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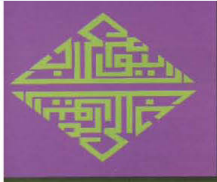
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## **Dr. John Duke Anthony**

has taught what is believed to be the first academic course in an American university on "Saudi Arabia and Gulf Politics." He was also the only American to contribute an essay to a volume commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) , in addition to authoring the annual essay on "Gulf-U.S. Relations" for the Gulf Yearbook's 2006 and 2007 editions. Dr. Anthony's essays on the GCC and on Gulf-U.S. relations appeared in Saudi-U.S. Relations Information Services (SUSRIS). Each of these publications can be accessed electronically at [www.susris.org](http://www.susris.org), or at [www.ncusar.org](http://www.ncusar.org). Dr. Anthony also penned the foreword to the second edition of J.E. Peterson's *Defense and Regional Security in The Arabian Peninsula and Gulf States, 1973-2004: An Annotated Bibliography*, published by the Gulf Research Center, and essays on Oman, Qatar, and "The Boom in the Gulf" for the 2007 edition of *Encyclopedia Britannica*. He addressed AI-Hewar on "The Changing Nature of American Interests in the Gulf: Implications for U.S. Policies" and spoke to the Baltimore Council on Foreign Affairs on "America, the GCC Countries, Iraq, and Iran" -which was aired three times on Maryland Public Television. He also provided briefings on Gulf-U.S. relations to ExxonMobil and Perot Systems executives as well as American defense attaches

and security assistance officers bound for the Gulf countries. He did the same for U.S . Foreign Service officers posted to American embassies throughout the Gulf. Dr. Anthony addressed the International Association of Public Relations conference in Bahrain; attended the 28th ministerial and heads of state summit of the Gulf Cooperation Council, in Doha, Qatar, at which he was interviewed by Radio Sawa and satellite television networks AI-Jazeera and AI-Hurra; was one of two American private sector representatives, together with representatives from the American Embassy in Riyadh and more than a thousand other international representatives, to observe the proceedings of the first conference on Information Technology and National Security held in Riyadh and organized by the Presidency of General Intelligence headed by HRH Prince Muqrin Bin 'Abdalaziz AI Sa'ud. Dr. Anthony also served as scholar escort for a cultural immersion visit to Oman for officers selected by the U.S. Central Command. Last, he presided over the 17th annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference in Washington, D.C. Starting in February, Dr. Anthony became a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Alwaleed Center for American Studies at the American University in Cairo.



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undertook a number of speaking engagements during the past several months. In November, he addressed a delegation of American leaders with the Center for the National Interest en route to Egypt, Jordan, Israel, and Syria; spoke on "Possible American Policies Towards the Arab World Under the Administration of President-Elect Barack Obama" at the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research in Abu Dhabi; chaired and made introductory remarks for a lecture by HRH Prince Turki al-Faisal on "Saudi Arabia and Regional Crises" to students at Georgetown University enrolled in the course, "Politics of the Arabian Peninsula"; addressed the Washington, D.C. film premiere of HOME-The Aramco Brats Story; lectured on "American Foreign Policy Towards the Middle East" to 35 students in the Washington Semester Program of the American University; briefed armed forces officers in the Middle East Directorate in the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon; delivered a briefing on "The United Arab Emirates" for congressional staff of U.S. Senator Max Baucus (Democrat-Montana) en route to the UAE; addressed the topic of "The UAE: A Pioneer in Political Engineering" at the 40th anniversary celebration of the UAE Ministry of Presidential Affairs' Center for Documentation and Research, which was aired live by several UAE television stations; and briefed the chairman and senior staff of the Gulf Research Center in Dubai. In December, Dr. Anthony chaired and delivered introductory remarks at the "Conversation with HRH Prince Turki al-Faisal" at the Ronald Reagan Building; delivered a briefing on "Challenges for U.S.-Arab Relation-

