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

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August 14, 2015	Urdu Majlis: Life and Works of Obaidullah Aleem
Time:	7:00-9:30pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, room 1009
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion, Lecture Series, Meeting
Description:	Please join us on Friday August 14, 2015 for the monthly meeting of Urdu Majlis, the Triangle's Urdu Literary Society. This Urdu Majlis will feature the works of controversial poet Obaidullah Aleem (1939-1998). 7:00 OBAIDULLAH ALEEM – life and works, 8:00 Original poetry etc., 9:00 Refreshments. Please arrive on time as a courtesy to others. Free parking is available under the building. Participants are invited to bring refreshments to share. THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Urdu Majlis is an intellectual endeavor with no political or religious affiliations.
Sponsors:	Carolina Asia Center and the South Asia Section of the UNC Dept. of Asian Studies
August 20, 2015	Week of Welcome – Global Opportunities Info Session
Time:	3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Location:	Frank Porter Graham Student Union
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Presentation
Description:	Where outside the U.S. would you travel with financial support? Would you study Arabic, Swahili, Portuguese, Chinese, Czech, or Maya with a full scholarship? Enhance your abilities and travel the world – debt free! The global opportunities available to you at Carolina will make you stand out in applications and interviews for internships, leadership positions, jobs and graduate school. Meet peers who broke through cultural and financial barriers to pursue global education around the world. More information can be found here .
Sponsors:	Hosted by: African Studies Center, Carolina Asia Center, Center for European Studies, Center for Global Initiatives, Center for Slavic, Eurasian and East European Studies, Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Institute for the Study of the Americas
August 20, 2015	Fulbright Info Session
Time:	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Location:	Room 4003, FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Presentation
Description:	Join UNC's Fulbright Program Adviser in Room 4003 of the FedEx Global Education Center for an overview of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, from English teaching assistantships to independent research or graduate program enrollment. This session is open to all currently enrolled UNC students, or alumni interested in applying through UNC. Applications are due September 21st. The Fulbright program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, is managed nationally by the Institute of International Education and at UNC by the Center for Global Initiatives.
Sponsors:	Center for Global Initiatives
August 21, 2015	"Prophecy Before the Birth of Israel"
Time:	5:30pm
Location:	Hyde Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture

Description:	Jack M. Sasson, professor emeritus of Jewish Studies and Hebrew Bible at Vanderbilt University, will discuss how not long ago, it was believed that prophecy was uniquely manifested in ancient Israel, reaching perfection before and after the Babylonian exile. The decipherment of ancient documents from the ancient Near East hardly jolted that preconception until the recovery of the Mari archives from the Middle Euphrates Mesopotamia. There, many letters testified to the engagement of kings with prophets and solicited their prognostications. We will review what we have learned and rely on examples to recreate the contexts in which prophecy thrived. Please contact ccjs@unc.edu for more information.
Sponsors:	The Carolina Center for Jewish Studies
August 25, 2015	International Coffee Hour
Time:	5:00pm - 6:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, Atrium
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Meeting, Lecture Series/Brownbag
Description:	Join the Center for Global Initiatives and Study Abroad at the EspressoOasis Cafe in the FedEx Global Education Center for a monthly social hour to bring together international UNC community members and students excited about global engagement. Chat about opportunities and challenges on campus. Meet staff from the hosting offices with great resources to share. For more information, please click here .
Sponsors:	The Carolina Center for Global Initiatives, The Study Abroad Office
August 27, 2015	Careers in the Middle East: Meet & Greet with Neeraj Malhotra
Time:	12:30pm - 1:30pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, Room 2010
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Presentation, Lecture Series/Brownbag
Description:	<p>Join the Mideast Center for a Career Meet & Greet with Neeraj Malhotra. Malhotra is the entering M&E Specialist (Monitoring & Reporting) for UNICEF Turkey in Ankara. In this capacity, he will monitor the humanitarian and political situation inside Turkey and across the Middle East & North Africa (MENA) region. Previously, Mr. Malhotra served as Programme Officer in the UNICEF MENA Regional Office in Amman, Jordan, where he was responsible for supporting the Regional Director's oversight and management, with a particular emphasis on UNICEF's humanitarian response to the crises in Syria, Iraq and Yemen. Prior to joining UNICEF, Malhotra was Program Assistant at the Brookings Institution's Saban Center for Middle East Policy in Washington, DC. He received his B.A. in History from Northwestern University and his M.A. in Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Chicago.</p> <p>Mr. Malhotra will be available to answer questions from students interested in careers in the MENA region, and share personal stories and experiences about his career path. Please note that this event is for students only, who are welcome to bring their lunch to the meeting. For more information, please contact harver@email.unc.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations
August 28, 2015	Pakistan Independence Day Celebration With Ali Haider
Time:	6:30pm
Location:	Cary Arts Center
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Cultural Event
Description:	Pakistani American Anjuman presents Pakistan Independence Day Celebration with Ali Haider at the Cary Arts Center. Ali Haider will be joined by Inam ul Haq and a number of local artists

	<p>will be featured. There will also be kids performances and Nilaam ghar (prize giveaway). Babysitting will be provided. Dinner is from 6:30 to 7:30 (also available for purchase until 9:30 pm).</p> <p>Tickets: VVIP \$100, VIP \$50, General Admission \$25, Students/Kids under 12 \$15, 7 and under free. Tickets are available online beginning August 18. For ticket information, visit here or call Abir Chaudhry at 414 559 9694, or Saima Chaudhry at 919 593 0627.</p>
Sponsors:	Pakistani American Anjuman
September 1, 2015	CSEES LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES: EREN TASAR: “Central Asian Islam during the Brezhnev Era: Surprising Findings”
Time:	12:30pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, Room 2008/2010
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture series/ Brownbag
Description:	<p>Eren Tasar is an Assistant Professor at the UNC Department of History. His research focuses on modern history of Central Asia. He studied at Stanford and Harvard universities. Before coming to Carolina he served on the faculty of the Indiana University School of Liberal Arts in Indianapolis. His book manuscript, Soviet and Muslim: the Institutionalization of Islam in Central Asia, 1943-1991, is currently under consideration at Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Boxed lunches from Panera Bread will be provided to registrants. For more information, please visit here.</p>
Sponsors:	CSEES
September 2, 2015	The Call of Cairo – An Artist Talk
Time:	12:00pm - 1:00pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture, Exhibit
Description:	<p>Join artist, Anna Kipervaser for a talk about “ The Call of Cairo” photography exhibit currently on display in the John Hope Franklin Center. The exhibit, inspired by the film “Cairo in One Breath,” is an introduction to some of the film’s characters and their lives, taken between 2009 and 2014. Over the course of several years, the On Look Films team documented the transformation of the 1,400 year-old tradition of the adhan in Cairo as a government plan to systemize the call to prayer was being implemented. “Cairo in One Breath” follows muezzins from when they first heard rumors of plans to install wireless receivers through two years after implementation of the Adhan Unification Project, which has displaced thousands of employees and volunteers.</p> <p>Anna Kipervaser is a Ukrainian-born multimedia artist. Her work spans multiple disciplines including experimental and documentary moving image works. A light lunch will be served and parking is available in nearby parking decks. Please contact iyman.ahmed@duke.edu for more information.</p>
Sponsors:	Wednesdays at the John Hope Franklin Center
September 2, 2015	Film Screening: “Write Down, I Am an Arab.”
Time:	7:00pm
Location:	Bryan Center Griffith Film Theater
	Duke University
Categories:	Film, Discussion
Description:	Introduction and Discussion: Dr. Shai Ginsburg (Duke University). For more information,

	please see http://www.writedowniamanarab.com .
Sponsors:	Duke University Middle East Studies Center
September 3, 2015	The Novel Project: “In Memoriam: Assia Djébar (1936-2015)”
Time:	3:15pm - 7:00pm
Location:	Franklin Humanities Institute, The Garage Smith Warehouse, Bay 4
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture, Presentation
Description:	World-renowned Algerian feminist novelist, translator, and film producer, Assia Djébar’s numerous works of historical fiction paint the canvas of Algeria’s tumultuous history from the French invasion in 1830 to the civil war of the late 1990s. Program: Introduction miriam cooke, Asian & Middle East Studies “Languaging Space in Djébar’s Fantasia” Rachel Rothendler, Romance Studies & School of Law “Gender and War in Djébar’s and Halide Edip’s Writings” Didem Havlioglu, Asian and Middle East Studies “The Epistolary & the Archive: Songs of Forgetting” Ranjana Khanna, Literature & Women’s Studies Keynote: “L’Amour, La Fantasia or How to Rewrite History” Réda Bensmaïa, Comparative Literature, Brown University – with – Introduction Nancy Armstrong, English
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by the Duke University Middle East Studies Center (DUMESC), the Novel Project, and the FHI
September 8, 2015	“The Iran Nuclear Deal: What’s at Stake?” – A discussion with Nasser Hadian, Peter Feaver, and Mark Emamian
Time:	12:00pm - 1:30pm
Location:	Sanford Building, Room 223, Rhodes Conference Room
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Nasser Hadian, a prominent professor of political science at the University of Tehran, will headline a lunchtime talk — “The Iran Nuclear Deal: What’s at Stake” — at Duke University Tuesday, Sept. 8. Hadian will offer the Iranian perspective on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the evolving Iran-U.S. relationship, and Iran’s geopolitical role in the region in the aftermath of the agreement. Mark Emamian, a senior research engineer in the Duke Physics Department at the Free Electron Laser Lab, will give a brief history of the Iran nuclear program from a technical perspective. The talk will be moderated by political science and public policy professor Peter Feaver, director of the American Grand Strategy Program at Duke. The talk is free and open to the public. Lunch will be served on a first-come, first-served basis. Paid parking is available in the Science Drive and Bryan Center parking lots.
Sponsors:	The American Grand Strategy Program, DISC, ISLAMiCommentary, Duke’s Sanford School of Public Policy and the Duke physics department are co-sponsoring the talk.
September 9, 2015	A Workshop on Heritage Destruction in Syria
Time:	9:05 am - 11:50 am
Location:	Alumni Building
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Presentation, Workshop
Description:	All are invited to a workshop with Dr. Michael Danti on the destruction of cultural heritage in

	Syria and Iraq. The workshop is organized by the ANTH 674 seminar (Issues in Cultural Heritage). Feel free to stop by and contribute to the conversation about this humanitarian crisis. The event will be held in Room 205, Alumni Building.
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the UNC Department of Anthropology.
September 9, 2015	
	“The Iran Nuclear Agreement & American Diplomacy” – Amb. Jack Matlock
Time:	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Location:	White Lecture Hall, East Campus
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies presents a lecture by Ambassador Jack F. Matlock. One of America’s most accomplished diplomats, Jack Matlock served in the American Foreign Service from 1956 to 1991, including as Ambassador to the Soviet Union from 1987 to 1991, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, and Senior Director for European and Soviet Affairs on the National Security Council Staff from 1983 until 1986, and Ambassador to Czechoslovakia from 1981 to 1983. Refreshments will be served after the lecture.
Sponsors:	Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies at Duke
September 10, 2015	
	Global Hangout – Tarheel Beginnings
Time:	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Cultural Event
Description:	Meet New Friends from North Carolina and Around the World in this Highly Interactive, Fun-Filled Fest! There will be international music, appetizers, activities, and prizes – like the chance to win 2 tickets to see underground Cuban rap artist Danay Suarez at Memorial Hall!! For more information, please contact The Center for Global Initiatives at cgi@unc.edu .
Sponsors:	The Center for Global Initiatives, The Center for Student Success and Academic Counseling, International Scholar and Student Services, and The Writing Center
September 10, 2015	
	“ISIS: Terrorism at Home and Abroad”
Time:	6:00pm - 7:15 pm
Location:	Sanford 04
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Dr. Stern is a Fellow at the FXB Center for Human Rights at Harvard’s School of Public Health, a Lecturer in Government at Harvard University, and an Advanced Academic Candidate at the Massachusetts Institute of Psychoanalysis. She is also a member of Hoover Institution’s Task Force on National Security and Law. She is the author of ISIS: The State of Terror; Denial: A Memoir of Terror, selected by the Washington Post as a best book of the year; Terror in the Name of God: Why Religious Militants Kill, selected by the New York Times as a notable book of the year; The Ultimate Terrorists; and numerous articles on terrorism and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. She served on President Clinton’s National Security Council Staff in 1994-95 and was selected by Time Magazine in 2001 as one of seven thinkers whose innovative ideas ‘will change the world.’
Sponsors:	Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security, the Duke Program in American Grand Strategy and the Sanford School of Public Policy
September 10, 2015	
	“The End of Christianity in Syria?”
Time:	7:15 pm
Location:	Holsti-Anderson Lecture Hall, Rubenstein Library

	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Christian Sahner, Ph.D., will present a talk titled “The End of Christianity in Syria?” This event is hosted by the Duke Catholic Center and will be held in the Holsti-Anderson Lecture Hall, Rubenstein Library, 1st Floor.
Sponsors:	Duke Catholic Center
September 10, 2015	Performance: Mahmoud Ahmed
Time:	8:00 pm
Location:	Bryan Center Reynolds Industries Theater
	Duke University
Categories:	Performance, Cultural Event
Description:	<p>Join Duke Performances for a forthcoming performance of unforgettable West African popular music! Thursday, September 10 at 8 PM, Mahmoud Ahmed, the celebrated Ethio-jazz singer, Mahmoud Ahmed, will perform with his masterful ten-piece band at Reynolds Industries Theater.</p> <p>In the early 70s, Ethiopia experienced a golden age of popular music with the rise of “Ethio-jazz” — a mesmerizing blend of zigzagging modal melodies and diminished harmonies played against a funky six-beat groove. At the center of the scene was vocalist Mahmoud Ahmed, who has been hailed as “one of the most exhilarating singers of the past half century” (The New Yorker). Ahmed’s 1975 album Erè Mèla Mèla is a classic release from the golden age of Ethiopian music and was the first East African release from that era to be embraced by a broad Western audience.</p> <p>Tickets can be purchased on the Duke Performances website, by calling the Duke University Box Office at 919-684-4444, or by visiting the Box Office on the upper floor of the Bryan Center on Duke’s west campus, 11 AM to 6 PM weekdays.</p>
Sponsors:	Duke Performances
September 11, 2015	UNC Study Abroad Fair
Time:	10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Location:	Great Hall, Student Union
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Exhibit
Description:	The Study Abroad Fair has representatives from all over the world, study abroad staff and past study abroad students to answer questions about studying almost anywhere in the world. Students are invited to come and see what opportunities await. Please note that rather than offering information sessions during this year’s fair, the Study Abroad Office will staff a general information table just inside the entrance to the fair. Please come prepared with questions! See more information here .
Sponsors:	Study Abroad
September 11, 2015	Persian Lecture Series Commentary of the Persian Mystical Works of Avicenna Section one: Salaman wa Absal, by Prof. Mohsen Kadivar
Time:	5:45 pm - 8:45 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, 1005
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture Series
Description:	Avicenna or Ibn Sina (Abū ‘Alī Husain ibn Abdullah) (980-1037) was a Persian philosopher and physician who is regarded as one of the most significant thinkers and writers of the Islamic golden age. He wrote more than 100 books. His most famous works are ‘The book of Healing’ –

