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The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is pleased to provide the eighth edition of the *Council Chronicle*, the Council's newsletter. The *Chronicle* seeks to keep the Council's supporters informed and updated by presenting news and special reports on the Council's year-round educational programs, events, and activities. For new readers interested in learning more about the Council's vision and mission, together with the ways and means it utilizes to pursue both, please visit the Council's Web site at www.ncusar.org.

About the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations

Founded in 1983, the National Council is an American educational, non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to improving American knowledge and understanding of the Arab world. It endeavors to do this through leadership development, people-to-people programs, academic seminars, an annual Arab-U.S. policymakers' conference, specialized publications, and the participation of American students and faculty in Arab world study abroad and Arabic language learning experiences as well as intensive year-round and summer university student internships, combined with an academic seminar in the nation's capital.

The Council's *vision* for the U.S.-Arab relationship is one that rests on a solid, enduring foundation of strategic, economic, political, commercial, and defense cooperation, strengthened continuously by exchanges of present and emerging leaders among Americans and Arabs alike.

The Council's *mission* is educational. It seeks to enhance American awareness and appreciation of the multi-faceted and innumerable benefits the United States has long derived from its relations with the Arab world.

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

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SAVE THE DATE:
19th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference
October 21-22, 2010

The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is pleased to announce the 19th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference has been set for October 21-22, 2010. For the fifth consecutive year, the Conference will be held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. For Conference Sponsorship information, please contact National Council Vice President and Director of Development, Mr. Pat Mancino (202-293-6466 or pat@ncusar.org).

UPCOMING:
Summer 2010 Washington, DC Internship Program
June 1 – August 6, 2010

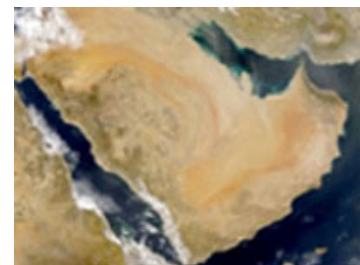
The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations' Washington, DC Summer Internship Program provides undergraduate and graduate students a professional, academic, and career opportunity internship in the Nation's Capital. The program combines professional work experiences with a parallel two-month series of seminars. By design, the primary focus of the academic component of the program centers on a sub-region of the Arab countries, the Middle East, and the Islamic world: Arabia and the Gulf. Priority consideration for acceptance into the program and students granted one of the 25 Fellowships is accorded alumni of the Council's premier national youth leadership development program, the Model Arab League. [For more information on the Model Arab League, visit www.ncusar.org/modelarableague, or see Council Chronicle, Vol. 3, No. 2, 2009, pages [6 - 9] at www.ncusar.org/pubs].

The program is administered by National Council professionals and staff in association with more than two dozen among America and the Arab world's foremost scholars and foreign affairs practitioners. The programs, activities, and functions represented by the organizations and corporations that provide the professional work experience component of the program are varied. Included are international educational development and exchange, youth leadership, bimonthly and quarterly publications, humanitarian relief, satellite television media, academic area studies, international transportation, foreign trade, and peace and justice advocacy.

The goals of the *academic component of the program* are to introduce the interns to: (1) an in-depth examination and analysis of the one part of the Arab world and planet as a whole -- Arabia and the Gulf -- to which, in the past quarter of a century and counting, the United States has mobilized and deployed more armed forces, spent more taxpayers dollars, with the result that more Americans, Arabs, and others have died or been wounded than anyplace else on earth; and (2) a range of internationally renowned



***2008 National Council
Summer Intern Fellows
visit Capitol Hill***



***The academic component of
the Summer Intern Program
focuses on Arabia and the Gulf***

specialists with extensive firsthand knowledge of and experience with the cultures, societies, systems of governance, political dynamics, and economies as well as foreign relations of the nine countries -- Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen -- that comprise the region of Arabia and the Gulf; and (3) the realities as opposed to the myths embedded in textbooks and what passes for established thought, informed opinion, and conventional wisdom regarding the actual behind-the-scenes dynamics of analysis and advocacy as they relate to the foreign policy making process towards Arabs and Muslims in the nation's capital.

The objectives of the *office employment component of the program* are, among others, to provide interns a firsthand opportunity to develop the kinds of skills that derive from: (1) a real-life practical work experience in an institution that deals in one way or another on a day-to-day basis with one or more aspects of Arab-U.S. relations; (2) firsthand participation in the dynamics of Arab-U.S. relations intra- and inter-organizational activities; (3) the practice of personal and professional discipline, punctuality, time management, report writing, administrative operations and logistics, attention to the specificity of details, project completion, instructional implementation, strategic planning, appreciating the need for efficiency and cost-effectiveness, external liaison and representation, and issue definition as well as assignment execution and follow-up.

