policy and the Arab World: From GW to GW and now on to Obama"

GWU/Elliott School of International Affairs – 303A, 6-7:30



Thursday, June 25 **Ms. M. Kay Larcom**
Manager, Federal and International Affairs, ConocoPhillips Company
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.



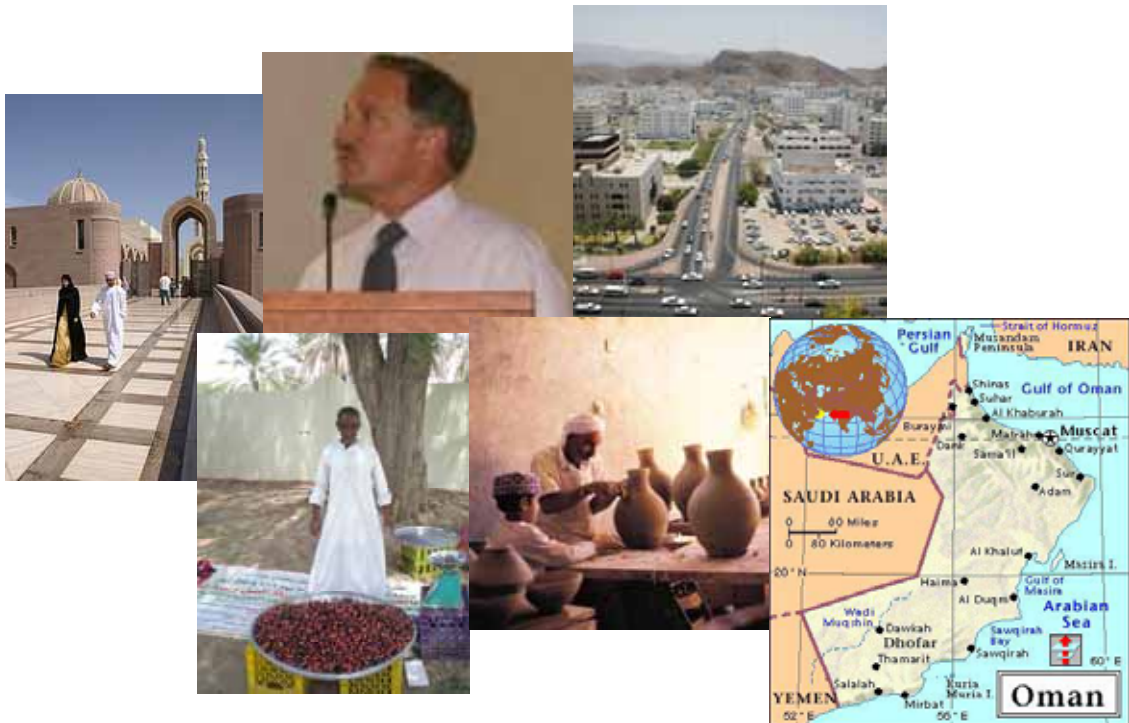
“Representing ConocoPhillips: From the Arab World to Inside the Beltway”
ConocoPhillips Company
1776 I Street, NW,
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20006



“This internship provided opportunity after opportunity to network, to develop my professional background, to hone the skills I already had, to attend professional conferences and panel discussions, and overall to take advantage of the many professional opportunities D.C. provides.”

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Thursday, June 25
Mr. David Bosch
“Changing Visions of the Arab World, Arab Visions of a Changing World”
GWU/Elliott School of International Affairs – 303A, 6:00-7:30

