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Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations

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Tues, Aug 19 – Fri, Oct 31, 2014	Visual Reactions: A View from the Middle East
Time:	August 19, 2014 - October 31, 2014, building hours weekdays 7:30am-9:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Art, Exhibit
Description:	“Visual Reactions: A View from the Middle East” features more than 20 illustrations by Kuwaiti artist and graphic designer Mohammad Sharaf. Inspired by current events, Sharaf’s designs address controversial political and social topics. Sharaf’s illustrations will be on display in the UNC FedEx Global Education Center from Aug. 19 to Oct. 31. The exhibition touches on topics ranging from women’s rights to the multiple iterations of the Arab spring in the Middle East. Sharaf’s work also portrays current events, such as Saudi Arabia’s recent decision to allow women to drive motorcycles and bicycles as long as a male guardian accompanies them. A free public reception and art viewing will be held on Aug. 28 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the UNC FedEx Global Education Center.
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, the Center for Global Initiatives, the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies and Global Relations with support from the Department of Asian Studies. Special thanks to Andy Berner, communications specialist for the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program
Thurs, Aug 28 – Fri, Aug 29, 2014	A Struggle on Five “Fronts” – World War I in Embassies, on Land, at Sea, at Home, and within Coalitions
Time:	August 28, 2014 at 3:00pm - August 29, 2014 at 5:00pm
Location:	Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Symposium
Description:	As part of the University of North Carolina’s yearlong commemoration of the 100th anniversary of World War I, the UNC Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense, in cooperation with the War Studies Department at King’s College London, presents a public conference on the nature and meaning of that war. The emphasis is suggested by the conference’s title. The war was a struggle on five “fronts,” many, but not all, strictly military. Presenters will examine the military aspects of the war on land and sea, but also the diplomatic, coalition, and home front struggles engendered by the conflict and its complex internal and external political dynamics. Free and open to the public, but registration is encouraged. Speakers include: Sarah Shields, professor of history, UNC-CH, “Europe Configures a Middle East: Teaching the War and its Aftermath.”
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense, UNC-CH, the War Studies Department, Kings College, London, and the Institute for Arts and Humanities, UNC-CH
Thurs, Aug 28, 2014	Visual Reactions: A View from the Middle East Opening Reception
Time:	5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Art, Exhibit
Description:	The exhibit features illustrations by Kuwaiti artist and graphic designer Mohammad Sharaf.

	Inspired by current events, Sharaf’s designs address controversial political and social topics. Carl Ernst, Kenan Distinguished Professor of Islamic studies at the Department of Religious Studies and director of the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, will provide opening remarks. Nadia Yaqub, chair of the Department of Asian Studies, will moderate a question and answer session after the keynote presentation by Mohammad Sharaf. The exhibition, featuring more than 20 posters, touches on topics ranging from women’s rights to the multiple iterations of the Arab Spring in the Middle East. “Visual Reactions: A View from the Middle East” will run from Aug. 19 to Oct. 31 at the UNC FedEx Global Education Center, 301 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill.
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, the Center for Global Initiatives, the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies and Global Relations with support from the Department of Asian Studies
Fri, Aug 29, 2014	“What Makes Muslims Feel French” with Dr. Rahsaan Maxwell
Time:	12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, 4003
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The UNC Center for European Studies kicks off its 2014 Friday Lecture Series with a talk by Associate Professor (Political Science) Rahsaan Maxwell at the FedEx Global Education Center, 4th floor. The CES 2014 Fall Speaker Series is designed to enhance understanding of transatlantic studies through lectures from and discussion with experts in the field. Topics will focus on EU and/or US foreign and domestic politics, as well as on contemporary transatlantic relations. This year, in particular, we are focusing on three main themes: immigration in Europe, European security and defense, and identity issues in the EU. This week, UNC-CH Associate Professor (Political Science) Rahsaan Maxwell will be giving his talk, “What Makes Muslims Feel French?”.
Sponsors:	UNC Center for European Studies
Tues, Sept 9, 2014	John Judis: “Harry Truman and the Creation of Israel: the Failure to Resolve the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict”
Time:	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Location:	Hamilton Hall Room 569
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	John Judis, Senior Editor of The New Republic, will open the Richard M. Krasno lecture series. The lecture series will include eminent scholars organized by the Richard M. Krasno Distinguished Professorship at UNC-Chapel Hill in cooperation with the Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense (PWAD), the Department of History, the UNC Center for European Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, the UNC Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC Global, and the Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS).
Sponsors:	Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense (PWAD), the Department of History, the UNC Center for European Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, the UNC Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC Global, and the Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS)
Wed, Sept 10, 2014	The Evolving Terrorist Threat — What Should Be Done?
Time:	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Location:	Sanford Fleishman Commons
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Two leading counterterrorism experts: Fran Townsend, former chair of the Homeland Security Council for the GW Bush administration and Ambassador Daniel Benjamin,

	principal counterterrorism advisor to Secretary of State Hilary Clinton, will discuss changing terrorist threats. David Schanzer, director of the Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security, will moderate the discussion. Free and open to the public. Series Name: The Robert R. Wilson Lectureship.
Sponsors:	Sanford School of Public Policy, American Grand Strategy (AGS), Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security, and Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS)
Thurs, Sept 11, 2014	2014 Duke-UNC “Gender, War and Culture Series”: Public Workshop and Lecture on “Gender, War, and Humanitarianism in the Twentieth Century”
Time:	12:30 – 7:30 pm
Location:	Hyde Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Workshop and Lecture
Description:	The workshop centers on ideologies and practices of humanitarianism as they emerged and developed in the wake of nineteenth and twentieth-century nationalism and the wars it spawned. It will address the specific nature of twentieth-century humanitarianism in relation to both the character of war in this period and the rise of internationalist politics at elite and grassroots levels. It will explore how gender both shaped and was shaped by humanitarian politics, for example in relation to the influence of (trans)national feminist movements on the establishment of human rights and norms. It will also examine redefinitions of masculinity and femininity in international efforts to secure peace, and critically assess the use and abuse of gendered humanitarian ideals in legitimizing war and international military interventions
Sponsors:	UNC-Chapel Hill: Center for European Studies; Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies; Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense; Departments of History; Music and Women’s and Gender Studies; Institute for Arts and Humanities • Duke University: Department of History , Triangle Institute for Security Studies
Fri, Sept 12, 2014	Prof. Mohsen Kadivar: Commentary on the Persian Mystical Works of Suhrawardi – “The Story of the Birds”
Time:	5:30 – 8:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Center, Room 1005
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Shihab al-Din Yahya Suhrawardi (1155–1191) was the founder of Illuminative philosophy (Hikmat al-Ishraq), and one of the most influential mystics in the Islamic world. Suhrawardi was imprisoned and killed because of his innovative ideas when he was 36 years old. He left over 50 valuable writings in Persian and Arabic. His mystical Persian treatises are among the first top three symbolic- mystical works in Islam and Iran. In this Persian lecture series, Kadivar comments on the mystical Persian works of Suhrawardi, and explains the symbolic Sufi’s language and Ishraqi method. The first session is dedicated to “The Story of the Birds.” This story is the Persian translation of the famous Arabic treatise of Avicenna (Ibn Sina), “The recital of the Bird”. “The Opera of the Birds” of F. Attar was influenced by this story.
Sponsors:	The Iranian Circle of Culture and Wisdom, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations
Sun, Sept 14, 2014	Duke-UNC Jewish Studies Seminar Presents: Menachem Fisch
Time:	3:00 – 4:30 pm

Location:	John Hope Franklin Center, Room 240
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The Duke-UNC Jewish Studies Seminar welcomes a paper by Menachem Fisch, Joseph and Ceil Mazer Professor of History and Philosophy of Science at Tel Aviv University. Fisch is also Senior Fellow of the Kogod Center for the Renewal of Jewish Thought at the Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem. His current work explores the limits of normative self-criticism, the Talmud's dispute of religiosity, the possibilities of articulating a pluralist political philosophy from within the assumptions of halakhic Judaism, and the historiography of scientific framework transitions.
Sponsors:	Duke-UNC Seminar on Jewish Studies
Mon, Sept 15, 2014	Prof. Menachem Fisch: "The Talmud's Great Dispute of Religiosity"
Time:	5:30– 7:00 pm
Location:	Hyde Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Menachem Fisch, professor and director of the Center for Religious and Interreligious Studies Project at Tel Aviv University, has published on the history of science and mathematics, confirmation theory and rationality, and talmudic literature and legal reasoning. In his talk he will explore the Talmud's dispute of religiosity, the dispute about the very moral perfection of God and his Word. But what can it mean to be religiously obligated, faithful or committed, it asks, to a morally flawed deity and religious system?
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for Jewish Studies
Wed, Sept 17, 2014	Fostering Interreligious Study and Conversation: Goals, Guidelines, Cautions
Time:	12:20 – 1:20 pm
Location:	Westbrook, Room 0015
	Duke University
Categories:	Panel Discussion
Description:	Bring your lunch and join us for this exciting panel discussion in which Duke faculty Abdullah Antepli, Duke's Chief Representative for Muslim Affairs and Associate Director of the Duke Islamic Studies Center, Laura Lieber, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Co-Director of the Center for Jewish Studies, and Ellen Davis, Amos Ragan Kearns Distinguished Professor of Bible and Practical Theology engage visiting scholar, Menachem Fisch, Joseph and Ceil Mazer Professor of History and Philosophy of Science at Tel Aviv University.
Sponsors:	Duke Divinity School
Wed, Sept 17, 2014	Undergraduate Council for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies: First Meeting of the Semester
Time:	6:30 – 8:30 pm
Location:	Social Sciences, Room 228
	Duke University
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	The Undergraduate Council for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies is a fairly new (created Spring 2013) group on campus that is dedicated to promoting student engagement in professional development, career planning, and student-faculty relationships with the DUMESC (Duke University Middle Eastern Studies Center) and with the DISC (Duke Islamic

	Studies Center). This year we would like to focus on bringing speakers and alumni to campus that can help you through the process of turning Islamic/Middle Eastern studies into job opportunities. We would also like to host informal dinners or other activities with faculty in order to strengthen our relationship with them.
Sponsors:	The Undergraduate Council for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies
Thurs, Sept 18, 2014	Masculinity, Sexual Violence And Ethnicity in the 1990s Balkan Wars and Beyond
Time:	6:00 – 8:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Educations Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The wars in former Yugoslavia were notorious for the rape of women as one of the major war strategies. It is a less known fact that, within the war camps, detained men faced systematic sexual assaults too. Why were the assaults on men invisible? Why did the academics and media that wrote extensively about rapes of women not pay attention to sexual assaults on men? Is this a special, isolated case, or are there other wars and violent conflicts where sexual assaults on men are invisible? And if the violated bodies of men were exposed in other conflicts, what accounts for this exposure? In trying to answer those questions, the lecture explores the nexus of masculinity, heteronormativity and power, in intersections with ethnicity, race, and religion.
Sponsors:	Center for European Studies; Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies; Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense; Department of History; Department of Women’s and Gender Studies; Institute for Arts and Humanities, Department of History, Triangle Institute for Security Studies
Thurs, Sept 18, 2014	Reading Group: “Rethinking Global Cities”
Time:	6:00 – 8:00 pm
Location:	Friedl, Room 225
	Duke University
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	This yearlong series of events (films, public lectures, reading group, and spring ‘15 conference) will investigate the complex, hybrid, and contested cultural and human geographies of world cities in the context of national and global politics. Cities will include: Bangkok, Beijing, Cairo, Istanbul, Johannesburg, Vienna and others.
Sponsors:	Duke University Middle East Studies Center
Sat, Sept 20, 2014	Bruce McLaren: A reading of “The Plain of Dead Cities: A Syrian Tale,” a memoir
Time:	2:00 – 3:00 pm
Location:	Flyleaf Books
	752 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Categories:	Reading and Presentation
Description:	Three years of war. One hundred-fifty thousand dead. One million refugees. No end in sight. This is the grim reality of the conflict in Syria, one of the great tragedies of the modern era. Yet many people remain confused as to what the fighting is all about. The Plain Of Dead Cities makes sense of this complex scenario by delving deep into the wells of Syrian history and examining the vital role that Syria has played in human development over the past 5000 years. Using a unique approach The Plain Of Dead Cities takes the reader of a virtual tour of Syria. The narrator carries you across the country, through the history books and

	archaeological sites, revealing the political, religious, social, geographical and historical complexities that have led to the current military conflagration. The Plain Of Dead Cities is as unconventional as the land it describes, part non-fictional memoir and part fiction. It's an adventure and a tale, but above all is a tribute to Syria, that most mystical of lands.
Sponsors:	Flyleaf Books
Tue, Sept 22, 2014	Prof. Kathryn Libal: "Bringing Economic and Social Rights 'Home' – A View from an Interdisciplinary Human Rights Classroom"
Time:	4:00 – 5:00 pm
Location:	Smith Warehouse, FHI Garage, Bay 4
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Kathryn Libal is Associate Professor of Social Work and Associate Director of the Human Rights Institute at the University of Connecticut. She specializes in human rights, social welfare and the state and has published on women's and children's rights movements in Turkey and on international non-governmental organizations' advocacy on behalf of Iraqi refugees. Her current scholarship focuses on the localization of human rights norms and practices in the United States.
Sponsors:	Duke Human Rights Center
Tue, Sept 22, 2014	The Middle Eastern Law Student Association Presents: Arabic Hour
Time:	7:00 – 8:00 pm
Location:	UNC Law School
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	Want to practice your Arabic? Here is your chance! The Middle Eastern Law Student Association (MELSA) is hosting Arabic hour this semester at the law school (behind the school of government). We will meet every other week starting with the week of September 22nd.
Sponsors:	The Middle Eastern Law Student Association (MESLA)
Wed, Sept 23, 2014	UNC Students for Justice in Palestine presents: the UNC-Israel Connection
Time:	7:00 – 9:00
Location:	Bingham 309
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	Join UNC Students for Justice in Palestine as they discuss the connections UNC has with institutions and academic programs in Israel, and what we can do as students to break these ties. Israeli academic institutions function as a central part of a system that has denied Palestinians their basic rights. Palestinian students face ongoing discrimination, including the suppression of Palestinian cultural events, and there is sanctioning and ongoing surveillance of Palestinian students and faculty who protest Israeli policies.
Sponsors:	UNC Students for Justice in Palestine
Thurs, Sept 23, 2014	Lunch with Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb: "Faith in the Face of Empire"
Time:	11:45 am – 1:45 pm
Location:	United Church of Chapel Hill

	1321 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Categories:	Lunch
Description:	Join Rev. Dr. Raheb for lunch as he shares about his ministries of education, advocacy, job training and social programs that serve 60,000 Palestinians in the West Bank, Palestine. Rev. Raheb builds self-sustaining educational and civic institutions to increase access to employment, health care, economic and higher educational opportunities. These opportunities have been impeded under the Israeli Occupation where the Separation Wall, checkpoints and the permit system restrict movement of Palestinians to resources in nearby Jerusalem.
Sponsors:	United Church of Chapel Hill
Fri, Sept 24, 2014	Jen'nan Read: Pursuing Global Health Research in Qatar
Time:	1:30 – 2:30 pm
Location:	Trent Hall, Room 124
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Jen'nan Read will share findings from her ongoing global health research in Qatar relating to issues of gender and health, migrant health and mental health. She'll also describe areas of opportunity for potential research in the future. Read is currently based in Qatar and is one of only a few DGHI faculty members who are pursuing global health research in the Middle East. Jen'nan Read is a tenured associate professor of sociology and global health at Duke University and the Assistant Executive Director of Health Services Research at the Hamad Medical Corporation in Doha, Qatar (on leave from Duke where she is an Associate Professor of Sociology and Global Health). Her research focuses on the social and cultural determinants of health, particularly among Arab and Muslim populations. She has published a book and numerous scholarly articles on the topic and was named a Carnegie Scholar of Islam in 2006.
Sponsors:	Duke Global Health Institute
Sat, Sept 25, 2014	Prof. Colin Dueck: "The Obama Doctrine"
Time:	3:30 – 5:00 pm
Location:	Sanford Building, Room 003
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Does the Obama administration have a grand strategy that can effectively guide U.S. foreign policy? What have the strengths and weaknesses of Obama's foreign policy been, and how prepared is the administration for current and future challenges? Join us for a talk by a leading expert on U.S. foreign policy, who will discuss these and other key questions about America's global role. Colin Dueck is Associate Professor of Public and International Affairs at George Mason University. His most recent book is Hard Line: The Republican Party and U.S. Foreign Policy since World WAR II (2010). His forthcoming book is The Obama Doctrine, due out from Oxford University Press in early 2015.
Sponsors:	The Sanford School of Public Policy and the Duke Program in American Grand Strategy.
Sat, Sept 25, 2014	Film Actor Rahul Bose: "The relationship between popular film and activism in India"
Time:	5:00 – 6:00 pm
Location:	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture

Description:	UNC Chapel Hill is excited to announce that film actor and social activist Rahul Bose will be visiting our campus on Sept. 25. This event is FREE and open to the public. Rahul Bose will discuss the relationship between popular film and activism in India. He will also discuss his work with Pratham, the child-literacy organization, and possibilities for student service projects in India.
Sponsors:	Pratham USA Raleigh-RTP Chapter, UNC Department of Asian Studies, and Geet Bazaar Radio
Mon, Sept 29, 2014	Reza Vali and Patrick Burke: “Music and Globalization in the Middle East”
Time:	2:00 – 4:50 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Composers Reza Vali and Patrick Burke will visit Prof. Michael Figueroa’s “Music and Globalization in the Middle East” class to discuss the relationship between Persian and Western art music traditions. All are welcome to attend in the FedEx Global Education Center, Room 1009.
Sponsors:	Carolina Performing Arts
Tues, Sept 30, 2014	Prof. Rachel Havrelock: “The Haifa-Kirkuk Oil Pipeline and the Militarization of the Middle East”
Time:	12: 00 – 1:00 pm
Location:	Gray Building, Room 230
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Join us for lunch as Professor Rachel Havrelock discusses her research on the oil pipeline that once ran from Kirkuk to Haifa. She has pursued extensive research on the pipeline in the British National Archive, in Israeli and Jordanian archives, and by traveling the pipeline route and interviewing those living on and around it.
Sponsors:	John Hope Franklin Center (JHFC), and Center for Jewish Studies
Wed, Oct 01, 2014	Prof. Rachel Havrelock: “The History of the Contested Map of Israel and Palestine”
Time:	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center, Room 240
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Join UNC Students for Justice in Palestine as they discuss the connections UNC has with institutions and academic programs in Israel, and what we can do as students to break these ties. Israeli academic institutions function as a central part of a system that has denied Palestinians their basic rights. Palestinian students face ongoing discrimination, including the suppression of Palestinian cultural events, and there is sanctioning and ongoing surveillance of Palestinian students and faculty who protest Israeli policies.
Sponsors:	John Hope Franklin Center (JHFC) and Center for Jewish Studies
Wed, Oct 1, 2014	UNC Asia Film Series: “Bol” (Pakistan)
Time:	7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill

Categories:	Film
Description:	Part of the UNC Asia Film Series, Bol is a 2011 Urdu-language social drama Pakistani film written, directed and produced by Shoaib Mansoor. The film follows a religious Muslim family facing financial difficulties caused by too many children and changing times, with a major plot involving the father's desire to have another son and his rejection of his existing transgender male-assigned-at-birth daughter. This film was part of an entertainment education project by The Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs which entered in a partnership with Shoaib Mansoor's Shoman Productions in 2009. The objective of the project was to advocate for women's rights by bringing the focus of media and the elite of Pakistan to family planning and gender issues.
Sponsors:	The South Asia Section of the UNC Department of Asian Studies, the Carolina Asia Center and The Indus Cinema Club.
Thurs, Oct 2, 2014	Prof. Eren Tasar: The Official Madrasas Of Soviet Uzbekistan
Time:	6:30 – 8:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Eren Tasar is an historian of modern Central Asia in the Department of History at UNC Chapel Hill. Before coming to Carolina last year he served on the faculty of the Indiana University School of Liberal Arts in Indianapolis. His current book project Soviet and Muslim: the institutionalization of Islam in Central Asia analyzes Soviet policies toward Islam in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan from World War II until 1991. In this paper he describes the evolution of three officially sanctioned madrasas in Uzbekistan during these decades, arguing that they acquired increasing and unexpected importance for both the Soviet state and Central Asia's 'ulama or Islamic scholars.
Sponsors:	Carolina Seminar, Department of History, and the Center for Slavic, Eurasian & East European Studies.
Mon, Oct 6, 2014	Film Screening: "The Attack"
Time:	6:30 – 8:30 pm
Location:	New West, Room 219
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	Written and directed by Ziad Doueiri, The Attack follows Amin Jaafari, an Israeli Palestinian surgeon who, fully assimilated into Tel Aviv society, has a loving wife, an exemplary career, and many Jewish friends. But his picture-perfect life is turned upside down when a suicide bombing leaves nineteen dead, and the Israeli police inform him that his wife, who also died in the explosion, was responsible.
Sponsors:	UNC Department of Asian Studies
Tues, Oct 7, 2014	Diaspora Festival of Black and Independent Film: "Al Helm (The Dream): Martin Luther King in Palestine"
Time:	7:00 – 9:30 pm
Location:	Sonja Haynes Stone Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	View a screening of "Al Helm (The Dream): Martin Luther King in Palestine" directed by Connie Field (Documentary / USA / English / 96 min. / 2014). In March 2011, Clayborne