A side benefit of the program is regarded by many as priceless. It consists of the chance for participants to meet and establish informal mentoring relations with some of the program's administrators and guest lecturers as well as their employers, some of whom each year end up offering full-time jobs to the interns in their employ. In addition, interns have the opportunity to become friends with like-minded participants their own age and, with them, to experience the joys of learning on their own how to navigate the many cultural attractions and the numerous museums and sites of historical significance in the nation's capital.

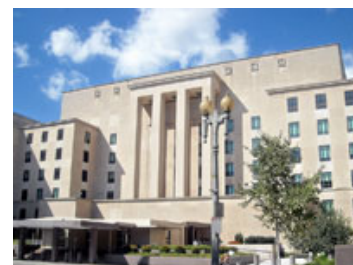
The possibilities for personal and professional advancement inherent in the academic and work experience, combined with the skills they help to inculcate and develop, together with the extensive exposure to one of the world's most dynamic capitals, are limited only by the imagination. They include but are not limited to preparation designed to enhance the participants' prospects for embarking upon, among other possibilities, public and private sector careers in business and/or the worlds of diplomacy, academe, public affairs, the media, and humanitarian relief agencies as well as the arena of nonprofit and nongovernmental educational and philanthropic organizations.

Upon successful fulfillment of the program's academic and internship work experience requirements, participants receive a \$1,000 fellowship stipend.

Additional information about the program, along with application materials and copies of the last two summer's week-to-week activities from early June to mid-August, are available on the National Council's Web site www.ncusar.org.



***2009 National Council
Summer Intern Fellows
Visit the Embassy of Qatar***



***2009 Intern Fellows visited
and were briefed at the
United States Department of State***



***2009 Summer Intern Fellows
at the National Council's office***

Summer Study Abroad Opportunities for Students

The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is pleased to partner with the Yemen College of Middle Eastern Studies and Lebanese American University to offer students opportunities to study in the Middle East. Programs for Summer 2010 include:

Yemen College of Middle Eastern Studies

Programs:

The Yemen College of Middle Eastern Studies houses two main academic programs: the Program in Contemporary Middle Eastern Studies and the Program in Arabic Language. Students enrolled in the college may focus entirely on Arabic language instruction, the Program in Contemporary Middle Eastern Studies, or, as is more likely, a combination of the two.

On whatever course work students embark, the college provides a unique learning opportunity for degree-seeking international study-abroad students, as well as for people from all walks of life and all stages of career. Students learn Arabic and study contemporary culture and affairs in the region, and do so while living in one of the most interesting countries in the Middle East.



Summer 2010 Dates:

Term 7: June 6th - July 7th

Term 8: July 11th - August 11th

Term 9: August 15th - September 22nd

For More Information Visit: www.ncusar.org/programs/ycmes.html

Lebanese American University

Programs:

The Summer Institute for Intensive Arabic Language and Culture (SINARC) at Lebanese American University, Beirut Campus, is a multi-faceted language and cultural immersion program that welcomes students from all over the world. The campus situated in the heart of the Lebanese capital provides students a unique perspective on Lebanese culture and daily life.



Summer 2010 Dates:

The six-week Summer program (June 28 - August 6, 2010) is offered at four levels: Elementary, Upper Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced. A separate eight-credit course in Lebanese Dialect will be offered provided there is sufficient enrollment.

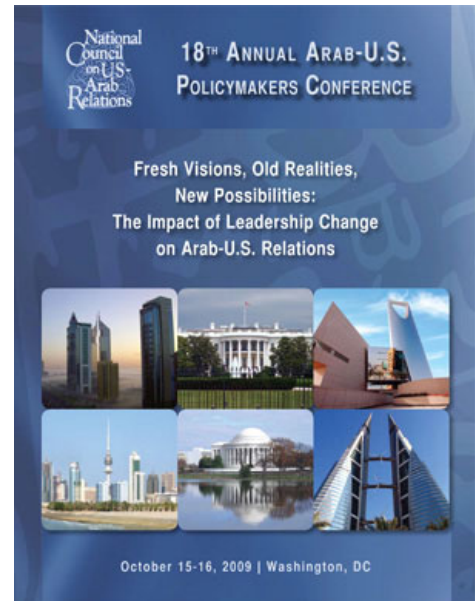
For More Information Visit: www.ncusar.org/programs/lau-sinarc.html