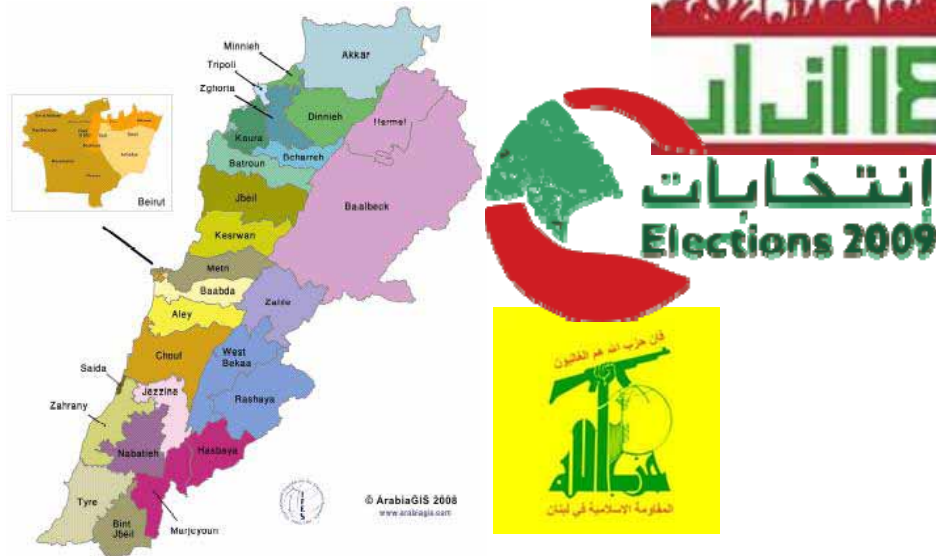


Tuesday, June 30

Dr. Bassam Haddad

“Analyzing the Recent Elections in Lebanon: The Politics of Coalition Building”

GWU/Elliott School of International Affairs – 303A, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



Wednesday, July 1

Embassy of Qatar

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.



National Council on U.S.- Arab Relations 2009 Summer Interns enjoyed the hospitality of the Embassy of the State of Qatar and profited from an extended conversation with Mr. Essa M. Al-Mannai of the embassy staff.

6:30 p.m. **FILM SCREENING** at the Jerusalem Fund, 2425 Virginia Avenue, NW
[Nearest Metro = Foggy Bottom . . . near GWU and Saudi Embassy]
“Voices of Palestine” Film Festival [optional outside event]

Pomegranates and Myrrh (Al Mor wa al Rumman)

Director: Najwa Najjar / 95 minutes / 2009

Special preview before film tour this fall!

In person Q&A with Director Najwa Najjar after the screening.

Dancer Kamar’s joyful wedding to Zaid is followed almost immediately by Zaid’s imprisonment in an Israeli jail for refusing to give up his land. Free-spirited Kamar wants to support her husband and be a dutiful wife but struggles with the idea of giving up dance and her own dreams. Matters are complicated when a new dance instructor, Kais, returns to the studio after many years in Lebanon and takes a special interest in Kamar. She struggles to deal with the weight of Kais’s attention, which brings to the surface her attempts to balance her own desires with her duties as the wife of a prisoner. Like the character of



Kamar herself, Najwa Najjar’s filmmaking (in her debut feature) is matter-of-fact about Kamar’s situation. Instead of manufacturing melodrama, Najjar stays focused on her protagonist’s insistence on seeing her life, like anyone else’s, as an opportunity for joy. The constant interference of the external conflict—her husband’s arrest, the squatters on her land, and the soldiers filling the streets—is an unavoidable aspect of Kamar’s existence but one that she will not allow to deter her. Najjar’s intimate storytelling and Yasmine Al Massri’s sensitive portrayal of Kamar create a film that addresses honestly the way a woman might face the realities of life in modern-day Palestine while refusing to be defined by them.

Thursday, July 2 [optional outside event]

Americans for Peace Now

The Peace Beat: Arab and Israeli Journalists Discuss the Prospects for Arab-Israeli Peace

Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2200

5:30 pm



Nathan Guttman is the Washington correspondent of Israel's public TV network - Channel 1 and Israel's public radio, Kol Israel. He is also the Washington Bureau Chief for the Forward, America's Jewish paper of record.

For the past two decades Nathan closely followed the Israeli-Arab peace process and U.S.-Israeli relationship as a reporter and editor for Israel's major news organizations. Nathan has been

based out of Washington DC since 2001, where he also served as Bureau Chief for Israel's Haaretz newspaper and for the Jerusalem Post.