	Carson, director of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute, travelled to the Holy Land to film his play about King as it is performed by the Palestinian National Theatre and an African-American gospel choir and presented to audiences all over the West Bank. The resulting cultural exchange, creatively exciting, often emotionally charged, and not without tension or tragedy, gives each group a greater understanding of the other and unites them in the common and inspiring bond of artistic endeavor. "Al Helm" illustrates the transformative power of art and how it can move us towards understanding.
Sponsors:	Sonja Haynes Stone Center
Thurs, Oct 9, 2014	Careers in International Relations & Development in the Middle East
Time:	6:00 – 8:00 pm
Location:	Duke University
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	Are you interested in a future career or internship in International Affairs? Please join us in Social Sciences 136 for a lecture and conversation with Ben Orbach on careers and opportunities in International Development. Ben Orbach's career expertise spans from the U.S. Department of State, to research fellowships focused on the Middle East, to a directorship for a program titled America's Unofficial Ambassadors. We welcome all students interested in learning more about careers and internship opportunities related to International affairs, policy or politics, and Middle Eastern Studies for this incredible opportunity.
Thurs, Oct 9, 2014	Musical Performance: "Rizwan-Muazzam Qawwali"
Time:	8:00 – 10:00 pm
Location:	Bryan Center Reynolds Industries Theater
	Duke University
Categories:	Performance
Description:	When Pakistani qawwali superstar Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan died in 1997, his family's six-century musical tradition did not end. The legacy of qawwali — a devotional genre extolling mystical love and worship of God — was passed to his nephews, Rizwan and Muazzam, exceptional singers who carry on the Sufi tradition of musical devotion and exaltation. Performing songs that use hypnotic vocal repetition to induce a state of ecstasy, the brothers' soaring voices are backed by a gharana, an ensemble of harmonium and tabla accompanied by handclaps. Intoxicating and entrancing, "Rizwan and Muazzam's voices climb and swoop as if riding air currents; the harmonium seeks a similar undulating flight path while fingertips flutter like hummingbirds across the tablas" (BBC).
Sponsors:	Bryan Center Reynolds Industries Theater
Sat, Oct 11, 2014	Triangle Medieval Studies Seminar (TMSS)
Time:	9:00 am – 2:15 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Symposium
Description:	A collaborative effort between Duke, North Carolina State, and UNC-Chapel Hill, the Triangle Medieval Studies Seminar (TMSS) offers a humanities-based, interdisciplinary forum for the study of history, art history, religious studies, literature, music, women's studies and more ca. 500–1500, focusing on Europe, Byzantium and the Islamic world along with other regions. The seminar invites local and visiting scholars to present their written work as the basis for a rigorous discussion of current trends, topics, and problems in the

	field of medieval studies.
Sponsors:	Triangle Medieval Studies
Tue, Oct 14, 2014	Discussion of “Musings of an Iraqi Patriot” on WUNC The State of Things
Time:	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Tune into a live broadcast on WUNC 91.5FM, of The State of Things Tuesday, October 14 at 12 noon, for a discussion of the documentary film, Musings of an Iraqi Patriot. Frank Stasio will interview filmmaker Judy Van Wyk, the film’s subject Ahmed Fadaam, and Carl Ernst, Kenan Professor of Islamic Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. They will discuss the film and issues surrounding the current situation in Iraq.
Sponsors:	WUNC
Thurs, Oct 16, 2014	Film Screening: “Waltz with Bashir”
Time:	7:30 – 9:15 pm
Location:	Bryan Center Griffith Film Theater
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	Director Ari Folman’s animated, quasi-documentary “Waltz With Bashir” follows the filmmaker’s emotional attempt to decipher the horrors that unfolded one night in September of 1982, when Christian militia members massacred more than 3,000 Palestinian refugees in the heart of Beirut as Israeli soldiers surrounded the area. Folman’s depictions of the dementia of war have a hallucinatory power as strong as that of “Apocalypse Now.” Nominated for Academy Awards for Best Foreign Language Film of the Year in 2009, Winner of 2008 National Board of Review Award for Top Five Foreign Films, Winner of 2008 Los Angeles Film Critics Association Award for Best Animation / Trailer.
Sponsors:	Duke’s Program in the Arts of the Moving Image
Fri, Oct 17, 2014	Interrogating Change: Central Asia Between Timelessness and Mutability
Time:	9:00am – 4:15pm
Location:	Hamilton Hall, Room 569
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Workshop
Description:	This workshop revisits the academic compartmentalization that has characterized studies of Central Eurasia by reimagining this region as an experientially interconnected sphere of commonalities and convergences transcending national borders and conventional disciplinary boundaries. The organizers envision a novel topography of nineteenth and twentieth century Central Eurasia as a distinct space at once Islamic and Asian. Such a configuration opens up new possibilities for conceptualizing the region as an integral participant in a broader landscape incorporating the Middle East, South Asia, China, and Russia. In bringing together a variety of scholars with different expertise in the study of Central Asia, this workshop revisits longstanding scholarly boundaries and explores how Central Asian Studies can offer unique contributions to broader debates in the humanities and social sciences.
Sponsors:	Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, the UNC-CH Department of History, and the Social Science Research Council

Fri, Oct 17, 2014	Neil Lazarus: “Is There Light at the End of the Tunnel? What’s next for the Middle East?”
Time:	8:00 – 9:00 pm
Location:	Freeman Center for Jewish Life
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Join Jewish Life at Duke and Duke Friends of Israel as we welcome Neil Lazarus. Mr. Lazarus is an international expert in the field of Middle East politics and public diplomacy. He will speak about the current situation in the Middle East and how to move forward.
Sponsors:	Jewish Life at Duke and Duke Friends of Israel (DFI)
Tue, Oct 21, 2014	Cultural Event: Bedouin Tent
Time:	7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location:	North Carolina Hillel
	210 West Cameron Avenue, Chapel Hill, NC
Categories:	Cultural Event
Description:	The event will be held in a traditional Bedouin tent built by the students of Hillel. Participants will be exposed to the Bedouin community in Israel, which will include a short presentation by Itay Asaf, NC Hillel’s Israel Fellow, who will give a personal account of his experience living with Bedouins. Other activities will include teaching participants to play the Darboka (a goblet drum), eating traditional Mediterranean food, and drinking black Bedouin coffee.
Sponsors:	North Carolina Hillel
Wed, Oct 22, 2014	UNC Asia Film Series: “Children of Heaven” (Iran)
Time:	7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, Nelson Mandela Auditorium
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	Part of the UNC Asia Film Series, Children of Heaven is a 1997 Iranian family drama film written and directed by Majid Majidi. The film is about a brother and sister and their adventures over a lost pair of shoes. Nominated for the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film in 1998. This film series is sponsored by the South Asia Section of the UNC Department of Asian Studies, the Carolina Asia Center and The Indus Cinema Club. All films are shown in the Nelson Mandela Auditorium at the FedEx Global Education Center, 301 Pittsboro Street (Corner of McCauley and Pittsboro Streets on the UNC Campus). All screenings are free and open to the public.
Sponsors:	UNC Department of Asian Studies
Thurs, Oct 23, 2014	Film Screening & Discussion: “Musings of an Iraqi Patriot”
Time:	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, Room 1005
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	Musings of an Iraqi Patriot follows one man’s remarkable journey from a life as an accomplished artist in Baghdad to becoming a reluctant refugee in Burlington, North

	Carolina. Forced to flee the ongoing violence in Iraq, Ahmed Fadaam knows he's one of the lucky ones. Still, he's haunted by his decision to leave his beloved homeland. Eloquent and thoughtful, Ahmed gives voice to the millions of ordinary Iraqis whose lives have been irrevocably upended by more than a decade of war.
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies
Thurs, Oct 23, 2014	1001 Nights
Time:	7:00 – 8:30 pm
Location:	Great Hall, Student Union
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	Come explore the greater Middle East through performance, delicious food, and interactive cultural booths.
Sponsors:	Persian Cultural Society, Afghan Student Association, Turkish Student Association, and Students for Justice in Palestine
Fri, Oct 24, 2014	Yael Zerubavel, "Numerical Commemoration, Place Names and Forgetting in Israeli Culture"
Time:	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Location:	Pettigrew Hall, Room 100
	UNC – Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Yael Zerubavel, director of The Allen and Joan Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life and Professor of Jewish Studies and History, Rutgers University, spoke on "Numerical Commemoration, Place Names and Forgetting in Israeli Culture." Zerubavel's study focuses on the Israeli tradition of numerical commemoration and its application to geographical sites through the creation of names based on the collective numbers of the dead. This practice, which has extended for almost a century, has encoded Israeli landscape with symbolic numbers that offer a symbolic mapping of the past. The discussion explores the abstract character and social meaning of numerical commemorative place names, the use of Hebrew letters as substitutes for numbers in naming practices, and the challenges that this mnemonic practice presents, comparing it with the practice of collective remembrance based on numbers encoded in space with the practice of numerical commemoration within the Jewish calendar, and the interplay between these two numerical commemorative forms.
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for Jewish Studies
Fri, Oct 24 – Sat, Oct 25, 2014	2014 International Strategic Crisis Negotiations Exercise (Sudan)
Time:	3:00 pm (October 24 th) – 2:30 pm (October 25 th)
Location:	UNC-Chapel Hill
Categories:	Workshop
Description:	On October 24-25, the UNC-TISS National Security Fellowship Program and the Duke Counterterrorism and Public Policy Fellowship Program will host its third "International Strategic Crisis Negotiations Exercise" on the UNC-CH campus. The simulation, exported and facilitated by the Army War College, provides undergraduate and graduate students from UNC, Duke, NCSU, NCCU, and NDU-CISA (Fort Bragg, NC) with the opportunity to experience the complexity surrounding international negotiations. This year, the exercise will simulate a crisis in the Sudan. The scenario is set seven years into the future, and the negotiations

	process is triggered by the resumption of conflict between the Sudan and South Sudan. The negotiation is set-up and controlled under a UN/AU Aide Memoir that encapsulates a chapter system for listing and framing issues, however with no restrictions on which chapters are open to discussion and negotiation. Negotiations are hosted in Addis Abba, Ethiopia, and delegations include the Sudan, South Sudan, China, Ethiopia, Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N), Uganda, and the United States.
Sponsors:	Triangle Institute for Security Studies, the Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security, the UNC Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense, and the Duke Program for American Grand Strategy
Fri, Oct 24, 2014	Prof. Amir Hussain: "Scholarly Publishing in the Humanities"
Time:	3:00 – 4:30pm
Location:	Saunders Hall, room 104
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Amir Hussain is the editor of the Journal of the American Academy of Religion and Professor in the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University. His research is focused on contemporary Muslim societies in North America. As editor of JAAR since 2011, Professor Hussain is a great resource to discuss the intricacies of academic publishing, including the questions of audience, field, and professional development. As such, this talk is pertinent to students across the humanities looking to publish their work in academic journals and beyond.
Sponsors:	UNC Department of Religious Studies, Islamicate Graduate Students Association, UNC Student Government.
Sun, Oct 26, 2014	Forum: "The Quest for a Just Peace: Linking Liberation Struggles"
Time:	2:30 – 5:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Workshop
Description:	The forum coincides with the onslaught of alarming events in Israel-Palestine: unprecedented destruction in Gaza with thousands of shocking civilian deaths and injuries and hundreds of thousands displaced, the Israeli government's announcement of a massive expropriation of Palestinian land in the West Bank, and more illegal settlements in Arab East Jerusalem. Israel's third and most brutal attack on Gaza since 2009 has prompted new waves of solidarity among peace activists with the oppression of the Palestinian people. What can we learn from each other about our experiences with oppression from dominant power, dispossession, propaganda, incarceration, and dehumanization? While oppressed communities' liberation struggles are distinct, they share many of the same dynamics, strategies, and point to similar hopes.
Sponsors:	Jewish Voice for Peace NC, Coalition for Peace with Justice, Salaam Shalom of the Church of Reconciliation, St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church/Oxford, Muslim American Public Affairs Council, Muslims for Social Justice, Students for Justice in Palestine, Eisenhower Chapter, Veterans for Peace, NC Peace Action, Women's League for Peace & Freedom (WILPF), Black Workers for Justice, Elders for Peace, Jews for a Just Peace, and Balance & Accuracy in Journalism.
Mon, Oct 27, 2014	Omnia El Shakry: "The Arabic Freud & the Invention of the Psychosexual Subject"
Time:	11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Location:	Pink Parlor, East Duke Bldg

	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	In stark contrast to the so-called “tale of mutual ignorance” between Islam and psychoanalysis asserted by Fethi Benslama, El Shakry demonstrates that psychoanalysis was a tradition with deep and varied roots in the Egyptian postwar setting. This talk outlines one locally specific episode of the intersection of psychoanalysis and what I term the invention of the psychosexual subject in postwar Egypt, by exploring the linguistic terminology used for sex/gender, as well as discourses surrounding infantile and adolescent sexuality. The invention of the psychosexual subject, El Shakry argues, did not necessarily entail a simple shift of pleasure and desire away from the theological pastoral towards secular science and medicine as many have asserted.
Mon, Oct 27, 2014	The Middle East in Turmoil: A Public Conversation
Time:	5:00 – 7:00 pm
Location:	Sanford Building, Room 04
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	With a war raging in Syria that’s spilled over into Iraq, militant groups jockeying for attention and control, and a sobering post-Arab Spring reality that’s seen traditional alliances upended, political Islam scrutinized, and dissent stifled, four Duke experts put the latest developments and their relevance for America in perspective. What’s next for the Middle East? Join professors Bruce Jentleson (Sanford School of Public Policy), Abdeslam Maghraoui (Political Science), Omid Safi (Duke Islamic Studies Center), and David Schanzer (Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security) for a public conversation.
Sponsors:	Asian & Middle Eastern Studies (AMES), Duke University Middle East Studies Center, Sanford School of Public Policy
Mon, Oct 27, 2014	Film Screening: “Budrus”
Time:	6:30 – 8:30 pm
Location:	New West, Room 219
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	Directed by Julia Bacha, Budrus follows Ayed Morrar, an unlikely community organizer who unites Palestinians from all political factions and Israelis to save his village from destruction by Israel’s Separation Barrier. Victory seems improbable until his 15-year-old daughter, Iltezam, launches a women’s contingent that quickly moves to the front lines. Struggling side by side, father and daughter unleash an inspiring, yet little-known movement in the Occupied Palestinian Territories that is still gaining ground today. In an action-filled documentary chronicling this movement from its infancy, Budrus shines a light on people who choose nonviolence to confront a threat yet remain virtually unknown to the world.
Sponsors:	UNC Department of Asian Studies
Mon, Oct 27, 2014	Joseph Geha: “Is there an Us?”
Time:	7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location:	Riddick Hall
	NC State University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	In this lecture, Joe Geha will speak about immigration, ethnicity and identity and whether, after more than a century of Lebanese immigration and naturalization, can we still say there is an “us”? He will explore—through discussion and a few brief selected readings from both

	his fiction and non-fiction—some of the changes that the immigration process imposes, and what of “us” is left when it’s through.
Sponsors:	NC State University
Tue, Oct 28, 2014	#Kobane: Feminism and Autonomy in the Rojava Revolution
Time:	4:00 – 6:00 pm
Location:	Pink Parlor, East Duke Bldg
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Following the outbreak of the Syrian civil war, the three cantons of Rojava in northeastern Syria declared themselves an autonomous confederation devoted to the principles of pluralism, gender equality, and participatory democracy. Rather than relying on an unsustainable oil economy, the people of Rojava chose to close the existing wells and to reject the neocolonial and oil-based geopolitics in favor of self-determination, grassroots democracy, and a non-exploitative relationship of humans to their environment. Currently, the city and canton of Kobane are under siege by the forces of ISIS—an Islamic extremist organization engendered by the very geopolitics which the people of Rojava reject. This panel discussion will explore the current crisis in relation to the ongoing feminist and autonomous project in Rojava and to the politics of American empire at home and abroad.
Wed, Oct 29, 2014	Singing Archaeology: Akhnaten Lives
Time:	12:00 – 5:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Akhnaten, the ancient Egyptian ‘rebel pharaoh,’ husband of Nefertiti and probable father of King Tutankhamen, has found immortality through art. This year, Philip Glass’s American opera Akhnaten, co-written with Shalom Goldman, is being performed in Germany, Belgium, and Australia. In the 30 years since its composition, “Akhnaten” has been performed throughout the world to great acclaim in many different productions. In this presentation, Shalom Goldman will describe the research and creative processes behind this modern classic. Unique among modern opera’s Akhnaten is sung in ancient Near Eastern languages—ancient Egyptian, Akkadian, and biblical Hebrew. Shalom Goldman, Professor of Religious Studies and Middle Eastern Studies and Richard Riddell, Professor of Theater Studies, Vice President and University Secretary will deliver this Wednesday@TheCenter. A light lunch will be served.
Sponsors:	John Hope Franklin Center
Wed, Oct 29, 2014	Why ISIS Should Be Called Daesh: Reflections on Religion and Terrorism
Time:	4:00 – 6:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Fall Faculty Forum with Carl Ernst, Distinguished Professor of Islamic Studies, Department of Religious Studies. This presentation discusses the so-called Islamic State group currently active in Iraq and Syria, focusing on issues of representation in the US media and how they are linked to stereotypes of Islamic religious identity. This analysis provides an opportunity to rethink the relation between religion and terrorist violence.

Sponsors:	UNC Department of African, African American and Diaspora Studies
Wed, Oct 29, 2014	America, Islam, and the Legacy of Dr. King
Time:	7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location:	Westbrook, Room 0016
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	The Prophetic tradition, led by Martin Luther King and others, was at the heart of the Civil Rights Movement. What does this tradition have to say to Americans today, in light of our engagement in the Middle East, Ferguson, and the ongoing economic crisis?
Sponsors:	Duke Islamic Studies Center
Thurs, Oct 30, 2014	Between Tel Aviv and Baghdad and Beyond: On Identity and Displacement
Time:	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Israeli Documentary Filmmaker Duki Dror to Duke. Duki Dror will give a talk on identity and displacement and discuss his other documentary projects. For students interested in the Middle East or Documentary Film Studies, this event will undoubtedly be enlightening for all.
Sponsors:	AMES, DUMESC, the Duke Center for Jewish Studies
Sun, Oct 30, 2014	Natalia Suit, “Qur’anic Matters: Media and Materiality”
Time:	4:00 – 5:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Natalia Suit will give a talk entitled “Qur’anic Matters: Media and Materiality,” based on her dissertation, which was recently defended in the UNC Department of Anthropology. Her dissertation is a narrative ethnography that investigates the question of the materiality of the Qur’an, and how it functions as an object in the religious lives of Egyptian Muslims. This presentation will be of special relevance to graduate students interested in the different forms that dissertations can take.
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Islamicate Graduate Student Association.
Sun, Oct 30, 2014	Film Screening & Discussion: “Shadow In Baghdad”
Time:	7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	Shadow in Baghdad is a thrilling cinematic journey from Israel to Baghdad in search of a missing father and a lost community. A young journalist from Baghdad sets out to write about Linda Abdul Aziz, who escaped from Iraq to Israel in the early 1970s, and about her father, who disappeared shortly thereafter to an unknown fate. As suspicion converts to trust, the two slowly uncover the truth behind Linda’s father’s tragic end as well as that of the Jewish community that had thrived in Iraq for over 2,000 years.