sin a Barack Obama Administration" to the Center for Naval Analyses; lectured to 20 defense attaches, security assistance officers, and representatives of the U.S. Central Command at the Defense Institute for Security Assistance Management at Wright-Patterson Air Base in Ohio; served on the board of examiners for a graduating student in CCAS's Master of Arts in Arab Studies program; chaired and delivered introductory remarks at the "Conversation with the Ambassador of Iraq to the United States" at the Ronald Reagan Building, which was broadcast live by C-SPAN; and served as one of two American observers at the annual ministerial and heads of state summit of the Gulf Cooperation Council in Muscat. In January, he briefed the public affairs outreach director of the "Arabesque" festival at the Kennedy Center. In February, he again lectured to two dozen defense attaches, security assistance officers, and representatives of the U.S. Central Command at the Defense Institute for Security Assistance Management at Wright-Patterson Air Base in Ohio; chaired and delivered introductory remarks at the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations' (hereafter National Council) event. "Islamic Finance and the Global Economic Crisis." Dr. Anthony also served as the advisor and examiner from September 2008 through February 2009 for a Georgetown University graduate student writing his thesis on "The Transformation of Corporate Culture in the United Arab Emirates." In March, he delivered the keynote address, "Changes in American Interests in the Middle East: Implications for U.S. Policies," and the presentation, "U.S.-Iran Relations and the Implications for the Gulf Cooperation Council," at the conference on "New Avenues for U.S.-Middle East Policy" at the University of Montana at Mis-

soula. In that month, he also delivered a lecture on “Oman:Past and Present” to the pre-departure orientation program for officers selected by General David Petraeus to participate in the National Council’s annual Oman Cultural Immersion Program

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has, since March 2009...

**Accepted:** a two-year appointment to serve on the U.S. Department of State's International Economic Policy Advisory Committee; Presidential Envoy for Arab-Israel Affairs Senator George Mitchell's request to recommend to him "New Initiatives for Furthering the Prospects for Ending the Arab-Israeli Conflict"; and Deputy Presidential Envoy David Hale's request for him to analyze the impact and implications of President Obama's historic speech to the Arab and Islamic worlds in Cairo;

**Delivered:** five four-hour lectures on "The Arabian Peninsula and Gulf in Regional and World Affairs" to U.S. defense attaches, security assistance officers, and representatives of the U.S. Central Command en route to the Arabian Peninsula and Gulf regions, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and one or more Central Asian countries; the keynote address to the Annual Meeting of the Order of St. John in support of the Order's East Jerusalem Eye Hospital Mission; seven lectures on "Myths and Realities: America and Arabia" to the Annual University Student Summer Internship Program at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs; and the keynote address on "The Changing Nature of American Interests in the Middle East: Implications for U.S. Policies" at the University of Montana's international conference on "New Avenues for U.S. Middle East Policy;"

**Briefed:** the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on "Recent Developments in the Ara-

bian Peninsula"; the U.S. House of Representatives' Subcommittee on International Appropriations staff on "Qatar"; and the National War College Middle East Program's Class of 2009 on "Qatar and Saudi Arabia";

**Published:** "The United Arab Emirates: An Example of Political Engineering," in *Revisiting UAE History* (Abu Dhabi: UAE Ministry of Presidential Affairs' Center for Documentation and Research); "Gulf-U.S. Relations" in *Gulf Yearbook 2008* (Dubai: Gulf Research Center); essays on (1) "HH Shaykh Khalifa bin Zayed al-Nahyan," President, United Arab Emirates and Ruler of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi; (2) "HH Shaykh Muhammad bin Zayed al-Nahyan," Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces and Crown Prince, Emirate of Abu Dhabi; (3) "HH Shaykh Rashid bin Muhammad al-Maktoum," Vice-President, United Arab Emirates, and Ruler, Emirate of Dubai; (4) HRH Prince Alwaleed bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Sa'ud, Chairman, Kingdom Holding, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; and (5) "HE Adel A. al-Jubair," Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to the United States and Foreign Affairs Advisor to HM King Abdallah bin Abdulaziz Al Sa'ud in *Biographical Encyclopedia on the Modern Middle East*, edited by Andrea Henderson and Laura Avery (Farmington Hills, Michigan: Thomson/Gale Publishers). He also had accepted for publication an essay on "Iran and GCC Strategic Dynamics" in *Industrialization in the Gulf: A Socioeconomic Revolution*, edited by Jean-Francois Seznec and Mimi Kirk (London and New York: Routledge, forthcoming), the edited volume emerging from CCAS's 2008 symposium.