Salameh Nematt is the International Editor with The Daily Beast, an online newspaper, writing on international affairs, with a focus on the Middle East. He previously served as the Washington Bureau Chief for the London-based Arab international newspaper Al Hayat.

Salameh's reports from Washington include coverage of the U.S. involvement in Iraq, the global war on terrorism, the Arab-Israeli peace process, and the drive for democratization in the Middle East. Before coming to Washington, Salameh reported for al-Hayat from London and Jordan, was the chief political correspondent of the Jordan Times and of the Jordanian al-Rai, reported from Jordan for the BBC, and had a short stint as the head of the Strategy Unit at Jordan's Royal Court, an advisory post for the King.

Thursday, July 2	Seminar Session cancelled because of holiday weekend
Friday, July 3	FEDERAL HOLIDAY – OFFICES CLOSED
Saturday, July 4	Fourth of July Holiday Weekend
Sunday, July 5	

Tuesday, July 7

Dr. John Duke Anthony

“The Changing Nature of U.S. Interests in the Arab World: Implications for American Policy”

GWU/Elliott School of International Affairs – 303A, 6-7:30



Wednesday, July 8
12 Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain
3502 International Drive, NW



Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain



Wednesday, 8 July 2009 | 6:30 p.m. “Voices of Palestine” Film Festival
[optional outside event]

Young Freud in Gaza

Director: PeA Holmquist and Suzanne Khardalian / 58 minutes / 2009

<http://www.icarusfilms.com/new2009/yf.html>

YOUNG FREUD IN GAZA profiles Ayed, a young psychotherapist for the Palestinian Authority's Clinic for Mental Health, and shows his consultations with a variety of patients, both male and female, adults and children, in his office and during house calls, providing therapy or prescribing medication for depression, stress, anxiety attacks and suicidal tendencies.



Filed during 2006-2008, against the violent backdrop of armed clashes between Hamas and Fatah factions, Israeli missile attacks and the constant overhead presence of a surveillance dirigible, the film shows Ayed training young wives and mothers in deep-breathing exercises to calm anxiety, counseling maimed Hamas and Fatah militants in meditation techniques, and leading children in group therapy sessions in which they discuss their reaction to the death of siblings and draw pictures to cope with their emotions.

Thursday, July 9

Dr. Peter Gubser (former President of ANERA)

“Salaheddin (Sultan Al-Nasser Salaheddin Al-Ayubi): Historic Leader and Political Icon”

GWU/Elliott School of International Affairs – 303A, 6-7:30



SALAHEDDIN was born in Tikrit in Iraq and joined the military at the age of 15, eventually establishing himself as a prominent military leader and devout Muslim. At the height of his power his Ayyubid Dynasty ruled Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Hejaz and Yemen. His achievements included the recapture of Jerusalem from the Knights Templar in 1187; the restoration of Sunni Islam in Egypt; and the foundation of schools and mosques. By the time he died in 1193 he had gained a reputation throughout Europe as a great warrior and chivalrous adversary, and was revered in the Muslim world.

Monday, July 13

12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Visit to the Freer and Sackler Galleries – Smithsonian Museum

The galleries are located on the National Mall, the grassy area between the Capitol and the Washington Monument, steps from the Smithsonian Metro stop. The Sackler Gallery is located at 1050 Independence Avenue, SW. The Freer Gallery of Art is located at Jefferson Drive at 12th Street, SW.



Smithsonian
*Freer Gallery of Art and
Arthur M. Sackler Gallery*

Docent-Guided tour: Arts of the Islamic World

The works on view here represent the three principal media for artistic expression in the Islamic world: architecture (both religious and secular), the arts of the book (calligraphy, illustration, illumination, and bookbinding), and the arts of the object (ceramics, metalwork, glass, woodwork, textiles, and ivory). The

works date from the 9th to the 17th century. On view are brass bowls and candlesticks, folios from the Koran, earthenware and ceramics, and paintings representing the traditions of Iran, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, and other parts of North Africa, Turkey, Afghanistan, and Uzbekistan.