Sponsors:	Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, UNC Asian Studies Department, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Duke's Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies
Sun, Nov 2, 2014	Turkish Republic Day
Time:	4:00 – 7:00 pm
Location:	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Cultural Event
Description:	Turkish Republic Day is an official holiday recognized on October 29th of each year. The Turkish constitution was amended and Turkey became a republic in 1923. This formally declared the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire. This day is an important celebration with many activities throughout the country and festivities typically occur all day and into the night. There will be refreshments provided by the Bosphorus restaurant in Cary, face painting, a backgammon tournament, and Turkish Music. Feel free to extend this invitation to anyone who might be interested. All students, faculty, staff and community members with connections to and interest in Turkey are welcome to join.
Sponsors:	Turkish Student Association
Mon, Nov 3, 2014	Shai Ginsburg, "Rhetoric and Nation: The Formation of Hebrew National Culture, 1880-1990"
Time:	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Location:	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Shai Ginsburg, the Andrew W. Mellon Assistant Professor for Hebrew and Jewish Studies at Duke University, will deliver a lecture titled "Rhetoric and Nation: The Formation of Hebrew National Culture, 1880-1990," as part of the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies lunch seminar series. Each semester, the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies hosts informal lunch seminars to discuss academic topics related to the field of Jewish Studies. The lunch seminars are for Carolina's faculty and graduate students, and interested undergraduates.
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for Jewish Studies
Tues, Nov 4, 2014	Robert Litwak, "Global Nuclear Threats: Iran and North Korea – What to Do about Them?"
Time:	4:00 – 5:30 pm
Location:	Hamilton Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Robert Litwak from the Woodrow Wilson Center will deliver a lecture titled "Global Nuclear Threats – Iran and North Korea: What to Do about Them?" Litwak is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and a consultant to the Los Alamos National Laboratory. He also served on the National Security Council staff as director for nonproliferation in the first Clinton administration.
Sponsors:	The Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense (PWAD), the Department of History, the UNC Center for European Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, the UNC Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC Global and the Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS).
Tues, Nov 4, 2014	Arabic/Hebrew Night at Duke
Time:	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	Come to celebrate language, performance and cultural appreciation. Two AMES professors will also be interviewed about each culture, so come to learn more! Dinner refreshments will be provided.
Sponsors:	the Arabic and Hebrew Programs of the Duke University
Wed, Nov 5, 2014	UNC Asia Film Series: "Wadjda" (Saudi Arabia)
Time:	7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	Written and directed by Haifaa Al Mansour, WADJDA is a movie of firsts. This first feature film shot entirely in Saudi Arabia is the story of a young girl living in a suburb of Riyadh determined to raise enough money to buy a bike in a society that sees bicycles as dangerous to a girl's virtue. Even more impressive, WADJDA is the first feature film made by a female Saudi filmmaker. In a country where cinemas are banned and women cannot drive or vote, writer- director Haifaa Al Mansour has broken many barriers with her new film.
Sponsors:	The South Asia Section of the UNC Department of Asian Studies, the Carolina Asia Center and The Indus Cinema Club.
Thurs, Nov 6, 2014	From Ferguson to Gaza: The Militarization of Everyday Life, A Talk by Israeli Peace Activists Maya Wind and Eran Efrati
Time:	7:30 – 8:30 pm
Location:	Bingham Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Maya Wind was currently a doctoral student in Social and Cultural Analysis at NYU, co-founded the refusenik group of Israeli high school seniors in 2008. Eran Efrati is an investigative researcher of the Israeli Military who focuses on international military and police partnerships and the global arms trade.
Sponsors:	UNC-CH Carolina Seminars, Students for Justice in Palestine-UNC-CH, The Coalition for Peace and Justice, The Social and Economic Justice Minor – UNC-CH, Jews for a Just Peace – NC, UNC-CH National Lawyers Guild, UNC-CH Concerned Faculty for Palestine
Fri, Nov 7, 2014	Triangle Film Salon Lectures 2014: Yaron Shemer, "Time and Space in Mizrahi Cinema: The Limits of the Zionist Reach"
Time:	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Location:	Dey Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	This talk examined the construction of time and space in contemporary films about the Mizrahi – Israeli periphery by focusing on Turn Left at the End of the World and The Band's Visit. The representation of the Mizrahi periphery with its reliance on the tropes of the desert, desolation, circular time, and "low culture" amount to the rendering of the Mizrahi peripheral community as one which exists in a "non-place" and "non-time." The film's unique address of a Mizrahi community sealed off in time and space – a "slipchronotope" between spatial and temporal markers – coincides with the overall cultural insularity of this

	Mizrahi community, namely, with its exclusion from the putatively Israeli-Zionist “melting pot.”
Sat, Nov 8, 2014	Israeli Peace Activists: The Soldier and The Refusenik
Time:	10:00am – 12:00 pm
Location:	Raleigh Friends Meeting
	625 Tower St. Raleigh, NC 27607
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Efrati and Wind will share their experiences growing up in Jerusalem and their efforts to encourage Israelis to embrace a joint Israeli-Palestinian struggle for justice and equality. Eran Efrati is an Israeli veteran soldier and former chief investigator with the Israeli NGO Breaking the Silence, which publishes testimonies of former combatants detailing the institutionalized abuse of Palestinians by Israeli Defense Forces. Maya Wind is a conscientious objector for which she served time in military prison. She is co-founder of the 2008 Israeli refuseniks and works with New Profile, an Israeli feminist organization that seeks to reduce the militarism in Israeli society, stop the compulsory draft, and resist the occupation.
Sponsors:	The Coalition for Peace with Justice and Raleigh Friends Meeting.
Mon, Nov 10, 2014	Rudnick Lecture Presents: Ethan Bronner
Time:	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Location:	Sanford Fleishman Common
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The annual Rudnick lecture is proud to present Ethan Bronner, deputy national editor of The New York Times to discuss the current Israeli-Palestinian crisis. This lecture is made possible through the generosity of the Rudnick endowment, and will be followed by a Q&A and a reception.
Sponsors:	The Rudnick Endowment
Mon, Nov 10, 2014	Betrayed
Time:	6:00 – 8:30 pm
Location:	Nasher Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Performance
Description:	A staged reading of selections from George Packer’s play, Betrayed, exploring the relationships between American military and diplomatic personnel stationed in Iraq. The reading, which will last approximately one hour, will be followed by panel discussion, moderated by D.G. Martin, with: Kirk Johnson, founder of The List Project to Resettle Iraqi Allies. Professor Abdul Sattar Jawad, Duke University Professor of Comparative Literature and Middle East Studies, Professor Jayne Huckerby, Associate Clinical Professor and Director of the Duke International Human Rights Clinic at Duke Law, Matt Victoriano, Marine Corps veteran of the Iraq war and local entrepreneur and activist will sit on the panel.
Tue, Nov 11, 2014	Kirk Johnson: “To Be a Friend is Fatal”
Time:	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Location:	Old Chem

	Duke University
Categories:	Reading
Description:	Kirk Johnson, founder of The List Project to Resettle Iraqi Allies, reads from his book and answers audience questions.
Wed, Nov 12, 2014	Prof. Mohsen Kadivar: "Theology, Ethics, Politics: Three Challenges for Islamic Reform"
Time:	5:30 – 6:30 pm
Location:	Sonja Haynes Stone Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	How should Islamic teachings relate to the specific conditions of modernity? Islamic Reform is the effort of Muslims to reconstruct Islamic teachings and practice in modern times. This lecture addresses the challenge of reforming Islamic doctrines in three related areas: theology, ethics and politics, with special reference to Shi'ism. It will be illustrated by critical reflections on concepts of religious authority (the position of the Imams), Shari'a as an ethical tradition in dialogue with modernity, and the necessity of secularism in terms of separation of mosque and state. Prof. Mohsen Kadivar is the Nannerl Keohane Distinguished Visiting Professorship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University.
Sponsors:	UNC Office of the Provost, Duke University Office of the Provost, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, and Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies.
Thurs, Nov 13, 2014	Film: Hats of Jerusalem
Time:	6:30 – 9:30 pm
Location:	Richard White Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	A visitor to Jerusalem is immediately struck by the incredible variety of people—of different ethnicities, nationalities and religions—who throng the narrow passageways of the old city. It soon becomes clear that specific groups within this crowd, almost all of whom sport headgear of varying shapes, sizes, textures and colors, can be distinguished by their hats. <i>As Hats of Jerusalem</i> reveals, there are reasons beyond mere protection from the weather for the varieties of distinctive headwear on display. Indeed, there is a history, a story, behind each type of hat, which filmmaker Nati Adler explores in this whimsical yet informative documentary. Please join us for a pizza reception at 6:30pm, followed by the film screening at 7:00pm, followed by a Q&A with the producer, Orna Raviv.
Fri, Nov 14, 2014	Prof. Mohsen Kadivar: "Commentary of the Persian Mystical Works of Suhrawardi"
Time:	5:45 – 8:45pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Shihab al-Din Yahya Suhrawardi (1155–1191) was the founder of Illuminative philosophy (Hikmat al-Ishraq), and one of the most influential mystics in Islamic world. Suhrawardi was imprisoned and assassinated because of his innovative ideas when he was 36. He left over 50 valuable writings in Persian and Arabic. His mystical Persian treatises are among the first

	top three symbolic-mystical works in Islam and Iran. Professor Mohsen Kadivar is an Iranian philosopher and Nanner O. Koehane distinguished visiting professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Fall 2014.
Sponsors:	UNC Office of the Provost, Duke University Office of the Provost, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, and Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, Iranian Circle of Culture and Wisdom.
Mon, Nov 17, 2014	What is the Meaning of Bagels and Falafel?
Time:	7:30 – 9:30 pm
Location:	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Shaul Stampfer, professor at Hebrew University and author of books on Eastern European Jewry including Families, Rabbis and Education and Lithuanian Yeshivas of the Nineteenth Century, will point out the history and hidden symbolic meaning behind two classic modern Jewish foods: bagels, an iconic food of American Jewish cuisine, and falafel, which has a similar role as an Israeli Jewish food. In his talk he will highlight the process of how bagels and falafels became a national food, which illuminates not only the history of food but also the societies who created the food. This is the Eli N. Evans Distinguished Lecture in Jewish Studies.
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for Jewish Studies
Tue, Nov 18, 2014 – Wed, Nov 19, 2014	UNC Global Passport Drive
Time:	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Symposium
Description:	Each year, hundreds of Carolina community members obtain or renew a passport at the annual Passport Drive hosted by UNC Global. Officials from the U.S. Department of State are on campus once a year to accept passport applications and renewal applications and to answer questions from Carolina students, faculty, staff and their families.
Sponsors:	UNC Global, U.S. Department of State, UNC One Card Office
Tue, Nov 18, 2014	The Role of Religion in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: How Does Interfaith Dialogue Promote Peace?
Time:	5:00 – 6:00pm
Location:	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	In this conversation, Abdullah Antepli, Duke’s Chief Representative for Muslim Affairs and Associate Director of the Duke Islamic Studies Center will respond to Yakir Englander, on the role of religion and interfaith dialogue in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Yakir Englander is a specialist in modern Jewish philosophy, with a focus on gender issues and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. His PhD, from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem (2012), is in Jewish philosophy and gender studies. His dissertation, “The Perception of the Male Body in Ultra-Orthodox Society during the Last Sixty Years, and its Ramifications for Understanding the Human Subject and the World” offers new understandings of the images of the male body in Jewish Ultra-Orthodox contexts in recent decades. Englander’s research is interdisciplinary, touching on the interfaces between Jewish philosophy, Jewish law and gender studies. He has authored articles on sexuality in Judaism (gay and lesbian issues,

	masturbation, and women's sexuality in Jewish divorce law), on the role of the body as a mnemonic in the work of post-Holocaust writer Aharon Appelfeld, on "shame" in the Talmud, and on the body of the Hasidic tzadik (Jewish saint).
Sponsors:	Duke Center for Jewish Studies
Wed, Nov 19, 2014	The Stack: Design and Geopolitics in The Age of Planetary-scale Computing
Time:	6:00 am – 8:00pm
Location:	Perkins Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	From NSA surveillance to Jihadist social media and the Sino-Google Wars, computation has become more than a type of machine, it is a global infrastructure that is changing not only how governments govern, but what government even is in the first place. We should view smart grids, cloud computing, mobile software and smart cities, universal addressing systems, ubiquitous computing and robotics not as unrelated genres of computation but as forming a larger and coherent whole. Together they constitute an accidental megastructure called The Stack. This is not only a planetary-scale computing system, it is also a new architecture for how we divide up the world into sovereign spaces. The Nation-State isn't going away but it is evolving into a Cloud platform (and perhaps vice versa). This poses extraordinary challenges for design and geopolitics. By seeing the whole we stand a better chance of designing a system we will want to inhabit.
Thurs, Nov 20, 2014	"Reasonable Accommodations and Minority Religious Freedom in the US & Canada"
Time:	8:30am – 2:00pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Panels include "Religious Tolerance in the 18th and 19th Centuries," "Legal Challenges by Minority Religious Groups," "Bouchard-Taylor Commission on Accommodation Practices Related to Cultural Differences in Quebec," and "Religious Freedom & Minority Religious Rights in Canadian and American Foreign Policy."
Thurs, Nov 20, 2014	Prof. Bill Brands: "Who Won the Cold War? Reagan, Gorbachev, and the World They Destroyed"
Time:	4:00 – 6:00pm
Location:	Hamilton Hall, Room 569
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	This lecture is part of a series with eminent scholars organized by the Richard M Krasno Distinguished Professorship at UNC Chapel Hill.
Sponsors:	Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense (PWAD), the Department of History, the UNC Center for European Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, the UNC Institute for the Arts and Humanities, UNC Global, and the Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS)
Fri, Nov 21, 2014	Dr. Michael Figueroa: "The Musical Construction of Jewish Jerusalem: Singing Naomi Shemer after the War"
Time:	2:30 – 3:30pm

Location:	Hill Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The Department of Music at UNC presents a public lecture on the soundscape of Jerusalem in the wake of the Six-Day War.
Sponsors:	UNC-CH Department of Music
Tue, Dec 2, 2014	Stephen Hadley: “American Foreign Policy in Challenging Times”
Time:	5:00 – 6:30pm
Location:	Fleishman Commons
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	A discussion with former National Security Advisor Stephen Hadley about what’s wrong and what’s right about America’s position in the world at fixing problems, addressing challenges, and taking advantages of opportunities
Thurs, Dec 4, 2014	Dr. Sibel Bozdoğan: “Istanbul’s Transformation Under the AKP: Urban Development as Politics of Performance”
Time:	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Location:	Richard White Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	A series of highly controversial urban transformation/gentrification schemes and infrastructural mega-projects by Turkey’s AKP have been dramatically altering the urban landscape of Istanbul since 2002. Dr. Bozdogan will offer an overview of the AKP’s spatial practices and strategies of framing the state’s powerful agency in the making of capitalist real estate markets within a populist discourse of performance, development and public service. Dr. Bozdoğan is currently a lecturer at Harvard University’s Graduate School of Design and is Professor and Chair of the Department of Architecture at Kadir Has University in Istanbul, Turkey.
Fri, Dec 5, 2014	Prof. Mohsen Kadivar: “Commentary of the Persian Mystical Works of Suhrawardi”
Time:	5:30 – 8:30pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Shihab al-Din Yahya Suhrawardi (1155–1191) was the founder of Illuminative philosophy (Hikmat al-Ishraq), and one of the most influential mystics in the Islamic world. Suhrawardi was imprisoned and assassinated because of his innovative ideas when he was 36. He left over 50 valuable writings in Persian and Arabic. His mystical Persian treatises are among the first top three symbolic-mystical works in Islam and Iran. Professor Mohsen Kadivar is an Iranian philosopher and Nanner O. Koehane distinguished visiting professor in University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Fall 2014. The fourth session is dedicated to “A Day with the Community of Sufis”. This symbolic recital is on the classification of the people on the secrets of the heaven, purification of the soul and the methods of the connection to the unseen world.
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Iranian Circle of Culture and Wisdom.

Wed, Jan 7, 2015 – Sun, Jan 11, 2015	“Wrestling Jerusalem” at PlayMakers
Time:	7:30 – 9:30pm
Location:	Kenan Theatre
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Performance
Description:	A personal story that grapples with identity, social justice and history. Exploring the competing narratives at the center of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict that has lasted generations.
Sponsors:	Carolina Performing Arts
Thurs, Jan 9, 2015	Prof. Mohsen Kadivar: “Commentary of the Persian Mystical Works of Suhrawardi”
Time:	6:15 – 8:45pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Illuminative philosophy (Hikmat al-Ishraq), and one of the most influential mystics in Islamic world. Suhrawardi was imprisoned and assassinated because of his innovative ideas when he was 36. He left over 50 valuable writings in Persian and Arabic. His mystical Persian treatises are among the first top three symbolic-mystical works in Islam and Iran. Professor Mohsen Kadivar is an Iranian philosopher and was the Nanner O. Koehane distinguished visiting professor in University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Fall 2014 (currently at Duke University).
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Iranian Circle of Culture and Wisdom.
Tue, Jan 13, 2015	President Obama’s Fourth Quarter Foreign Policy: A Conversation with Jake Sullivan About 2015-2016
Time:	5:15 – 6:45pm
Location:	Fleishman Commons
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Jake Sullivan is an Obama administration delegate in the nuclear negotiations with Iran, and until 2014 Sullivan served as National Security Advisor to Vice President Joe Biden. He previously served as Director of Policy Planning at the U.S. Department of State and as deputy chief of staff to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. He was also named one of TIME’s “40 Under 40” civic leaders.
Sponsors:	Sanford School of Public Policy and Duke American Grand Strategy Program
Tue, Jan 13, 2015	Screening & Discussion: The Gulen Movement
Time:	6:00 – 8:00pm
Location:	Bryan Center Griffith Film Theater
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Center for Muslim Life at Duke invites you to join us for the screening of a new documentary on the Gulen Movement with participation of Kenneth Hunter, Executive

	Producer and Hakan Berberoglu, Co-Producer. Love is a Verb is an examination of a social movement that began in Turkey in the 1960s and now reaches across the globe. The group is called Hizmet, the Turkish word for service or The Gulen Movement after its inspiration, leader and beloved teacher Fethullah Gulen, a man that Time Magazine named as one of the most influential leaders in the world in 2013.
Sponsors:	Duke Center for Muslim Life
Thurs, Jan 15, 2015	Sayed Kashua: “The Arabs in Israel – The Inaudible Cry for Citizenship
Time:	5:00 – 6:00pm
Location:	Sanford Building
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Sayed Kashua is a Palestinian citizen of Israel, author, and journalist born in Tira, Israel, known for his books and humorous columns in Hebrew. Kashua is the author of three novels: <i>Dancing Arabs</i> , <i>Let it Be Morning</i> , and <i>Second Person Singular</i> (all published in English by Grove Atlantic). Kashua is winner of the prestigious Bernstein Prize. He also writes a satirical weekly column in Hebrew for the Israeli newspaper Ha’aretz. In a tongue-in-cheek style, Kashua addresses the problems faced by Arabs in Israel, caught between two worlds. He is the writer and creator of the hit Israeli TV show Arab Labor, now in its fourth season. In 2004, Kashua was awarded the Prime Minister’s Prize in Literature. His novel <i>Dancing Arabs</i> has been made into a feature film, and premiered in 2014 at the Telluride Film Festival.
Fri, Jan 16, 2015	Adhan Call to Prayer
Time:	1:00pm
Location:	Duke Chapel Quad
	Duke University
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	In our continued efforts to create an inclusive and pluralistic environment and with strong advocacy and collaborative efforts by Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp, the Duke Muslim community is proud to announce and cordially invite you to the Muslim call to prayer “adhān” from the Chapel Quad which will continue to be given on a weekly basis (God Willing). The call will be done in Arabic and an English translation will be provided afterwards. The call will last only a few minutes, so please plan to come on time. We are very excited to be of the first campuses to have this service in America and be part of this historical event.
Tue, Jan 20, 2015	Charlie Hebdo Attacks: Contexts and Implications
Time:	12:00pm
Location:	Old Chem
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Panelists Omid Safi, Helen Solterer, and Céline Flécheux will explore the broader contexts necessary for understanding the attacks and the reaction to them, as well as the potential implications on politics and culture in France and beyond.
Sponsors:	Duke Islamic Studies Center
Tue, Jan 20, 2015	International Coffee Hour
Time:	5:00 – 6:00pm

Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	Join us for a social hour to bring together international UNC community members and students excited about global engagement at the EspressoOasis Café FedEx Global Education Center. Chat about global opportunities on campus with the Center for Global Initiatives and Study Abroad.
Sponsors:	UNC Center For Global Initiatives
Tue, Jan 20, 2015	Film Screening: "Mirath"
Time:	7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location:	Witherspoon Cinema
	NC State University
Categories:	Film
Description:	The Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies, the Middle East Studies Program and the Film Studies Program at NC State University cordially invite you to the North Carolina premiere screening of the Lebanese film, Mirath (Heritages), followed by a Q&A with the director Philippe Aractanji. This film has been shown only in few select cities (NY, San Francisco, LA, Houston) and we are privileged to be able to bring it to you.
Sponsors:	The Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies, the Middle East Studies Program and the Film Studies Program at NC State University
Thurs, Jan 22, 2015	UNC Update Series: Syrian Civil War
Time:	6:00 – 8:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Join us to hear from UNC Associate Professor of International Relations Navin Bapat, whose research includes studying conflicts involving non-state actors. Professor Bapat will be giving a descriptive overview of the recent conflict in Syria. Also hear from UNC student Sandy Alkoutami, who will be sharing her personal experiences and observations regarding the conflict. The event will last around an hour.
Sponsors:	UNC Scholars Cultural Engagement Fund and the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations.
Mon, Jan 26, 2015	Displaced Ornaments: The Feminine Between Immanence and Transcendence with Ali Mian
Time:	6:00 pm
Location:	Friedl 225
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	This paper analyzes contemporary Pakistani artist Naiza Khan's exhibition, "Heavenly Ornaments," in relation to multiple philosophical discourses, including feminist theory, continental philosophy, and Islamic Moral Thought.
Wed, Jan 28, 2015	Reel Global Cities Film Series: "City of Life" (Dubai)
Time:	7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location:	Bryan Center Griffith Film Theater

	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	Screening with introduction and discussion by Miriam Cooke of Duke University. An entitled young Arab wrestling with his cultural identity, an embittered cab driver contending with constant comparisons to a high-profile Bollywood star, and a Romanian flight attendant looking for love all find their lives transformed by seemingly inconsequential encounters on the streets of Dubai in this urban drama exploring the threads that tie society together.
Sponsors:	Rethinking Global Cities
Thurs, Jan 29, 2015	Middle East Reads
Time:	6:00 – 8:00pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Reading
Description:	DUMESC, DISC and Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations invite you to participate in “Middle East Reads”, our annual celebration of recent publications by Duke and UNC-CH faculty to be held Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 6 PM in 240 Franklin Center. The readings will be followed by a reception. We look forward to celebrating your publication at “Middle East Reads”!
Sponsors:	DUMESC, DISC and Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations
Thurs, Jan 29, 2015	UNC Update Series: Israel-Palestine Conflict
Time:	6:00 – 8:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Join us to hear from UNC Professor Emeritus of Sociology Anthony Oberschall, whose research focuses on social conflicts and peace-building in divided societies. Professor Oberschall will share some of his most recent research on the Israel-Palestine Conflict discussing the effect of outsider financing on the 2014 Gaza war. Also hear from UNC student groups JStreet and Students for Justice in Palestine, and UNC Hillel Israel Fellow Itay Asaf, as they discuss their experiences and perspectives on the issue. The event will last around an hour and a half.
Sponsors:	UNC Scholars Cultural Engagement Fund and the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations.
Thurs, Jan 29, 2015	Film Screening: “Cedars in the Pines – The Lebanese in North Carolina”
Time:	6:00 – 8:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	Cedars in the Pines represents the first in a series of cultural projects undertaken by the Khayrallah Program for Lebanese-American Studies to research, document, preserve and publicize the history of the Lebanese-American community in North Carolina. The film is also the first installment of the Spring 2015 Southern Culture Movie Series for international students and scholars. A post-screening Q&A session will be facilitated by Dr. Akram Khater, Professor of History at North Carolina State University and Director of the Khayrallah Program for Lebanese-American Studies. The screening is free and open to everyone, and refreshments will be served following the film.