	<p>a philosophical and scientific encyclopedia, and ‘The Canon of Medicine’ – a medical encyclopedia. Although he was an Aristotelian philosopher, but his short mystical treatises influenced Suhrawardi and Ibn Tufail. The first session is dedicated to “Salaman wa Absal.” Although its original text has not survived, but Nasiruddin Tussi his famous Iranian commentator narrated its summary in Commentary on Remarks and Admonitions. It is one the first symbolic philosophical mystical treatises among Muslims and Iranians. This event is open to all who speak Persian or love Persian mystical literature.</p> <p>Professor Mohsen Kadivar is an Iranian philosopher and research professor of Islamic Studies at Duke University. In this Persian lecture series, Kadivar comments on the mystical works of Avicenna, and explains his special style in mysticism and symbolic language. For more information, please contact Sam Aghamiri at sam.ghamiri@gmail.com.</p>
Sponsors:	Iranian Circle of Culture and Wisdom
September 11, 2015	Urdu Majlis The Triangle’s Urdu Literary Forum, Featuring the Works of Pakistani Poet Sehba Akhtar
Time:	7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, 1009
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture Series, Discussion
Description:	<p>This Urdu Majlis will feature the works of Pakistani poet SEHBA AKHTAR (1930-1996). 7:00 SEHBA AKHTAR – life and works 8:00 Original poetry etc. by participants 9:00 Refreshments 9:30 Building closes</p> <p>Please arrive on time as a courtesy to others. Free parking is available under the building. Participants are invited to bring refreshments to share. THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Urdu Majlis is an intellectual endeavor with no political or religious affiliations.</p>
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September 14, 2015	“Truck 71: Europe and the Refugee Crisis”
Time:	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center, 240
	Duke University
Categories:	Panel Discussion, Lecture
Description:	<p>Please come join The Duke Middle East Studies Center and ISLAMiCommentary in a public forum in which seven scholars and experts from Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will talk about the refugee crisis in Europe. Beginning with an introduction by Prof. Miriam Cooke, other key speakers include Prof. Robin Kirk (Duke), Prof. Niklaus Steiner (UNC), Dilshad al-Gaaf (UNC), Geoffrey Mock (Amnesty International), Sama Naqeeb (Duke Undergraduate), and Peter Cooke (UNC Undergraduate). The goal of this forum is “for students, faculty and the broader community to understand and recognize the multiple precarious conditions of refugees today.” For more information click here.</p>
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September 14, 2015	International Coffee Hour
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	UNC Chapel Hill
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Sponsors:	Sponsored by: The Carolina Center for Global Initiatives, the Writing Center and the Graduate and Professional Student Federation
September 16, 2015	“Digital Militarism: Israel’s Occupation in the Social Media Age”
Time:	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center, 240
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture Series/Brownbag
Description:	<p>Rebecca L. Stein is the Nicholas J. & Theresa M. Leonardy Associate Professor of Anthropology at Duke University. She is the author of <i>Itineraries in Conflict: Israelis, Palestinians, and the Political Lives of Tourism</i> (Duke, 2008); and the co-editor of <i>Palestine, Israel, and the Politics of Popular Culture</i> (Duke, 2005) and <i>The Struggle for Sovereignty: Palestine and Israel, 1993-2005</i> (Stanford, 2006). <i>Digital Militarism: Israel’s Occupation in the Social Media Age</i> (Stanford, 2015), co-authored with Adi Kuntsman, is her latest book.</p> <p>Stein’s presentation is based on a recently published book she authored with Adi Kuntsman entitled “<i>Digital Militarism: Israel’s Occupation in the Social Media Age</i>” (Stanford, 2015). Stanford University Press says, “This lecture will discuss the rise of Israeli digital militarism in a global context– both the reach of social media into Israeli military theaters and the occupation’s impact on everyday Israeli social media culture. Arguing that social media functions as a crucial theater in which the Israeli military occupation is supported and sustained.”</p>
Sponsors:	Wednesdays at the Center, Duke University Middle East Studies Center
September 16, 2015	Abderrahmane Sissako’s “Timbuktu” and Contemporary Mali: A Discussion
Time:	12:00 pm
Location:	Forum for Scholars and Publics in 011 Old Chemistry Building
	Duke University
Categories:	Film Screening, Discussion
Description:	<p>Join as for a discussion with historian Bruce Hall and film studies scholar Amadou Fofana about the film “Timbuktu.” a powerful and celebrated depiction of the occupation of the Mali town by Jihadists. The film will be screened on Monday, September 14th at 7 p.m. in the Griffith Film Theatre of the Bryan Center on Duke’s campus as part of the Center for French and Francophone Studies film series. We will discuss both the political and cultural context depicted in the film and its place within the work of Sissako (the director of numerous films including <i>Bamako</i>) and the broader context of West African film. A light lunch will be served for all participants beginning at 11:45. Read a review of the film here.</p>
Sponsors:	Forum for Scholars and Publics, Center for French and Francophone Studies
September 16, 2015 - October 14, 2015	Playmakers Repertory Presents: Disgraced
Time:	Showtimes vary; please visit the Playmakers website for times and dates.
Location:	Paul Greene Theater, Center for Dramatic Art
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Performance
Description:	<p>Written by Ayad Akhtar, this award-winning play presents the story of an upwardly mobile Pakistani-American lawyer has achieved success while distancing himself from his Muslim heritage. When he and his wife host a dinner party, friendly conversation turns to politics and religion, escalating into something far more dangerous in this breathtaking comedy-drama.</p>

	Disgraced has been awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, the Obie Award for Best Playwriting, and was on the New York Times Ten Best Plays of 2012 list. Visit here for more tickets and more information.
Sponsors:	Playmakers Repertory Company
September 17, 2015	“Contested Memories, Contested Affects: Music and Political Identity in the Armenian Diaspora”
Time:	4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Location:	Rubenstein Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>This talk will examine the musical legacies of the experiences and memories of the 1915 Armenian Genocide- a historical moment that resulted in the mass dispersion of survivors and that continues to manifest through each subsequent generation. Since 1915, the boundaries of Armenian music have been continually redrawn, adjusting to the realities presented by the genocide, its aftermath, and the consequences of the state of conflict over the very existence of the event. As this talk will discuss, music has thus become a site for the claiming of contested memories and lost spaces and for negotiation between conflicting notions of post-genocide identity in a diaspora still struggling with the traumas of 1915.</p> <p>Professor Alajaji received her Ph.D. in Musicology from the University of Rochester’s Eastman School of Music. She specializes in the music of the Middle East and is particularly interested in the intersections of music, popular culture, and politics in the West Bank and in the Armenian diaspora in Beirut. Her research is based on extensive fieldwork conducted throughout the Middle East and the United States.</p>
Sponsors:	Duke Islamic Studies Center
September 17, 2015	Talent Show for Our Three Winners
Time:	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, Nelson Mandela Auditorium
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Performance
Description:	<p>Join the UNC School of Dentistry and Mideast Center for “Deah Day” September 17 in the FedEx Global Education Center. The Dental School has selected this day as a “Day of Service” in memory of Deah Barakat, along with his wife, Yusor Abu-Salha, who would have also been joining the dental school starting this Fall. To honor their memory and dedication to serving others, the dental school is closed the entire day, as all students will be volunteering at various community service locations throughout the triangle. We will celebrate the fruitful day with this fun show!</p> <p>Talent Show tickets are a \$12 donation in advance, \$15 at the door. All proceeds benefit Habitat For Humanity homes in honor of Deah, Yusor, and Razan. Our lineup includes music, dance, art, and comedy. Contact Annie Boehling (anneboe@live.unc.edu) for volunteer information.</p>
Sponsors:	UNC School of Dentistry and Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations
September 18, 2015	“Performing Self: Between Tradition and Modernity in the West Bank”
Time:	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location:	Old Chem, Forum for Scholars and Publics
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture Series/Brownbag
Description:	This talk will examine the ways the music of the Palestinian soundscape has become implicated

	<p>in the trappings of the identity politics of the region. When identity operates as a site of contestation, the channels through which it is mediated- such as music and dance – become sites of contestation themselves. Thus, at issue here is not whether or not these musics are implicated but rather how each genre –from folk-lore to hip hop- answers for, symbolizes, and epitomizes Palestine and how this burden of representation plays out among the different strata of Palestinian society.</p> <p>Professor Alajaji received her Ph.D. in Musicology from the University of Rochester’s Eastman School of Music. She specializes in the music of the Middle East and is particularly interested in the intersections of music, popular culture, and politics in the West Bank and in the Armenian diaspora in Beirut. Her research is based on extensive fieldwork conducted throughout the Middle East and the United States.</p>
Sponsors:	Forum for Scholars and Publics, Duke Islamic Studies Center, Duke University Middle East Studies Center
September 22, 2015	“Battleground Syria”
Time:	6:30 pm
Location:	Bryan Center, The Loop Pizza Grill
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion, Presentation
Description:	An AHS On-Tap Discussion with Professor William Anthony Rivera. Dr. Tony Rivera is currently a Subject Matter Expert in International Security at the College of International Security Affairs, National Defense University, a visiting research professor at Duke University, and Director of the Laboratory for Unconventional Conflict Analysis and Simulation (LUCAS). Please email Aly Breuer at aly.breuer@duke.edu with any questions regarding this event.
Sponsors:	This event is hosted by the Duke Alexander Hamilton society.
September 23, 2015	“Soft Power”
Time:	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center, room 240
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture Series/Brownbag
Description:	<p>Ellen McLarney is Assistant Professor of Arabic Literature and Culture in the Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at Duke University. McLarney’s work focuses on Islamist movements, Islamic theological texts, gender in Islam, and North Africa. McLarney recently published “Soft Force: Women in Egypt’s Islamic Awakening” with Princeton University Press. This fall she’s teaching two courses— Andalusia: Muslim, Jewish, Christian Spain and Islamic Awakening: Revival and Reform.</p> <p>“Soft Force: Women in Egypt’s Islamic Awakening” chronicles the exponential rise in writings on women and gender that accompanied—and catalyzed—the Islamic revival in Egypt in the decades leading up to the 2011 revolution. The book is about the soft revolution of Islamic popular culture, mass media, and public scholarship, a “passive revolution” criticizing military dictatorship in Egypt. Women’s Islamic cultural production, their lectures, pamphlets, theses, books, magazines, newspapers, television shows, films, and digital production, has been a critical instrument of this soft revolution. These revivalist writers describe themselves as waging jihad in the family, in the home, in childbearing and childrearing, in their selves and souls, in their bodies, and in the body politic. Reorienting Islamic politics in women’s spheres of influence, these writers put gender justice in the family on par with ritual worship in Islam, make this justice the heart and soul of Islamic law, and understand the family as a sacred domain for cultivating Islamic piety. Their jihad is performed within the “social units of the Islamic umma,” in Islamic organizations and groups, in communities, in the family, and in the home.</p>

Sponsors:	John Hope Franklin Center and the Duke University Middle East Studies Center
September 22, 2015	Family Weekend 2015: Global Opportunities 101 Reception
Time:	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Seminar
Description:	Global experience is key to landing your dream job in our increasingly global world. Stop by the FedEx Global Education Center to learn about the range of high-impact, safe and affordable opportunities to gain the experience you'll need to take your education and career to the next level. Connect with Carolina students, staff and faculty who've had a variety of global experiences all over the map. Come learn how Carolina brings the world to you and you to the world. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact The Center for Global Initiatives at cgi@unc.edu .
Sponsors:	The Center for Global Initiatives and Global Relations
September 28, 2015	Conversations on Europe: A Virtual Roundtable Series Language and Identity in France, Belgium, and the Maghreb
Time:	12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture Series/Brownbag
Description:	<p>Please join the Center for European Studies for four fascinating talks coming to UNC via video conference from the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence at the University of Pittsburgh. Today we have an all-French conversation on language and identity in France, Belgium, and the Maghreb. One of the panelists, Abdellah Taia, is a Moroccan novelist and filmmaker who is openly gay and writes about his homosexuality in French rather than in Arabic. Joining him will be two academics, Nadia Fadil (KU Leuven) and Denis Provencher (UMBC).</p> <p>Remote/local audience participation welcome through videoconferencing room or personal computer. Contact adelnore@pitt.edu to participate.</p>
Sponsors:	UCIS · European Union Centers at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign · University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill · University of Miami/Florida International University · University of Wisconsin-Madison
September 29, 2015	"On the Cusp of Change: The Mainstream and the Margins in Women Writings from South Asia"
Time:	3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Please join the Carolina Asia Center for a free public lecture by Prof. Asaduddin from Jamia Millia Islamia University in Delhi. Women's writing in India, though begun in the late nineteenth century, came into its own in the latter half of the twentieth century. For centuries, women in literature and other arts have been represented by men from a male perspective. This perspective was characterized by patriarchy that devised and supported age-old customs and traditions that were heavily stacked against women. Religions and faith systems, too, were complicit in the subjugation of women in society. Literary genres like short stories, novels, and autobiographies by South Asian women offer unique insight into the history of gender struggle, the making of the female self, family as both a supportive and oppressive institution and economic independence as a necessary component of social empowerment. The lecture will trace the intersections between gender, caste, class, religion, and sexuality in women's fiction

	and non-fiction in several South Asian languages. For more information, please contact the Carolina Asia Center at 919.962.0355 or visit carolinaasiacenter.unc.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Carolina Asia Center
September 29, 2015	“The Future of American-Iranian Relations” A Conversation with Maziar Bahari
Time:	5:45 pm
Location:	CIEMAS Auditorium Duke University
Categories:	Presentation
Description:	Join Duke’s AGS Program in hosting Maziar Bahari. Bahari is an Iranian-Canadian journalist, film maker, and human rights activist. From 1998 to 2011, he was a reporter for Newsweek. During the 2009 Iranian Election Protests, Bahari was incarcerated by the Iranian government June 2009 -October 20, 2009. In this talk, Bahari will discuss current American-Iranian relations and our future relationship with the country. For any information or questions about this event, please email Aly Breuer at aly.breuer@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: The Duke International Relations Association and AGS
September 30, 2015	“Imperial Russia’s Muslims”
Time:	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center, Room 240 Duke University
Categories:	Lecture Series/Brownbag
Description:	Imperial Russia’s Muslims offers an exploration of social and cultural change among the Muslim communities of Central Eurasia from the late eighteenth century through to the outbreak of the First World War. Drawing from a wealth of Russian and Turkic sources, Mustafa Tuna surveys the roles of Islam, social networks, state interventions, infrastructural changes and the globalization of European modernity in transforming imperial Russia’s oldest Muslim community: the Volga-Ural Muslims. Shifting between local, imperial and transregional frameworks, Tuna reveals how the Russian state sought to manage Muslim communities, the ways in which both the state and Muslim society were transformed by European modernity, and the extent to which the long nineteenth century either fused Russia’s Muslims and the tsarist state or drew them apart. The book raises questions about imperial governance, diversity, minorities, and Islamic reform, and in doing so proposes a new theoretical model for the study of imperial situations.
Sponsors:	John Hope Franklin Center, Duke University Middle East Studies Center
September 30, 2015	“Islam in the Other African Diaspora: Black Muslims in Asia”
Time:	3:30 pm
Location:	Carroll Hall, 305 UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	How do African-descended Muslims practice Islam in South Asia and the Middle East? Nearly all studies of Black Muslims focus on the United States and many Americans still associate the term “Black Muslim” with the Nation of Islam. Presented by Dr. Edward Curtis, Millennium Chair of the Liberal Arts and Professor of Religious Studies in Indiana University-Purdue, University Indianapolis, this talk will challenge that myopic view, reflecting on the meaning not only of Islam but also race and Black identity through a West and South Asian lens. For more information, please email Katie Merman at kmerri@live.unc.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: UNC Student Congress, Islamicate Graduate Student Association, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and