Docent-Guided tour:

The Tsars and the East: Gifts From Turkey and Iran in the Moscow Kremlin

Organized by the Smithsonian Institution's Arthur M. Sackler Gallery in collaboration with The Moscow Kremlin Museums, this presentation features more than sixty exceptional objects that large embassies, diplomatic missions, and trade delegations from Ottoman Turkey and Safavid Iran offered to the tsars of Russia. Ranging in date from the early sixteenth to the late seventeenth century, these lavish gifts and tributes include rarely seen arms and armor and jeweled ceremonial vessels and regalia intended for the Russian court or the Orthodox Church. Some of the finest pieces are equestrian in nature: stirrups with pearls, golden bridles with turquoises and rubies, and saddles covered with velvet and silk. The exhibition, only on view in Washington, D.C., explores the reasons why these extraordinary gifts were presented, their artistic and cultural impact, and how they inspired artists to develop a highly original visual identity that became a potent symbol for the Russian state and the Orthodox Church.

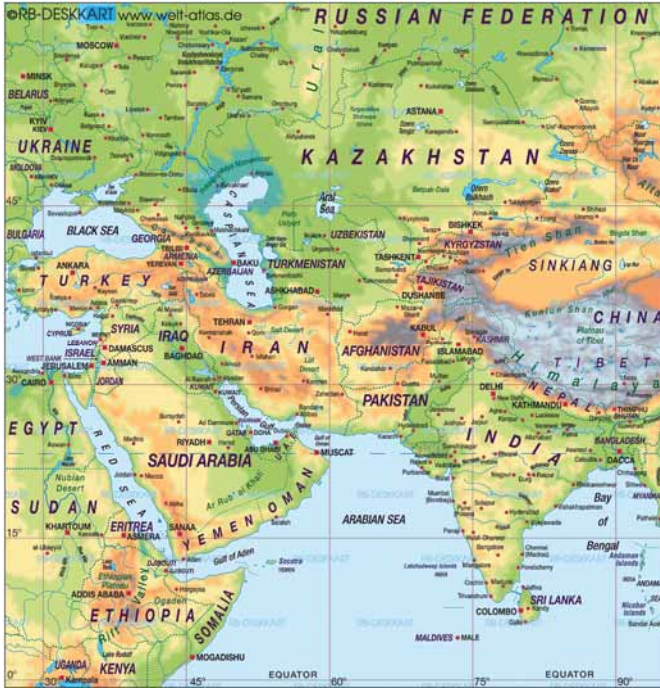


Tuesday, July 14

Dr. John Duke Anthony

“Saudi Arabia in Its Regional Setting: Convergence and Divergence”

GWU/Elliott School of International Affairs – 303A, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

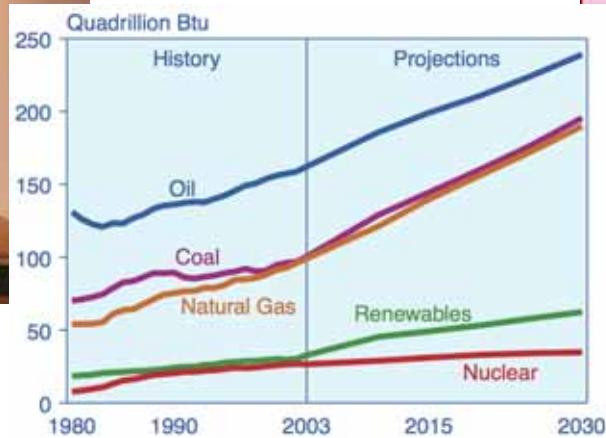
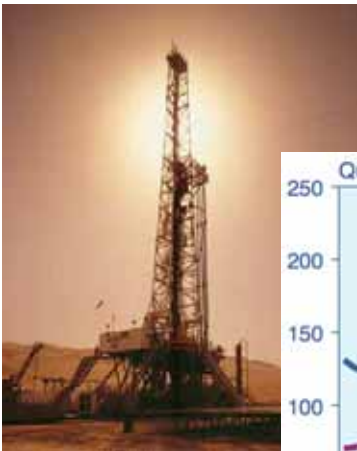