Dr. Anthony also

***Served:*** as a scholar escort and principal advisor for a delegation of U.S. Central Command officers which visited Oman in addition to a delegation of American Fortune 100 energy corporation senior executives, to which he spoke on “Qatar and Saudi Arabia”; as the principal master’s thesis advisor for CCAS 2007 graduate Nathanael Karazi; as a consultant on “America and Arabia” as well as a panelist with HH Queen Noor, Al-Arabiyya Washington correspondent Hisham Melhem, and others for the nationally televised PBS program, “Dennis Wholey’s ‘This is America’”; and as the principal facilitator and moderator for the eighteenth Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference on “Fresh Visions and Old Realities: Implications for Arab-U.S. Relations.



### CCAS Snapshot



On January 26, Margaret Braswell (MAAS '86) and her husband, William Jordan, Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Algiers, hosted a reception at their residence in honor of Algerian high school students selected by the Embassy's Office of Public Diplomacy to participate in the Model United Nations Conference at Georgetown's School of Foreign Service in Qatar. Hailing from different parts of Algeria, the students met for the first time in their country's capital for a full day of training with Public Diplomacy staff before departing for the conference, where they represented the UAE and Singapore. The photo features Margaret (third on the right), her husband William (third on the left), U.S. Embassy-Algiers Public Diplomacy staff, and Algerian students and teachers.

### Faculty News

**Fida Adely** attended a workshop in Beirut in January convened by the Social Science Research Council on "University Governance and Autonomy in the Changing Landscape of Higher Education in the Arab World." She presented a paper entitled "The Situation of Student Rights and Autonomy in Jordanian Higher Education: The Case of the National Campaign for Defending Students' Rights: Thabahtoon." Dr. Adely also presented a paper on Women and Education in the Middle East and North Africa in March at Kutztown University's annual International Studies Conference. In April, she presented a paper at Swarthmore College entitled "Competing Visions of Desirable Womanhood: Royal Women, TV Personas, Feminists and Good Muslims."

**John Duke Anthony** attended the Annual GCC Ministerial and Heads of State Summit in Kuwait on December 14 and 15 and provided C-SPAN an hour and a half briefing on the result of the summit a week later. Over the past few months, he has also given many lectures: "The Changing Nature of American Interests in the Middle East: Implications for U.S. Policies" at

Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia (November 6); "The United States and the Islamic World: Going Where?" at the Baltimore Council on Foreign Affairs, after which the lecture was aired three times on Maryland Public Television (January 27); "Arabian Peninsula in Regional and International Affairs" to American armed forces defense attachés and U.S. Central Command personnel (January 29); "The Gulf Cooperation Council" to the Advanced Arabian Peninsula Studies Seminar at the U.S. Department of State (March 9); "Oman: Dynamics of History and Evolution" and "Oman and Regional Dynamics: Points of Convergence and Divergence" to a delegation of U.S. Central Command officers en route to Oman (March 10 and 11); "Leadership Development and the World of Foreign Affairs Practitioners: The Skills Required" to the National University Model Arab League at Georgetown University (March 28); "The Coming U.S. Force Null in Iraq: Concerns of Iraq's Arab Neighbors" at the RAND Corporation (April 2); "Yemen: Current Realities and Future Prospects" at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service's Middle East and North Africa Forum

(April 15); "The United Arab Emirates: The Dynamics of State Formation" to a delegation of U.S. Military Academy cadets and faculty (April 16); and "The Dynamics of Saudi Arabia's Bilateral, Regional, and Global Positions and Roles" to members of the Middle East Class of 2010 at the National War College (May 5). Dr. Anthony also presided over many meetings and conferences, including at a session in the Rayburn Office Building of the U.S. House of Representatives on "Yemen Headlined: Contemporary Myths and Empirical Realities" for Members of Congress, congressional staff, the international diplomatic corps, media representatives, and the broader foreign affairs community (December 13), and at "A Conversation with Jordanian Ambassador Zeid Radd Zeid Al Hussein, The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan's Ambassador to the United States," at the Ronald Reagan Building that was aired by C-SPAN (March 31). Dr. Anthony briefed U.S. Major General Hank Morrow (USAF), the U.S. Defense Department Representative to the UAE, on the topic of "The United Arab Emirates: Its Founding, Evolution, and Role in Regional and International Affairs" (January 4). Additionally, he was



interviewed on "The Iranian Dispute and Arab-Israeli Developments" for Saudi Arabian Television Channel Two's "Political Agenda" program (January 13). Dr. Anthony also published essays on "Oman" and "Qatar" for the annual edition of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* in January 2010, among other activities.