18th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference

"Fresh Visions, Old Realities, New Possibilities: The Impact of Leadership Change on Arab-U.S. Relations"

Nine months into the new administration of American President Barack Obama, Arab-U.S. relations remain profoundly impacted by the multifaceted variants of the global economic recession and challenged by uncertainties bearing on the prospects for international and regional stability and security as well as prosperity. Acknowledging the critical importance of these issues yet also recognizing dramatic new opportunities for development and cooperation, an international audience of nearly 1,000 Arab and American diplomats, political, military, business, professional, media, and academic leaders convened at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center for the 18th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference October 15-16, organized by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations. Chaired by the National Council's President and CEO, Dr. John Duke Anthony and the Chairman of its Board of Directors, Rear Admiral Harold J. Bernsen (USN, Ret.), the two-day conference focused on the theme, "Fresh Visions, Old Realities, New Possibilities: The Impact of Leadership Change on Arab-U.S. Relations."

This year's Policymakers Conference set records at every level - the largest registration and attendance ever and the largest media contingent in the Conferences' history, representing not only print and broadcast media but internet publications and the blogosphere as well, all supported by a record number of Conference Sponsors. Included among the latter were more than twenty Fortune 500 American Corporations, more than ten international business and trade organizations, and nine Arab embassies as well as the Washington, D.C. Office of the 22-member country League of Arab States -- the world's oldest regional organization (pre-dating the establishment of the United Nations) dedicated to the peaceful resolution of international disputes. Always intended to build bridges between the Arab countries, the Islamic world, and the United States, this year's Conference visibly also spanned generations of prominent American, Arab, and other foreign affairs practitioners.



Ms. Helen Thomas, longtime dean of the White House Press Corps, was presented at the Conference a "Lifetime Achievement Award for Pioneering Excellence in Journalism"

Current and former policymakers offered a range of lessons learned from mistakes made and successes achieved based on their respective experiences and insights; renowned scholars exchanged their analyses with Arab and American diplomats and corporate leaders; Arab media representatives shared their assessments of President Obama's outreach efforts to the millions of Arab Christians and Muslims and the broader Islamic world comprised of 57 nations, together with their prognoses for near term progress as well as the implications of a continued inability to achieve definitive peaceful resolutions to some of the region's more difficult, dangerous, and challenging conflicts.

From beginning to end, one American and Arab specialist after another provided an extraordinary array of context and analysis meriting serious and favorable consideration by the policymaking establishments on both sides. Throughout, American and Arab presenters alike contributed perspectives and recommendations

warranting immediate attention by incumbent policymakers and their constituencies in the Arab world and the United States, while educating and inspiring many among the current generation of students on the threshold of

becoming the emerging Arab-U.S. relations leaders of tomorrow.

Traditionally focused on promoting dialogue among policymakers, this year's Conference also included recognition of the role that the arts and humanities play in enhancing cultural encounter, underscoring the human element in decision making, and giving vent to some of the heartfelt emotions shared by millions the world over. For example, the Conference opened with long time Dean of the White House Correspondents, Ms. Helen Thomas, being presented a "Lifetime Achievement Award for Pioneering Excellence in Journalism." The award citation read, "For excellence in political reporting, for courage in posing perceptive and challenging questions, for demanding accountability from those in power, for persistence in the pursuit of truth, and for bringing great distinction to her Arab American heritage."

In addition, the World Children's Choir, from northern Virginia and directed by Ms. Sondra Harnes, performed at the Thursday conference luncheon singing a selection of worldwide songs, one of which had been translated into Arabic. Throughout the conference there was also a showing of the paintings of Iraqi artist Ahmad Al Karkhi, now living in the Washington, D.C. area with refugee status.

U.S. Department of State Bureau of Near East Affairs Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Ambassador Ronald Schlicher opened the conference by discussing the Obama administration's emphasis on "principled and sustained engagement based on the principles of mutual interest and mutual respect." Applied to the real world of diplomacy, the idealism embedded in these conceptual formulations, in his view, has served to "diminish the notion that the United States is innately hostile to certain peoples, to certain states, and to certain leaders. In a very real sense," he suggested, "we can remove a lot of the excuses that countries have used to evade the substance and the sincerity of the grievances and concerns expressed by the United States." He then proceeded to provide a status report on key issues in U.S.-Arab relations covering Iran, Palestinian-Israeli peace prospects, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and continuing concerns about the Hizbollah as well as Hamas movements in Lebanon and the Israeli Occupied Palestinian Territories, respectively.