Sponsors:	UNC Writing Center, International Student and Scholar Services, and the Media Resources Center.
Mon, Feb 2, 2015	Dr. Robert Reardon: "Iran's Nuclear Program: Issues and Next Steps"
Time:	11:45 am – 1:15 pm
Location:	4280 Talley Student Union
	NC State University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	After more than a decade of threats, sanctions, and diplomacy, there is now an unprecedented level of optimism that Iran and the members of the "P5+1" (the five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany) can reach a negotiated settlement to lower tensions and reduce the chances of conflict over Iran's nuclear program. This talk explores the biggest questions about the current negotiating process and its implications for the future. Can the two sides achieve a deal, and what would such an agreement mean for U.S.-Iran relations? What if negotiations fail? Dr. Reardon will explore these questions and more during this event.
Sponsors:	NC State University
Mon, Feb 2, 2015	Hunger Strikes & Force Feeding Seminar
Time:	4:00 pm
Location:	West Duke 101
	Duke University
Categories:	Workshop
Description:	In December 2014, the U.S. practice of force-feeding came into public spotlight. The Senate declassified its report on the U.S. interrogation and torture programs, revealing graphic images of force-feedings of detainees held at CIA black sites after 9/11. Also, the Obama Administration appealed a federal court decision that requires the Administration to release videos of its force-feeding practices at Guantanamo, where detainees have been on hunger strikes. The issue had already been gaining attention: a month earlier the American Nursing Association petitioned the Department of Defense for leniency in its investigation of a Navy medical officer who has refused to participate in forced feeding practices. Join us on February 5th for a timely panel discussion on the ethics and politics of hunger strikes and force-feeding at U.S. detention centers and abroad. Panelists will include: Professor Julie Norman (Political Science, McGill University), Dr. Sondra Crosby (Boston University School of Medicine), Professor Omid Safi (Director of the Duke Islamic Studies Center, Duke), Professor Kearsley Stewart (the Duke Global Health Institute) as moderator.
Sponsors:	Duke Islamic Studies Center
Tue, Feb 3, 2015	Bill Corcoran: "Palestinians in Gaza and from Syria – Shattered Families in the Middle East"
Time:	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture

Description:	The Middle East seems to be stumbling from one crisis to the next. Two of the most recent victims of war have been the families of Gaza and the thousands of Palestinians among the Syrians who fled to Lebanon. Both groups show the physical and psychological scars of constant violence and poverty. A loose group of nonprofits, governments and UN agencies is struggling to provide a safety net for them. Bill Corcoran, President and CEO of American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), will illustrate its humanitarian efforts and provide insights regarding the future of instability in the region. ANERA is an American NGO dedicated to improving the lives of Palestinian communities through health care, education and economic development.
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, Center for Global Initiatives, Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense, Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center, and the Curriculum in Global Studies.
Tue, Feb 3, 2015	Round Table Discussion Panel: "Islam and Global Security"
Time:	6:00 – 7:00pm
Location:	2221 Mary Townes Science Building
	NC Central University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Panel Members: Mawlid Ali, Imam (Jamaat Ibad ar-Rahman), Anna Bigelow, Associate Professor of Religious Studies (North Carolina State U.), Kathryn Fisher, Assist. Prof. of International Security Studies (National Defense U.), Rolin Mainuddin, Associate Professor of Political Science (North Carolina Central University), David Schanzer, Associate Professor of the Practice (Duke University) and, Director, Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security (Duke-UNC-RTI). MODERATOR: Rolin Mainuddin, Associate Professor of Political Science (North Carolina Central U.)
Sponsors:	Global Security Program (GSP) at North Carolina Central University and the Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS).
Wed, Feb 4, 2015	Prof. Steven Salaita: "Silent Dissent: Academic Freedom and Censorship"
Time:	7:30pm
Location:	Sanford Building, Room 04
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Professor Steven Salaita comes to Duke University to speak about his experience with censorship and our right to free speech within the academy. Professor Salaita's tenured job offer from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign was rescinded on the grounds of his "incivility" after he tweeted criticism of Israeli policy with regards to the siege on Gaza this previous summer. The university's reasoning blatantly disregards Professor Salaita's academic freedom, according to the American Association of University Professors. Professor Salaita, a scholar of Native American and indigenous literatures, will explore topics relating to censorship, free speech, and the historical frictions between decolonial struggles and studies and powerful institutions.
Sponsors:	Duke Students for Justice in Palestine, AAAS, DISC, the Duke Romance Studies Department, and CGSH
Thurs, Feb 5, 2015	UNC Update Series: US War on Terror
Time:	6:00 – 8:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill

Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Join us to hear from the Fall 2014 Keohane Distinguished Professor, Mohsen Kadivar, as he discusses the US War on Terror. Kadivar holds a Ph.D. in Islamic Philosophy and the highest degree in Islamic Law, the certificate of Itjihad. He is also one of the most influential voices in the debate over the legitimacy of the Iranian regime. The event will focus on bringing attendees “up-to-speed” on the issue and will last around an hour. Refreshments will be served.
Sponsors:	UNC Scholars Cultural Engagement Fund and the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations.
Thurs, Feb 5, 2015	Rethinking Global Cities Conference (Day 1): “Virtual Uprisings: Tahrir Square”
Time:	6:30 – 7:30 pm
Location:	Lilly Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Please join speaker Nezar AL Sayyac of UC Berkley for the keynote of the Rethinking Global Cities Conference.
Sponsors:	Rethinking Global Cities
Fri, Feb 6, 2015	General Martin Dempsey: “An Address by the 18th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff”
Time:	5:30 – 6:30 pm
Location:	Genome Science Building
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	General Martin E. Dempsey serves as the 18th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. In this capacity, he serves as the principal military adviser to the President, the Secretary of Defense and the National Security Council. By law, he is the Nation’s highest-ranking military officer. Prior to becoming Chairman, the general served as the Army’s 37th Chief of Staff.
Sponsors:	Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense
Sun, Feb 8, 2015	Persian Poetry Night
Time:	4:00 – 8:00pm
Location:	400 Oak Tree Drive, Chapel Hill, NC
Categories:	Meeting, Reading
Description:	The Persian Art Center in the Carolinas Presents: Persian Poetry Night. Dr. Ebrahim Pourzandi will speak (4:45pm) about the celebrated Persian Poet Forough Farrokhzad. Discussion and Q & A will follow. The later portion of the night (6:45pm) will consist of a poetry reading by the audience and live music.
Sponsors:	The Persian Art Center in the Carolinas
Mon, Feb 9, 2015	Dr. John M. Willis: “After the Caliphate: Mecca and the Geography of Crisis and Hope”
Time:	5:30 – 7:30pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, Room 3009
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture

Description:	Dr. John M. Willis (National Humanities Center Fellow and Associate Professor of History at the University of Colorado, Boulder) will talk about his current project: After the Caliphate: Mecca and the Geography of Crisis and Hope. Professor Willis' primary research field is the social and cultural history of the modern Middle East with secondary emphasis on the histories of empire, Islam, and the Indian Ocean world. He is particularly interested in the relationship between forms of power and the geographical imagination, both within colonial modernities and movements of Islamic reform. He is the author of "Unmaking North and South: Cartographies of the Yemeni Past" (Columbia University Press 2012/Oxford University Press 2013). He is currently working on two new book projects. The first, "After the Caliphate: Mecca and the Geography of Crisis and Hope," is an examination of Mecca as the site of various anticipatory political projects in the period after the abolition of the Ottoman caliphate. The second project, "Iqbal and the Arabs: Translation and the Arab Encounter with the Poet-Philosopher of Pakistan," is an account of the intellectual engagement with and translation of the poetry of Muhammad Iqbal in the Arab World, primarily through the encounter with the Pakistan state in the 1950s.
Sponsors:	Seminar on Transnational and Modern Global History
Tue, Feb 10, 2015	Prof. Negar Mottahedeh: "Crude Extractions: The Quest for Oil and The Construction of an Imaginary Modernity in Iranian Cinema"
Time:	5:30pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Prof. Negar Mottahedeh of Duke University is a cultural critic and film theorist specializing in interdisciplinary and feminist contributions to the fields of Middle Eastern Studies and Film Studies. She will speak on contemporary Iranian film.
Sponsors:	UNC Persian Studies, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, and the Iranian Cultural Society of North Carolina.
Tue, Feb 10, 2015	Dr. Peter Howard: "Challenges and Opportunities in United States Foreign Policy In the Middle East."
Time:	6:00 – 7:30pm
Location:	Park Shops 200
	NC State University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The School of Public & International Affairs' 2014-15 Diplomat in Residence Dr. Peter Howard will give a public lecture on "Challenges and Opportunities in United States Foreign Policy In the Middle East." Dr. Howard is a Regional Affairs Strategic Analyst in the Bureau of Near East Affairs in the US Department of State. He will speak about the major challenges facing the Middle East and strategies of US foreign policy with a special emphasis on the ISIL nexus.
Sponsors:	NC State University
Wed, Feb 11, 2015	Vigil to Honor the Lives of Deah Shaddy Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha, and Razan Abu-Salha
Time:	6:30 pm
Location:	The Pit
	UNC Chapel Hill

Categories:	Meeting
Description:	The campus community is invited to a vigil this evening to honor the three young people who died yesterday evening. At 6:30 p.m. in the Pit, Triangle university and community leaders are coming together to remember the departed. Sadly, Deah Barakat, a student in the School of Dentistry, and his wife, Yusor Abu-Salha, who had planned to begin her dental studies at Carolina next fall, were killed last night, along with Yusor's sister, Razan Abu-Salha, an undergraduate at North Carolina State University. The vigil is designed to celebrate and honor the lives of these three students and appeal to the communities for calm.
Fri, Feb 13, 2015	Reflection and Memorial for Victims of the Chapel Hill Shootings
Time:	12:00 – 12:45 pm
Location:	Duke Chapel Basement
	Duke University
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	Join us for a short reflection and memorial at Duke to remember the Chapel Hill Shootings and their victims. The reflection will be held at the Duke Chapel Basement, today (Friday, February 13) from 12-12:45 pm.
Sun, Feb 15, 2015	Community Discussion: "The Chapel Hill Three"
Time:	5:00 pm
Location:	Bingham Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	The UNC Jewish community mourns the loss of Deah Shaddy Barakat, Yusor Mohammad Abu-Salha, and Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha. Meaningless violence has robbed the Carolina community of three amazing people who had full and meaningful lives ahead of them. We stand together with and grieve with the friends and families of Deah Shaddy Barakat, Yusor Mohammad Abu-Salha, and Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha.
Sponsors:	UNC Hillel
Mon, Feb 16, 2015	Reel Global Cities Film Series: "The City Without Jews" + 5 short films (Vienna)
Time:	7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location:	Bryan Center Griffith Film Theater
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	Hugo Bettauer's disturbingly prophetic 1922 novel about the systematic deportation of Viennese Jews, intended by the author as a satire of anti-Semitism, was transformed into this controversial Expressionist film two years later. With Austria's turn to fascism in 1934 and its increasing acceptance of the political-economic demands made by Nazi Germany (even before the actual "takeover"), Bettauer's dystopic vision would soon come to pass: Jews were scapegoated and, from 1938, sent into exile or to their deaths, leaving Vienna to become a cultural backwater. Bettauer, who was also the author of The Joyless Street (G.W. Pabst made a film adaptation featuring Asta Nielsen and Greta Garbo), was murdered by a former Nazi Party member in 1925.
Sponsors:	Council for European Studies of Duke University, Reel Global Cities, and the Screen Society.
Tue, Feb 17, 2015	The Image Wars & Kiarostami's Zig Zag
Time:	3:00 pm

Location:	Friedl, Room 115
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	One of the signature images of the cinema of Abbas Kiarostami, Iran's most distinguished director, is that of a path zigzagging across the landscape. This paper argues that that path — a figure of what Henry Corbin, friend and colleague of Lacan, named the "imaginal world" — opens a new chapter in the study of Islam, and of cinema. Joan Copjec is Professor of Modern Culture and Media at Brown University and formerly the Director of the Center for the Study of Psychoanalysis and Culture at the University at Buffalo. She is the author of <i>Read My Desire</i> (soon to be reprinted in Verso's "Radical Thinkers" series); <i>Imagine There's No Woman</i> ; and of the forthcoming book on Kiarostami tentatively titled, "Cloud: Between Paris and Tehran."
Sponsors:	Duke University's Women's Studies Program
Tue, Feb 17, 2015	Prof. Nathan Brown: Arguing Islam in a Political Age *cancelled due to inclement weather
Time:	5:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The dramatic uprisings of 2011 and the subsequent disappointments have drawn attention away from some longer-term trends in Arab societies, including the increased engagement in politics by publics throughout the region and the multiplication of sources of religious authority. How do officials, scholars, and members of the public argue about—and seek to mold and change—the relationship between religion and public life in the Arab world? How are modes of governance, relations within the family, and public places such as schools and media affected by these struggles? Nathan Brown is a professor of Political Science and International Affairs at the Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University. He specializes in government and politics of the Middle East, democratization and constitutionalism, and rule of law in the Arab world.
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, Center for Global Initiatives, Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense, and Curriculum in Global Studies.
Wed, Feb 18, 2015	miriam cooke: "Syrian Culture After 2011"
Time:	12:00 – 1:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Please join Professor miriam cooke for a conversation about Syrian Culture after 2011. A light lunch will be served. miriam cooke is Director, Duke University Middle East Studies Center and the Braxton Craven Professor of Arab Cultures at Duke University.
Sponsors:	Duke University Middle East Studies Center and the Duke University Islamic Studies Center
Wed, Feb 18, 2015	James Longley: Iraq in Fragments and Sari's Mother Screenings
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Full Frame Theater, 320 Blackwell Street #101
	Durham, NC
Categories:	Film

Description:	James Longley is a documentary filmmaker whose works examine the lives of people in conflict zones, mostly in the Middle East and South Asia. Longley's 2006 film, <i>Iraq in Fragments</i> , offers an intimate view of the early years of the Iraq War through three different points of view. The film won numerous honors, including the grand jury award at the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival in 2006, three jury awards at Sundance and was nominated for an Academy Award. His short, <i>Sari's Mother</i> (2007), was also nominated for an Academy Award. Longley was named a MacArthur Fellow in 2009 and a USA Ford Fellow in 2011. He is currently at work on a new documentary about a school in Kabul.
Thurs, Feb 19, 2015	Pluralism in the Private Sector
Time:	12:30 pm
Location:	Duke Law School, Room 3041
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Join us for a lunch-time panel discussion in Duke Law Room 3041 focused on the intersection of rights involved with decisions regarding diverse religious groups at a private university. Are universities obliged to treat various student groups equally? What are their obligations to donors? Do students forgo rights via contract at the time of enrollment? Speaking on these issues will be a panel comprised of Professor Richman, Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp, and Mr. Steven Hinkle moderated by Professor Miller.
Thurs, Feb 19, 2015	Dr. Hisham Aidi: "Rebel Music: Race, Empire, and the New Muslim Youth Culture"
Time:	5:00 – 6:30 pm
Location:	Hyde Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Hisham Aidi of Columbia University is a scholar of cultural globalization and the political economy of race and social movements. His recently published book, <i>Rebel Music</i> , is a fascinating, timely, and important work on the connection between music and political activism among Muslim youth around the world. The book looks at how hip-hop, jazz, and reggae, along with Andalusian and Gnawa music, have become a means of building community and expressing protest in the face of the West's policies in the War on Terror. Illuminating and groundbreaking, <i>Rebel Music</i> takes the pulse of the phenomenon of this new youth culture and reveals not only the rich historical context from which it is drawn but also how it can foretell future social and political change. This "book talk" will be followed up with a Q&A session.
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, and UNC Institute for the Arts and Humanities.
Fri, Feb 21, 2015 – Sat, Feb 22, 2015	The Legacy of Malcolm X: Afro-American Visionary, Muslim Activist
Time:	2:00pm (Friday, Feb 21 at Duke University) – 5:00 pm (Saturday, Feb 22)
Location:	Saturday, Feb 21 at FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill & Duke University
Categories:	Conference
Description:	February 21, 2015 marks the 50th anniversary of the assassination of one of the most iconic leaders of the 20th century, Malcolm X El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz. On May 19, 2015 he would have been ninety years old. The aim of our conference is to commemorate his life, his thought, and his unique contributions to struggles for justice, recognition, and change in a world he experienced as both a challenge and a promise. The conference brings together

	scholars from a variety of fields and is an invitation to connect our ideas, research projects, and activism across disciplinary divides. We aim to reflect together on the impact of Malcolm X on 20th century freedom and equality struggles and the continuing significance of his ideas, principles and critiques as a radical African American, Muslim, and global intellectual for our time.
Sponsors:	Duke Islamic Studies Center and Carolina Center for the Study the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations.
Sun, Feb 22, 2015	Dr. Alon Tal: “Will the Environment Survive a Renewed Middle East Peace Process?”
Time:	12:00 pm
Location:	Gardner Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Because of its modest size, Israel’s environmental problems are largely trans boundary. Without cooperation with its neighbors, progress in areas from stream restoration to species repatriation will be modest at best. This lecture reviews over twenty years of “below the radar” environmental cooperation in the region and considers the present peace process and how it might be leveraged to ensure an ecological dividend for the region.
Sponsors:	UNC Global, the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, A Drink for Tomorrow, UNC Student Government, the Curriculum in Global Studies and the UNC Institute for the Environment.
Mon, Feb 23, 2015	Film Screening: Double Feature – Le Passé and The Gatekeepers
Time:	4:00 – 9:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	The final screenings of this year’s Tournées Film Festival: a double feature with Le Passé (The Past) from Iranian director, Asghar Farhadi and Cannes Best Actress winner, Bérénice Bejo, at 4:00pm, followed by Israël Confidential (The Gatekeepers), a powerful documentary from Dror Moreh, who interviewed six former heads of Shin Bet, Israel’s internal security service, at 7:00pm. Both films will be in the Nelson Mandela Auditorium of the Fed-Ex Global Center with a reception following the first screening. Free and open to the public. Both films are subtitled in English.
Sponsors:	UNC Department of Romance Languages & Literatures
Mon, Feb 23, 2015	Prof. Baruch Halpern: “The Landscape of Monotheism”
Time:	5:30 – 7:00 pm
Location:	Hyde Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Baruch Halpern, the Covenant Foundation Professor of Jewish Studies at University of Georgia, co-director of archeological excavations of the ancient city Megiddo in Israel and author of various books including David’s Secret Demons: Messiah, Murderer, Traitor, King, will discuss how and why monotheism was institutionalized in ancient Judah and Jerusalem, how this ideological strand continued after the exile, and influenced evolving Judaism as a whole, and then Christianity and Islam, what occasioned the idea and its socialization and