	Muslim Civilizations, and the Department of Religious Studies McLeister Lecture Series
September 30, 2015	Dastan Ensemble, Persian Classical Music Concert
Time:	7:30 pm
Location:	Reynolds Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Performance, Cultural Event
Description:	Iranian Cultural Society of NC (ICSNC), Graduate Student Association of Iranians at Duke (GSAID) and Iranian Student Association of NCSU (ISA) invite you to save the date for the Persian Classical Music Concert of Dastan Ensemble which will be held at 7:30 pm on Wednesday September 30, 2015 at the Reynolds Auditorium of Duke University in Durham NC.
Sponsors:	Iranian Cultural Society of NC (ICSNC), Graduate Student Association of Iranians at Duke (GSAID) and Iranian Student Association of NCSU (ISA)
October 1, 2015	Translator of Desires: A Poetry Reading of the Islamic Mystic Ibn Al-Arabi
Time:	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Michael Sells, John Henry Barrows Professor of Islamic History and Literature at the University of Chicago Divinity School, will be hosting a poetry reading of the Islamic Mystic Ibn Al-Arabi. Ibn Al-Arabi was an Andalusian Sufi mystic, poet, and philosopher. He is renowned by some practitioners of Sufism as “the greatest master” and also as a genuine saint. For more information, please email Ellen McLarney at ellenmc@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: AMES, DISC, DUMESC, Mellon Foundation, and Religious Studies
October - October 3, 2015	TISS Sixteenth Annual New Faces Conference
Time:	October 2, 2015 8:00 am - October 3, 2015 5:00 pm
Location:	Rizzo Center
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Conference
Description:	<p>This year’s TISS Sixteenth Annual New Faces Conference will be held at the Rizzo Center in Chapel Hill on October 2-3, 2015.</p> <p>The speakers at this conference are all graduate students pursuing an advanced degree in the field of security studies. This year’s group includes four historians and four political scientists whose work covers a very wide range of significant issues. We warmly encourage you to attend.</p> <p>Please send your graduate students our way. It is a great opportunity for them to engage in interdisciplinary exchange and to think about how they themselves might go about preparing for their job talks when the time comes. This is an event which we have been holding since 2000 and it is both rewarding and fun. To Register go to the NEW FACES EVENT WEB PAGE. Presentations include: Daniel Hummel, graduate student in history, University of Wisconsin – Madison, “A Covenant of the Mind: American Evangelicals, Israel, and the Construction of a Special Relationship, 1948-1980.”</p>
Sponsors:	Triangle Institute for Security Studies
October 2 - October 3, 2015	2015 International Strategic Crisis Negotiations Exercise (Cyprus)

Time:	October 2, 2015 8:00 am - October 3, 2015 5:00 pm
Location:	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Conference, Symposium
Description:	<p>Exercise Overview: Cyprus Time Frame: One year in the future Teams (7): Republic of Cyprus, Turkish Cypriot Community, Greece, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, and European Union Setting (Lead/Host Representative): UN sponsored peace talks, UN Headquarters, New York City (UN Special Advisor on Cyprus)</p> <p>This scenario closely mirrors the real world situation and ongoing negotiation process between the two Cypriot communities. However, it also involves sponsor nations (Greece and Turkey), a treaty nation (UK), an international organization (EU) of which the Republic of Cyprus is a member, and a superpower (U.S.). Issues follow the current chapter process, but employ a UN-developed and adopted Aide Memoir to both develop the scope of the problem and negotiation format (7 chapters over the course of one year), and to limit the issues dealt with (3 chapters, plus confidence -building measures) during the exercise.</p> <p>The issues that participants will deal with involve: (1) Governance and Power Sharing, (2) Security and Guarantees, and (3) Population. Confidence-building measures, that have the potential to move the negotiations forward if addressed, separately involve both Cypriot communities and issues between Greece and Turkey.</p>
Sponsors:	Triangle Institute for Security Studies
October 2, 2015	The Qur'an & Its Listeners
Time:	11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Location:	York Room, Duke Divinity School
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>Please join Duke University in a lecture given by Michael Sells, John Henry Barrows Professor of Islamic History and Literature at the University of Chicago Divinity School. His 1999 book "Approaching the Qur'an: the Early Revelations" was the center of the UNC-Qur'an Controversy in 2002. He has published three volumes on Arabic poetry and a variety of books about the Qur'an, hadith, Arabic poetry, and early Sufi writings. He currently teaches courses on the topics of the Qur'an, Islamic love poetry, comparative mystical literature, Arabic Sufi poetry, and Ibn al-'Arabi. Lunch will be served. For more information, please email Ellen McLarney at ellenmc@duke.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: AMES, DISC, DUMESC, Mellon Foundation, and Religious Studies
October 5, 2015	Public Lecture: "Islam & Freedom of Expression: From Europe to Middle East"
Time:	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>From terrorist attacks to Charlie Hebdo to draconian laws about 'apostasy' or 'blasphemy,' various current events in Islamic contexts raise a question: Is Islam compatible with freedom of speech? Mustafa Akyol, an advocate for 'Islamic liberalism,' offers an answer. Mustafa Akyol became a contributing opinion writer for The International New York Times in the fall of 2013. A Turkish journalist and author, he studied political science and history at Bogazici University, and teaches politics at Fatih University, both in Istanbul. Please email iyman.ahmed@duke.edu with questions.</p>
Sponsors:	Duke University Middle East Studies Center

October 6, 2015	Global Public Health Opportunities and Challenges in Conflict Settings and Complex Emergencies A Learning Symposium
Time:	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Location:	McGavran-Greenberg Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Symposium
Description:	The Gillings School of Global Public Health intends to increase awareness about essential knowledge and skills for mitigating and preventing conflict and managing natural and human-made disasters. This learning symposium series brings together key local and global experts to identify challenges, needs, priorities, and limitations in conflict settings and complex emergencies, and serves as an avenue to share experiences, resources, and networking. Sessions/panelists include: <i>Adapting Approaches in Complex Operational Environment: Challenges and Opportunities</i> , Veronique Urbaniak, MD, MPH, Head of Sector (North Africa and Middle East), Health Unit, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, and a Film showing the current refugee crisis in Europe, followed by Q&A sessions, moderated by Dilshad Jaff, MD, MPH, Research Adviser for Conflict and Disaster Prevention Research, Gillings Global Gateway. To register, please click here. For more information, please click here .
Sponsors:	Gillings School of Global Public Health
October 6, 2015	Cemâlınur Sargut: “The Well-seeing, Unity and Togetherness that a true Understanding of Islamic tasawwuf (Sufism) Brings”
Time:	6:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, Nelson Mandela Auditorium
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Please join us for an upcoming visit to the Triangle by Cemalınur Sargut, President of the Istanbul Branch of the Turkish Womens’ Cultural Association (TURKKAD). Cemalınur Sargut is a renowned writer, researcher and teacher of Islamic tasawwuf (Sufism) in Turkey. Under her leadership, TURKKAD works to organize international symposiums and address a wide range of people who would like to apply solutions to today’s problems in the Sufi view that knowledge is a state to be practiced and worship is a journey toward love. Apart from her studies on Sufism, Cemalınur publishes books of commentaries on the Quran chapters compiled through the commentaries of such great Sufi masters as Kenan Rifai, Rumi, Ahmed-er Rifai, Abdulkadir Jilani, Ibn-i Arabi, Mısri Niyazi, Jili, Shams and Sultan Veled. Please join us this October for two public lectures by this special guest on the tradition of Islamic tasawwuf; one at UNC and one at Duke. Please email harver@email.unc.edu with questions.
Sponsors:	Duke Islamic Studies Center, UNC Department of Religious Studies, UNC Office of the Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations
October 7, 2015	Cemâlınur Sargut: “The Well-seeing, Unity and Togetherness that a true Understanding of Islamic tasawwuf (Sufism) Brings”
Time:	4:00 pm
Location:	Lilly Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Please join us for an upcoming visit to the Triangle by Cemalınur Sargut, President of the Istanbul Branch of the Turkish Womens’ Cultural Association (TURKKAD). Cemalınur Sargut is a renowned writer, researcher and teacher of Islamic tasawwuf (Sufism) in Turkey. Under her leadership, TURKKAD works to organize international symposiums and address a wide range of people who would like to apply solutions to today’s problems in the Sufi view that knowledge is

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October 8, 2015	“War and Terror against Israel: Germany (East & West), the U.S. and Israel during the Cold War and the post-9/11 World”
Time:	5:30 pm
Location:	Wilson Library
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture Series/ Brownbag
Description:	The Richard M Krasno Distinguished Professorship at UNC Chapel Hill presents an exciting lecture series with eminent scholars, “The U.S. in World Affairs: the Cold War and Beyond.” Please join Professor Jeffrey Herf for a lecture in this series titled “War and Terror against Israel: Germany (East & West), the U.S. and Israel during the Cold War and the post-9/11 World.” Prof. Herf is Distinguished Professor in the Department of History at the University of Maryland at College Park. Herf studies the intersection of ideas and politics in modern European history, specializing in twentieth century Germany. He has published extensively on Germany during the Weimar Republic, Nazi Germany, the Holocaust, and on West and East Germany during the Cold War. Free parking after 5pm in the Cobb Deck. No RSVP necessary, but if you wish to reserve a seat or would like more information, please email Alyssa Bowen at bowenal@live.unc.edu .
Sponsors:	The program is presented cooperation with the Department of History, the Peace, War, and Defense Curriculum (PWAD), UNC Global, the Center for European Studies, Center for Slavic, Eurasian & Eastern European Studies, and the Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS).
October 8, 2015	Current Events Discussion on Israel and the Middle East
Time:	6:30 pm
Location:	Frank Porter Graham Student Union
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Presentation, Discussion
Description:	Itay Asaf, UNC Hillel’s Israel Fellow, will be leading a discussion on current events in the Middle East, with a focus on Israel, on Thursday, Oct. 8, 6:30pm, room 2424 at the Student Union. All students are welcome to participate. For more information, please contact Itay Asaf at iasaf@nchillel.org .
Sponsors:	NC Hillel
October 9, 2015	Persian Lecture Series Commentary of the Persian Mystical Works of Avicenna
Time:	5:45 pm - 8:45 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, room 1005
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture Series/Brownbag
Description:	Avicenna or Ibn Sina (Abū ‘Alī Husain ibn Abdullah) (980-1037) was a Persian philosopher and physician who is regarded as one of the most significant thinkers and writers of the Islamic golden age. He wrote more than 100 books. His most famous works are ‘The book of Healing’ – a philosophical and scientific encyclopedia, and ‘The Canon of Medicine’ – a medical

	encyclopedia. This lecture is in Persian, and open to all who speak Persian or love Persian mystical literature. Professor Mohsen Kadivar is an Iranian philosopher and research professor of Islamic Studies at Duke University. In this Persian lecture series, Kadivar comments on the mystical works of Avicenna, and explains his special style in mysticism and symbolic language. For more information, please contact Sam Aghamiri at sam.aghamiri@gmail.com .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: Iranian Circle of Culture and Wisdom
October 9, 2015	Urdu Majlis and The Works of Abdullah Hussain
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, room 1009
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture Series/Brownbag
Description:	Please join us or the next monthly meeting of Urdu Majlis, the Triangle's Urdu Literary Forum. This Urdu Majlis will feature the works of Pakistani novelist Abdullah Hussain (1931-2015). Urdu Majlis is an intellectual endeavor with no political or religious affiliations. This event is free and open to the public. For more information call: Afroz Taj 919-851-1119 / 919-962-1060 or Seema and Ashraf Faruqi 919-596-4792
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: The Carolina Asia Center and the South Asia Section of the UNC Dept. of Asian Studies.
October 12, 2015	Europe and the Refugee Crisis A Roundtable Discussion
Time:	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Location:	Wilson Library
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Panel Discussion
Description:	Please join UNC's Center for European Studies for a roundtable discussion on how countries in Europe are dealing with the refugee crisis. Presenters will include: John D. Stephens (Distinguished Professor of Political Science, UNC), Christiane Lemke (Professor of Political Science Research Unit European Studies and International Relations, NYU), Milada Anna Vachudova (Associate Political Science Professor, UNC), and Rahsaan Maxwell (Associate Political Science Professor, UNC). For more information on this event, please email at europe@unc.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: The UNC Center for European Studies
October 12, 2015	"Journey Through Islamicate Art" with Dr. Glair Anderson
Time:	6:00 pm
Location:	Murphey Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The UNC Muslim Student Association will host Dr. Glair Anderson, UNC professor of Islamicate art and architecture as she discusses the chronology of Islamicate Art. With specific historical and contemporary examples, Dr. Anderson will detail how Islamicate art and architecture traditions, themes, and conceptions have influenced our modern world. For more information about this event or questions, please email Sara Khan at sarak786@live.unc.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsor: UNC Muslim Student Association
October 12, 2015	"The Torah, the Mishnah and the Temple of Jerusalem"
Time:	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Location:	William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture

Description:	Dr. Shaye J.D. Chohen, Littauer Professor of Jewish Studies and chair of the Department of Near Eastern Languages at Harvard University, will discuss the twin destructions of the Jerusalem Temple (587 BCE and 70 CE) and how, in each case, the destruction was followed by the emergence of an authoritative book that would shape Judaism to this day. Neither the Torah nor the Mishnah is an explicit response to the Temple's destruction, but in each case the event prepared the way for the production and canonization of the book. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please click here .
Sponsors:	Carolina Center for Jewish Studies
October 14, 2015	New Turkish Cinema: Inside
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Richard White Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Film Screening
Description:	Please join the Global Education Office/Duke in Istanbul, the Duke University Middle East Studies Center, AMES Presents, Screen Society, and the Program in the Arts of Moving Image for the New Turkish Cinema series. "Inside": directed by Zeki Demirkubuz, 2012, in Turkish with English Subtitles, 157 minutes. For more information, please visit here .
Sponsors:	Global Education Office/Duke in Istanbul, the Duke University Middle East Studies Center, AMES Presents, Screen Society, and the Program in the Arts of Moving Image
October 19, 2015	Professor Venkat Dhulipala: "Reconfiguring the European World Order and India: Reflections on the Roots of British India's Partition"
Time:	5:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, room 4003
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Please join the Carolina Seminar in Transnational and Global History on Monday, October 19 for a discussion of the creation of Pakistan. Venkat Dhulipala is Associate Professor of History at UNC Wilmington and teaches courses on the history of modern South Asia, comparative colonial histories and introductory surveys in Global History. He received his Ph.D. in History from the University of Minnesota in 2008. His first book, <i>Creating a New Medina: State Power, Islam, and the Quest for Pakistan in Late Colonial North India</i> was published by Cambridge University Press in 2015. For additional information, please contact Cemil Aydin, caydin@email.unc.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Carolina Seminar in Transnational and Modern Global History, UNC-Center for European Studies, Department of History and Triangle South Asia Colloquium.
October 19, 2015	Film Screening: Lod Detour
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center Nelson Mandela Auditorium
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film Screening
Description:	The Global Cinema Studies Program, the Ackland Art Museum, and the Global Studies Program at UNC-Chapel Hill presents a screening of "Lod Detour" as part of the Ackland Film Forum Fall 2015 series. Directed by Orna Raviv, "Lod Detour" (2009) tells the story of Ilan Hakaray, principal of the Amal High School in Lod, Israel, who offers students their last opportunity to complete a high school education after they fail out of other institutions. We follow three students' stories through their principal's eyes, as he doggedly fights for them to succeed against all odds. The film will be introduced by Prof. Yaron Shemer, Asian Studies. This series is free and open to the public.
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Global Cinema Studies Program, the Ackland Art Museum, and the Global