A Conference highlight was a spirited exchange in the Ambassadors' Roundtable featuring Ambassador Adel A. Al-Jubeir, Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to the United States, and Ambassador James B. Smith, newly confirmed U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, that was moderated by Mr. Peter Robertson, Co-Chairman of the U.S.-Saudi Arabian Business Council. Adding perspective to the discussion were four former United States Ambassadors to Saudi Arabia – Walter Cutler, Charles W. Freeman, Jr., James Oberwetter, and Robert Jordan. Ambassador Al-Jubeir observed that, "When you look at the challenges we face involving piracy or terrorism, financial crisis, energy situations, and trade and investment, I believe that the interests of our two countries at this moment are aligned as they have never been before."

Ambassador Smith reinforced these ideas, "This is a much more nuanced, complicated and I would argue more important relationship than it has ever been in the past." He continued, "I see my biggest challenge over the next two years is figuring out how to develop friendships without fences, relationships without barriers. Even if you can't change the physical dynamic [of security concerns] we have got to get out and represent the American people to the people of Saudi Arabia."

More than a month and a half later at a National Council-organized and sponsored Capitol Hill seminar on Yemen for Congressional staff, representatives of the international diplomatic corps, the media, public policy research institutes, and many other organizations, one of the lead speakers, former U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait James Larocco, repeated Amb. Smith's call for developing "friendships without fences, relationships without barriers." In so doing, he underscored what Amb. Smith had emphasized as the principle theme of his appeal -- that the United States government needed urgently to reach out to Yemen and its people in the country's hour of massive need for



H.E. Adel A. Al-Jubeir – Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United States, and The Hon. James B. Smith (Brigadier General, USAF, Ret.) – Ambassador of the United States to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

economic, employment, and related assistance from its international partners, friends, and allies.

Congressman Keith Ellison (Representative of the Fifth District of Minnesota and Member of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party), the first Muslim elected to the United States Congress and the first African-American elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Minnesota, offered a viewpoint from the Congress, where he serves on the Middle East and South Asia Subcommittee of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and on the House Committee on Finance. Building on these committee assignments and acknowledging that Americans and Arabs have “to build our body of knowledge about each other on the micro-level and the global-



For the fourth consecutive year, the National Council's Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference was held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in the heart of Washington, DC

level in order to understand each other better,” Representative Ellison noted that, “business is an excellent way to do that. You and I both know that politics can be combustible, but business is something you can come to a meeting of the minds on. When you do a business deal what you’re saying is this ... helps me, and it helps you, and we wouldn’t do a deal unless those two things were true. And, so, there is a point of agreement, a point of coming together, that we should start with but absolutely not end with.”

Conference panel discussions included a wide range of specialist views designed to illuminate areas of disagreement as well as large areas of shared interest and common concern, allowing the audience to pose questions that touched on some of the most sensitive and controversial areas of Arab-U.S. relations. Individual sessions dealt with such policy-related geopolitical challenges as “Iran and Regional Security,” “Israel and Palestine,” and “Iraq’s Return to Sovereignty” as well as policy issues pertaining to “Syria and Lebanon.” Additional sessions addressed policy considerations associated with such topical issues as: “Energy Dynamics for Producers and Consumers,” “Defense Cooperation and Enhancing Regional Security,” “Development and Education,” and “The Obama Administration: Reactions from the Arab Media.”

As on numerous previous occasions, the 18th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference concluded with an overall assessment of U.S.-Arab relations offered by Ambassador Charles W. (“Chas”) Freeman, Chairman of the Board of Projects International, Inc. and a former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Regional Security Affairs, Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, and Immediate Past President of the Middle East Policy Council. Though President Obama “clearly signaled that he recognizes the imperative of solving the Israel-Palestine conflict and repairing American relations with Arabs and Muslims, if the United States is to enjoy peace and tranquility at home,” Freeman observed, “his administration has made only minimal changes to longstanding American policies that are conspicuous failures.” “Time,” Freeman said, “is running out on the prospects for peaceful engagement between Israel, the Palestinians, other Arabs, and non-Arab Muslims. No peace is conceivable without the full use of American moral and economic leverage to bring Israel to the negotiating table,” he added. “Peace with the Palestinians,” he concluded, “would enable Israel for the first time to be accepted as a legitimate part of the Middle East. It would end the conflict in the Holy Land. It is the key to de-radicalization of the Arab and Muslim worlds and to ending their violent backlash against the West. It is the prerequisite for the restoration of peace within the realm of Islam.”