	governmental imposition, and what it signaled to religious traditionalists.
Sponsors:	The Carolina Center for Jewish Studies
Mon, Feb 23, 2015	Under-development in the Middle East: Roles of Religion
Time:	7:00pm
Location:	Perkins Library, Room 217
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	“In the year 1000, the economy of the Middle East was at least as advanced as that of Europe. But by 1800...the Middle East had failed to modernize economically as the West surged ahead. What caused this long divergence? ...What roles, if any, does religion play?” Timur Kuran, one of the world’s leading experts (and a Duke professor) on Islamic economic institutions and the economy of the Middle East provides a new answer to these long-debated questions
Sponsors:	Duke MSA
Tue, Feb 24, 2015	Politics Aside: Promoting Human Rights and Accountability in Israel-Palestine with Jessica Montell
Time:	5:30pm
Location:	Sanford Building
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Jessica Montell served 13 years as Executive Director of BTselem: the Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories. She is now a visiting research fellow at the Hebrew University, Faculty of Law. Prior to joining B’Tselem, Ms. Montell worked at various Israeli social justice organizations, including the Israel Women’s Network, Shatil and HaMoked: Center for the Defence of the Individual. She has also served as a consultant to the US-based Lawyers Committee for Human (now Human Rights First). In 2011, Ms. Montell was selected by Ha’aretz as one of “the year’s 10 most influential Anglo immigrants.” Ms. Montell has a Master’s degree from Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs. She writes regularly in the Jerusalem Post and opendemocracy.net and is a frequent speaker and commentator on human rights, international humanitarian law and counter-terror policies.
Sponsors:	Duke Human Rights Center at the Franklin Humanities Institute (DHRC@FHI), Forum for Scholars and Publics, Franklin Humanities Institute (FHI)
Wed, Feb 25, 2015	Professor Carl Ernst: “The Anatomy of Intolerance”
Time:	12:00 – 12:50pm
Location:	UNC Law School
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Please join The Middle Eastern Law Student Association in welcoming esteemed Islamic studies professor, Carl Ernst, to speak at UNC School of Law on the subject of Islamophobia in the United States. He will discuss his book, “Islamophobia in America: The Anatomy of Intolerance,” which explores the way that differences of religion, race, and gender have been used to portray Muslims as threatening “out-groups,” just as other minorities (Catholics, Jews, blacks) have been attacked in the past. Professor Ernst is the Kenan Distinguished Professor of Islamic studies at the Department of Religious Studies at UNC Chapel Hill. He is also the co-director of the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East

	and Muslim Civilizations.
Sponsors:	MELSA (Muslim Eastern Law Student Association) and UNC School of Law
Wed, Feb 25, 2015	“What is Sacred Space?” Bridge Panel Conversation
Time:	12:30pm
Location:	Duke Chapel
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Sacred space is central in the practices of many faith traditions. A Duke Chapel “Bridge Panel” explores the topic with Christian, Jewish, and Muslim leaders. The panelists include: Dr. Ellen Davis, Amos Ragan Kearns Distinguished Professor of Bible and Practical Theology at the Duke Divinity School; Dr. Omid Safi, director of the Duke Islamic Studies Center; Dr. Christy Lohr Sapp, associate dean for religious life at Duke Chapel; and Rebecca Simons, director for Jewish Life at Duke. Chapel Dean Luke Powery will moderate the discussion. The conversation is part of the Chapel’s Bridge Panels series that seeks to connect people from various walks of life to discuss issues of shared concern.
Sponsors:	Duke Undergraduate Faith Council
Fri, Feb 27, 2015 – Sat, Feb 28, 2015	The 21st Annual Center on Law, Ethics, and National Security Conference
Time:	8:00am – 5:00pm
Location:	Duke Law School
	Duke University
Categories:	Conference
Description:	Topics covered include: targeting, surveillance, home-grown terrorism, intelligence gathering in the digital age, law of armed conflict issues, and ensuring human rights and civil liberties. Ft. Sen. Linsey Graham (R-SC).
Sponsors:	Unnamed
Fri, Feb 27, 2015	Iran Reading Group
Time:	4:30 pm
Location:	Hamilton Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Meeting/Reading
Description:	Robert Schafer, M.Ed. will speak on the effects of Iran’s revolution on current security policy. Duke University’s, Tim Lerow, will speak on the effects of the Iran-Iraq War Major and James Templin, Special Forces, will speak on the effects of the IRGC. This event will take place in 271 Hamilton Hall.
Sponsors:	PWAD, SSRI, JSOMA, Duke Political Science, and LUCAS
Mon, Mar 2, 2015	The Greater Middle East – Challenges and Opportunities with Ambassador Thomas Pickering
Time:	5:30pm
Location:	Fleishman Commons
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Thomas Pickering, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, the Russian Federation,

	India, Israel and Jordan, will give the Spring Rudnick lecture in the Fleishman Commons, Sanford School, entitled “The Greater Middle East — Challenges and Opportunities.” Pickering holds the rank of Career Ambassador, the highest in the U.S. Foreign Service. He has held numerous other positions at the State Department, including executive secretary and special assistant to secretaries Rogers and Kissinger and assistant secretary for the bureau of oceans, environmental and scientific affairs. He most recently led the State Department-sponsored panel investigating the recent attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi.
Sponsors:	Unnamed
Mon, Mar 2, 2015	Rethinking Global Cities: Ottoman Cosmopolitanism
Time:	6:00 – 8:00pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Meeting/Reading
Description:	Reading group featuring Cemal Kafadar.
Sponsors:	Rethinking Global Cities @ Duke, DUMESC
Tue, Mar 3, 2015	Politicizing Human Rights in Israel/Palestine
Time:	12:00pm
Location:	Old Chem, Room 011
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Anat Biletzki, a long-time philosophy professor at Tel Aviv University, will present a lecture titled, “Politicizing Human Rights in Israel/Palestine”. Along with her work at the Tel Aviv University, Biletzki has also traveled widely, as a visiting scholar/professor at, among others, Cambridge University, Harvard University, and MIT. Her publications include books and articles on Ludwig Wittgenstein, Thomas Hobbes, analytic philosophy, political thought, digital culture, and human rights. Outside academia, Biletzki has been active in the peace movement and in several human rights projects in Israel for almost four decades. Biletzki is spending the 2014-15 school year at the National Humanities Center in Research Triangle, North Carolina, working on a book provisionally titled Philosophical Investigations into Human Rights in Israel-Palestine.
Sponsors:	Unnamed
Mon, Mar 3, 2015	Klaus Hödl, ‘Jewishness and the Culture of Performance’
Time:	12:30 – 1:30pm
Location:	172 East Franklin Street
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Klaus Hödl, of the Center for Jewish Studies at Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz in Austria, is the one of the leading historians of central European Jewish history and culture working in Europe today. Hödl is the author of numerous books on Viennese Jewish history, antisemitism and the Jewish body and Jewish culture and memory. In his lunchtime seminar, he will reflect on the uses of the category of performance in Jewish studies scholarship today.
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for Jewish Studies

Mon, Mar 3, 2015	Rethinking Global Cities: Early Modern Istanbul
Time:	6:00 – 7:00pm
Location:	Richard White Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Professor Cemal Kafadar of Harvard University will give a public lecture on Early Modern Istanbul.
Sponsors:	Rethinking Global Cities @ Duke, DUMESC
Mon, Mar 0, 2015	Short Film Night: Recent Docs and Dramas from and about Palestine
Time:	7:00pm
Location:	Bryan Center Reynolds Industries Theater
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	Come enjoy an evening of short Palestinian films with commentary from Nick Denes, co-director of the London Palestine Film Festival. Denes will discuss film making in Palestine today and the different styles and issues the films portray.
Sponsors:	Unnamed
Mon, Mar 3, 2015	Ambassador Robert Ford: National Security and Strategy in the Levant Region
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Carroll Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	On Tuesday, March 3, Great Decisions will be hosting the former Ambassador to Algeria and Syria, Robert S. Ford, at 7:00pm in Carroll Hall 111. Please join us as Ambassador Ford, who stepped down from his position last year, speaks on national security and strategy in the Levant region. The focus of his lecture will be on U.S. military force, U.S. diplomacy, and the Islamic State in regards to the Syrian Refugee Crisis.
Sponsors:	The Foreign Policy Association, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, and the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies.
Tues, Mar 04, 2015	Professor Cemal Kafadar: “Kind Gaze (Hoş Görü) versus Tolerance: An Alternative Approach to Neighbors in Medieval Anatolia”
Time:	5:20 pm - 7:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, room 3009
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Professor Cemal Kafadar, Vehbi Koç Professor of Turkish Studies at Harvard University (Ph.D. Mc. Gill University) has been teaching Ottoman History at Harvard since 1990. His publications include <i>Between Two Worlds: The Construction of the Ottoman State</i> (1995); <i>Suleiman the Second and His Time</i> , -edited with Halil Inalcik-(1993). In addition to his teaching and research career, Professor Kafadar is an influential public intellectual in Turkey, well known for his campaign for the preservation of Istanbul’s historic sites. As a documentary film critic, he served in the jury of Antalya Golden Orange Film Festival. Recent articles by Professor Cemal Kafadar related to this topic will be e-mailed to seminar participants.
Sponsors:	Seminar on Transnational and Modern Global History

Wed, Mar 5, 2015	The Islamophobia Teach-In Series: Examining Islamophobia
Time:	7:00pm
Location:	Great Hall, Student Union
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Featuring Michael Muhammad Knight. Join UNC Muslim Students Association in the Great Hall for this first event of what will be a monthly teach-in series about Islamophobia in collaboration with UNC Black Student Movement, UNC Campus Y, Carolina United, UNC Monsoon, POC Coalition, Radial Angry Asian Alliance, and UJIMA UNC. The teach-in series is being launched to engage the Carolina community in critical discussion about the realities and consequences of Islamophobia.
Sponsors:	UNC Muslim Students Association
Sat, Mar 14, 2015	"Welcome to My Mosque" Open House 2015
Time:	1:00 – 4:00pm
Location:	Islamic Center Raleigh
	808 Atwater St. Raleigh, NC 27607
Categories:	Events in the Triangle
Description:	The Outreach Committee at the Islamic Center of Raleigh will be holding its annual Open House on Saturday March 14th between 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. It is called "Welcome to my Mosque" and presents an excellent opportunity for our friends and neighbors from other faiths to learn about Islam. If you are interested in understanding more about Islam or have any questions regarding it, this is an excellent opportunity!
Sponsors:	Islamic Center Raleigh
Sat, Mar 14, 2015	MSA Night 2015: Who is Your Hero
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Talley Ballroom
	NC State University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	We welcome you all to MSA Night 2015, featuring this year's theme, "Our Heroes"! Recently, our community lost three gems, Deah Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha, and Razan Abu-Salha. With each of them being involved and outstanding in their own way, they were able to impact and inspire all of us. We hope to celebrate that during MSA Night this year. Omar Offendum, the Syrian American hip-hop artist, designer, poet and peace activist, will be joining us! In addition, we will also have political activist and international development lead of UMR, Oussama Mezoui speak as well.
Sponsors:	United Muslim Relief and UNC MSA
Sun, Mar 15, 2015	Film Screening & Panel Discussion: Musings of an Iraqi Patriot
Time:	3:00pm
Location:	Main Library, Durham Public Libraries
	300 N. Roxboro St
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Durham County Library will host filmmaker Judith Van Wyk, Dr. Ahmed Fadaam and Dr. Abdul Sattar Jawad for a screening and discussion of the film Musings of an Iraqi Patriot. Musings of an Iraqi Patriot tells the story of Dr. Fadaam, an Iraqi sculptor and New York

	Times reporter who fled Baghdad in 2008 after receiving death threats from Sunni insurgents. The film focuses on Fadaam's time in Chapel Hill as a visiting professor and his fervent quest to convey to Americans the story of his city, people and country torn apart by war.
Sponsors:	Durham County Library
Mon, Mar 16, 2015	Huda Asfour: "The Role of Women in the Arab Alternative Music Scene"
Time:	7:00 – 9:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The Arabic Program at the Department of Asian Studies is organizing its Annual Arabic Lecture. This year, we have the pleasure to host the Palestinian singer, songwriter, and Oud player Huda Asfour. Huda will speak about the role of Arab women in the alternative music scene. The talk and the Q&A will be in Arabic in the Nelson Mandela Auditorium. All are welcome.
Sponsors:	The Arabic program in the Department of Asian Studies
Tue, Mar 17, 2015	Oded Zinger: From an Arab Queen to a Yiddishe Mama: Advice on Married Life among Muslims, Jews and Christians
Time:	5:00 pm
Location:	Westbrook, Room 013
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	This lecture will track the peregrinations of a literary anecdote about the marital advice a mother gave her daughter on the eve of the latter's marriage. Originally told in Arabic about a pre-Islamic Arab queen, the set of advice has found its way into Hebrew, Judeo-Arabic, Italian, Catalan and even Yiddish works written in diverse places, from 9th century Baghdad to 17th century Prague. The incredible success of this anecdote reveals both similarities and differences in conceptions of gender roles across the medieval Mediterranean. This event will take place in Westbrook 00013. Reception to follow.
Sponsors:	Duke Islamic Studies Center
Tue, Mar 17, 2015	Lt. General Daniel Bolger: "Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq: the U.S. and the Global War on Terrorism."
Time:	5:30 – 7:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Over a thirty-five-year career, Daniel Bolger rose through the army infantry to become a three-star general, commanding in both theaters of the U.S. campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bolger will present his recently published book, "Why We Lost: A General's Inside Account of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars" – a high-ranking general's gripping insider account of the U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and "how it all went wrong."
Sponsors:	Department of History & Peace, War, and Defense Curriculum (PWAD), The College of Arts and Sciences, UNC Global, the Institute of Arts and Humanities (IAH), the Center for Global Initiatives, the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, and the Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS).

Tue, Mar 17, 2015	Bioethics in Abrahamic Traditions
Time:	6:00 – 7:30pm
Location:	Westbrook, 0016
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	What do ancient religious traditions have to say about contemporary questions in bioethics? Laurie Zoloth of Northwestern University, Aasim Padela of the University of Chicago, and Duke's own Stanley Hauerwas will speak in Westbrook 0016 about the relationship between their work in bioethics and their religious traditions. These three esteemed scholars represent some of the most interesting and thoughtful scholarship produced at the intersections of Judaism, Islam, Christianity, and bioethics.
Sponsors:	The Forum for Scholars and Publics, the Kenan Institute for Ethics, the Center for Jewish Studies, the Islamic Studies Center, and Duke Divinity School's Initiative in Theology, Medicine, and Culture.
Tue, Mar 17, 2015	Film Screening: "Rosewater"
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Griffith
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	Film Screening: "Rosewater" (Jon Stewart, 2014, 104 min, USA, in English, Color, Blu-Ray) Rosewater is based on The New York Times best-selling memoir Then They Came for Me: A Family's Story of Love, Captivity, and Survival, written by Maziar Bahari. The film marks the directorial debut of The Daily Show host Jon Stewart, and stars Gael García Bernal. Rosewater follows the Tehran-born Bahari, a broadcast journalist with Canadian citizenship. In June 2009, Bahari returned to Iran to interview Mir-Hossein Mousavi, who was the prime challenger to president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. As Mousavi's supporters rose up to protest Ahmadinejad's victory declaration hours before the polls closed, Bahari endured personal risk by sending footage of the street riots to the BBC. Bahari was arrested by police, led by a man identifying himself only as "Rosewater," who tortured and interrogated him over the next 118 days. (An interview and sketch that Maziar did with a journalist on The Daily show was used as evidence that Maziar was a spy and in communication with the American government and the CIA.) With Bahari's wife leading an international campaign to have her husband freed, and Western media outlets keeping the story alive, Iranian authorities released Bahari on \$300,000 bail and the promise he would act as a spy for the government.
Sponsors:	The Program in the Arts of the Moving Image (AMI), the Duke Islamic Studies Center (DISC), the DeWitt Wallace Center for Media & Democracy, the Duke Human Rights Center at the Franklin Humanities Institute (DHRC@FHI), and ISLAMiCommentary.
Wed, Mar 18, 2015	Lecture: World War I and the Middle East
Time:	5:00 – 6:30pm
Location:	Hyde Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Michael Reynolds, associate professor of near eastern studies at Princeton University, will give a lecture on World War I and the Middle East as part of UNC's World War I Centenary Project. Michael Reynolds is associate professor of near eastern studies at Princeton University and author of Shattering Empires: The Clash and Collapse of the Ottoman and Russian Empires, 1908-1918.

Sponsors:	Institute for the Arts and Humanities
Wed, Mar 18, 2015 – Thurs, Mar 19, 2015	Film Screening and Discussion: “Six Million and One”
Time:	Screening: 18 March 2015, 6:30 – 8:30pm, FedEx Global Education Center, UNC-CH Discussion with Director: 19 March 2015, 3:30 – 4:45pm, Philips Hall, Room 224
Location:	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	Past present and future mix in this eloquent, intense and surprisingly humorous portrait of documentary filmmaker David Fisher and his siblings, as they retrace the footsteps of their late father—a Holocaust survivor who was interned in Gusen and Gunskirchen, Austria. David’s journey takes him to the U.S., where he meets American WWII veterans who participated in the liberation of his father and Gunskirchen camp. This sparks a remarkable journey to Austria by the Fisher siblings. They joke, kibitz and quarrel, and remind us that history and memory require active discussion among later generations.
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, UNC Asian Studies Department, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, and Duke University Center for Jewish Studies.
Thurs, Mar 19, 2015	Turkish Reasonable Accommodations: From Multiculturalism to Secular Nationalism and Back
Time:	9:15am – 1:15pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Workshop
Description:	Turkey has gone in the last century through radical transformations in its minority policies. From the Ottoman Empire’s millet system, permitting non-Muslims a measure of cultural autonomy, to intensive nationalization and denial of minority rights under the militantly secular Republic to, presently, a moderate Muslim government that relaxes nationalist strictures and recovers a measure of imperial tolerance. What are the implications of the Turkish experiment for contemporary European thinking of reasonable minority accommodations?
Sponsors:	Center for Canadian Studies, Center for Jewish Studies, Duke Islamic Studies Center, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Provost’s Office.
Thurs, Mar 19, 2015	A Luncheon with James Gelvin
Time:	12:30 – 2:00pm
Location:	Hamilton Hall, Room 569
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Please join us in Hamilton Hall 569 for a talk and Q&A session with Dr. James Gelvin, author of The Arab Uprisings and Professor of History at the University of California, Los Angeles.
Sponsors:	The Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, the Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense and the Department of History
Thurs, Mar 19, 2015	Nowruz 2015 – Persian New Year at UNC
Time:	5:30 – 7:00 pm
Location:	Wilson Library

	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	UNC graduate students Matt Hotham, Matt Lynch, and Candace Mixon will discuss their research and recent travels to Iran, with context provided by Professor Carl Ernst who leads the Persian Studies program.
Sponsors:	Friends of the Library, UNC Persian Studies, Iranian Cultural Society of North Carolina
Thurs, Mar 19, 2015	Film Screening: "Where Should the Birds Fly"
Time:	7:00 – 9:00 pm
Location:	Dey Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	A powerfully moving, provocative film by Palestinian filmmaker Fida Qishta. The stories of two resilient Palestinians, one a journalist, the other a young girl, struggling for normalcy in the cruel abnormality of Gaza under a rain of Israeli rockets. Stories of survival. Stories of hope.
Sponsors:	Students for Justice in Palestine
Fri, Mar 20, 2015	Public Talk: Wajahat Ali
Time:	5:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Wajahat Ali's talk will be a part of UNC MSA's Teach-In Series "Examining Islamophobia." The UNC MSA created this series as an educational response to the tragedies of February 10th. The goal of the series is to provide campus spaces for discussion about misconceptions on Islam and the future of Muslims in America. Ali's extensive work, both on news channels and written pieces, have focused on understanding and dismantling the structures that foster ignorance. With his expertise on the subject, the talk will focus on not only UNC's continued recovery from the deaths of Deah Barakat, Yusor and Razan Abu-Salha, but also UNC's mission to move away from harmful stereotypes and prejudices associated with Muslims and Islam.
Sponsors:	UNC Sangam, Carolina Asia Center, Asian Studies Department, Center for Global Initiatives, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilization, and Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies.
Fri, Mar 20, 2015	Hans Raj Hans, Punjabi Sufi/folk singer: "Songs From the Land of Five Rivers"
Time:	8:00 – 10:00 pm
Location:	Memorial Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Performance
Description:	This noted Sufi artist is a Padam Shree Awardee, the highest civilian award, presented by Hon'ble President of India Mrs. Pratibha Patil for his inimitable and significant contribution in the field of music. Has Raj Hans is most versatile in his singing and this has been time and again proven by his various singing styles not only in Punjabi folk but also in Punjabi movies, classical and Bollywood music. Straddling the India-Pakistan border, the Punjab was divided in two by the 1947 Partition of India. The songs of Punjab emerge from the Sufi romances of Heer Ranjha, Sohni Mahiwal and Mirza Sahiban, many episodes of which are set on the banks of Punjab's rivers. Hans will interpret the poems of Bulleh Shah, Baba Farid, Kabir and

	others.
Sponsors:	Songs From the Land of Five Rivers is part of the "Streams of Spirit" series curated by Afroz Taj, professor of Asian studies, UNC-CH, for the Carolina Performing Arts Arts@TheCore Initiative. Supported by the Carolina Asia Center and the UNC Department of Asian Studies South Asia Section.
Sat, Mar 21, 2015 – Sun, Mar 22, 2015	Islamic Studies Graduate Students' Conference: "Imagining the Beautiful"
Time:	March 21, 2015 9:30 am - March 22, 2015 1:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, 4003
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Conference
Description:	This twelfth annual workshop is themed "Imagining the Beautiful." The conference aspires to create a forum to think through theory and method in concert with the Study of Islam broadly defined. The grad students welcome attempts to push the limits of Islamic Studies as traditionally constituted within the academy, as well as pushing the theory of limits/limits of theory that has long ignored the value of Islamicate materials. Possible themes for papers include but are not limited to: aesthetics & power, art & architecture, stage & screen, social media, music & performance, theology & law.
Sponsors:	UNC Department of Asian Studies, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, UNC Department of Religious Studies, Duke Department of Religious Studies, Duke Islamic Studies Center, Duke Franklin Humanities Institute, UNC Department of History, UNC Persian Studies, UNC Islamicate Graduate Student Association
Mon, Mar 23, 2015	UNC Global Transmigration Refugee Mental Health and Wellness Initiative Presents a Discussion On Supporting Local Muslim Communities
Time:	12:15 – 1:45 pm
Location:	UNC School of Social Work
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	On Monday, February 16, the School of Social Work came together to celebrate the lives of Deah Shaddy Barakat, Yusor Mohammad Abu-Salha, and Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha. As the investigation into their murders continues, we at the UNC Global Transmigration – Refugee Mental Health and Wellness Initiative have been receiving requests for counseling and support from the Triangle's refugee community, many of whom are Muslims.
Sponsors:	UNC Global Transmigration – Refugee Mental Health and Wellness Initiative
Mon, Mar 23, 2015	Hoda El Shakry: "Exorcizing Islam and the Nation in Abdelwahab Meddeb's Talismano"
Time:	4:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, 3009
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Tunisian novelist, Islamic scholar, art historian, and cultural critic Abdelwahab Meddeb first published his wildly experimental novel "Talismano" in Paris in 1979. The story presciently traces the evolution of a popular rebellion as it winds its way through the cityscape of Tunis' medina bearing a carnivalesque retinue of prophets, artisans, sorceresses, alchemists and prostitutes. More crucially, the novel performs the concept of médiner – a term coined by