Wednesday, July 15

Visit to Aramco Services Company

“Saudi Arabia and International Energy”

1667 K Street, Suite 1200





Wednesday, 15 July 2009 | 6:30 p.m.
"Voices of Palestine" Film Festival

[Slingshot Hip Hop](#)

Director: Jackie Reem Salloum / 94 minutes / 2008
In person Q&A with Director Jackie Reem Salloum
and Hip Hop Artist Abeer Alzinaty, who was
featured in the film, after the screening.

<http://slingshothiphop.com/>

Slingshot Hip Hop braids together the stories of young Palestinians living in Gaza, the West Bank and inside Israel as they discover Hip Hop and employ it as a tool to surmount divisions imposed by occupation and poverty. From internal checkpoints and Separation Walls to gender norms and generational differences, this is the story of young people crossing the borders that separate them.



Thursday, July 16 [optional outside event]
Partnership for Public Service Career Fair
National Building Museum, 401 F Street, NW.
3:00-7:00 p.m.

This is a special event for summer interns in Washington, D.C.
Recruiters from a wide variety of government agencies will be present.
For more information, visit www.ourpublicservice.org/careerfair

Thursday, July 16

Dr. John Duke Anthony

“Saudi Arabia’s Domestic Dynamics: Elites, Interest Groups, and National Development Processes”

GWU/Elliot School of International Affairs – 303A, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



“This was a great internship that opened my eyes to my own false assumptions about the Arab world, exposed me to new information that is not often reported in the newspapers and the media, and helped me to understand that the world often looks through Arab eyes than it does through American eyes. That realization gave me a whole new perspective on the foreign policymaking process.”

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Friday, July 17

Omani Cultural Evening
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Sultan Qaboos Center
Middle East Institute's Islamic Garden
1761 N Street, NW



Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center



Monday, July 20

Dr. John Duke Anthony

“Arab Regional Organizations: Context, Background, Perspective”

GWU/Elliott School of International Affairs – 303A, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



Tuesday, July 21

Jeremy Ben-Ami, Executive Director

J-Street

GWU/Elliot School of International Affairs – 303A, 6:00-7:30

“J Street is the political arm of the pro-Israel, pro-peace movement. We seek to change the direction of American policy in the Middle East and to broaden the public and policy debate in the United States about the Middle East. We support strong American leadership to end the Arab-Israeli and Palestinian-Israeli conflicts peacefully and diplomatically. We support Israel and its desire for security as the Jewish homeland, as well as the right of the Palestinians to a sovereign state of their own – two states living side-by-side in peace and security.”



Wednesday, July 22

12 Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Visit to Central Intelligence Agency

Langley, Virginia

[Bus leaves National Council offices promptly at 12 Noon and returns approximately 5:00 p.m.]



Wednesday, 22 July 2009 | 6:30 p.m. "Voices of Palestine" Film Festival
[optional outside event]

[Salt of this Sea \(Milh Hadha al-Bahr\)](#)

Director: Annemarie Jacir / 109 minutes / 2008

View Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pniYIgMTPhI>

Soraya, 28, born and raised in Brooklyn, decides to return to live in Palestine, the country her family was exiled from in 1948. On arriving in Ramallah, Soraya tries to recover her grandparent's money, frozen in an account in Jaffa, but is refused by the bank. She meets Emad, a young Palestinian whose ambition, contrary to hers, is to leave forever. Tired of the constraints that dictate their lives, Soraya and Emad know in order to be free, they must take things into their own hands, even it means breaking the law. In this quest for life, we follow their trail through remains of a lost Palestine.