	Studies Program at UNC-Chapel Hill.
October 19, 2015	Panel Discussion: Conflicts in Syria Children and the Refugee Crisis
Time:	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Location:	Old Chem
	Duke University
Categories:	Panel Discussion
Description:	Join the Duke International Association for an interactive panel event on the Syrian Refugee Crisis. Each speaker will present different perspectives on the issue. Panelists include Miriam Cooke (Duke, Asian & Middle Eastern Studies), Geoffrey Mock (Amnesty International), Jayne Huckerby (Duke Law School), and Sama Naqeeb (Duke Engage in Jordan). For more information, please click here.
Sponsors:	Duke International Association
October 20, 2015	Conversations on Europe: A Virtual Roundtable Series Europe's Jews: Past, Present, Future?
Time:	12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture Series/Brownbag
Description:	Please join the Center for European Studies for four fascinating talks coming to UNC via video conference from the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence at the University of Pittsburgh. The October conversation will be on contemporary anti-Jewish sentiment in Europe and what sorts of responses we are seeing from the Jewish community there. Ron has lined up a fantastic panel including Andrew Srulevitch of the Anti-Defamation League, Foreign Affairs Correspondent Ben Judah, and David Weinberg from Wayne State. Remote/local audience participation welcome through videoconferencing room or personal computer.
Sponsors:	Co-sponsors · UCIS · European Union Centers at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign · University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill · University of Miami/Florida International University · University of Wisconsin-Madison
October 20, 2015	"Health and Human Rights in the Sustainable Development Goal Era" with Dr. Veronica Magar
Time:	5:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Before joining WHO in 2013, Dr. Magar held the position of Executive Director of R.E.A.C.H. (research and action for change), based in Delhi, India, leading community-based research and providing technical support. Since 2006, she has worked with UN agencies, NGOs, and governments in more than 30 countries across Asia, Africa, and the Middle East to address gender inequality, social justice and human rights in the context of public health and institutional change. She has published in the areas of gender, HIV/AIDS, social change and women's health. Dr. Magar received an MPH and MA at UCLA and a doctoral degree in public health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For more information on this event or questions, please email publicpolicy@unc.edu .
Sponsors:	UNC School of Public Policy and The UNC Center for Bioethics
October 20, 2015	U.S. Military Response in Today's Middle East: a Conversation with General John Abizaid (U.S. Army – Retired)
Time:	6:15 pm

Location:	Fleishman Commons
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	As the Combatant Commander of United States Central Command, General Abizaid was responsible for military strategy and joint operations in twenty-seven nations in the Arabian Peninsula and the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, and Central Asia. Concurrently, he oversaw humanitarian operations such as relief for earthquake victims in Iran and Pakistan, and evacuation of American citizens from Lebanon prior to and during the Israeli-Hezbollah border conflict in 2006. Before his assignments at Central Command, General Abizaid served as the ranking three-star officer on the Joint Staff as the Director of the Joint Staff. Email Aly Breuer at aly.breuer@duke.edu with any questions or for more information.
Sponsors:	The Duke University Program in American Grand Strategy
October 21, 2015	Lecture: Dr. Alexander Eger, “The Islamic-Byzantine Frontier: Interaction and Exchange Among Muslim and Christian Communities”
Time:	3:30 pm
Location:	Hyde Hall, Incubator
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The Religious Studies Department will be hosting Alexander Eger from the Department of History at UNC-G on 10/21 as part of the departmental lecture series. Dr. Eger is an archeologist who has excavated and surveyed in Israel, Greece, Cyprus, and Turkey since 1996 and recently directed excavations at a site on the coast of Turkey known as Tüpras Field, the 10th century frontier fortress of Hisn al-Tinat.
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: UNC Religious Studies, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations
October 22, 2015	“The U.S. and Iran – Lessons Learned? Missed Opportunities from the 1953 Coup to the 2015 Nuclear Deal”
Time:	5:30 pm
Location:	Wilson Library
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture Series/Brownbag
Description:	The Richard M Krasno Distinguished Professorship at UNC Chapel Hill presents an exciting lecture series with eminent scholars, “The U.S. in World Affairs: the Cold War and Beyond.” Please join Dr. Malcolm Bryne for a lecture in this series titled “The U.S. and Iran – Lessons Learned? Missed Opportunities from the 1953 Coup to the 2015 Nuclear Deal.” Dr. Bryne is deputy director and director of research for the non-governmental National Security Archive, based at George Washington University. Since 1998, he has directed the Archive’s Iran-U.S. Relations project, which aims at a multi-national, multi-archival approach to the history of the two countries’ relations since WWII. Among his books is the award-winning Mohammad Msaddeq and the 1953 Coup in Iran (co-edited with Mark Gasiorowski) (Syracuse, 2004).
Sponsors:	The program is presented cooperation with the Department of History, the Peace, War, and Defense Curriculum (PWAD), UNC Global, the Center for European Studies, Center for Slavic, Eurasian & Eastern European Studies, and the Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS).
October 22, 2015	The Borders of the Middle East Symposium: “The Hundred Year War in Palestine”
Time:	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Location:	Lilly Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Please join the Duke Middle East Studies Center for a public lecture by Dr. Rashid Khalidi titled

	<p>"The Hundred Year War in Palestine." Rashid Khalidi is the Edward Said Professor of Arab Studies at Columbia University. He received his B.A. from Yale University in 1970, and his D.Phil. from Oxford in 1974. He is editor of the Journal of Palestine Studies, and was President of the Middle East Studies Association, and an advisor to the Palestinian delegation to the Madrid and Washington Arab-Israeli peace negotiations from October 1991 until June 1993. Please email lyman Ahmed at lyman.ahmed@duke.edu with questions.</p>
Sponsors:	Duke Middle East Studies Center
October 23, 2015	The Borders of the Middle East Symposium: Faculty Forum with Dr. Rashid Khalidi
Time:	1:00 am - 1:00 pm
Location:	Old Chem
	Duke University
Categories:	Panel Discussion
Description:	<p>Join us for a Faculty Forum to discuss Dr. Khalidi's latest publication, <i>Brokers of Deceit: How the U.S. has Undermined Peace in the Middle East</i>. The panel will include Dr. Shai Ginsburg (Duke, Asian & Middle Eastern Studies), Dr. Erika Weinthal (Duke, Nicholas School of the Environment), Dr. Cemil Aydin (UNC, Department of History), and Dr. Fadi Bardawil (UNC, Department of Asian Studies), with Dr. Erdag Goknar (DUMESC Director, Asian & Middle Eastern Studies) as moderator. This event is free and open to the public. A light lunch will be served.</p> <p>Rashid Khalidi is the Edward Said Professor of Arab Studies at Columbia University. He was an advisor to the Palestinian delegation to the 1991-1993 Arab-Israeli peace negotiations, and is editor of the <i>Journal of Palestine Studies</i>.</p>
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: Franklin Humanities Institute, Forum for Scholars and Publics, Duke Department of History, Duke Department of Political Science, UNC Department of History and the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies.
October 23, 2015	"Ending Hunger by 2025" with Shenggan Fan
Time:	12:15 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>Shenggan Fan has been director general of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) since 2009. He joined IFPRI in 1995 as a research fellow, conducting extensive research on pro-poor development strategies in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East. He led IFPRI's program on public investment before becoming the director of the Institute's Development Strategy and Governance Division in 2005. He now serves as the Vice-Chairman of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Food and Nutrition Security, after serving as Chairman of the Council from 2012 to 2014.</p>
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: UNC School of Public Policy, Global Research Institute and UNC Food For All
October 25, 2015	"Turkish Immigrants Between Integration and Diaspora: Teaching Citizenship and Minority Identification in West Germany, 1963-1993"
Time:	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Location:	Hamilton Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>Official West German policy across the federal states (<i>Länder</i>) between the 1960s and 1990s pushed migrant groups from Turkey and other countries to integrate into local society just enough not to cause problems. In the hope that some individuals might leave, however, the state governments also wanted foreign nationals to maintain their own cultural connections. To promote that double goal, the state governments emphasized the foreignness of migrants from</p>

	<p>Turkey and other countries. West German law prohibited these migrants from becoming citizens and further promoted afterschool instruction based on curricula in the migrants' countries of origin to teach them how to be Turkish (or other). In so doing, the West German administration encouraged the development of diasporic communities across Germany, even as they promoted integration.</p> <p>BRITTANY LEHMAN received her PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her dissertation, "Teaching Migrant Children," tracks the development of school programs for migrant children entering the Federal Republic of Germany between 1949 and 1992. Her research interests also include law, and her work emphasizes the reach of international law.</p>
Sponsors:	Carolina Seminars, The Carolina-Duke Ph.D. Program in German Studies, The UNC Center for European Studies, The UNC Department of History, The UNC Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures, The Duke Center for European Studies, The Duke Departments of Germanic Languages and Literatures, The Duke Department of History
October 26, 2015	Lecture: Dr. Samier Abdel-Fadiel
Time:	6:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, Nelson Mandela Auditorium
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture, Presentation
Description:	<p>Dr. Samier Abdel-Fadiel is an Egyptian Fine Arts associate professor and a very famous artist in Egypt. He will present a lecture about his artwork. Dr. Abdel-Fadiel's art collections have been displayed world-wide including places such as Egypt, Germany, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait. His art subject is Arabic characters and words: he deals with the formative value of the Arabic characters and the Arabic vocabulary while keeping its literary meaning and its shape, sometimes concentrating on the symbolic meaning of the letter. His art style depends on using the Alaclerk colors, pulp, and other materials and he applies them using oil paint colors or the Alaclerk colors or both on cloth or wood. His art style transcends mere linguistic expression to a symbolic or spiritual interpretation. He will also sing Arab songs and students will be invited to dance a Debka Levantine dance with him at the end of the lecture.</p> <p>Please contact Farida Badr for more information at fbadr@email.unc.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by: Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, African Studies Center, UNC Department of Asian Studies and Arabic program, UNC Center for Global Initiatives.
October 27, 2015	International Coffee Hour
Time:	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, Atrium
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	<p>Join The Center for Global Initiatives for their monthly social hour to bring together international UNC community members and students excited about global engagement. Chat about opportunities and challenges on campus. Meet staff from the hosting offices with great resources to share. Refreshments will be provided including EspressoOasis coffee. For more information, please contact The Center for Global Initiatives at cgi@unc.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: The Carolina Center for Global Initiatives, the Undergraduate Library and the School of Information and Library Science
October 28, 2015	Violence in Jerusalem and America's Response: A Conversation with Lara Friedman
Time:	7:30 pm
Location:	NC Hillel
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Presentation

Description:	<p>Join J Street UNC in a conversation with Lara Friedman about the recent uptick in violence in Israel and the Palestinian territories. We will discuss the roots of this cycle of violence, prospects for a more hopeful future, and what Americans can do to bring about change. In particular, we will be focusing in on the issue of settlements and the consequences of the erasure of the 1967 Green Line from American and Israeli discourse.</p> <p>Lara Friedman is Director of Policy and Government Relations for Americans for Peace Now. As a leading authority on US foreign policy in the Middle East, Israeli settlements policy, and Jerusalem, Ms. Friedman frequently meets and briefs Members of Congress, US Administration officials, foreign diplomats, and other members of the foreign policy community. She is a frequent resource for journalists and policymakers, and regularly publishes opinion and analysis pieces in the US and Israeli press. A former Foreign Service Officer, she served in Jerusalem, Washington, Tunis and Beirut, and is fluent in French, Spanish, and Arabic. Please contact Brooke Davies, president of J Street UNC, for more information (badavies@live.unc.edu).</p>
Sponsors:	J Street UNC, UNC Hillel, Department of Public Policy, Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense, and Center for Global Initiatives
October 29, 2015	Russia's Involvement in Syria A Roundtable Discussion
Time:	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Panel Discussion
Description:	<p>After several years of politically and militarily supporting President Bashar al-Assad's government, Russia began airstrikes in Syria on September 30, targeting the parts of the country controlled by ISIS. However, airstrikes have also resulted in casualties among rebel groups backed by the U.S.-led coalition, prompting Western governments to question Russia's goals and strategy in Syria. Please join for a roundtable discussion on Russia's increasing involvement in the war in Syria with UNC faculty Stephen Gent, Charles Kurzman, Robert Jenkins, and Graeme Robertson. The roundtable participants will address, as the war in Syria continues to escalate, the competing geopolitical interests of Russia and the United States and the consequences of Russia's military intervention both on its domestic politics and on the future of Assad's rule. For more information or questions regarding this event, please email CSEES at csees@unc.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	Co-presented by: The Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies, The Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and UNC Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense.
October 29, 2015	The Struggle of Jihad Lecture by Abdel-Rahman Murphy
Time:	6:00 pm
Location:	Gardner Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>As the Fourth Lecture in UNC MSA's Islamophobia Teaching Series, please join Dr. Abdel-Rahman Murphy for an in-depth discussion on the definitions and misconceptions of the Islamic concept of Jihad. For more information or questions on this event, please email Sara Khan at sarak786@live.unc.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: UNC Muslim Student Association, the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, and the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies.
October 29, 2015	"Countering Violent Extremism: The Case of Pakistan, a Conversation with Raza Rumi"
Time:	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Location:	Sanford Building
	Duke University

Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Raza Rumi is a policy analyst, journalist, and author. For more information, please contact Asim Hasan at ah266@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	Hosted by the Duke Pakistani Students' Association, DIYA, Duke Sanford School of Public Policy, DeWitt Wallace Center for Media & Democracy, and Duke AHS.
October 29, 2015	
	Film Screening: "Television"
Time:	6:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, room 3023
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film Screening
Description:	Television (2012) is an award winning Bangladeshi film by Mostofa Sarwar Farooki and selected as the Bangladeshi entry for the Best Foreign Language Film at the 86th Academy Awards. The film follows events on an Bengali island where the town chairman has banned television as an instrument of corruption and for encouraging dangerous flights of the imagination. Although drama ensues when people push against the prohibition, Television works to undo the common trope of religion versus modernity by showing the complex ways in which modern technology, development, and social life provides the tools for both conflict and transcendence. For those who use Facebook, please RSVP here to ensure that there is sufficient seating.
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Islamicate Graduate Student's Association and UNC Student Government Funds
October 30, 2015	
	Fast-a-Thon Banquet
Time:	5:30 pm
Location:	Sonja Haynes Stone Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Cultural Event
Description:	The 'Fast-a-thon' is an event held on university campuses across North America by university Muslim Student Associations as a way for people to experience the Islamic fast and also donate to a charity. The main speaker for the event is the notable comedian Hari Kondabolu. Kondabolu has been featured on Conan, Jimmy Kimmel Live, David Letterman, and Comedy Central. Kondabolu will speak about the American minority experience. Fasting is not required, however attendees have the opportunity to fast from sunrise to sunset, and then join UNC's MSA as they host their semi-formal banquet. This year all proceeds collected from tickets sales and individual donations will go to the Compass Center for Women and Families and Mercy USA's Relief efforts for Burmese Refugees. For more information, please click here . Tickets can be purchased at the pit, and at the door.
Sponsors:	UNC Muslim Student Association
November 2, 2015	
	"Ayatollahs, Atoms and the Donald" Nuclear Politics in an Age of Unreason" by Dr. Jim Walsh, MIT
Time:	6:00 pm
Location:	Hamilton Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Dr. Jim Walsh is an expert in international security and a Research associate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Security Studies Program (SSP). Dr. Walsh's research and writings focus on international security, and in particular, topics involving nuclear weapons and terrorism. He is one of a handful of Americans who has traveled to both Iran and North Kores for talks with officials about nuclear issues. He is the international security contributor to NPR's "Hear and Now," and a contributor for WGBH (PBS, Boston), Al Jazeera America, and CNN. Before coming to MIT, Dr. Walsh was Executive Director of the Managing the Atom

	project at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a visiting scholar at the Center for Global Security Research at Lawrence Livermore National Library. There is free parking after 5pm in Cobb Deck for this event. Address questions to Nicole Bauer (nbauer@live.unc.edu).
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: the Triangle Institute for Security Studies, TISS IC CAE in Intelligence and Security, UNC PWAD, Students for Environmental Justice and Nuclear Awareness.
November 3, 2015	Dr. Trita Parsi: "The US & Iran – Can the Nuclear Deal Bring Friendship?"
Time:	5:15 pm - 7:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, Nelson Mandela Auditorium
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>Please join us for a lecture by Dr. Trita Parsi on the Iran nuclear deal titled, "The US & Iran – Can the Nuclear Deal Bring Friendship?." Dr. Parsi is a Middle East foreign policy expert with extensive Capitol Hill and United Nations experience. He is author of "A Single Roll of the Dice: Obama's Diplomacy with Iran" and "Tracherous Alliance". Dr. Parsi is president of the National Iranian American Council and a former Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. In 2010 he received the Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order, and he is frequently consulted by Western and Asian governments on foreign policy matters.</p> <p>A reception will begin at 5:15pm in the Florence and James Peacock Atrium before the lecture. The Lecture will begin at 6:00pm-7:30pm. Please email harver@email.unc.edu with questions.</p>
Sponsors:	Duke Islamic Studies Center, UNC Persian Studies, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations
November 4, 2015	Dr. Trita Parsi: "The US & Iran – Can the Nuclear Deal Bring Friendship?"
Time:	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Location:	Lilly Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Presentation
Description:	<p>On Wednesday, November 4, Dr. Parsi will give a public lunch-time talk at Duke University for students, faculty and the public. A light lunch will be served. Dr. Parsi is a Middle East foreign policy expert with extensive Capitol Hill and United Nations experience. He is author of "A Single Roll of the Dice: Obama's Diplomacy with Iran" and "Tracherous Alliance". Dr. Parsi is president of the National Iranian American Council and a former Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. In 2010 he received the Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order, and he is frequently consulted by Western and Asian governments on foreign policy matters.</p> <p>Please email harver@email.unc.edu with questions.</p>
Sponsors:	Duke Islamic Studies Center, UNC Persian Studies, Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations
November 4, 2015	Film Screening: "Going Up the Stairs: Portrait of an Unlikely Iranian Artist"
Time:	6:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, Nelson Mandela Auditorium
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film Screening
Description:	Warm, revealing and often surprisingly funny, Iranian filmmaker Rokhsareh Ghaem Maghami's portrait of an unlikely artist shows us that true talent will refuse to be stifled and you don't need an education to channel your emotions into art. The protagonist of the film, Akram, is an illiterate 50-year-old Iranian woman who became a painter unexpectedly when her young

	grandson asked her to work on a drawing...When invited to exhibit in Paris, she is at the mercy of her conservative husband: will he let her go showcase her raw talent or give in to his sense of tradition and keep her home? This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please click here or email Mohamed Hamed at mseoud@email.unc.edu .
Sponsors:	The Friends of the Library
November 5, 2015	
	Carolina Global Opportunities Info Fair
Time:	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Location:	Frank Porter Graham Student Union
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Symposium
Description:	Talk one-on-one with UNC staff, faculty, and student organization members about all the global opportunities you can find on campus, through courses, and even travel abroad! Representatives will be there to tell you more about the global events they host on campus, volunteer and service learning opportunities of global relevance, or help you through one of the stages of global opportunity: finding options, applying for funding, and connecting the experience back to the community. Whether you haven't gotten your passport yet, or have almost filled it up, we want to see you there! Refreshments will be provided. For more information or questions regarding this event, please email Bevin Tighe at bevin@unc.edu .
Sponsors:	The Center for Global Initiatives
November 5, 2015	
	My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel A Presentation by Ari Shavit
Time:	7:30 pm
Location:	Sonja Haynes Stone Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Please join us NC Hillel in welcoming Ari Shavit, a leading Israeli columnist and author of critically-acclaimed, <i>New York Times</i> bestseller <i>My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel</i> . A member of the editorial board of Israeli newspaper Haaretz, and a prominent commentator on Israeli public television, Shavit has become one of the strongest voices in the nation's public arena. He challenges the dogmas of both Right and Left with his unique insights into the roles of Israel and Zionism in the 21st century. The goal of this presentation is to "promote a deeper, better-informed and far more balanced discussion of Israel and the Middle East. As the great American democracy and the frontier Israeli democracy face dramatic challenges, we should all be engaged in a profound, free and civilized discussion of the past, present and future of the Promised Land." For more information about this event, please email Ari Gauss at ari@nchillel.org .
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by: NC Hillel, the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations and the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies.
November 5, 2015	
	Dr. Preble (CATO Institute), "A Libertarian Foreign Policy for America"
Time:	7:30 pm
Location:	Frank Porter Graham Student Union
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Presentation
Description:	The Young Americans for Liberty is hosting a speaker to talk about U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East. Dr. Preble of the CATO institute will be holding a virtual lecture, arguing for a more peaceful foreign policy for America and discussing the failures of interventionism. http://www.cato.org/people/christopher-preble
Sponsors:	Young Americans for Liberty
November 6, 2015	
	UNC Hospitals Annual Multicultural Fair

Time:	10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Location:	UNC Hospital Lobbies
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Cultural Event
Description:	<p>The UNC Health Care Multicultural Fair is a yearly event designed to celebrate the diversity within our organization and the community we serve. The purpose of the fair is to promote awareness and provide education about the various cultures represented by our staff, patients and surrounding community. We hope the awareness and education will promote tolerance for differences.</p> <p>Employees create and display exhibits of cultures within the United States and from all around the world. There have also been cultural crafts for sale and cultural food samples prepared by our award-winning Nutrition & Food Services department. The day is filled with lots of laughter, celebration, education, fun and entertainment. For more information, see here.</p>
Sponsors:	UNC Health Care
November 6, 2015	Sufism in the Modern World: Do Rumi and Hafiz Still Speak to Us Today?
Time:	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Location:	Emerson Waldorf School, 6211 New Jericho Road, Chapel Hill
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>Carl Ernst, Ph.D., UNC Kenan professor of Religious Studies, is the author of <i>Islamophobia in America: The Anatomy of Intolerance</i>, <i>How to Read the Qur'an</i>, and <i>Rethinking Islamic Studies from Orientalism to Cosmopolitanism</i>. Please join us for an enlightening evening as we explore Persian Sufi mystic poets Rumi & Hafiz in the modern world. In addition to the lecture by Dr. Ernst, Ali Kadivar will perform live Persian Music. For more information, please call (919) 967-1858, or visit here.</p>
Sponsors:	Emerson Waldorf School
November 7, 2015	"Unveiled": A One Woman Play by Rohina Malik
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Nelson Music Room
	Duke University
Categories:	Performance, Cultural Event
Description:	<p>Racism. Hate crimes. Love. Islam. Culture. Language. Life. "Unveiled", written and performed by Rohina Malik, is the story of five women and the struggles they come to face as Muslims in a post-Sept. 11 America. A constant figure within all five stories is the character making or serving tea, which one of Malik character's calls "a symbol of hospitality and friendship." When asked what inspired her to write the play, Malik said she was inspired by the reactions after Sept. 11 as well as the strength of many people that she knew – as this play is a mixture of fabricated stories and actual events. Light refreshments will be served. The show is free and open to everyone. For more information about this event, please click here or email Julie Maxwell at Julie.maxwell@duke.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	Duke DIYA, CMA, Me Too Monologues, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, African and African American Studies, Sociology, Women's Studies, Theater Studies, Baldwin, DISC, Center for Muslim Life and the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies.
November 8, 2015	Persian Poetry Night
Time:	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Location:	The Club House, 400 Oak Tree Drive, Chapel Hill
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Cultural Event
Description:	Please join the Persian Art Center in Carolina for an evening of poetry and live music. An

	introduction by Dr. Amir Rezvani from Duke University will then be followed by a lecture by Dr. Ahmad Golchin. After the lecture, Persian poetry reading and live music will end the night. Seating is limited, please arrive on time. The Persian Poetry Group in Chapel Hill honors, respects and promotes freedom of speech and expression. For more information or questions about this event, please call: 919-259-0959 or click here .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: Iranian Cultural Society of North Carolina and Kaboom.com
November 9, 2015	Parallel Narratives of Identity and Self in Contemporary Pakistani Art and Literature
Time:	3:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	This lecture will be presented by Aqsa Ijaz from Government College University Lahore, Pakistan. Ijaz is the American Institute of Pakistan Studies Joint NCCU-UNC-CH Junior Visiting Faculty Fellow. This lecture will introduce the various voices in contemporary Pakistani literature and art that often go unnoticed in international representation of the country. It will bring out various local themes and metaphors regarding self and identity to broaden the debate in Pakistan Studies and the country's representation in general, contesting the assumption that Pakistan is whatever is perceived of it in the world outside through news media or English language fiction.
Sponsors:	Sponsored by Carolina Asia Center in association with NC Central University. Please email Brittany Darst at bdarst@email.unc.edu for more information.
November 10, 2015	Courageous Conversations 101: Strategies for Facilitating Dialogues across Differences
Time:	5:00 pm
Location:	Carroll Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Panel Discussion
Description:	Members of the campus and local community are invited to attend the panel discussion, "Courageous Conversations 101: Strategies for Facilitating Dialogues across Differences," Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. in the Freedom Forum room, third floor of Carroll Hall. UNC faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Education will share their experiences and strategies for facilitating discussions about complex, delicate and controversial issues, both inside and outside the classroom. This is part of the Carolina Conversations series. The event will be moderated by Kia Caldwell, director of faculty diversity initiatives in the College of Arts and Sciences and an associate professor of African, African American and diaspora studies. Panelists include: Maria DeGuzman, English and comparative literature and the Latina/o Studies Program. Carl Ernst, religious studies and the Carolina Center for the Study of Middle East and Muslim Civilizations. Dana N. Thompson Dorsey, educational leadership and policy, School of Education.
Sponsors:	The event is co-sponsored by UNC's College of Arts and Sciences and the UNC Center for Faculty Excellence.
November 10, 2015	New Turkish Cinema: Innocence of Memories
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Richard White Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Film Screening
Description:	Please join the Global Education Office/Duke in Istanbul, the Duke University Middle East

	<p>Studies Center, AMES Presents, Screen Society, and the Program in the Arts of Moving Image for the New Turkish Cinema series.</p> <p>“Innocence of Memories”: directed by Grant Gee, 2015, in Turkish with English Subtitles, 90 minutes. For more information, please visit here.</p>
Sponsors:	Global Education Office/Duke in Istanbul, the Duke University Middle East Studies Center, AMES Presents, Screen Society, and the Program in the Arts of Moving Image
November 11, 2015	1001 Nights
Time:	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Location:	Frank Porter Graham Student Union
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Cultural Event
Description:	1001 Nights, hosted by UNC Persian Cultural Society, is an annual celebration of Middle Eastern culture that brings together cultural organizations and performers. Performances will include debka dance, the playing of the tar (a traditional Iranian instrument), musicians, a poetry reading, and Iranian dance. The event is open and free to the public. Light refreshments and food will be provided. For more information about this event, email Nakisa Sadeghi at nsadeghi@live.unc.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: UNC Persian Cultural Society, UNC Persian Studies, Arab Student Organization and Students for Justice in Palestine
November 12, 2015	Blood from the East: Race, Vampires, Sacrifice
Time:	12:00 pm
Location:	Smith Warehouse, FHI Garage, Bay 4
	Duke University
Categories:	Seminar
Description:	<p>For Robertson Smith, Semites had perfected the art of blood sacrifice; for Renan, they invented racial purity. And then there came the vampires, those notorious, if ambiguous, Oriental figures that appear to have taken over the world (or soon will, if Ephraim Goodweather doesn't stop them). Is there such a thing as Oriental blood? Is this the blood that drenches our imagination today?</p> <p>Gil Anidjar is Professor in the Department of Religion and the Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies, as well as at the Institute for Comparative Literature and Society at Columbia University. His most recent book is <i>Blood: A Critique of Christianity</i> (Columbia UP, 2014). The book references Christianity, Judaism and Islam.</p>
Sponsors:	Please email serena.elliott@duke.edu if you would like to attend this public seminar, as lunch will be served.
November 12, 2015	Journeys of Syrian Refugees
Time:	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Location:	Frank Porter Graham Student Union, Union Room 3206B
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Symposium
Description:	The Coalition for Human Rights will be sponsoring a screening and simulation activity, Journeys of Syrian Refugees. The event will begin with a short video screening providing updates on the refugee crisis in Syria and the consequent stress on countries in the Middle East and Europe attempting to house these refugees. Following the screening, each participant will be assigned a fictional refugee and guided through their respective journey to find safety. The event will conclude with a discussion of the crisis and what students in Chapel Hill can do to improve the lives of Syrian refugees. Snacks and light refreshments will be provided. Pizza will be sold to

	benefit relief organizations addressing the conflict. See you there!
Sponsors:	Coalition for Human Rights
November 12, 2015	
	An Evening with Ambassador Robert Jordan – Former Ambassador to Saudi Arabia
Time:	6:00 pm - 7:15 pm
Location:	Sanford Building
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Former Ambassador Robert Jordan is diplomat in residence and adjunct professor of political science in the John G. Tower Center for Political Studies at Southern Methodist University. He served as U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia from 2001-2003, under President George W. Bush. He took charge of his mission in the wake of the attacks of September 11 at a critical time in U.S.-Saudi relations. Apart from this, he is also the vice chair of the Tower Center board of directors, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a past president of the Dallas Bar Association and the Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations. In 2015, he published his memoir, "Desert Diplomat: Inside Saudi Arabia Following 9/11". The event is free and open to the public. For more information or questions about this event, please email Aly Breuer at aly.breuer@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	Duke AGS, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations
November 12, 2015	
	A Strangeness in My Mind A Public Talk with Orhan Pamuk
Time:	6:30pm
Location:	Nasher Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Please join DUMESC for a public talk and conversation with the Nobel laureate about his new novel <i>A Strangeness in My Mind</i> (Knopf, 2015). Orhan Pamuk is one of Turkey's most prominent novelists. His work has been translated into more than 40 languages and he has received numerous prestigious international prizes, including Le Prix Mediterranee etranger, the Prix Medicis, the Ricarda Huch Prize, and honorary membership in the American Academy of Arts and Letters. For more information or questions about this event, please email lyman Ahmed at lyman.ahmed@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	Asian & Middle Eastern Studies; Duke Global Education/Duke in Turkey; Duke University Middle East Studies Center; Franklin Humanities Institute; Mellon Foundation/Partnerships in a Global Age
November 13, 2015	
	The Museum of Innocence: Visual Presentation & Faculty Forum
Time:	11:00 am
Location:	
	Duke University
Categories:	Presentation, Panel Discussion
Description:	A visual presentation by Orhan Pamuk on his novel and museum project, followed by a Duke faculty forum with professors Srinivas Aravamudan, Rey Chow, Miriam Cooke, and Michael Moses. This event is free and open to the public. For more information about this event or question, please email lyman Ahmed at lyman.ahmed@duke.edu or call 919-668-1920.
Sponsors:	Asian & Middle Eastern Studies; Duke Global Education/Duke in Turkey; Duke University Middle East Studies Center; Franklin Humanities Institute; Mellon Foundation/Partnerships in a Global Age
November 13, 2015	
	The Recital of Love: Commentary of the Mystical Works of Avicenna By Prof. Mohsen Kadivar
Time:	5:45 pm - 8:45 pm

Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, room 1005
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture Series/Brownbag
Description:	In the Persian lecture series, Mohsen Kadivar – an Iranian philosopher and research professor of Islamic Studies at Duke University – comments on the mystical works of Avicenna (980-1037), the Persian philosopher and physician who is regarded as one of the most significant thinkers and writers of the Islamic golden age. Kadivar explains Avicenna’s special style in mysticism and symbolic language. This third session is dedicated to “The Recital of Love.” It is a semi-philosophical semi-mystical recital on love. *Please note that this lecture is in Persian. This Persian event is open to all who speak Persian or love Persian mystical literature. For more information, please contact Sam Aghamiri at sam.ghamiri@gmail.com .
Sponsors:	Iranian Circle of Culture and Wisdom
November 16, 2015	
	New Turkish Cinema: Kosmos
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Richard White Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Film Screening
Description:	Please join the Global Education Office/Duke in Istanbul, the Duke University Middle East Studies Center, AMES Presents, Screen Society, and the Program in the Arts of Moving Image for the New Turkish Cinema series. “Kosmos”: directed by Reha Erdem, 2010, in Turkish with English Subtitles, 122 minutes. For more information, please visit here .
Sponsors:	Global Education Office/Duke in Istanbul, the Duke University Middle East Studies Center, AMES Presents, Screen Society, and the Program in the Arts of Moving Image
November 17 -18, 2015	
	UNC Global Passport Drive
Time:	November 17, 2015 10:00 am - November 18, 2015 3:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Symposium
Description:	UNC Global will once again sponsor UNC’s annual Passport Drive, November 17 and 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the 4th floor of the FedEx Global Education Center. Each year, UNC Global hosts officials from the U.S. Department of State and a photographer to make first-time passport applications and renewals easy. This event is open to students, faculty and staff, as well as their families. We have had tremendous response in the past – more than 2,000 people have applied or renewed their passports during the past ten drives! Details about required materials and payment can be found at http://global.unc.edu/passportdrive .
Sponsors:	UNC Global
November 17, 2015	
	Conversations on Europe: A Virtual Roundtable Series Rescue & Prevent: Responses to Europe’s Migration Crisis
Time:	12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture Series/ Brownbag
Description:	Please join the Center for European Studies for four fascinating talks coming to UNC via video conference from the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence at the University of Pittsburgh. In November, our headliner will be NPR correspondent Joanne Kikissis who is currently covering events in Greece and will be contributing to our panel on the on-going migration crisis impacting all of Europe. Another panelist (awaiting confirmation) is an Italian filmmaker who

	recently completed a documentary about Lampedusa. Remote/local audience participation welcome through videoconferencing room or personal computer.
Sponsors:	Co-sponsors · UCIS · European Union Centers at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign · University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill · University of Miami/Florida International University · University of Wisconsin-Madison
November 17, 2015	
	The Beirut & Paris Attacks and Social Media: A Conversation
Time:	12:00 pm
Location:	Old Chem
	Duke University
Categories:	Panel Discussion
Description:	Join us at the Forum for Scholars & Publics for an informal conversation about the role social media is playing in the global reaction to the recent attacks in Beirut & Paris. How is social media shaping and mediating the experience and response to these attacks both within the cities where they take place and globally? What accounts for the differences in the responses on social media to the attacks in Beirut vs. Paris? What role can and should social media play in shaping both journalist coverage and policy responses to these events? The conversation will be led by Duke Professors Negar Mottahedeh, a specialist on film and social media in the Middle East and Laurent Dubois, who studies sport, race and immigration in contemporary France.
Sponsors:	The Center for French and Francophone Studies at Duke, Forum for Scholars and Publics
November 17, 2015	
	Global Grieving Vigil
Time:	5:00 pm
Location:	Wilson Library
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Community Event
Description:	The Coalition for Human Rights, a group housed in the Campus Y, together with the Executive Board of the Campus Y are holding a vigil November 17th at 5 PM on the steps of Wilson Library in order to extend support to those suffering from this global conflict by gathering to spread peace and awareness. At the vigil, we hope to provide a global context for these tragedies by shining light on each event and honoring the stories and memories of those lost.
Sponsors:	The Coalition for Human Rights, the Executive Board of the Campus Y
November 17, 2015	
	Film Screening: "Ardeshir Mohasses: The Rebellious Artist"
Time:	6:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film Screening
Description:	Ardeshir Mohasses was Iran's foremost political cartoonist, satirist, painter and illustrator. Drawing upon his intimate knowledge of Iran's culture, history, and sociopolitical situation, Ardeshir attracted the attention not only of the intellectuals, poets and writers of Iran of the time but also the international community. Filmmaker Bahman Maghsoudlou seeks to portray the beauty of Ardeshir's purpose and power in crafting his art to convey the plight of the oppressed, and his universal sense of justice and tyranny, expressed through a satirical visual history of Iran since the Qajar era. This feature documentary admirably displays the depth of Ardeshir's observations and his extraordinary free spirit. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, click here or email Mohamed Hamed at mseoud@email.unc.edu .
Sponsors:	The Friends of the Library
November 18, 2015	
	The Global Ottoman Refugee and Colonial Terror: Dr. Isa Blumi
Time:	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Location:	Bingham Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Do refugees have agency? If so, what kinds of agency do they exercise? Dr. Blumi's talk demonstrates how refugees, far from lacking agency, mediated traumas of expulsion and transit through their own adaptive capacities in new settings. Through research into archival sources, Dr. Blumi shows how formerly Ottoman subjects were compelled to flee their homelands for destinations such as Honduras, Southern Arabia, Mindanao, East Africa, and Southern India becoming crucial intermediary actors in the violent transformations introduced into these regions by global finance capitalism. By exploring the ways in which post-Ottoman constituencies formulated responses to capitalist colonialism, this talk argues that scholars need to reconsider the role such actors play in transforming the world around them. Please contact Micah Hughes (micahah@live.unc.edu) with questions.
Sponsors:	Islamicate Graduate Student Association (IGSA), Carolina Seminar on Transnational and Modern Global History, UNC-CH Student Government
November 19, 2015	International Coffee Hour
Time:	5:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center Atrium
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	Join The Center for Global Initiatives for their monthly social hour to bring together international UNC community members and students excited about global engagement. Chat about opportunities and challenges on campus. Meet staff from the hosting offices with great resources to share. Refreshments will be provided including EspressoOasis coffee. For more information, please contact The Center for Global Initiatives at cgi@unc.edu .
Sponsors:	The Carolina Center for Global Initiative and Academic Advising
November 19, 2015	ISIS vs. Al-Qaeda: A Troubled Relationship, Guest Lecture by Barak Mendelsohn
Time:	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Location:	Gardner Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>What explains the conflict between al-Qaeda and its former franchise, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)? This study traces the origins of the rivalry between the two infamous organizations. It discusses how ISIS transitioned from a branch of al-Qaeda to an independent entity, and eventually a bitter competitor that threatens al-Qaeda's survival. They study further examines the implication of the al-Qaeda/ISIS rivalry for the larger conflict in Syria and Iraq, and for U.S. Strategy in the Middle East.</p> <p>Barak Mendelsohn is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Haverford College and a senior fellow at the Philadelphia-based Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI). He specializes in radical, Islamic organizations, with an emphasis on al-Qaeda and the Islamic State. Mendelsohn is author of <i>Combating Jihadism: American Hegemony and Interstate Cooperation in the War on Terrorism</i> and the forthcoming book <i>The al-Qaeda Franchise: The Expansion of al-Qaeda and Its Consequences</i>. Please email Susan Heske with questions about this event at Sheske@email.unc.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	Department of Political Science and the Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense at UNC-CH
November 19, 2015	Parr Center Presents: Kit Wellman, "The Ethics of Immigration and Refugee Crises"
Time:	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Location:	Caldwell Hall

	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Presentation
Description:	Several times each semester, the Parr Center hosts a public event featuring one or more distinguished speakers addressing a pressing moral issue, often with direct relevance for the Carolina community. This talk in particular will raise the ethical questions regarding the current refugee crisis. Guest speak Kit Wellman (Washington University-St.Louis) is a philosopher who works in ethics, specializing in political and legal philosophy. This event is free and open to the public. The aim of this series is not to advocate for particular solutions to these problems, but rather to facilitate productive discussion about them in a respectful, supportive, and collaborative educational environment. For more information or questions about this event, please email Katie Bunyea at kbunyea@unc.edu .
Sponsors:	UNC Parr Center for Ethics
November 19, 2015	Advising President Obama During Turbulent Times A Conversation with Tom Donilon
Time:	6:00 pm - 7:15 pm
Location:	Fleishman Commons
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Join us for the Ambassador Dave and Kay Phillips Family International Lecture with Tom Donilon to discuss the challenges and complexities of the current crises the administration faces as well as the recent attacks in Beirut and Paris. Don't miss what will surely be a fascinating discussion. "Capping a distinguished career in public service, Tom Donilon served at the highest levels of the Obama White House and advised the President on some of his most consequential foreign policy and national security decisions. He brings to the Duke audience a keen insight into the process of strategy and an extraordinary breadth of knowledge and experience. We are fortunate to have someone of his caliber visit at such a critical time in world affairs," says director of the AGS program, Peter Feaver, who will moderate the discussion with Donilon.
Sponsors:	Duke Sanford School of Public Policy, TISS, Office of Global Strategies and Programs
November 19, 2015	Workshop on Caste
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Campus Y
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Symposium
Description:	With the help of Hindu YUVA, UNC Khalsa, UNC Muslim Students Association, and Sangam, UNC Monsoon invites you to participate in a discussion and workshop surrounding caste. Caste is a religious and cultural class system that transcends religious boundaries (even in Muslim communities) in South Asia, and UNC MONSOON will facilitate a discussion on the nuance and the historical legacy of caste in multiple religions.
Sponsors:	Hindu YUVA, UNC Khalsa, UNC Muslim Students Association, Sangam, and UNC Monsoon
November 20, 2015	Can European Islam Be Algerian, Moroccan and Turkish?
Time:	1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Jonathan Laurence is an associate professor of political science at Boston College and nonresident senior fellow in foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution. He is also an affiliate of the Center for European Studies at Harvard University, where he received his doctorate in 2006. Laurence penned The Emancipation of Europe's Muslims: The State's Role in

	<p><i>Minority Integration</i> (Princeton University Press 2012), which was the subject of a <i>New York Times</i> op-ed and praised by <i>The Economist</i> as “an original and thought-provoking study.” His research has been featured in <i>The Economist</i>, <i>The Washington Post</i>, <i>La Croix</i>, National Public Radio (Berlin), PBS (NM), and his articles have been published by <i>European Political Science</i>, <i>Foreign Affairs</i>, <i>Foreign Policy</i>, <i>International Crisis Group</i>, <i>Le Monde</i>, <i>The New York Times</i>, <i>Perspectives on Politics</i>, <i>Sueddeutsche Zeitung</i>, <i>Der Tagesspiegel</i> and other U.S. and European periodicals and think-tanks. Discover more of his work online: http://www.jonathanlaurence.net/.</p> <p>In addition to giving his talk, Professor Laurence will also discuss and take questions regarding the attacks in Paris. His reactions to November 13 (NYT Op Ed and NPR) can be found here: http://www.jonathanlaurence.net/?p=2190</p>
Sponsors:	Center for European Studies
November 20, 2015	Islamic Traditions and the Response to Turkey’s Woman Question
Time:	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Location:	Love House
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Seminar
Description:	<p>Join the Working Group in Feminism and History before Thanksgiving Holiday for our last meeting of the semester on Friday, November 20 from 6:30 to 8:00 at the Love House on UNC’s Campus. Dinner and refreshments will be provided. All are welcome to attend! Ansev Demirhan, Ph.D. Student at UNC who is advised by Cemil Aydin, will share her work “Islamic Traditions and the Response to Turkey’s Woman Question,” with comments provided by Professor Didem Havlioglu from Duke University. This meeting will be a workshop of Ansev Demirhan’s work on Turkish women’s history. While not required, all are strongly encouraged to read the paper in advance. The goal of this meeting is to help Ansev make edits to her piece to form it into a publishable article.</p> <p>Presenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ansev Demirhan, Ph.D. Candidate, History, UNC-Chapel Hill <p>Commenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor Didem Havlioglu, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Duke <p>Paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Islamic Traditions and the Response to Turkey’s Woman Question”– link to pre-circulated paper will be posted one week before the event.
Sponsors:	Working Group in Feminism and History
November 20, 2015	Urdu Majlis and Cosmic Poetry
Time:	7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture Series/Brownbag
Description:	<p>Please join the next monthly meeting of Urdu Majlis, the Triangle’s Urdu Literary Forum. In this meeting, Urdu Majlis will concentrate on Comic Poetry from all eras. It is encouraged to bring one’s favorite humorous verse to share. Urdu Majlis is an intellectual endeavor with no political or religious affiliations. This event is free and open to the public. For more information call: Afroz Taj at 919-851-1119 / 919-962-1060 or Seema and Ashraf Faruqi at 919-596-4792.</p>
Sponsors:	The Carolina Asia Center and the South Asia Section of the UNC Dept. of Asian Studies
November 30, 2015	Asian Film Series: “Guru”
Time:	6:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, Nelson Mandela Auditorium