	Meddeb to signify the meditative act of wandering through the medina – in order to interrogate the legitimacy of the modern nation-state. As it meanders through the region’s diverse textual and topographic landscapes, the novel situates Tunisia’s performance of national identity within both Mediterranean and Arabo-Islamic mythologies of origin.
Sponsors:	Arabic Program at the Department of Asian studies, African Studies Center, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Center for Global Initiatives, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, Center for Global Initiatives, Romance Studies
Mon, Mar 23, 2015	Political Cartooning After Charlie Hebdo: An Evening with Editorial Cartoonist Kevin KAL Kallaugher
Time:	5:30 pm
Location:	Freedom Forum Conference Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	In a distinguished career that spans more than 36 years, KAL has created over 8,000 cartoons and 140 magazine covers. His resume includes six collections of his published work, seven international honors and awards, and major exhibitions in a dozen countries. KAL, a Norwalk, Connecticut, native and Harvard graduate, is currently the artist-in-residence at University of Maryland Baltimore County. He has created acclaimed animations and calendars, toured the United States with the Second City improv comedy troupe and addressed audiences around the world.
Sponsors:	UNC Center for Media Law and Policy, the Curriculum in Global Studies, and UNC World View.
Mon, Mar 23, 2015	Amira Hass: “The Palestinian Reservations and the Space of Jewish-Israeli Dissidence”
Time:	5:30 – 7:00 pm
Location:	Sanford Building
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Amira Hass comes to Duke as part of the Israel/Palestine Speaker Series and gives a talk entitled: “The Palestinian Reservations and the space of Jewish-Israeli dissidence.” Amira Hass is the Haaretz correspondent for the Occupied Territories. Born in Jerusalem in 1956, Hass joined Haaretz in 1989, and has been in her current position since 1993. As the correspondent for the territories, she spent three years living in Gaza, which served for the basis for her widely acclaimed book, “Drinking the Sea at Gaza.” She has lived in the West Bank city of Ramallah since 1997.
Sponsors:	Center for Jewish Studies, Duke Human Rights Center at the Franklin Humanities Institute (DHRC@FHI), Forum for Scholars and Publics, Franklin Humanities Institute (FHI), and Sanford School of Public Policy
Tues, March 24, 2015	Nihad Sirees: Writing under the Gaze of Hafiz al-Asad”
Time:	5:00 – 7:00 pm
Location:	Lily Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Please join us for a talk presented by the Syrian novelist and screenwriter Nihad Sirees. Nihad Sirees was born in the ancient Syrian capital of Aleppo (Halab) in 1950. His first novels were published in the 1980s and he gained a reputation as a realist in his writings which

	reflect the environment in Aleppo and the lives of the middle class, as well as political, historical and social issues. He has written 7 novels and a number of plays, TV drama series and children's dramas. His novel <i>The North Winds</i> , which deals with the First World War and the blossoming on Syrian national consciousness at that time, was described by critics as one of the most important historical novels in Syria. His novel <i>The Silence and the Roar</i> , banned in Syria, has been published in German, French, and most recently in English in 2013.
Sponsors:	Duke University Middle East Studies Center
Tue, Mar 24, 2015	Lt. General Daniel Bolger: The Iraq War: Risk, Failure and Leadership
Time:	5:30 – 6:45 pm
Location:	Sanford Building, Room 223
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	LTG (Ret.) Dan Bogler's military awards include five Bronze Star medals (one for valor) and the Combat Action Badge. The author of eight books and numerous articles on military and historical matters, he is also a contributing editor and columnist for Army magazine and a columnist for Signal magazine. His most recent book is <i>Why We Lost: A General's Inside Account of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars</i> .
Sponsors:	American Grand Strategy (AGS) and Hart Leadership Program
Wed, Mar 25, 2015	Reporting from Ramallah: An Israeli Journalist in an Occupied Land
Time:	12:00 pm
Location:	Old Chem
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	In this lunchtime talk in Old Chem 011, Hass will talk about the challenges faced by a journalist in the context of a military occupation.
Sponsors:	Unnamed
Wed, Mar 25, 2015	Passion in Practice: Muslims in the Community
Time:	6:30 pm
Location:	Great Hall, Student Union
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Exhibit
Description:	Passion in Practice: Muslims of the Community is a multimedia exhibit featuring Muslims as they pursue their passions or interests and embody Islam in their daily lives. Our first installment in the Fall of 2013 featured Muslim students and scholars as they pursue their passions or interests and embody Islam in their daily lives. Our second installment of Passion in Practice will showcase the work of North Carolina Muslim community members, and how Islam drives their daily lives. Refreshments will be provided. The exhibit will be on display for the remainder of the academic semester.
Sponsors:	Unnamed
Thurs, Mar 26, 2015	Lutz Fiedler: The History of the Anti-Zionist Israeli Left
Time:	12:00 pm
Location:	Toy Lounge
	UNC Chapel Hill

Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Lutz Fiedler will be delivering a luncheon seminar on the history of the anti-Zionist Israeli left on March 26 in Toy Lounge. This topic should be of interest to faculty and students of the Middle East. Fiedler is the expert on this topic and his knowledge is amazing. This is not 'open to the larger public,' but merely to faculty and students. But we really hope to see you and your students there. The luncheon is cooked by the Med Deli.
Sponsors:	Unnamed
Thurs, Mar 26, 2015	CANCELLED – Prof. Jeffrey Herf: “U.S. in World Affairs: the Cold War & Beyond”
Time:	5:30 – 7:00 pm
Location:	Wilson Library
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Professor Jeffrey Herf on “War and Terror against Israel during the Cold War and the post-9/11 World.” This talk is part of the Richard M. Krasno Distinguished Professorship Lecture Series at UNC-Chapel Hill. Prof. Herf is a professor at the University of Maryland at College Park. He is a prominent author and historian specializing on the history and politics of Israel and Germany. He has written and lectured extensively on both countries.
Sponsors:	PWAD
Fri, Mar 27, 2015	David Powers: The End of Prophecy: How Muhammad Became the Last Prophet
Time:	11:30 am
Location:	103A Allen
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Between the twenty-first century BCE and the seventh century CE, prophecy flourished throughout the Near East. Circa 610 CE, an inhabitant of Arabia by the name of Muhammad began to receive a series of communications that continued until his death in 632 CE. These communications were recorded in writing, collected, and redacted in the text known as the Qur’an. On one occasion, the Qur’an refers to Muhammad as “the seal of Prophets,” a phrase that is understood by Muslims as signifying that prophecy came to an end upon Muhammad’s death. In his lecture, David Powers will situate this distinctive Islamic doctrine in the context of the understanding of prophecy in the Near East in Late Antiquity.
Sponsors:	The Department of Religious Studies, the Graduate Program in Religion, the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, and the Duke Islamic Studies Center
Fri, Mar 27, 2015	Iran Reading Group
Time:	4:30 pm
Location:	Hamilton Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	PWAD majors and interested students are invited to participate in the first in a series of Discussion Groups on the situation in Iran, both with respect to its history and current security challenges. These discussions are sponsored primarily by the U.S. Army’s Laboratory for Unconventional Conflict Analysis and Simulation (LUCAS) at Ft. Bragg. PWAD will be partnering with LUCAS in a variety of ways over the coming years, to include courses and internships, all designed to educate students in quantitative analysis and simulation in the security studies arena. The staff at LUCAS is organizing a variety of subject matter

	experts to come to UNC for these discussions.
Sponsors:	The Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense; the U.S. Army's Laboratory for Unconventional Conflict Analysis and Simulation (LUCAS)
Fri, Mar 27, 2015	UNC Nowruz Celebration
Time:	6:00 – 10:00 pm
Location:	Great Hall, Student Union
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Performance
Description:	Come support student performers, speakers, and explore our vibrant and colorful cultural traditions! The event includes dinner catered by Flame Kabob.
Sponsors:	UNC Persian Studies, Department of Asian Studies, Kenan-Biddle Partnerships & PCS Bar Night at The Library
Mon, Mar 30, 2015	We Ought Not Persecute Jews, but Saracens: The Lives of Muslims in Medieval Latin Christendom
Time:	12:00 pm
Location:	Flowers, 201
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	What images are conjured up when one thinks of Muslims in Pre-Modern Europe? The Infidel, mujahid, the enemy and victim of Crusaders, the "Blackamoor" Othello, or predatory Barbary Pirates? Whatever the case, Islam is typically seen as the "Other" to Christian Europe. Few scholars and fewer among the broader public are aware that substantial populations of Muslims lived within Christian European society during the Middle Ages and into the Early Modern period. Brian A. Catlos, author of the prize-winning <i>Muslims of Medieval Latin Christendom, ca. 1050–1614</i> (Cambridge: 2014), is the first scholar to carry out a comprehensive study of these communities. What emerges is that these Muslims were not merely hapless victims of colonialism, but active participants in the larger societies, cultures and economies in which they lived. In this presentation, Catlos will provide an overview of Muslims' presence and role in pre-Modern European societies and examine the factors that led to their prosperity and their decline.
Sponsors:	Unnamed
Mon, Mar 30, 2015	Spring Johnson Lecture: "My Time in Libya: Trying to Help a Fragile State"
Time:	5:00 – 6:00 pm
Location:	Social Psychology Building, 130
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	What is it like to help a country pick up the pieces after a revolution? Ralph Chami knows firsthand. He spent four years, from 2010 – 2014, as the IMF's mission chief to Libya. As mission chief, Dr. Chami was the IMF's main point of contact with Libya's top political and economic officials and developed the IMF assistance program for this country after the fall of Qaddafi. In 2014, Dr. Chami and his team received the IMF Award for Operational Excellence in recognition of this work. Dr. Chami will talk about his experiences in Libya in the Spring 2015 Johnson Lecture.
Sponsors:	Unnamed
Wed, Apr 1, 2015	An Anatomy of the Islamic Cyborg

Time:	12:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Unaccustomed as we are still to our own cybernetic existence, we tend not to notice the full sensory reality of a given tweet. A tweet serves as our eyes and ears and is a connector of sorts. This talk by Negar Mottahedeh, Program in Literature, Duke University will discuss how one tweet in the early days of the Iranian election crisis of 2009 circulated as a sonorous alarm clock encoded at once to wake up God and to call in Judgment day.
Sponsors:	Duke University Middle East Studies Center and Duke Islamic Studies Center
Wed, Apr 1, 2015	Film Screening: Kasheer
Time:	5:30 pm
Location:	Sanford Building
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	Kasheer explores the complexities of life in a disputed territory from the point of view of three local artists living in the Kashmir Valley — a conflict zone in the Indian Himalayas on the contested border with Pakistan. Malik Sajad is a political cartoonist offering biting satiric commentary on regional politics. A middle-aged artist reflects on his childhood and the tragic changes the local insurgency brought to his neighborhood in abstract ink drawings. Gayoor Hassan’s vibrant spiritual paintings reveal his quest for inner peace in the midst of perpetual social turmoil. Lushly photographed, this observational documentary provides a human perspective, creating space for thoughtful debate amid deeply polarizing politics.
Sponsors:	Duke Islamic Studies Center
Fri, Apr 3, 2015	Conference: Communities of Song: Performing Sung Poetry in the Modern World
Time:	10:00 – 5:30 pm
Location:	Hyde Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Art, Lecture
Description:	The affinity of music and poetry is so intuitive that we often fail to pause and notice the pervasive presence of so-called “sung poetry” as a genre across cultural contexts. In fact, the studies of music and poetry that exist provocatively explore the formal challenges of giving voice to verse. With “Communities of Song: Performing Sung Poetry in the Modern World” we convene a conversation about sung poetry not only for its poetics but for its association with social memory. By singing poems, musicians and other social agents transform poetry into cultural performances. Repertoires of sung poetry frequently play a critical role at moments of community formation, be these collective national, ethnic, postcolonial, or otherwise. In practice, sung poetry is instrumental for social action as well as for marking and sculpting geography.
Sponsors:	UNC Department of Music
Fri, Apr 3, 2015	“Poetry Above All?: Politics, National Identification, and the Contemporary Mediation of Iranian Sung Poetry
Time:	2:00 – 3:40 pm
Location:	Hyde Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Art, Lecture

Description:	As part of the Communities of Song: Performing Sung Poetry in the Modern World conference, Dr. Hemmasi's talk, "Poetry Above All?: Politics, National Identification, and the Contemporary Mediation of Iranian Sung Poetry," examines the Iranian notion of "adab" (literary humanism) and the claim that poets are the nation's moral and even spiritual authorities, public intellectuals who articulate both the human and the national conditions with eloquence and acuity. Her talk will focus on Simin Behbahani's lauded nationalist poem "I Will Rebuild You, Homeland!," its adaptation into a pop song by a well-known exiled musician, the song's transformation into contrasting music videos, and the controversial quotation of the poem-song in the campaign speech of a 2005 Iranian presidential candidate. Dr. Hemmasi's contribution seeks a more complex understanding of poetry within its present entextualization in currently salient, communicative forms as it questions poetry qua poetry's designation as the lodestone of a transcendent Iranian identity.
Sponsors:	UNC Department of Music, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies
Mon, Apr 6, 2015	Reading Group: Cairo
Time:	12:00 – 2:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Reading/Meeting
Description:	Reading group featuring Nasser Rabbat, MIT. RSVP required. This program is part of the "Rethinking Global Cities" project at Duke. Nasser Rabbat is the Aga Khan Professor of the History of Islamic Architecture and the director of the Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His interests are Islamic architecture, urbanism, and postcolonial studies. In his research and teaching, he presents architecture in ways that illuminate its interaction with culture and society and stress the role of human agency in shaping that interplay
Sponsors:	Rethinking Global Cities at Duke
Mon, Apr 6, 2015	David Price: "The United States and Homeland Security"
Time:	1:00 – 2:00 pm
Location:	202 Auditorium
	North Carolina Central University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The talk is free and open to the public.
Sponsors:	North Carolina Central University
Mon, Apr 6, 2015	Ghassan Hage: "The Diasporic Condition"
Time:	3:30 – 5:30 pm
Location:	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	There are many works today analyzing migration and diaspora either from the point of view of mobility or of transnationalism. This paper asks a question that is seldom researched: Is there a particular experience of the world that one can call diasporic? What are its chief characteristics and consequences? What kind of life-world is the diasporic life-world? These questions are explored on the basis of a several decade long ethnography of the Lebanese diaspora. Ghassan Hage has written extensively on racism, nationalism and multiculturalism, particularly in Australia and the Middle East. His books include White Nation, Against Paranoid Nationalism and most recently, Alter-Politics: Critical Theory and the Radical imagination. He has also organized and edited a number of

	experimental collaborative volumes, including Waiting, Responsibility and Fore, Movement, Intensity.
Sponsors:	Program in Cultural Studies and Department of Asian Studies
Mon, Apr 6, 2015	Amer Marei: “Palestinian-Israeli Water Conflict: Facts and Figures”
Time:	5:00 – 6:00 pm
Location:	2102 Environment Hall
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Come hear Dr. Amer Marei, the Professor of Hydrology at Al Quds University, discuss the Palestinian-Israeli Water Conflict. Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. Reception will follow. Dr. Amer Marei is a graduate from Jordan University in Amman and from the University of Muenster in Germany. He established the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Al Quds University in Jerusalem. Currently, he is leading the Environmental Research Lab, in addition to leading the Quality Assurance Unit, at Al Quds University. Professor Marei participates in many regional projects across the Middle East and has published and participated in publishing of more than 50 scientific articles. Professor Marei is a strong believer that education and cooperation between scientists and thinkers in the Middle East is the best way to bridge the gaps between all Middle Eastern nations. His research interests include hydrogeology, hydrology, and hydrochemistry, stable isotopes in groundwater, water salinity, artificial recharge, and environmental education.
Sponsors:	Duke Human Rights Center
Mon, Apr 6, 2015	Nasser Rabbat: “Arab Cities and the Limits of Supra-Urbanization”
Time:	6:00 – 8:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Public Lecture featuring Nasser Rabbat, MIT. This program is part of the “Rethinking Global Cities” project at Duke.
Sponsors:	“Rethinking Global Cities” at Duke
Mon, Apr 6, 2015	Popular Resistance: Iyad Burnat
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Sanford Building, Room 04
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Join Duke Students for Justice in Palestine and Jewish Voice for Peace for a lecture by Iyad Burnat, a leader of the Palestinian Non-Violent Resistance movement in the village of Bil’in.
Sponsors:	Duke Students for Justice in Palestine and Jewish Voice for Peace
Tue, Apr 7, 2015	Somalia’s Global Civil War: A Story of How Farmers Become Refugees
Time:	12:30 – 2:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture

Description:	Tracking the historical antecedents of the collapse of the Somali state and the ensuing genocidal violence in the Jubba Valley reveals how the story of Somalia’s civil war is really one of global connections and interventions. Somalia is a case study of how Africa’s violence is intimately connected with global geopolitics, actors, and desires. Anthropologist Catherine Besteman (Colby College) has studied Somalia for 25 years, first as a field researcher in Somalia prior to the onset of the civil war in 1991 and currently with Somali refugees in the US. Her book about the Somali Bantu diaspora, called Making Refuge, is forthcoming from Duke University Press. This talk is part of the Carolina Seminar in African Ecology and Social Processes.
Sponsors:	African Studies Center
Tue, Apr 7, 2015	Mark Gubrud: “Autonomous Weapons: Information Technology and the Arms Race”
Time:	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Location:	Manning Hall 209
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Gubrud will discuss how the issue of autonomous weapon systems (AWS), known popularly as “killer robots,” has risen to prominence over the past two years and how the major powers seem to be drifting into a new strategic arms race, one in which AWS are likely to play a central role. He will clarify the nature of current U.S. policy and apparent global responses to it and explore how strong moral principles support a ban on machine decision in the use of violent force.
Sponsors:	Unnamed
Tue, Apr 7, 2015	Solidarity with the Oppressed in Pakistan: A Talk in the Wake of Christian Massacre in Pakistan
Time:	6:30 – 8:30 pm
Location:	Phillips Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Rising extremism and violence in Pakistan has impacted all lives but minority ethnic, religious, and sectarian groups have suffered the most. The recent attacks on the Christian community add to the long list of attacks against minority and the oppressed groups. The violence is rooted in the complex overlap of imperial wars, Pakistani state’s support for reactionary ideologies, and extreme socio-economic disparities in Pakistan. While people of different faiths, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds have been raising their voices against these injustices, the real challenge lies in building solidarity networks and organizing progressive societal elements that can empower people at the grassroots. This panel will highlight the causes and nature of violence against minority groups in Pakistan, and discuss some of the efforts by activists and grassroots groups to address these challenges. Focusing on working class networks and connections across religious and ethnic divides, the panel will also highlight the need and the possibility of establishing these connections among oppressed peoples’ movements in Pakistan and the USA.
Sponsors:	UNC MSA and Muslims for Social Justice
Tue, Apr 7, 2015	ISTHMUS Meeting with Jawaher Al Sudairy: Impact of Religious Tourism Planning on Makkah Residents: A Critical Analysis of the Land Expropriation Policy
Time:	7:00 pm

Location:	225 Friedl
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	We have the pleasure to introduce a guest speaker, Jawaher al-Sudairy, from Columbia University. ISTHMUS (Islamic Thought and Muslim Societies) is an interdisciplinary colloquium for faculty and graduate students, designed to showcase research that engages the lives, thought, embodied practices, and cultural productions of Muslims globally, as well as the diverse communities living in Muslim majority societies. The city of Makkah, a symbol for Islam and the destination for Muslims all over the world, receives over 9 million pilgrims each year, 3 million of whom arrive in the city at once for the annual Hajj. The persistent flow of pilgrims into the city has placed pressure on the government to expand Makkah's infrastructure capacity. It has also attracted major private developments to the city's core, including retail malls, serviced apartments and commercial high-rises. Such emphasis on tourism planning and development has had significant implications on Makkah's residents, many of whom have been displaced. Hence, the purpose of this study is to examine the impact of Makkah's trajectory of development on the city's resident community, both citizens and non-citizens.
Sponsors:	DUMESC
Tue, Apr 7, 2015	The Paradox of Women in Islam
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Griffith Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Join Asra Nomani in Griffith Auditorium at this event sponsored by DIYA. Asra Nomani is an Indian-American journalist, author, and feminist, known as an activist involved in the Muslim reform and Islamic feminist movements.
Sponsors:	DIYA
Wed, Apr 8, 2015	2015 Carolina Global Photography Exhibition Opening Reception
Time:	5:30 – 8:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Exhibit
Description:	The reception, "Storytelling: Picture Yourself Abroad," will include presentations by UNC faculty-led study abroad programs, as well as a presentation on global opportunities supported by International Student and Scholar Services. Winners of UNC's annual Carolina Global Photography Competition will be recognized and honored. Please join us for an evening to view photography from around the world, featuring work exclusively by UNC alumni, faculty, staff and students.
Sponsors:	UNC Global, Carolina Center for Global Initiatives
Wed, Apr 8, 2015	Film Screening "The Good Lie" (Middle East Refugee Awareness Week)
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Griffith Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	Film Screening with Q&A featuring Miriam Cooke, Duke Professor of Asian & Middle Eastern Studies, to follow in the Griffith Film Theater.