Ambassador Freeman's incisive and well-timed remarks were once again accorded the widespread acclaim to which the National Council's yearly Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference participants and attendees have become accustomed. The text of his address, together with the full two-day program and list of conference speakers as well as transcripts, video, and audio recordings of the proceedings are available on the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations website www.ncusar.org.



Photo: Janel Norton



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The 2009 Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference featured an exhibition of the work of Iraqi artist **Ahmad Al Karkhi**, who lives in the Washington, D.C. area with refugee status.

Learn more about Ahmad Al Karkhi here:

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=122214886>



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Ms. Barbara Slavin



Dr. Abdulrahman H. Al-Saeed



Adm. William J. Fallon (USN, Ret.)



The Hon. Charles W. ("Chas") Freeman, Jr.



Ms. Harriet Fulbright



Ms. Helen Thomas



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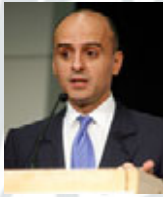
Dr. Joseph C. Moynihan



H.E. Houda Ezra Ebrahim Nonoo



The Hon. Molly Williamson



H.E. Adel A. Al-Jubeir



The Hon. James B. Smith (Brig. Gen, USAF, Ret.)



Dr. Rochelle Davis



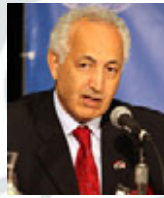
Congressman Keith Ellison



The Hon. Robert Jordan



Ms. Hillary Mann Leverett



H.E. Samir Sumaida'i



The Hon. Walter L. Cutler



Dr. Mody Al-Khalaf



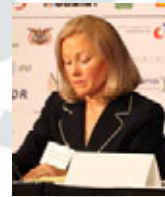
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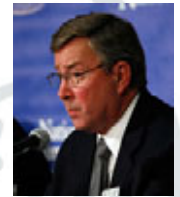
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Ms. Barbara G.B. Ferguson



The Hon. James C. Oberwetter



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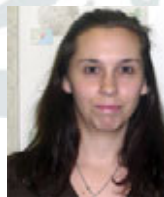
Dr. John Duke Anthony



Mr. Pat Mancino



Dr. Jim Winship



Ms. Megan Geissler



Mr. Josh Hilbrand



Ms. Chelsey Boggs



Mr. Mark Morozink

Speakers & Sessions

Thursday, October 15, 2009

U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS: VIEWS FROM THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE



Ambassador Ronald L. Schlicher – Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs in the United States Department of State; former Principal Deputy Coordinator of Counterterrorism; U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus (2004-2005); former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, where he served as Coordinator for Iraq; Director of the Iraq Task Force (2003), U.S. Department of State; served for six months in Iraq with the Coalition Provisional Authority, first as Regional Coordinator for the North and then as Director of the Office of Provincial Outreach.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR PIONEERING EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM **Presented to Ms. Helen Thomas**

Ms. Helen Thomas is the Dean of the White House Press Corps. As a White House correspondent, first for *United Press International* and now for *Hearst News Service*, Ms. Thomas has covered every U.S. President since John F. Kennedy. Ms. Thomas was the first woman officer of the National Press Club, the first woman officer and later first woman president of the White House Correspondents Association, and the first woman officer and later first woman president of the Gridiron Club.

Thomas is the author of *Watchdogs of Democracy?: The Waning Washington Press Corps and How It Has Failed the Public*; *Thanks for the Memories, Mr. President: Wit and Wisdom from the Front Row at the White House*; *Front Row at the White House: My Life and Times*; and *Dateline: White House*. Her latest book, with co-author Craig Crawford, is *Listen Up, Mr. President: Everything You Always Wanted Your President to Know and Do*.

Introduction and Commentary by: Mr. Craig Crawford

Mr. Craig Crawford blogs daily at *CQPolitics.com*, and his writings appear regularly in newspapers and Web sites throughout the country. A contributing news analyst for *MSNBC*, he is often featured on a variety of national television and radio programs, such as *MSNBC*'s "Countdown with Keith Olbermann" and *WABC*'s "Imus in the Morning." Before joining *Congressional Quarterly* in 2003, Mr. Crawford was Editor-in-Chief of *The Hotline*, an online news digest. Mr. Crawford is the author of *Attack the Messenger*, *The Politics of Life*, and, most recently, *Listen Up, Mr. President*, co-authored with Ms. Helen Thomas.