	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film Screening
Description:	Guru is a 2007 Indian drama film loosely based on the life on Dhirubhai Ambani, an ambitious man who leaves his small village behind to pursue his dream of opening a small business. The score and soundtrack for the film was composed by A.R. Rahman (Slumdog Millionaire). This film is in Hindi-Urdu, with subtitles in English. Reception to state at 6:00pm before the film. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please email Professor Shemer at yshemer@email.unc.edu .
Sponsors:	The Department of Asian Studies, the Carolina Asia Center, and the Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations
December 1, 2015	Divan Center Speaker Series: Recent political developments in Middle East
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Divan Center – Triangle, 903 N. Harrison Avenue Suite 100, Cary, NC
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Lecture Series/ Brownbag
Description:	Middle East has been at the epicenter of an ongoing international crisis for a long time. Recent regime changes in Iraq and Egypt and several other countries followed by the civil war in Syria led to political instability in the region. The ISIS violence and mass flow of refugees have impact beyond the geographical boundaries of the region. In this talk, Mr. Kerim BALCI: Turkish writer, journalist and academian.
Sponsors:	Divan Center
December 2, 2015	New Turkish Cinema: Beyond the Hill
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Richard White Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Film Screening
Description:	Please join the Global Education Office/Duke in Istanbul, the Duke University Middle East Studies Center, AMES Presents, Screen Society, and the Program in the Arts of Moving Image for the New Turkish Cinema series. “Beyond the Hill”: Directed by Emin Alper, 2012, in Turkish with English Subtitles, 94 minutes. For more information, please visit here .
Sponsors:	Global Education Office/Duke in Istanbul, the Duke University Middle East Studies Center, AMES Presents, Screen Society, and the Program in the Arts of Moving Image
December 4-5, 2015	“The Arabic Classroom: Context, Text and Students” Workshop Keynote with Professor Mahmoud Al-Batal
Time:	December 4, 2015 5:00 pm - December 5, 2015 5:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Conference
Description:	Professor Mahmoud Al-Batal will give the keynote for this workshop. Dr. Al-Batal is associate professor of Arabic in the Department of Middle Eastern Studies and director of the Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA) at The University of Texas at Austin. CASA is a consortium of 29 American universities that provides advanced training in Arabic language and culture at the American University in Cairo, Egypt, and at the University of Damascus, Syria. Al-Batal also serves as associate director and chair of the Arabic Board of the National Middle East Language Resource Center (NMELRC). Currently, he is involved in developing “Aswaat Arabiyya,” a Web-based project for Arabic listening materials. He is also the coauthor of the “Al-Kitaab” Arabic textbook series and has written a number of articles on aspects of teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language. Al-Batal previously served as CASA executive director in Cairo (1985-1987), as

	<p>director of the Arabic School at Middlebury College (1991-1998) and as director of the Emory College Language Center (2000-2004). He holds a B.A. in Arabic language and literature from the Lebanese University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Arabic linguistics from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.</p> <p>For more information about the rest of the workshop and the schedule, please see here.</p>
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies in collaboration with Duke University Middle East Studies Center
December 4, 2015	Carl Ernst: “A Little Indicates Much’: Structure and Meaning in the Prefaces of Rumi’s Masnavi (Books I-III)”
Time:	6:15 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, room 4003
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture, Performance
Description:	<p>Rumi’s <i>Masnavi</i>, consisting of six books and totaling more than 25,000 lines, is one of the masterworks of Persian literature. Yet its sheer size is intimidating to the average reader, and the inspired style of the author sometimes appears to be unstructured and impulsive. Yet Rumi wrote detailed prefaces to each of the six books of the <i>Masnavi</i>, three of them in Arabic; all of them feature dialogues with his chief disciple, Husamuddin Chalabi, who had inspired the composition of the <i>Masnavi</i>. The presence of these introductory writings strongly suggests that Rumi had a plan, rather than simply expressing random ecstasies. What was the relationship of these prefaces to the openings of the books that follow? This presentation analyzes the prefaces to the first three books of the <i>Masnavi</i>, in relation to the opening lines of poetry, to investigate how language functions to convey realities that are beyond normal concepts, demonstrating that “a little indicates much.” For more information, please click here.</p> <p>Carl W. Ernst is a specialist in Islamic studies, with a focus on West and South Asia. He is William R. Kenan, Jr., Distinguished Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at UNC, and Co-Director of the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations.</p>
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Iranian Cultural Society of NC.
December 11, 2015	Urdu Majlis Bahadur Shah Zafar
Time:	7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, room 1009
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture Series/ Brownbag
Description:	Please join us on Friday December 11, 2015 for the next monthly meeting of Urdu Majlis, the Triangle’s Urdu Literary Forum. This Urdu Majlis will concentrate on the life and works of Bahadur Shah ‘Zafar’, the Last Mughal (1775-1862). There will also be a short, special session on Sufi/Bhakti poet Kabir (15th Century) presented by Mr. Raghunath Madhav Kulkarni.
Sponsors:	This event is co-sponsored by the Carolina Asia Center and the South Asia Section of the UNC Dept. of Asian Studies. Urdu Majlis is an intellectual endeavor with no political or religious affiliations.
December 13, 2015	Ambassador David Shinn: Hizmet in Africa: The Activities and Significance of the Gulen Movement
Time:	4:00 pm
Location:	The Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies – NC (IITS-NC), 1391 SE Maynard Rd., Cary, NC
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Ambassador David Shinn will present his latest book: “Hizmet Movement in Africa: The Activities and Significance of the Gulen Movement.” Ambassador David Shinn has been

	<p>teaching in the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University since 2001. He served for 37 years in the U.S. Foreign Service with assignments at embassies in Lebanon, Kenya, Tanzania, Mauritania, Cameroon, Sudan and as ambassador to Burkina Faso and Ethiopia. The author of numerous book chapters and articles in academic and policy journals, he is also the co-author of <i>China and Africa: A Century of Engagement</i> (2012) and <i>Historical Dictionary of Ethiopia</i> (2013). He serves as advisor to or is on a half dozen non-governmental organization boards. Ambassador Shinn has a PhD in Political Science from George Washington University and blogs at http://davidshinn.blogspot.com. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to iitsnc.org by December 12. Click here for more information.</p>
Sponsors:	The Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies
January 9, 2016	Reel Israel: Fourth Annual Israeli Documentary Film Series 'Censored Voices'
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Kehillah Synagogue, 1200 Mason Farm Rd, Chapel Hill, NC
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Film Screening
Description:	<p>Through six incredible documentary films, go on a tour of Israel like you've never seen before. Each film screening will be followed by evocative, honest discussions, led by Duke Associate Professor Shai Ginsburg. Our sixth film will be shown on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. This series aims to diversify the vision of Israel, screening some of the most successful, both critically and commercially acclaimed, Israeli documentary films in recent years. The films explore a wide range of issues and themes: immigration and emigration, aging, gender, ethnicity, Israeli urban centers and the kibbutz, past dreams and present reality and, yes, also the Israeli Palestinian conflict and the Jewish Holocaust. Come for one, some, or all, of these Saturday evenings for wonderful, insightful, films and discussion.</p> <p>Suggested donation: Series Pass-\$40; Individual Films-\$10; Student Price-\$6 per film (ID required). For more information, please contact Sherri Morris at sherri@kehillahsynagogue.org</p>
Sponsors:	This film series is part of an ongoing collaboration between Duke University and the Israeli Documentary Filmmakers Forum and is made possible through generous donations by Kehillah members David & Adele Roth and Stan & Marion Robboy.
January 11 – April 1, 2016	2016 Carolina Global Photography Exhibition
Time:	January 11, 2016 8:00 am - April 1, 2016 5:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Exhibit
Description:	<p>View photography from around the world in this exhibition featuring work by University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill alumni, faculty, staff and students. The exhibition will open Jan. 11 and run through April 1, 2016, at the FedEx Global Education Center. All photography on display was submitted as part of UNC's annual Carolina Global Photography Competition. A reception and art viewing will take place for the 2016 Carolina Global Photography Exhibition on Feb. 10 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the FedEx Global Education Center. For more information, please click here.</p>
Sponsors:	This event is co-sponsored by: the African Studies Center; Carolina Asia Center; Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations; Center for European Studies; Center for Global Initiatives; Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies; Curriculum in Global Studies; Global Relations; Global Research Institute; Food Theme Steering Committee; Institute for the Study of the Americas; International Student and Scholar Services; and the Study Abroad Office.

January 13, 2016	International Coffee Hour
Time:	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center Atrium
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	Join The Center for Global Initiatives for their monthly social hour to bring together international UNC community members and students excited about global engagement. Chat about opportunities and challenges on campus. Meet staff from the hosting offices with great resources to share. Refreshments will be provided including EspressoOasis coffee. For more information, please contact The Center for Global Initiatives at cgi@unc.edu .
Sponsors:	Center for Global Initiatives and Study Abroad
January 13, 2016	
	Aspects of the Early Persian Literary Culture of India
Time:	5:30 pm
Location:	House Undergraduate Library
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Dr. Firoozeh Papan-Matin: The influence and development of the Persian literary culture in India is a major subject of research and inquiry. The present study will evaluate this subject in the case of the Deccan region of India, a considerable distance from the established center of Indo- Persian culture in Delhi. This study will approach its subject in the early decades of the establishment of the Bahmani Sultanate in the region, with a focus on the achievements of Firuzshah Bahmani (r. A.D. 1397–1422), and his contemporary distinguished mystic scholar Muhammad Gisudaraz (A.D. 1321–1422).
Sponsors:	UNC Persian Studies
January 14, 2016	
	Global Projects Showcase
Time:	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, room 3009
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Presentation
Description:	Want to travel next summer? Looking to fund your global project? Enjoy a showcase of students' research, experiences and travel stories from a variety of fields and global destinations. Learn more about past international summer projects the Center for Global Initiatives has funded from the students themselves. Lunch will be provided. Alexis Strang, Undergraduate Global Studies and Anthropology, Carolina Global Initiative Award , will present on "Bridging Language Gaps: Strengthening Arabic Skills for Effective Communication with New Communities" in Morocco. For more information, please contact The Center for Global Initiatives at cgi@unc.edu .
Sponsors:	Center for Global Initiatives
January 14, 2016	
	Black-Palestinian Solidarity: Linking Liberation Struggles
Time:	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, room 1009
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Panel Discussion
Description:	Join Students for Justine in Palestine (SJP) and the Real Silent Sam Coalition for this essential discussion centered around Black and Palestinian struggles for liberation. Hear from Dr. Rania Masri and Ajamu Dillahunt about the ties between Israeli military occupation in Palestine and police brutality in the United States, as well as the importance of Black-Palestinian solidarity amongst both communities. Dr. Rania Masri is a renowned human rights advocate and current faculty member of the American University of Beirut. Ajamu Dillahunt is an

	outspoken Black Lives Matter activist at North Carolina Central University. For more information, please email Basel Quran at basel@live.unc.edu .
Sponsors:	SJP and the Real Silent Sam Coalition
January 15, 2016	Second Annual Book Colloquium – A Roundtable Discussion
Time:	12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Location:	Hyde Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Panel Discussion
Description:	Please join MEMS (Medieval and Early Modern Studies) for the second annual MEMS Book Colloquium, featuring a roundtable discussion of the award-winning book <i>The Islamic-Byzantine Frontier: Interaction and Exchange Among Muslim and Christian Communities</i> (I.B. Tauris, 2014) by Asa Eger (History, UNC-G). ZaydeAntrim (History, Trinity College) will lead the discussion.
Sponsors:	MEMS
January 15, 2016	The Recital of Love: Commentary of the Mystical Works of Avicenna By Prof. Mohsen Kadivar
Time:	5:45 pm - 8:45 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, room 1005
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture Series/ Brownbag
Description:	In the Persian lecture series, Mohsen Kadivar – an Iranian philosopher and research professor of Islamic Studies at Duke University – comments on the mystical works of Avicenna (980-1037), the Persian philosopher and physician who is regarded as one of the most significant thinkers and writers of the Islamic golden age. Kadivar explains Avicenna’s special style in mysticism and symbolic language. This is the fourth session in this series *Please note that this lecture is in Persian. This Persian event is open to all who speak Persian or love Persian mystical literature. For more information, please contact Sam Aghamiri at sam.aghamiri@gmail.com .
Sponsors:	Iranian Circle of Culture and Wisdom
January 15, 2016	Urdu Majlis and Cosmic Poetry
Time:	7:00 pm - 9:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, room 1009
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture Series/ Brownbag
Description:	Please join us for the Triangle’s Urdu Literary Forum. In this meeting, Urdu Majlis will concentrate on the life and works of writer Mushtaq Ahmad Yusufi (b. 1923). Mushtaq Ahmad Yusufi is a satirical and humor writer from Pakistan. He has served as the head of several national and international governmental and financial institutions, and received Sitara-e-Imtiaz and Hilal-i-Imtiaz, the highest literary honors by the Government of Pakistan in 1999. 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
January 15, 2016	Ghazal Concert by acclaimed vocalist, Shri Raviraj Nasery
Time:	8:00 pm
Location:	3000 Bearcat Way, Unit 112, Morrisville, NC
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Performance
Description:	Ghazal is a form of poetry, originating in Arabic poetry in Arabia long before the birth of Islam. The ghazal spread into South Asia in the 12th century due to the influence of Sufi mystics and

	the courts of the new Islamic Sultanate. Although the ghazal is most prominently a form of Dari poetry and Urdu poetry, today it is found in the poetry of many languages of the Indian sub-continent. Shri RavirajNasery is an acclaimed Ghazal singer and brings his own flair to the art of Ghazal singing. Shri Raviraj has sung old film songs and ghazals at various programs throughout India and all over the world. A preview of Shri Raviraj Nasery.
Sponsors:	
January 19, 2016	Crescent China: The Chinese Muslim Experience in Modern Times
Time:	12:00 pm - 1:15 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center, 4003
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Presentation
Description:	Dr. Rosey Ma from Fatih University in Istanbul will discuss the Chinese Muslim experience. Born in China to Hui Chinese Muslim parents, Rosey Wang Ma grew up in Pakistan and Turkey. She received a Master’s in Education, and her research led her to an interest in Chinese Muslims, opening up a whole new world of research in her own ethnic and religious roots. For more information or questions about this event, please email bdarst@email.unc.edu or click here .
Sponsors:	The Carolina Asia Center
January 20, 2016	Duke Public Forum: “The Impact of ISIS at Home and Abroad”
Time:	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Location:	Sanford Building room 04
	Duke University
Categories:	Panel Discussion
Description:	Join this Duke Public Forum with speakers: Professor Omid Safi, Asian & Middle Eastern Studies (Duke); Professor David Schanzer, Sanford School of Public Policy (Duke); Professor Suzanne Shanahan, Sociology (Duke) as they discuss the impact of ISIS at home and abroad. Free and open to the public. Please email iyman.ahmed@duke.edu with any questions.
Sponsors:	Sanford School of Public Policy
January 20, 2016	Between India, China, and Byzantium: Alexander and the Persian Cosmopolis with Dr. Owen Cornwall
Time:	5:30 pm
Location:	House Undergraduate Library
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	The Alexander romance—a heroic narrative loosely based on the life of Alexander the Great—was one of the most widely copied texts throughout premodern Europe and the Islamic world. Premodern Persian literature and histories drew upon this storytelling tradition to describe Alexander as an archetypal Persian king, who conquered the world and united “East and West.” In Persian epics and chronicles, Alexander organized artisans from all over the world to construct inventions that protected the empire from foreign threats. Not only did Alexander’s inventions allow him to travel the entire world, but they also served as metaphors for the emperor himself by manifesting their utility in different cultural contexts. This talk will focus on how literature and chronicles inflected each other in one particular historical moment when the Sultan of Delhi, Feroz Shah Tughluq(r.1351-1388 CE) explicitly referenced Alexander’s model in the construction of his own iconographic regime.
Sponsors:	UNC Persian Studies
January 21, 2016	Rotary Peace Film Series Screening: Salam Neighbor
Time:	5:30 pm