Sponsors:	Duke University Middle East Studies Center
Thurs, Apr 9, 2015	
	Blogging Palestine: Politics, Parenting, and Everything in Between With Laila El-Haddad
Time:	12:00 – 1:15pm
Location:	011 Old Chem
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	A conversation with Palestinian freelance journalist, author, blogger, and media activist, Laila El-Haddad (Duke U alumna 2000). A light lunch will be served. El-Haddad is an award-winning author, public speaker, and parent-of-three from Gaza City. She is the author of Gaza Mom: Palestine, Politics, Parenting, and Everything In Between and co-author of the critically acclaimed The Gaza Kitchen: A Palestinian Culinary Journey.
Sponsors:	Duke Forum for Scholars and Publics
Thurs, Apr 9, 2015	
	“Hostile Charity: Humanitarianism(?), Assimilation(?) and Somali Bantu Refugees in Maine”
Time:	12:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, 4003
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Dr. Catherine Besteman will discuss the experiences of Somali Bantu refugees in Lewiston, Maine. The talk describes how Somali Bantu refugees in Maine confront ideologies about charity that contain hostility toward them as black, Muslim foreigners. In exploring the contradictions of charity and hostility the talk challenges predominant assumptions about humanitarianism and immigrant assimilation. Catherine Besteman is an anthropologist at Colby College whose current work is on Somali refugees in the United States. Her research analyzes (among other factors) the role of Islam in adapting to American society, and generational shifts in the way it is practiced and the political implications of these changes.
Sponsors:	Africa Studies Center, the Carolina Seminar Program, the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, the Center for Global Initiatives, and the Departments of History, Anthropology, and African, African-American & Diaspora Studies
Thurs, Apr 9, 2015	
	The Veiled Woman in Antebellum America: Nuns and Quadroons
Time:	4:00 pm
Location:	East Duke Parlors
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	2015 Anne Firor Scott Lecture by Emily Clark of Tulane University. Emily Clark is the Clement Chambers Benenson Professor in American Colonial History at Tulane University. She specializes in early American and Atlantic world history, and is particularly interested in the ways that the Francophone Atlantic can illuminate the development of racial, ethnic, and national identities in other parts of colonial and early national America. Her most recent book, The Strange History of the American Quadroon: Free Women of Color in the Revolutionary Atlantic World, historicizes the figures of the quadroon and the “tragic mulatta,” their links with Haiti and New Orleans, and the role they have played in shaping national American identity.

	Building on that book, Clark’s Anne Scott lecture will explore how nuns (who were literally veiled) and quadroons (imagined in popular literature as veiled versions of oriental harem girls) provided useful foils against which the ideals of American womanhood and, more broadly, American identity, were forged. “Veiling” thus has a double meaning, referencing the veils worn by these women as well as the veiling of them that renders them less visible in the most familiar versions of the American historical narrative.
Sponsors:	Unnamed
Thurs, April 9, 2016	International Coffee Hour
Time:	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Location:	Atrium, FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Join the Center for Global Initiatives and the Study Abroad Office for a monthly social hour to bring together international University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill community members and students excited about global engagement. Chat about opportunities and challenges on campus. Meet staff from our offices with great resources to share. International Coffee Hours are held at the EspressoOasis Cafe in the FedEx Global Education Center. The cafe closes before 5 p.m., but refreshments will be provided including EspressoOasis coffee.
Sponsors:	Center for Global Initiatives, UNC Study Abroad Office
Thurs, Apr 9, 2015	Gender-based Violence in Refugee Camps
Time:	6:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, room 3024
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture, Discussion
Description:	Leila Dal Santo will discuss the socio-cultural and political factors that affect gender-based violence prevalence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. She will also share one organization’s response to tackle GBV in Palestine, namely through the promotion of youth sexual and reproductive health rights. This program has been implemented in over 20 camps across the West Bank and Gaza Strip (note: they have just expanded the program, so results of the program are not yet in). Laila has two years of experience working with refugee populations in Palestine: one year of community-based programming where she helped to develop, implement, and scale up psychosocial health services for refugee children, youth, and women in Nablus, Palestine. She spent a second year in Palestine working as a project manager at Souktel International, managing mobile technology projects (including mHealth initiatives) for USAID-funded development agencies. Laila is a second year MPH candidate at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health in the Department of Maternal and Child Health.
Sponsors:	Middle East Refugees Awareness Week, INJAZ
Thurs, Apr 9 – Sat, Apr 11, 2015	Warning and All-Source Intelligence: India – Pakistan (Colloquium and Simulation)
Time:	April 9, 2015 7:00 pm - April 11, 2015 8:30 pm
Location:	Unnamed Venue
Categories:	Workshop
Description:	On April 9-11th, 2015, The TISS-IC CAE in Intelligence and Security will host a conference on “Warning and All-Source Intelligence.” This conference, which will open with a Thursday

	evening keynote by Professor Richard Betts of Columbia University, is free and open to the public. It will be followed on Friday evening and Saturday by a simulation focused on a future India-Pakistan conflict. The simulation is open to students and by special invitation.
Sponsors:	TISS-IC CAE in Intelligence and Security
Thurs, Apr 9, 2016	Internationalizing Gaza: the Politics of International Law and the Struggle for Justice
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	209, Manning Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The UNC National Lawyers Guild is bringing human rights lawyer Noura Erakat to UNC-CH to give two talks about Israel's violations of humanitarian law during Operation Protective Edge in summer 2014 and about the implications of International Criminal Court jurisdiction. Professor Noura Erakat is a human rights attorney and activist. She is an Assistant Professor at George Mason University, and has taught international human rights law in the Middle East at Georgetown University since Spring 2009. Noura is a Co-Editor of Jadaliyya.
Sponsors:	UNC National Lawyers Guild, UNC Students for Justice in Palestine, the Carolina Seminar on Rethinking Israel/Palestine, the Center for Global Studies, the Department of Asian Studies, the Social and Economic Justice Minor, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations.
Fri, Apr 10, 2015	Accountability on the World Stage: the Case of Gaza
Time:	12:00pm
Location:	UNC Law School
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The UNC National Lawyers Guild is bringing human rights lawyer Noura Erakat to UNC-CH to give two talks about Israel's violations of humanitarian law during Operation Protective Edge in summer 2014 and about the implications of International Criminal Court jurisdiction. Professor Noura Erakat is a human rights attorney and activist. She is an Assistant Professor at George Mason University, and has taught international human rights law in the Middle East at Georgetown University since Spring 2009. Noura is a Co-Editor of Jadaliyya.
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Fri, Apr 10, 2015	Cairo in One Breath
Time:	1:00 pm
Location:	Carolina Theater
	309 West Morgan Street, Durham, NC
Categories:	Film
Description:	Join us for a screening of Anna Kipervaser's (Duke MFA student) film CAIRO IN ONE BREATH at the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival for its World Premiere. The adhan is the Muslim call to prayer, an invitation to sacred space traditionally performed by a muezzin at a mosque five times each day. Cairo has thousands of mosques, and with countless muezzins chanting the call simultaneously there is a holy cacophony that reverberates

	through the city's soundscape. Enter the Ministry of Religious Endowments with the concept of a unified adhan, a single call from one muezzin broadcast from a central studio to a network of mosques, each relaying the adhan through its own sound system. This beautiful and timely film is full of rich details of everyday life and maintains a quiet respect for the range of opinions voiced on either side of this somewhat unpopular edict. In a culture still unsettled by recent revolution, the idea of any kind of unification is controversial, and the loss of local traditions and individual voices is deeply felt.
Sponsors:	Carolina Theater
Fri, Apr 10, 2015	Iran Reading Group
Time:	3:00 pm
Location:	Hamilton Hall, 569
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Participants will discuss readings from the following texts: David Hübler, <i>From Exporters of Insurgency to Exporters of Counterinsurgency</i> Derek Elder and Daniel McManus, <i>On the Iranian-Saudi Cold War</i> Jonathan Beck, <i>On the Arab League reaction to Iranian Strategy</i>
Sponsors:	PWAD, SSRI, JSOMA, Duke Political Science, and LUCAS (Laboratory for Unconventional Conflict Analysis and Simulation)
Fri, Apr 10, 2015	The Gaza Kitchen: Cuisine, Resistance, and Remembrance in Palestine (Middle East Refugee Awareness Week)
Time:	4:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center, 240
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Public talk given by Laila El-Haddad, author of <i>The Gaza Kitchen</i> , in John Hope Franklin Center 240.
Sponsors:	Duke University Middle East Studies Center
Sat, Apr 11, 2015	Conference: "People- Centered Approaches to Conflict Resolution and Sustainable Peace"
Time:	8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Conference
Description:	The UNC-Duke Rotary Peace Center would like to invite you to their 12 th Annual Rotary Peace Center Conference on Saturday, April 11 th , 2015. The theme this year is "People-Centered Approaches to Conflict Resolution and Sustainable Peace." Class XII Rotary Peace Fellows will be presenting their research, sharing examples of hope, peace-making and positive change from every corner of the earth. A few presentations will focus on the Middle Eastern region.
Sponsors:	UNC-Duke Rotary Peace Center
Sun, Apr 12, 2015	Mohsen Namjoo Concert
Time:	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location:	Hunt Library Auditorium

	NC State University
Categories:	Performance
Description:	<p>NCSU's Iranian Student Association with co-sponsoring of Middle East Studies Program is proud to announce that on April 12th, we are having a concert featuring MOHSEN NAMJOO. Please come and welcome legendary musician and singer Mohsen Namjoo.</p> <p>Hailed as 'the Bob Dylan of Iran' by the New York Times, he is a true musical maverick who speaks for and touches the souls of today's youth. With material from his previous works, Mohsen will bring his unique patchwork blend of Persian classical poetry with rock, blues and jazz that has won him fans around the world.</p> <p>A singer, songwriter, music scholar and setar player, his 2007 release Toranj, mostly produced underground, and exploded because of its subversive words and unique fusion of Persian traditions and Western melodies – synthesizing the ancient with the modern. Namjoo's music broke through all social, cultural, and musical taboos. Since he moved to the United States, he has consolidated his place at the forefront of global music, working in film and theatre, while performing on some of the world's most prestigious stages to a growing legion of fans.</p>
Sponsors:	NCSU's Iranian Student Association, NSCU Middle East Studies Program
Mon, Apr 13, 2015	Syria's Lost Generation (Middle East Refugee Awareness Week)
Time:	4:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center, Room 240
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Public talk given by Keith Watenpaugh, Associate Professor of Modern Islam, Human Rights and Peace & Director of Human Rights Minor and UC Davis's Human Rights Initiative as well as Co-Director of UC Human Rights Collaboration.
Sponsors:	Duke University Middle East Studies Center
Mon, Apr 13, 2015	Dispossession and Forced Migration in the Arab Middle East
Time:	5:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Public talk given by Dawn Chatty, Director of Oxford Refugee Studies Center.
Sponsors:	Duke University Middle East Studies Center
Mon, Apr 13, 2015	Panel Discussion: Tony Rivera and Robert Reardon: "Security Challenges in the Middle East"
Time:	6:00 pm - 7:45 pm
Location:	202 Auditorium of the Biomedical/Biotechnology Research Institute
	NC Central University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The panel discussion will consist of presentations by Professor Rivera who will speak about Da'ish (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, ISIL) and Professor Reardon who will talk about Iranian nuclear program. The panel presentation is free and open to the public.
Sponsors:	NC Central University
Mon, Apr 13, 2015	"Anti-Israel Apartheid: The fight to delegitimize Israel, the importance of the US-Israel Alliance, and paths toward peace"
Time:	6:30 pm

Location:	111 Carroll Hall
	UNC-CH
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense presents a lecture by David Horowitz on the Anti-Israel Apartheid: The fight to delegitimize Israel, the importance of the US-Israel Alliance, and paths toward peace. In the interest of fostering an atmosphere of intellectual diversity on the issue of the Israel-Palestinian conflict here at Carolina we encourage all students to attend and come with questions. David Horowitz is controversial writer known for his right-wing rhetoric and the founder and CEO of the David Horowitz Freedom Center (DHFC), an organization that operates a number of far-right websites and blogs. To learn more about David Horowitz and the DHFC visit http://www.horowitzfreedomcenter.org .
Sponsors:	The Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense, College Republicans, Christians United For Israel, and Young America's Foundation
Mon, Apr 13, 2015	Highlighting Iraqi Culture Through Food and Music
Time:	6:30 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Cultural Event
Description:	A celebration of Iraqi culture with introduction by Abdul Sattar Shakhly and Azeddine Chergui. An evening of food, music and conversation featuring local musician Laith Jajo in John Hope Franklin Center 240.
Sponsors:	Duke University Middle East Studies Center
Tues, Apr 14, 2015	Langford Lecture: "Occupied Istanbul: 1918-1923"
Time:	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Location:	Doris Duke Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Langford Lecture (RSVP Required) with Erdag Goknar. This program is part of the "Rethinking Global Cities" project at Duke. Erdag Goknar is Associate Professor of Turkish Studies at Duke University and an award-winning literary translator. He holds a Ph.D. in Near and Middle Eastern studies (Turkish literature and culture) and has published critical articles on Turkish literary culture as well as three book-length translations: Nobel laureate Orhan Pamuk's My Name is Red; Atiq Rahimi's Earth and Ashes (from Dari); and A.H. Tanpinar's A Mind at Peace. He is the co-editor of Mediterranean Passages: Readings from Dido to Derrida (UNC Press, 2008). His most recent project, forthcoming from Routledge, is a book of criticism entitled Secular Blasphemies: Orhan Pamuk and the Politics of the Turkish Novel.
Sponsors:	Rethinking Global Cities
Tues, Apr 14, 2015	Ambassador Anthony C. E. Quinton: "Terrorism, Counter-terrorism, and the Business of Diplomacy"
Time:	5:45 pm - 6:45 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, Nelson Mandela Auditorium
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Ambassador Quinton has served as US Ambassador to the Central African Republic, Nicaragua, Kuwait, and Peru. At the US State Department, he has also served as Director of the State Department's Office for Combatting Terrorism, as the Assistant Secretary of State

	for Diplomatic Security, and as the Director General of the Foreign Service. His numerous postings for the Foreign Service include assignments as Foreign Service Officer in Sydney, Karachi, Rawalpindi, and New Delhi. Ambassador Quainton has also served as senior political officer for India in the Bureau of Near East and South Asian Affairs and Deputy Chief of Mission in Kathmandu. Ambassador Quainton now serves as Distinguished Diplomat-in-Residence at the School of International Service at American University. Ambassador Quainton's talk is one in a series in the Transatlantic Forum for Education and Diplomacy. Event is free and open to public.
Sponsors:	Professor T. Leinbaugh, Dr. Phil Lankford, Joan Gillings, Department of English and Comparative Literature/ Peace, War, and Defense Curriculum
Tues, Apr 14, 2015	Voices of Home: A Photovoice Exhibition
Time:	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Location:	Keohane-Kenan Gallery, The Kenan Institute for Ethics, West Duke Building
	Duke University
Categories:	Exhibit
Description:	The women of SuWA present Voices of Home: A Photovoice Exhibition sharing the images and stories of fourteen resettled Iraqi women living in Durham, NC. The women of SuWA will be selling their handcrafted goods at the event. There will also be a fundraiser to support a school mural project for Syrian refugee youth in Azraq camp in Jordan. This exhibit is part of a multi-year community based research project on refugee resettlement in Durham. The exhibit celebrates the second year of SuWA —a community partnership between Duke students and local refugees that promotes empowerment, education and enterprise for newly resettled women and their families.
Sponsors:	The Kenan Institute for Ethics
Wed, Apr 15, 2015	Wednesdays@TheCenter: "Translating Occupation"
Time:	12:00 pm -1:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Duke PhD candidate Louis Yako will give a Wednesday @ the Center lecture.
Sponsors:	John Hope Franklin Center, DUMESC
Wed, Apr 15, 2015	Humanitarian Innovation: The State of the Art (Middle East Refugee Awareness Week)
Time:	4:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center 240
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Public talk given by Dawn Chatty, Director of Oxford Refugee Studies Center.
Sponsors:	Duke University Middle East Studies Center
Wed, Apr 15, 2015	Why We Lost: A General Looks at Afghanistan and Iraq
Time:	4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Location:	Flyleaf Books
	752 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Lieutenant General Dan Bolger, a former senior U.S. field commander in Iraq and