GEO-POLITICAL DYNAMICS (I): IRAN AND REGIONAL SECURITY



Ms. Barbara Slavin – Assistant Managing Editor for World and National Security of *The Washington Times*; author of *Bitter Friends, Bosom Enemies: Iran, the U.S. and the Twisted Path to Confrontation*. She was formerly Senior Diplomatic Reporter for *USA TODAY*; Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; and Senior Fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace.



Ms. Hillary Mann Leverett – Chief Executive Officer of STRATEGA, a political risk consultancy; former Director for Iran, Afghanistan, and Persian Gulf Affairs, National Security Council. From 2001 to 2003, she was one of a handful of American diplomats authorized to negotiate with Iran over Afghanistan, al-Qaeda, and Iraq.



Dr. Christian Koch – Director of International Studies, Gulf Research Center (Dubai, UAE); former Head, Strategic Studies Section, Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (Abu Dhabi, UAE); widely published in books and articles relating to Middle East political development, European-Gulf relations, and Gulf strategic issues.



Dr. Jeffrey G. Lewis – Director, Nuclear Strategy and Nonproliferation Initiative, New America Foundation; author of *Minimum Means of Reprisal: China's Search for Security in the Nuclear Age*; Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*; founded and maintains the leading blog on nuclear arms control and nonproliferation: *ArmsControlWonk.com*.

ARAB-U.S. ENERGY DYNAMICS AND RELATIONS: HOW TO BUILD A 'WIN-WIN' SITUATION FOR AMERICAN AND ARAB ENERGY PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS



The Hon. Molly Williamson – Adjunct Scholar, Middle East Institute; Immediate Past Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the Secretary of Energy (2005-2008); former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for the Middle East, South Asia, Oceania and Africa (1999-2004); and former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia (1993-1995).



Mr. Darren C. Jones – General Manager, Global Business Development, ConocoPhillips Exploration and Production Segment; formerly, President, Global Gas, Strategic Planning and Business Development – ConocoPhillips; previously, Vice President, Commercial Assets, Conoco Phillips Alaska.



Mr. Jay R. Pryor - Vice-President for Corporate Business Development, Chevron Corporation. Mr. Pryor is responsible for identifying and developing new, large-scale business opportunities throughout the world. He assumed his current position in 2006 but began his career with Chevron in 1979. Since that time he has held a succession of management positions with increasing responsibilities in Asia, the United States, Europe and the former Soviet Union.



Mr. Guy Caruso – Senior Advisor, Energy and National Security Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington DC; former Administrator, Energy Information Administration (2002 to September 2008), the statistical agency within the U.S. Department of Energy that provides policy-independent data, forecasts, and analyses regarding energy; former Senior Manager, United States Department of Energy and the International Energy Agency in Paris, France.

ARAB-U.S. RELATIONS: THE CHILDREN ... A PERFORMANCE



World Children's Choir

The **World Children's Choir** serves on behalf of children worldwide – giving voice to the interests of all children, celebrating cultural diversity through music, promoting positive international relations, and asking people to work together to create a peaceful, healthy world for children. Through singing, WCC members explore musical content and use music, art, and other creative activities to mediate cross-cultural differences with a view to becoming peacemakers. The children learn how music and art expresses emotion, creates shared experiences, bridges differences, shares stories, produces beauty and enriches the lives of others.

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H.E. Mohammed Bin Abdullah Bin Mutib Al Rumaihi – Foreign Minister's Assistant for Follow-Up Affairs, State of Qatar; Qatar's Ambassador to France and non-resident Ambassador to Belgium, the Swiss Federation, Luxemburg and the European Union (2002-2003); Head of the Government Committee for Delineating Maritime Borders and the Working Team of the UN Security Council (2006-2007); headed the organizing committees of international conferences such as F77, China 2005, New and Restored Democracies 2006, Gulf Summit 2007, Financing Development Summit 2008, Arab Summit 2009 and Arab and Latin America Summit 2009; former Major General, Qatari Armed Forces.

Admiral William J. Fallon (USN, Ret.) – Distinguished Fellow, Center for Naval Analysis; Robert Wilhelm Fellow, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for International Studies; Commander, U.S. Central Command (2007- 2008); former Commander, U.S. Pacific Command (February 2005-March 2007); Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command (October 2003-February 2005); and 31st Vice Chief of Naval Operations (October 2000-August 2003).