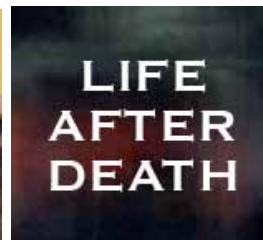


Thursday, July 23

Layalina Productions – "Life After Death"

Discussion of 9-11 and Its Aftermath, including "Islamophobia"

GWU/Elliot School of International Affairs – 303A, 6-7:30



Vision

Layalina is dedicated to bridging the growing divide between the Arab world and the United States by fostering cultural, educational, and professional dialogues through effective television programming and publications.

Goals

- Address the negative stereotypes about the United States by providing Arabic-speaking television viewers with programming that is honest, positive, and entertaining.
- Promote understanding between the Arabic-speaking world and the United States.
- Provide a forum for the people of the Arab world to constructively air their concerns and opinions.

- Set, through example, a more professional standard for Arab television by producing and airing a polished product based on the highest international journalistic standards and the best of Hollywood creativity.

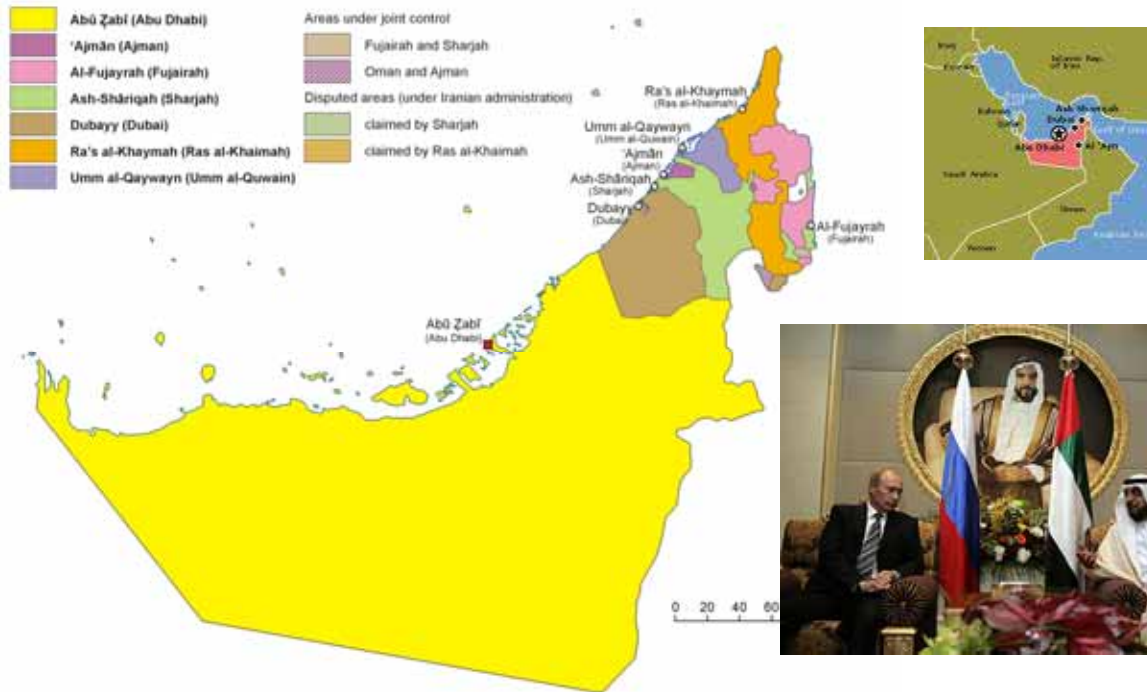
Personally, I was able to meet people who shared my interests in the Arab world and the Near East. I was able to share my opinions and to have honest discussions with everyone. I felt completely comfortable, and often our discussions carried over into social occasions and the weekend. Professionally, I was able to narrow my career path and see more clearly the wide range of opportunities I have to work in this field.”

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Monday, July 27

Dr. John Duke Anthony

“Arab Experiments in Regional Political Integration: The United Arab Emirates in Context”



“The Sultanate of Oman: A Study in the Dynamics of Culture, History, and Matters of Faith and Spiritual Devotion”

GWU/Elliott School of International Affairs – 303A, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



Tuesday, July 28

Dr. John Duke Anthony

“Yemen: Domestic Dynamics, International Positions and Roles”

GWU/Elliott School of International Affairs – 303A, 6:00-7:30 p.m.