	<p>Afghanistan, will explain why he believes our campaigns in those countries ended in failure. His talk will address how and why we didn't understand our enemies, and offer a critical assessment of why we committed our conventional forces to indecisive, irregular warfare. This lecture will challenge the audience to ponder what these hard lessons mean for the future of U.S. foreign policy.</p> <p>This lecture will take place at Flyleaf Books in Chapel Hill and has a fee.</p>
Sponsors:	UNC Program in the Humanities
Wed, Apr 15, 2015	"Municipalities, Immigrant Communities, and Title VI Compliance"
Time:	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Presentation, Discusion
Description:	<p>Please join us for a presentation by the UNC School of Law Human Rights Policy Seminar for Building Integrated Communities. UNC Law Students working with the Building Integrated Communities Project will present on issues related to language access and municipal services for all residents.</p> <p>Topics include: an overview of the legal obligations of municipalities and local agencies to provide language access to limited English proficient residents, an overview of international human rights obligations including human rights treaties that relate to language rights and how these principles to municipalities and agencies, an overview of European models developed in conjunction with the movement of people throughout the European Union that have been successful in the realm of language rights, a description of models and best practices developed by BIC partner cities, a description of best practices from other municipalities outside of North Carolina, ongoing challenges and the identification of resources that are most likely to help agencies achieve Title VI and other legal compliance.</p>
Sponsors:	UNC School of Law Human Rights Policy Seminar
Wed, Apr 15, 2015	Film Screening: "Not Who We Are" (Middle East Refugee Awareness Week)
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Griffith Building
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	<p>Not Who We Are highlights the story of Syrian refugees who became displaced due to the brutal war in Syria. In early 2013, Syrians became the fourth largest refugee population in the world. Close to one million of those have taken refuge in Lebanon. More than eighty percent are women and children.</p> <p>War and displacement acutely affect women in particular. They lose their homes, loved ones and possessions and often find themselves in unfriendly environments. Bereft of social support networks, they are vulnerable to discrimination, violence, and abuse.</p> <p>Public screening.</p>
Sponsors:	Duke University Middle East Studies Center
Thurs, Apr 16, 2015	"Refugee Health: Experiences and Lessons from Northern Iraq"
Time:	5:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, room 3024
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Public talk by Dilshad Jaff. Jaff is a Kurdish physician from the disputed territories in Iraq. His talk will discuss the elementary principles of planning in emergencies, the criteria for

	choosing a site for a displaced-persons camp, health problems that have some connection with environmental problems, common communicable diseases commonly found in emergency situations, the principal communicable disease vectors and the methods for controlling them and how humanitarian agencies are responding to these factors. Throughout the talk, he will be sharing many examples from the field.
Sponsors:	Duke University Middle East Studies Center, INJAZ, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations
Thurs, Apr 16, 2015	The Idan Raichel Project
Time:	8:00 pm
Location:	Carolina Theater of Durham
	309 West Morgan St Durham, NC 27701
Categories:	Performance
Description:	<p>Producer, keyboardist, and composer Idan Raichel has become a global music icon since the unveiling of The Idan Raichel Project, a multi-ethnic tour de force that changed the face of Israeli popular music. The Project enchants audiences with entrancing fusions sung in Hebrew, Arabic and the Ethiopian languages of Amharic and Tigrít. Their latest album, Quarter To Six, has garnered international praise for its depth and scope. Raichel has collaborated with over 95 celebrated artists from around the globe including American neo-soul diva India.Arie, Mayra Andrade from Cape Verde, Marta Gomez from Colombia, Ana Moura from Portugal, German counter-tenor Andreas Scholl, Vieux Farka Touré from Mali and many more. Over the past decade The Idan Raichel Project has become the soundtrack of contemporary Israel.</p> <p>For tickets and more information, please see here.</p>
Sponsors:	Carolina Theater of Durham
Fri, Apr 17 – Sun, Apr 19, 2015	The Many Histories of the Present: Pasts and Possibilities in the Muslim World
Time:	April 17, 2015 8:00 am - April 19, 2015 5:00 pm
Location:	The weekend-long workshop will be held at the King’s Daughters Inn (April 17th) and Friedl 225, East Campus Duke University (April 18-19th).
	Duke University
Categories:	Conference
Description:	<p>What can the past tell us about the present? This question, once the bedrock of historical enquiry, faded from the academic imagination after the post-structural turn. As utilitarian and deterministic understandings of the past came under attack for ossifying ‘traditions’, a new periodization took shape—now familiar to anthropologists and historians alike—of a post-colonial present separated from its ‘authentic’ past by the unbridgeable gulf of European imperialism and colonial modernity. The workshop aims to probe the limits of this approach by bringing together anthropologists and historians interested in exploring the manifold relationships various pasts have with the present day world.</p> <p>The workshop will focus on Muslim societies as the primary context to conceptualize the interplay between historical inquiry and analysis of emergent social forms*. Our interest in Muslims societies is driven by the recent academic work on Muslim empires and networks (see Bibliography section). The emergent scholarship on networks and empires, venture beyond both postcolonial and textual approaches to Islam to highlight the complicated relationship of Muslim societies with the cultural geography of Eurasia, Africa, and the Indian Ocean. However, despite employing anthropological categories of analysis, this scholarship has yet to engage with ethnographic work on present day Muslim societies. To initiate a conversation between these ships passing in the night, we hope to press historians</p>

	of Muslim empires and networks to speak about the past's resonances with the discourses, practices, and structures explored in ethnographies. Conversely, we encourage anthropologists working on emerging social networks and political struggles in the broader Muslim world to focus, not only on the conditions of postmodernity, neoliberalism, and globalization, but also on regionally specific histories and memories, no matter how layered, distorted, or uneven.
Sponsors:	Duke Cultural Anthropology, Duke Human Rights Center at the Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke Islamic Studies Center, Duke Asian & Middle Eastern Studies, Duke History Department
Fri, Apr 17, 2015	The Duke Counterterrorism and Public Policy Fellowship Program End of Year Conference Research presentations for Sanford National Security Fellows
Time:	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Location:	200, Rubenstein Hall
	Duke University
Categories:	Presentation
Description:	Sanford National Security Fellows will present their final research papers. Some of the papers address Middle East themes.
Sponsors:	Duke Counterterrorism and Public Policy Fellowship Program
Fri, Apr 17, 2015	Refugees Lives Student Presentation
Time:	1:00 pm
Location:	Divinity School Westbrook Building, Room 0014
	Duke University
Categories:	Presentation
Description:	This event features a Refugees Lives Student Presentation, where students from the Refugees Lives class, which is co-taught by Professor miriam cooke and Maha Houssami, will showcase their work with local refugee families from the Durham and Chapel Hill area. The presentation will be followed by a discussion entitled "Middle Eastern Refugees: Causes Effects and Lived Experiences" led by the Undergraduate Council for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, this is a two-part moderated discussion on the problems and overall situation for refugees in America, and the political and economic ramifications of refugees in the MENA region. Student presentations will begin at 1:00 PM followed by a reception at 2:30 PM and concluding with the discussion at 3:00 PM.
Sponsors:	Duke University Middle East Studies Center
Fri, Apr 17, 2015	Jaun Zarate: "New Tools for Fighting the New Terrorist Threat"
Time:	4:15 pm - 6:15 pm
Location:	Sanford Building
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Juan Zarate is one of the nation's most-respected experts in counter-terrorism. Juan was a pioneer in the post-9/11 effort to use all elements of national power, especially economic and financial tools of statecraft, in combatting terrorism, and he went on to be the top coordinator in the Bush White House National Security Council staff with day-to-day responsibility for terrorism issues. Juan's book, Treasury's War, is the seminal book outlining the new techniques of financial warfare — techniques that have migrated from the fight against terrorist networks to be at the center of U.S. strategy in confronting Russian adventurism, Iranian nuclear ambitions, and other geostrategic threats. Anyone

	who wants to understand the intersection of economics, finance, foreign policy, and national security will benefit from reading this book. And Duke is fortunate that we can both read the book and discuss it with the author.
Sponsors:	American Grand Strategy (AGS)
Sat, Apr 18, 2015	Urdu Majlis: Urdu poet and lyricist Javed Akhtar
Time:	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Location:	219 New West Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Please join us this Saturday, April 18, 2015 in 219 New West Hall for the next monthly meeting of Urdu Majlis, the Triangle's Urdu Literary Society. This Urdu Majlis will feature the works of contemporary Urdu poet and lyricist Javed Akhtar. Urdu Majlis is an intellectual endeavor with no political or religious affiliations. This event is free and open to the public.
Sponsors:	Carolina Asia Center and the South Asia Section of the UNC Dept. of Asian Studies.
Mon, Apr 20, 2015	Mid-east Dissertation Forum – Sumayya Ahmed
Time:	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Location:	Room 3009, FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Presentation
Description:	Faculty and students, we invite you to take part in series of events sponsored by the UNC Mid-east Center, which will feature brief presentations of PhD candidates about their dissertation research topics with a short response from a faculty member followed by general discussion. This is an activity proposed by members of our faculty, as an informal forum in which we have the opportunity to hear about current research projects in Middle East studies. We hope that you will be able to attend the following events and support your colleagues. Light refreshments will be provided. Sumayya Ahmed in the School of Information and Library Science will present on Arabic manuscripts in Morocco with a response from Bruce Hall, African & African American Studies, Duke University.
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations
Mon, Apr 20, 2015	The Way Forward in the Middle East featuring Nitin Chadda, White House Director for the National Security Staff
Time:	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Location:	Old Chemistry 116
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Few would disagree that the Middle-East is in turmoil, but with a precarious Iranian nuclear deal, the continuing Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and increasing U.S. tensions with Israel, few agree on the solution. Should the U.S. merely have a nuclear deal with Iran or continue in its rapprochement? How will this impact its relations with Israel and the prospects for future peace in the region? The Duke chapter of the Alexander Hamilton Society and American Grand Strategy present our final debate of the year, "The Way Forward in the Middle East", with Georgetown Professor Matthew Kroenig and the White House Director for Iran on the National Security Staff, Nitin Chadda. Refreshments will be served.
Sponsors:	American Grand Strategy (AGS)

Tues, Apr 21, 2015	Mid east Dissertation Forum – Brandon Gorman
Time:	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location:	Room 3009, FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Faculty and students, we invite you to take part in series of events sponsored by the UNC Mid east Center, which will feature brief presentations of PhD candidates about their dissertation research topics with a short response from a faculty member followed by general discussion. This is an activity proposed by members of our faculty, as an informal forum in which we have the opportunity to hear about current research projects in Middle East studies. We hope that you will be able to attend the following events and support your colleagues. Light refreshments will be provided. Brandon Gorman in the Sociology Department will present on the language of politics in North Africa with a response from Charlie Kurzman, Sociology, UNC.
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations
Tues, Apr 21, 2015	
	Arabic Night @ Duke
Time:	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center, room 240
	Duke University
Categories:	Cultural Event
Description:	Arabic language students will participate in plays, poetry readings, music, Middle Eastern music, oral proficiency activities, etc.
Sponsors:	Arabic Program at Duke
Tues, Apr 21, 2015	
	Islamophobia Teach-in Series: Muslim Women, Gender, and Resistance
Time:	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Location:	Frank Porter Graham Student Union Room 3411
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Please join the UNC MSA in Frank Porter Graham Student Union Room 3411 for a talk on gendered Islamophobia with Professor Juliane Hammer. Dr. Hammer is an Associate Professor in the Religious Studies department at UNC-Chapel Hill and has authored many books and articles on Islam and gender. There will be a Q&A session after the presentation. This event is open to the public. Please invite your friends. All are welcome.
Sponsors:	UNC MSA
Wed, Apr 22, 2015	
	ISIS: Where Did It Come From? What Does it Believe?
Time:	4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Location:	Flyleaf Books
	752 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The world has been shocked by the seemingly sudden emergence of the so-called “Islamic State in Iraq and Syria” (aka ISIS). This group has changed the discourse on the post-Arab Spring Middle East, obscuring the lines between friends and enemies and opening another chapter in America’s “war on terror.” David Schanzer will address its origins and ideology, and field questions on its meaning for future U.S. policy in the region. David H. Schanzer is Associate Professor of the Practice at Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, and Director of the Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security.

	This lecture takes place at Flyleaf Books in Chapel Hill and has a fee.
Sponsors:	UNC Program in the Humanities
Thurs, Apr 23, 2015	Dr. Jessica Namakkal of Duke University presents: “The Terror of Decolonization: Exploring Pondicherry’s ‘Goonda Raj,’ 1947-54”
Time:	6:00 pm - 7:20 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	This event is open to faculty and graduate students. We are happy to announce the last Seminar on Transnational and Modern Global History of this semester. Dr. Jessica Namakkal of Duke University will present on Thursday, April 23rd, at 6-7.20 pm, at UNC-Fedex Center, Room 3009 (Free Parking under the Building!) She will talk about the broader project at the beginning of the seminar and, then there will be ample time for discussion. Jessica Namakkal is professor in the International Comparative Studies Program. Her research focuses on the era, and theories, of decolonization in the 20th-century. She also works on the question of how decolonization has shaped modern life in Europe, through experiences of postcolonial migrations and global tourism.
Sponsors:	Seminar on Transnational and Modern Global History
Fri, Apr 24 – Sat, Apr 25, 2015	Comparative Approaches to the Study of Immigration, Ethnicity, and Religion
Time:	April 24, 2015 8:00 am - April 25, 2015 5:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center Room 4003
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Conference
Description:	Please consider joining the UNC Center for European Studies on 24-25 April 2015 at the FedEx Global Education Center Room 4003 for a conference on Comparative Approaches to the Study of Immigration, Ethnicity, and Religion.
Sponsors:	This event is offered in conjunction with the UNC Center for European Studies, a European Union Center of Excellence and U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center. It is also made possible through the UNC Department of Political Science, UNC Global, The Institute for the Study of the Americas, and the Center for Global Initiatives.
Wed, Apr 29, 2015	Russian and East European (RUES) Masters Thesis Presentations
Time:	11:30 am
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, 2008/2010
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The UNC Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies is pleased to invite you for the Russian and East European (RUES) Masters thesis presentations on Wednesday, April 29 at 11:30 am in FedEx GEC #2008/2010. Presentations include Middle East and Muslim Civilizations topics such as: Carissa Landes: “Islam and State Rhetoric in Tajikistan,” Aya Ovezova: “Managing Water Conflict and Cooperation in Central Asia: The Case of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan,” and Geysar Gurbanov: “The Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict (1988-1994). From Communal Violence to Civil War: the Role of Democracy and Political Entrepreneurs.”
Sponsors:	UNC Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies
Thurs, Apr 30, 2015	Dr. Dror Bondi at Duke University

Time:	12:30 pm
Location:	230 Gray Building
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Students and faculty are invited to join the Duke Center for Jewish Studies for an event with Jewish Studies library fellow Dr. Dror Bondi (The Hebrew University). Bondi will be presenting an update to his project on translating the works of Rabbi Abraham Heschel, through previously unpublished letters and manuscripts. As some of you may remember from last year, Dr. Bondi has been doing some incredible work and we truly look forward to this update.
Sponsors:	American Grand Strategy (AGS)
Sat, May 2, 2015	Urdu Majlis Meeting
Time:	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Location:	Room 219, New West Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Please join us for the next monthly meeting of Urdu Majlis, the Triangle's Urdu Literary Society. This Urdu Majlis will feature the works of the "First Lady of Urdu Poetry" ADA JAFRI. She was born in Badayun (U.P. India) and passed away in Karachi on March 12 of this year at the age of 90. Urdu Majlis is an intellectual endeavor with no political or religious affiliations. The schedule is as follows: 3:00 ADA JAFRI – life and works, 4:00 Original poetry etc., 5:30 Refreshments, 6:00 Building closes. Please arrive on time as a courtesy to others. This event is free and open to the public.
Sponsors:	Carolina Asia Center and the South Asia Section of the UNC Dept. of Asian Studies
Sat, May 2, 2015	Garth Hewitt: No Injustice Will Last Forever: One Day the Wall Will Fall
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Binkley Baptist Church
	Chapel Hill, NC
Categories:	Performance
Description:	The Coalition for Peace with Justice invites you to hear Garth Hewitt, internationally acclaimed troubadour, gospel singer and author on his NC tour: No Injustice Will Last Forever: One Day the Wall Will Fall! Through song and story, Garth will share his dedication to the hope, resilience and work of peace builders in the Holy Land.
Sponsors:	Coalition for Peace with Justice
Mon, May 4, 2015	Garth Hewitt: No Injustice Will Last Forever: One Day the Wall Will Fall
Time:	7:30 pm
Location:	St. Marks Episcopal Church
	Raleigh, NC
Categories:	Performance
Description:	The Coalition for Peace with Justice invites you to hear Garth Hewitt, internationally acclaimed troubadour, gospel singer and author on his NC tour: No Injustice Will Last Forever: One Day the Wall Will Fall! Through song and story, Garth will share his dedication to the hope, resilience and work of peace builders in the Holy Land.
Sponsors:	Coalition for Peace with Justice
Fri, May 8, 2015	Prof. Mohsen Kadivar: Persian Lecture Series Commentary of the Persian Mystical Works of Suhrawardi

Time:	5:45 pm - 8:45 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, room 1005
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>Shihab al-Din Yahya Suhrawardi (1155–1191) was the founder of Illuminative philosophy (Hikmat al-Ishraq), and one of the most influential mystics in Islamic world. Suhrawardi was imprisoned and assassinated because of his innovative ideas when he was 36. He left over 50 valuable writings in Persian and Arabic. His mystical Persian treatises are among the first top three symbolic-mystical works in Islam and Iran. Professor Mohsen Kadivar is an Iranian philosopher and visiting professor of Islamic Studies at Duke University. He taught Suhrawardi's philosophy for two decades in Iran. In this Persian lecture series, Kadivar comments on the mystical Persian works of Suhrawardi, and explains the symbolic Sufi's language and Ishraqi method.</p> <p>The ninth session is dedicated to "A Tale of Occidental Exile." In contrast to other mystical recitals, Suhrawardi wrote it originally in Arabic, but its Persian translation and commentaries were circulated soon, as well as its original text. It is a symbolic mystical recital, among the first ranking of Suhrawardi's mystical works. Two key-terms of Occidental Exile and Oriental Homeland are well known in spiritual literature based on this recital. This event is open to all who speak Persian or love Persian mystical literature.</p>
Sponsors:	Iranian Circle of Wisdom, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations
Fri, June 12, 2015	Prof. Mohsen Kadivar: Persian Lecture Series Commentary of the Persian Mystical Works of Suhrawardi, Section Ten: The Book of Beam of Light
Time:	5:45 pm - 8:45 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, room 1005
	UNC-CH
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>Shihab al-Din Yahya Suhrawardi (1155–1191) was the founder of Illuminative philosophy (Hikmat al-Ishraq), and one of the most influential mystics in Islamic world. Suhrawardi was imprisoned and assassinated because of his innovative ideas when he was 36. He left over 50 valuable writings in Persian and Arabic. His mystical Persian treatises are among the first top three symbolic-mystical works in Islam and Iran. Professor Mohsen Kadivar is an Iranian philosopher and visiting professor of Islamic Studies at Duke University. He taught Suhrawardi's philosophy for two decades in Iran. In this Persian lecture series, Kadivar comments on the mystical Persian works of Suhrawardi, and explains the symbolic Sufi's language and Ishraqi method.</p> <p>The tenth session is dedicated to "The Book of Beam of Light." It is philosophical recital that is necessary for understanding Suhrawardi's mystical recitals. Suhrawardi discussed the concept of God, His essence, and His attributes, the gradation and goals of beings, prophesy, miracles, generosity and dream.</p>
Sponsors:	Iranian Circle of Wisdom, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations
Tues, June 23, 2015	UNC Humanities Spotlight on Scholars: The Art & Science of a Medieval "First in Flight"
Time:	4:30 pm
Location:	Flyleaf Books
	752 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Leonardo Da Vinci's sketchbooks are clear evidence that interest in the possibility of human

	flight has a long history predating the Wright Brothers, but few realize that experiments in flight occurred as early as the ninth century. UNC Associate Professor of Art History, Glaire Anderson discusses a long-lost medieval Arabic account of a flight that took place in Córdoba, the capital of Islamic Spain. She argues that this account, and the earliest Islamic scientific instruments, reveal unexpected but meaningful links between early Islamic art, architecture, and science. Program Tuition: Register ahead of time and pay \$18.00 per program or pay only \$8 if you are a member of the UNC General Alumni Association (GAA).
Sponsors:	UNC Program in the Humanities
Tues, June 23, 2015	Cairo in One Breath Film Screening
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Varsity Theater
	123 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill, NC
Categories:	Film
Description:	Cairo in One Breath, a new feature documentary by Anna Kipervaser, a graduate of the MFA in Experimental and Documentary Arts program at Duke University, and On Look Films, will be screened in June as a fundraiser for Stories with a Heartbeat. Stories with a Heartbeat is an initiative to document medical professionals and their patients in Palestine, Turkey, and Jordan through creative, engaging, and dynamic storytelling by Will McInerney and Mohanned "Mike" Mallah. The film documents the Ministry of Religious Endowments' concept of a unified adhan, a single call from one muezzin broadcast from a central studio to a network of mosques. This beautiful and timely film is full of rich details of everyday life and maintains a quiet respect for the range of opinions voiced on either side of this somewhat unpopular edict. In a culture still unsettled by recent revolution, the idea of any kind of unification is controversial, and the loss of local traditions and individual voices is deeply felt. For more information about the film, please see here . Both Anna and Will will be in attendance. Will will talk about his recent travel and read from his work before the screening. Anna will discuss the making of her documentary and answer questions after the screening.
Sponsors:	Varsity Theater
Thurs, June 25, 2015	"The Call of Cairo" Reception and Iftar
Time:	8:30 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Exhibit
Description:	It happened to be Ramadan when On Look Films took their first production trip to Cairo in August of 2009. They were beginning to work on their feature documentary film Cairo in One Breath. Over the course of these several years, the On Look Films team has been documenting the transformation of the 1,400 year-old tradition of the adhan as a government plan to systemize the call to prayer was being implemented, the Adhan Unification Project. This selection of photographs is an introduction to some of the film's characters and their lives, taken between 2009 and 2014 by Anna Kipervaser, David Degner, Jeremy Johnson, and Meredith Zielke, and edited by Rodion Galperin. The gallery will run from June 17-September 18.
Sponsors:	Duke Islamic Studies Center
Tues, June 30, 2015	ANERA Iftar and Benefit Dinner
Time:	7:30pm
Location:	Mediterranean Deli

	410 W. Franklin St. Chapel Hill, NC 27516
Categories:	Cultural Event
Description:	Join ANERA at Med Deli for an iftar to benefit Palestinian refugees. ANERA helps Palestinian refugees and poor communities in Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon. This NGO reaches the region's most vulnerable people with health, education and economic programs, and provides humanitarian and emergency relief in times of crisis. All proceeds from this Iftar will go towards providing Ramadan food packages for impoverished Palestinian families. Tickets are \$50. To purchase tickets, please visit www.anera.org/chapelhilldinner .
Sponsors:	ANERA, Mediterranean Deli
Sun, Jul 12, 2015	Chand Raat Celebration
Time:	7:00 pm - 10:30 pm
Location:	Seasons @ Tandoor
	5410 Greenwood Commons Shopping Center, Highway 55 Durham, NC 27713
Categories:	Cultural Event
Description:	Join us for an evening of shopping, Henna, Face Painting, Music/Karaoke and much more. Come and enjoy the evening get-together with your friends and community and do early shopping for this coming EID. This event is for the entire family! Admission: Adults \$2.00, Kids above 5 and Students \$1.00 Venue: Seasons @ Tandoor (Indian Restaurant-Phone 919-484-2102) 5410 Greenwood Commons Shopping Center, Highway 55 Durham, NC 27713
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