AMBASSADOR'S ROUNDTABLE



H.E. Adel A. Al-Jubeir – Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United States; Foreign Policy Adviser to HRH ‘Abdallah Bin ‘Abd al-‘Aziz Al Sa’ud, Custodian of the Two Holy Places and King of Saudi Arabia.



The Hon. James B. Smith (Brigadier General, USAF, Ret.) – Ambassador of the United States to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; former International Business Development Executive, Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems; Distinguished Graduate, The Naval War College, The Air Command and Staff College, and The National War College.



Mr. Peter J. Robertson – Co-Chairman, of the U.S.-Saudi Arabian Business Council; retired Board of Directors Vice Chairman, Chevron Corporation; Chairman, World Affairs Council of Northern California; Board of Directors Vice Chairman, International House, University of California at Berkeley.



The National Council's 18th Annual Arab-U.S. Relations Policymakers Conference's Ambassadors' Roundtable featured six current and former Saudi Arabia-United States Ambassadors, pictured here with Session Chairman Peter J. Robertson

Former United States Ambassadors to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia:



The Hon. Charles W. ("Chas") Freeman, Jr. (1989-1992)



The Hon. Walter L. Cutler (1984-1987 and 1988-1989)



The Hon. Robert Jordan (2002-2003)



The Hon. James C. Oberwetter (2004-2007)

GEO-POLITICAL DYNAMICS (II): ISRAEL AND PALESTINE



Dr. Peter A. Gubser – Immediate Past President, American Near East Refugee Aid, Inc.; Member, Board of Directors, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations.



H.E. Dr. Hussein Hassouna – Ambassador of the League of Arab States to the United States of America; Member, United Nations International Law Commission; former Assistant Foreign Minister of Egypt; former Ambassador of Egypt to Morocco and Yugoslavia; Member, Egyptian delegation involved in reaching the Camp David Accords between Egypt and Israel.



H.E. Maen Rashid Areikat – Ambassador and Head of Mission, Mission of the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) to the United States; former Director-General, PLO Negotiations Affairs Department and PLO Negotiations Support Unit.



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GEO-POLITICAL DYNAMICS (III): IRAQ'S RETURN TO SOVEREIGNTY



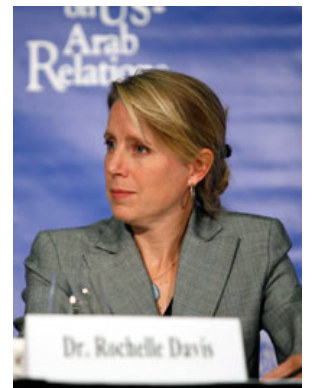
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Dr. Laurie E. King – Adjunct Professor, Arab Studies Program, Georgetown University; formerly Managing Editor, *Journal of Palestine Studies* and Professor, Lebanese-American University.

Dr. Graeme Bannerman – International Elections Observer for Lebanon (once) and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (three times); Founder, Bannerman Associates, a political consultancy firm specializing in Egypt, Lebanon, Turkey, and other Middle Eastern countries; formerly: Staff Director, U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Committee’s Professional Staff Member for Middle East and South Asia Affairs; U.S. Department of State Policy Planning Staff Middle East Analyst; Lebanon and Arab-Israeli Analyst, Department of State Bureau for Intelligence and Research; and Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University, George Washington University, and the American University of Beirut.



A delegation of U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen attending the Conference, with (*center*) Chairman of the National Council's Board of Directors, Rear Admiral Harold J. Bernsen, (USN, Ret.).



H.E. Adel A. Al-Jubeir, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United States, together with National Council Malone Fellow Joseph Stanik and his High School Model Arab League students from New Era Academy in Baltimore, Maryland, at a reception hosted by Ambassador Al-Jubeir at the Embassy of Saudi Arabia.

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U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS: A VIEW FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS



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ARAB-U.S. RELATIONS: A VIEW FROM EGYPT

H.E. Amr Ahmed Ramadan -- Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister Plenipotentiary, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt; former Trade Negotiator at the Permanent Mission of Egypt in Geneva (1999-2004); former Director at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs of divisions responsible for International Economic Relations, the United Nations, and the Arab Levant.



Egypt in Three Dimensions:



DEFENSE COOPERATION - ENHANCING REGIONAL SECURITY



General Joseph P. Hoar (USMC, Ret.) – former Commander, U.S. Central Command, with responsibility for planning and operations for 27 countries in the Middle East, Central Asia, South Asia, and the Horn of Africa. Upon retirement from his long military career, General Hoar formed J.P. Hoar & Associates, a consulting firm engaged in business development in the Middle East and Africa.