Wednesday, July 29

United State Capitol – U.S. Congress

**Discussion with Members of Homeland Security Committee Staff,
Capitol Tour, and access to HSC Hearing on Pandemic Flu**

Longworth Building, Room 1539, Fifth Floor, 1 p.m

Committee on Homeland Security Platform



Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS)
Chairman



Peter T. King (R-NY)
Ranking Member

- Improving the Governance, Functionality, and Accountability of the Department of Homeland Security
- Enhancing Security for All Modes of Transportation
- Strengthening our Nation: Response, Resilience, and Recovery
- Shielding the Nation’s Critical Infrastructure from Attacks
- Securing the Homeland and Preserving Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties
- Connecting the Dots: Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Interoperability
- Implementing Common Sense Border and Port Security
- Inspiring Minds and Developing Technology—The Future of Homeland Security

Wednesday, 29 July 2009 | 6:30 p.m. “Voices of Palestine” Film Festival
[optional outside event]

[Chronicles of a Refugee: Identity Without a Homeland](http://www.chronicsofarefugee.org/)

Director: Perla Issa, Aseel Mansour and Adam Shapiro / 78 minutes / 2008
<http://www.chronicsofarefugee.org/>

Chronicles of a Refugee is a six-part documentary series looking at the global Palestinian refugee experience over the last sixty years. The fourth part of the series, “Identity Without a Homeland” starts to unpack the meaning and attributes of Palestinian identity today, given the experience of 60 years of dispossession and refugee status around the world. Taboo subjects, such as the role of refugee camps, the usefulness of citizenship, etc. are debated by those who live with the consequences of decisions taken about these matters.



Thursday, July 30
Dr. Peter Bechtold
"Sudan and Darfur"

GWU/Elliott School of International Affairs – 303A, 6-7:30



Monday, August 3

1-3 pm, Visit to Director of National Intelligence and National Counter-Terrorism Center



OUR VISION - What We Will Become:

A Globally Networked and Integrated Intelligence Enterprise

OUR MISSION - What We Must Do:

Create Decision Advantage

OUR STRATEGY - How We Will Get There:

Integrate foreign, military, and domestic intelligence capabilities through policy, personnel and technology actions to provide decision advantage to policy makers, warfighters, homeland security officials and law enforcement personnel.

OUR VALUES - The Principles That Guide Us:

Commitment, Courage, Collaboration



MISSION

Lead our nation's effort to combat terrorism at home and abroad by analyzing the threat, sharing that information with our partners, and integrating all instruments of national power to ensure unity of effort.

Tuesday, August 4

Graduate School and Career Informational Seminar

GWU, 6:00-7:30 pm

Ms. Jenna Beveridge – Academic Programs Coordinator, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University

Dr. James Winship – Vice President, Programs, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations



“Professionally, I had plenty of opportunities to network that opened up new avenues in terms of career options. I also learned that often careers take varying courses and that the first few jobs will rarely be what you expect them to be.”

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Wednesday, August 5 Group “Farewell” Lunch – Marrakesh Palace



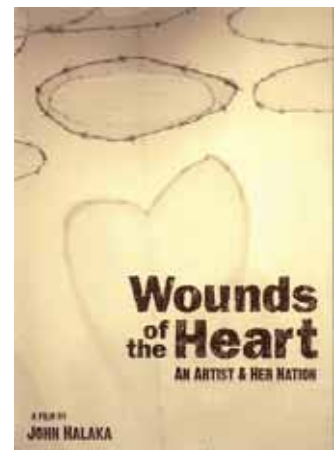
Wednesday, 5 August 2009 | 6:30 p.m.
“Voices of Palestine” Film Festival

[Wounds of the Heart: An Artist and Her Nation](#)