**Rodney Collins** was the recipient of the Jeanne Jeffers Mrad Memorial Award presented by the American Institute for Maghrib Studies in the fall of 2009. He delivered papers on his current research in several venues over the course of the fall semester: In October, he was invited to present a paper entitled "City-as-Citizen: Commodities, Coffeeshouses, and the 'Common Man' in Contemporary Tunis" at the Library of Congress in the John W. Kluge Center. In November, he presented a paper entitled "Making Air & Killing Time: Transfiguration and the Socio-spatial Imagination in Tunisia" at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meetings in Boston. He also gave a public lecture at Georgetown University on November 11 titled "From Coffee to Manhood: An Anthropological Inquiry into Tunisia's Social Economy." In December, he presented a paper entitled "Changing Rhythms: The Transfigurative Imagination in Urban Tunis" at the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association

in Philadelphia. In addition, he chaired the Gender & Sexuality Public Advisory Board for the *Journal of Cultural Anthropology*, bringing together scholars of the Middle East, Pakistan, India, and East Asia for a roundtable to discuss the latest challenges to collaborative scholarship. He is also coordinating the "Cities & Urbanism Initiative" at the *Journal of Cultural Anthropology* in collaboration with scholars from Georgetown University, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Stanford University. In Spring 2010, Dr. Collins piloted a seminar at Georgetown University titled "The Politics of North African Masculinities." In conjunction with this course, he curated a weekly public film series entitled "Al-Rujulah: Mediating Masculinities of North Africa."

**Rochelle Davis's** book, *Palestinian Village Histories: Geographies of the Displaced*, has been accepted for publication by Stanford University Press and is forthcoming in November 2010. Dr. Davis received a GU Graduate School Summer Grant to continue her work on the U.S. military's conception of culture, and how U.S. servicemen and women and Iraqis interpret, understand, and react to the conception of cultural knowledge and its importance in the war in Iraq. A book chapter she authored with MAAS graduates Dahlia Elzein and Dena Takturri on this topic

appeared in *Anthropology and Global Counterinsurgency* (University of Chicago Press, 2010) in March. During the spring semester, she taught two classes: "Refugees in the Arab World," which focused on refugees from and displaced populations in Sudan, Somalia, Western Sahara, Palestine, and Iraq; and "Anthropology of War," which explored how people normalize war and its impact on lives.

**Bassam Haddad** was in Beirut for the spring semester, doing research on Egypt with the Carnegie Endowment as a Visiting Scholar and teaching a graduate seminar at the American University of Beirut. Stanford University Press will publish his book on Syria's political economy in 2011, so he is also using the time to make revisions. He writes: "Lots of work between Egypt trips, research, and writing, but what better place than Beirut to do all this from! And my wife Noura [Erakat] found a fantastic job here and is loving the city."

**Jean-François Seznec** gave a number of lectures in the fall and spring semesters, including two presentations on the UAE at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business for its Executive MBA Programs on November 6 and November 20; a paper on GCC sovereign wealth funds at the Center for International and Regional Studies (CIRS) in Doha, Qatar in January; a talk on the Dubai financial crisis at the Middle East Seminar at Columbia University on January 20; a lecture on the GCC's energy future at Chatham House in London on February 2; a presentation to the National Union of Kuwaiti Students visiting Washington, D.C. on February 5; and a lecture entitled "Industrial Diversification in Saudi Arabia" at the RAND Corporation on March 26. He also traveled to the Gulf to advise a large U.S. company on a major industrial project in Saudi Arabia in December 2009. During the spring semester, Dr. Seznec taught a class on "Project Finance in the Gulf" and continued as Interim Director for the Master of Arts in Arab Studies (MAAS) program in Dr. Judith Tucker's absence. In this role, he served on the admissions



CCAS's Dr. Fida Adely formulates her argument at a recent Center event.