Mr. Richard J. Millies – Vice President, International Strategy and Business Development, BAE Systems; formerly Deputy Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, U.S. Department of Defense; and Director of Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of the Air Force for International Affairs.



"Defense Cooperation" session participants included (Left to Right) **Mr. Christopher Blanchard**, United States Congress, Congressional Research Service, Middle East Policy Analyst, Foreign Affairs, Defense, and Trade Division; **Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt (USA, Ret.)**, former Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs; **Mr. Richard J. Millies**, Vice President, International Strategy and Business Development, BAE Systems; **H.E. Mohammed Bin Abdullah Bin Mutib Al Rumaihi**, Foreign Minister's Assistant for Follow-Up Affairs, State of Qatar, and [pictured behind Kimmitt] **General Joseph P. Hoar (USMC, Ret.)**, former Commander, U.S. Central Command.

DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION



"Development and Education" session speakers included (*L to R*) **U.S. Ambassador (Ret.) Theodore H. Kattouf**, President and Chief Executive Officer, America-Mideast Education and Training Services (AMIDEAST); **Dr. Juan R.I. Cole**, Richard P. Mitchell Collegiate Professor of History, University of Michigan, and former President, Middle East Studies Association of North America; **Dr. Mody Al-Khalaf**, Director of Cultural and Social Affairs, Saudi Cultural and Educational Mission, Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Washington DC.



H.E. Dr. Abdulrahman H. Al-Saeed – Advisor to The Royal Court of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Director, Office of Special Projects for HRH King ‘Abdallah Bin ‘Abdalaziz Al Sa’ud, Custodian of the Two Holy Places and King of Saudi Arabia.



Ms. Harriet Fulbright – President of the J. William and Harriet Fulbright Center; formerly Executive Director, President’s Committee on the Arts and Humanities; and Member, National Advisory Board, National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations

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THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION: VIEWS FROM THE ARAB WORLD



Participants in "The Obama Administration: Views from the Arab World" panel included (Left to Right) **Ms. Barbara G.B. Ferguson**, Washington Bureau Chief, *Arab News*; **Ms. Nadia Bilbassy-Charters**, Chief Correspondent, Middle East Broadcasting Center, Washington, D.C.; **Mr. Claude Salhani**, *Middle East Times*, **Mr. Ibrahim Helal**, Deputy Managing Editor, *Al Jazeera Satellite Television* (English); and **Mr. Hisham Melhem**, Washington Bureau Chief, *Al-Arabiya*.



Mr. Hisham Melhem – Washington Bureau Chief, *Al-Arabiya*, the Dubai-UAE based satellite channel; former host of *Al-Arabiya's "Across the Ocean"*, a weekly current affairs program on U.S.-Arab relations; Correspondent, *Annahar*, the leading Lebanese daily.



Ms. Nadia Bilbassy-Charters - Chief Correspondent, *Middle East Broadcasting Center*, Washington, D.C., covering the White House and the State Department; formerly *Al-Arabiya Television* Diplomatic Correspondent; former Bureau Chief for *Middle East Broadcasting Center* based in Nairobi, Kenya covering conflicts across the African continent; formerly with both *Inter Press Service News Agency* and *Agence France Press*.



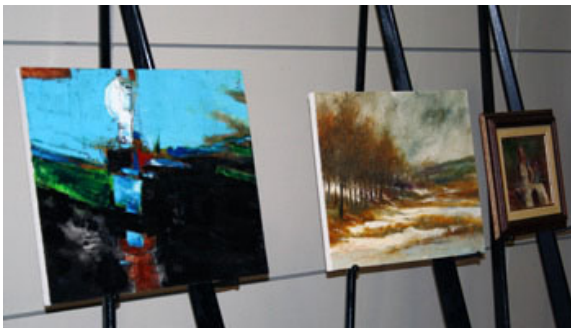
Mr. Ibrahim Helal – Deputy Managing Editor, *Al Jazeera Satellite Television*, English; former Deputy Managing Director, News and Programs; former Middle East and North Africa Project Director, *BBC World Service Trust*, responsible for the training and development of Arab media organizations; Editor-in-Chief, *Al-Jazeera Arabic Channel* (2001-2004); former Head of News, *Abu Dhabi TV* (2000-2001).

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