Director: John Halaka / 52 minutes / 2009

<http://www.sittingcrowproductions.com/WoundsOfTheHeart.html>

Born and raised in the village of Tarsheha in the Galilee, Rana Bishara is a Palestinian Visual Artist whose creative practice includes sculpture, installation work and performance art. Her artwork functions simultaneously as an elegy to the Palestinian Nakba (the Arabic term for The Great Disaster that began in 1948), an unmasking of the brutality of the Israeli occupation of Palestine and a critique of the biased Western media’s depiction of the Palestinians’ struggle against their occupiers. The objects employed in her artwork perform as surrogates for the body and spirit of Palestine and its people. Her work, in both its physical and conceptual manifestations is an expression of the inseparable blending of the personal and political experiences that define the identity of every Palestinian.



Bishara’s artwork is deeply embedded in and informed by the Palestinian experiences of displacement, exile and occupation and the desire of Palestinian refugees to return to the lands they were displaced from. Through her work, Rana wants to convey the wounds of the heart inflicted upon her father’s generation and subsequent generations of Palestinians. She wants to bear witness to a once multicultural Palestinian society that was destroyed in 1948 and a once thriving agricultural society that has been irrevocably changed.

Thursday, August 6

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Visit to State Department Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs**



Ambassador Ronald Schlicher – Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs

On July 20, 2009, Ronald Lewis Schlicher assumed duties as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs of the United States Department of State. Prior to his current position, Schlicher served as Principal Deputy Coordinator of Counterterrorism. Most recently (2005-2008), Schlicher served as U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus. In 2004-2005, Ambassador Schlicher served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA), where he served as Coordinator for Iraq. During the 2003 war with Iraq, Ambassador Schlicher was Director of the Iraq Task Force. He then served for six months in Iraq with the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), first as Regional Coordinator for the North and then as Director of the Office of Provincial Outreach.

Ambassador Schlicher is a Career Minister in the Senior Foreign Service. He entered the Foreign Service in January 1982. He was Vice-Consul in Dhahran from September 1982 to March 1984. From 1984-1986, he served as Consul in Damascus, Syria. He then returned to the Department as Staff Assistant to Assistant Secretary Richard Murphy in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs. From 1987-1989, he served as Deputy Principal Officer in Alexandria, Egypt. He then transferred to the Embassy in Cairo, where he served as First Secretary from 1989-1991, specializing in internal Egyptian politics and Islamic movements. In 1991-1992, Schlicher was Chief Civilian Observer in the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO), the organization that monitors the security provisions of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. Returning to the State Department, he served from 1992-1994 as a Deputy Director for Regional Affairs in the Office of the Coordinator for Counter-Terrorism (S/CT). From 1994-1997, Ambassador Schlicher served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Beirut, Lebanon.

Guided Tour of State Department Reception Rooms



Benjamin Franklin is considered the father of the American Foreign Service. In 1754 during the French and Indian War (1754–1763), he proposed the Albany Plan for intercolonial cooperation against military threats. Painted from life in 1758, this portrait by Benjamin Wilson highlights Franklin’s scientific achievements.





“Wrap-up Session with Program Alumni from 2008: Living, Working, and Surviving in Washington, D.C.”

GWU – 6:00-7:30 pm

Erin Berg, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

Stephanie Whitlatch, AMIDEAST

Mallory Doyle, Octo Consulting Group

Murtaza Hassonji, Capitol Hill

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Build your Washington network. Start from people you met during your internship and build outwards from there.

Don't be afraid to accept temporary work. It's a good way to prove your abilities, and sometimes it leads to the real thing.

Do your homework! Prepare for your job interviews. Rehearse questions you might ask a prospective employer.

You will not find a Washington, DC job overnight, but persistence pays off. Remember that the job you start in is the beginning, not the end, of your Washington career.

Friday, August 7

Formal internship program concludes.

“I really learned so much! This could be a survey course entitled ‘U.S.-Arab Relations Taught Through Current Events.’ During this internship I was afforded the opportunity to hear amazing lectures from prominent figures who work in this field. I will be recommending this program to other students in the future.”

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