Location:	Sanford Building, room 04
	Duke University
Categories:	Film Screening
Description:	<p>Join the Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center for a screening of <i>Salam Neighbor</i>. Two Americans head to the edge of war, just seven miles from the Syrian border, to live among 85,000 uprooted refugees in Jordan's Za'atari camp. As the first filmmakers allowed by the UN to register and set-up a tent inside a refugee camp, Zach and Chris plunge into the heart of the world's most pressing humanitarian crisis and uncover inspiring stories of individuals rallying, against all odds, to rebuild their lives and those of their neighbors. View the Trailer for the film here.</p> <p>Following the screening of the film, there will be a short discussion session with Rotary Peace Fellow, Nkole Zulu Thompson and Dilshad Jaff, MD, MPH, Research Advisor for Conflict and Disaster Prevention Research and alumnus of the Rotary Peace Center. For more information, please contact Amy Cole, coleac@live.unc.edu or 919-843-4887. This event is free and open to the public.</p>
Sponsors:	Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center, UNC Student Global Health Committee
January 21, 2016	What is an All American Muslim? A Conversation with Suehaila Amen, Cast Member of TLC's Show "All American Muslim"
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Frank Porter Graham Student Union
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Presentation
Description:	As part of the MLK Week celebration, Suehaila Amen, cast member of TLC's "All-American Muslim" and internationally renowned speaker, will lead a discussion about the experiences of Muslims in America, especially in the post 9/11 era. She will also speak about how to be a community leader and how to bring others together. For more information, please see the link to the Facebook event .
Sponsors:	The Campus Y, Student Government, The UNC Muslim Students Association and The Office of Multicultural Affairs and Diversity Outreach
January 22, 2016	Duke Performances Presents Pakistani-American Musician Rez Abbasi with His Quintet, Invocation
Time:	8:00 pm
Location:	Baldwin Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Performance
Description:	Duke Performances presents Pakistani-American musician Rez Abbasi, one of the foremost guitarists in modern jazz, with his quintet, Invocation. This concert is the culmination of Abbasi's project exploring the musical traditions of South Asia through the idiom of jazz; this project features new compositions based on Carnatic classical music from South India. The quintet + cello will premiere these new works at Baldwin Auditorium in Durham. For more information about this event, please call 919-660-3348. Tickets are available at http://dukeperformances.duke.edu/calendar/rez-abbasi-invocation .
Sponsors:	Duke Performances
January 23, 2016	"Preventing Violent Extremism and Countering Anti-Islam Bigotry in 2016" – A Lecture by Prof. David Schanzer
Time:	3:00 pm
Location:	The Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies – NC (IITS-NC), 1391 SE Maynard Rd. Cary, NC
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Lecture

Description:	The rise of ISIS, violent attacks by some Muslim Americans in the US, and backlash against Muslim Americans due to the attacks and vitriolic campaign rhetoric have presented challenges for Muslim Americans. Duke Professor David Schanzer will analyze these trends and suggest a path forward for those seeking a more peaceful and just society. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For more information or questions about this event, send an email to infor@iitsnc.org or click here . To RSVP for this event (please RSVP before January 22), please click here .
Sponsors:	The Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies
January 23, 2016	Reel Israel: Fourth Annual Israeli Documentary Film Series 'Diplomat'
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Kehillah Synagogue, 1200 Mason Farm Rd, Chapel Hill, NC
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Film Screening
Description:	Through six incredible documentary films, go on a tour of Israel like you've never seen before. Each film screening will be followed by evocative, honest discussions, led by Duke Associate Professor Shai Ginsburg. Our sixth film will be shown on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. This series aims to diversify the vision of Israel, screening some of the most successful, both critically and commercially acclaimed, Israeli documentary films in recent years. The films explore a wide range of issues and themes: immigration and emigration, aging, gender, ethnicity, Israeli urban centers and the kibbutz, past dreams and present reality and, yes, also the Israeli Palestinian conflict and the Jewish Holocaust. Come for one, some, or all, of these Saturday evenings for wonderful, insightful, films and discussion. Diplomat , Dir: Dana Goren, Israel 2009, 80 min., Russian with English subtitles: Diplomat Hotel was once luxurious, five-star hotel in Jerusalem, with eight floors, 700 rooms, aged long corridors, green lawns and vestiges of a pool. For 20 years, the hotel has been a respite for 600 immigrants from the former Soviet Union. The residents have never assimilated into Israeli culture, instead existing secluded from the outside world. Many of them never leave the haven of its walls. After all, even their most basic needs like medical care and cultural activities can be provided for by their neighbors down the hall in their own language, Russian.
Sponsors:	This film series is part of an ongoing collaboration between Duke University and the Israeli Documentary Filmmakers Forum and is made possible through generous donations by Kehillah members David & Adele Roth and Stan & Marion Robboy
January 24, 2016	Diversity in Our Community – 'What's Going On?': Islamophobia
Time:	2:00 pm
Location:	Quail Ridge Books, 3522 Wade Ave., Raleigh, NC 27607
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Panel Discussion
Description:	Quail Ridge Books invites the community to come out and talk about the social interaction problem in our community. On Sunday, January 24, at 2 pm they will host Part 3 in the conversation, <i>What's Going On? Taking on Diversity in Raleigh</i> . The meeting will feature: Oliver Muhammed (Imam, As-Salaam Islamic Center), Professor Carl Ernst (Co-director, Middle East Center, UNC-Chapel Hill), Rev. Dr. Nancy Petty (Minister, Pullen Memorial Baptist Church), and Manzoor Cheema (Founder, Muslims for Social Justice). The motivation to sponsor these conversations was sparked by the book; <i>Taking On Diversity: How We Can Move From Anxiety To Respect</i> , which helped us see and better understand the multiple diversity issues with which our nation is struggling. With the themes of that book as a guide, the series of conversations are be co-moderated by Rupert Nacoste and Clay Stalnaker. For more information about this event, please call (919)828-1588.
Sponsors:	Quail Ridge Books

January 25, 2016	Paradoxes of Protection: Uncertain Urban Displacement and the Politics of Durable Solutions for Iraqi Refugees in Cairo, Egypt
Time:	3:30 am - 5:00 pm
Location:	Hyde Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>The UNC Department of Anthropology and UNC Curriculum in Global Studies would like to invite you to the upcoming Job Talk with a Candidate for Assistant Professor of Anthropology with a Special Focus on Migration Issues Dr. Nadia El-Shaarawi, Assistant Professor of Global Studies at Colby College.</p> <p>Nadia El-Shaarawi is Assistant Professor of Global Studies at Colby College. She is a cultural and medical anthropologist who specializes in transnational forced migration, humanitarian intervention, and mental health in the Middle East and North Africa. Her current book project analyzes how, in the aftermath of the 2003 invasion and the sectarian violence that followed, Iraqi refugees in the Middle East negotiated uncertain conditions of protracted urban exile and how interactions with global and international institutions and policies, especially refugee resettlement, had implications for mental health, well-being, and identity. Prior to joining Colby, Nadia was the Global Migration Postdoctoral Fellow at the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University, where her work included collaborative research on the health and social effects of displacement and resettlement. At Duke, Nadia also led students in ethnographic field research on refugee issues in Egypt, Jordan, and North Carolina. Nadia received her PhD in Anthropology and her MPH in International Health from Case Western Reserve University.</p>
Sponsors:	UNC Department of Anthropology and UNC Curriculum in Global Studies
January 25, 2016	DUMESC Films: "The Law in These Parts" (Israel/Palestine)
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Richard White Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Film Screening
Description:	<p>Can a modern democracy impose a prolonged military occupation on another people while maintaining its democratic values? Since Israel conquered the territories of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the 1967 war, the military has imposed thousands of orders and laws, established military courts, sentenced hundreds of thousands of Palestinians, and developed a system of long-term jurisdiction by an occupying army that is unique in the entire world. This film explores this story through testimonies of the military legal professionals who were the architects of the system.</p>
Sponsors:	Duke Center for Jewish Studies, and the Program in the Arts of the Moving Image
January 26, 2016	"Beyond Hysteria or Apologia, the ISIS Challenge in Perspective" Ambassador Alberto M. Fernandez
Time:	5:15 pm - 6:45 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>The ideological/propaganda challenge of the Islamic State is unique in terms of both message and propagation. Much hyperbole has gone into either exaggerating or minimizing this challenge for reasons sometimes only tangentially connected with the threat. Fernandez's remarks place the potent ISIS narrative within the broader context of a deep crisis of authority in the Sunni Arab Muslim world, facilitated by regional events and amplified by historic, regional political-military shifts and an ongoing global revolution in the use of social media.</p> <p>Ambassador Alberto M. Fernandez is Vice-President of the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) and board member of the Center for Cyber and Homeland Security at George</p>

	<p>Washington University. He retired in 2015 after 32 years in the U.S. Foreign Service with the rank of Minister-Counselor. Ambassador Fernandez served as Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassies in Khartoum, Sudan and Malabo, Equatorial Guinea and was Coordinator at the Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communications (CSCC) from 2012 to 2015. He also served in senior public diplomacy positions in Afghanistan, Jordan, Guatemala, Syria, Kuwait, and in the State Department’s Near East Bureau (NEA) in Washington, D.C.</p>
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Duke University Center for International Studies (DUCIS) and the Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS).
January 26, 2016	New Turkish Cinema: Annemin Şarkısı Song of My Mother
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Richard White Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Film Screening
Description:	The film follows the life of young teacher Ali who lives with his aging mother Nigar in Istanbul’s Tarlabasi district, home to many Kurdish refugees since the 1990s. (<i>Erol Mintas, 2014, 90 min, Turkey/France/Germany, in Turkish w/ English subtitles, Color, Blu-Ray</i>). The film will be introduced by Prof. Didem Havlioğlu (Slavic & Eurasian Studies) with Q&A to follow. For more information, click here . This event is free and open to the public.
Sponsors:	Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (AMES), Duke University Middle East Studies Center (DUMESC), Global Education Office for Undergraduates (GEO – Duke in Istanbul), and the Program in the Arts of the Moving Image (AMI)
January 27, 2016	“Terrorized – How Anti-Muslim Fringe Organizations Became Mainstream” – A Discussion with Prof. Chris Bail
Time:	12:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	In July 2010, Terry Jones, the pastor of a small fundamentalist church in Florida, announced plans to burn two hundred Qur’ans on the anniversary of the September 11 attacks. Though he ended up canceling the stunt in the face of widespread public backlash, his threat sparked violent protests across the Muslim world that left at least twenty people dead. In <i>Terrified</i> , Christopher Bail demonstrates how the beliefs of fanatics like Jones are inspired by a rapidly expanding network of anti-Muslim organizations that exert profound influence on American understanding of Islam. Christopher A. Bail is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Duke University. A light lunch will be served. For more information or questions about this event, email Catherine Angst at catherine.angst@duke.edu or click here .
Sponsors:	Duke University’s John Hope Franklin Center and the Duke Islamic Studies Center
January 27, 2016	Ziad Majed “La Révolution Syrienne: Le droit, L’art et La Mémoire”
Time:	12:00 pm- 1:30 pm
Location:	Old Chem
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Round-table lunch in French with Professor Ziad Majed from the American University in Paris. Prof. Majed is the author of a book on the popular, anti-Assad Syrian revolution published in both French and Arabic and currently, Majed is a major voice in current debates around the many consequences of the conflicts in Syria radiating out from the Middle East. Prof. Majed is visiting Duke to participate in the conference, “Arab Refugee Crisis in the 21st Century” on January 28 and 29. To read his multilingual blog here . For more information about this event,

	click here .
Sponsors:	The Forum for Scholars and Publics, The Center for French and Francophone Studies, and Asian & Middle Eastern Studies (AMES) at Duke
January 27, 2016	Representations of Sigheh Women in the Iranian Cultural Imaginary: Sadegh Chubak's Sang-e Sabur with Dr. Claudia Yaghoobi
Time:	5:30 pm
Location:	House Undergraduate Library
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<i>Sigheh</i> marriage (temporary marriage), which is purported to be a pre-Islamic custom practiced by the Iranian Twelver Shi'is, was a common alliance at the time of the Prophet Muhammad and believed to be sanctioned in the Qur'an. Although <i>sigheh</i> marriages have gone through many ups and downs during the history of modern Iran, one thing that remains consistent is the stigma attached to it. This talk addresses the figure of <i>sigheh</i> women, their social status, and their liminality but simultaneous hyper-visibility in Persian fiction and film of pre- and post-Islamic Revolution. This talk will examine Sadeq Chubak's <i>Sang-e Sabur (The Patient Stone)</i> , written in 1966 as the novel illustrates how the changing views about women's increased public presence at this time intersected with the male-dominated views that saw women as objects of desire and signifiers of the potential for corruption and disarray.
Sponsors:	UNC Persian Studies
January 27, 2016	Seeking Progress: Strengthening the Prospects for Middle East Peace
Time:	7:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	You are invited to join us Wednesday January 27th at 7:30 PM in the Mandela Auditorium of the FedEx Global Education Center to hear firsthand accounts of what it was like to work behind the scenes of the Israeli-Palestinian talks. You are also invited to a reception at 4pm on the 27th at NC Hillel (210 W. Cameron Ave) to meet Mr. Makovsky and Mr. al-Omari. Please RSVP to lfine@nchillel.org . David Makovsky served for ten months on Secretary of State John Kerry's Mideast peace negotiating team. Ghaith al-Omari is a former advisor to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. Their perspectives provide a riveting view of the issues, the personalities, and the prospects for peace moving forward.
Sponsors:	This event is sponsored by: North Carolina Hillel, the Israel on Campus Coalition, UNC Global , Curriculum on Global Studies, Center for Global Initiatives, Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Carolina Center for Jewish Studies UNC Student Government, J Street UNC, Heels for Israel
January 28, 29 2016	Conference: Arab Refugee Crisis in the 21st Century
Time:	4:30pm – 7:30 pm
Location:	Rubenstein Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Conference
Description:	The Syrian refugee crisis, in its scale, intensity and duration, has served as a clarion call regarding the urgency of an ever-growing global refugee population. To foster an atmosphere of conversation and broadened perspective, this interactive conference will explore the way the crisis is being interpreted in the international arena through the lens of international law,

	<p>domestic U.S. policy and [social] media – as well as its direct impact on its victims and survivors as shared through the increasingly vibrant arts scene that has emerged from this besieged population, and anecdotes from those who have worked with them in refugee camps. Panelists are undergraduate and graduate students, professors, activists, journalists, and artists and hail from around the world. For information regarding registration, conference participants, panels and more, please visit here.</p> <p>Please email iyman.ahmed@duke.edu with any questions.</p>
Sponsors:	DUMESC, Duke Islamic Studies Center, Office of Global Affairs, Duke University Center for International Studies, The Center for French and Francophone Studies
January 30, 2016	Reel Israel: Fourth Annual Israeli Documentary Film Series ‘In-Between’
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Kehillah Synagogue
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Film
Description:	<p>Through six incredible documentary films, go on a tour of Israel like you’ve never seen before. Each film screening will be followed by evocative, honest discussions, led by Duke Associate Professor Shai Ginsburg. Our sixth film will be shown on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. This series aims to diversify the vision of Israel, screening some of the most successful, both critically and commercially acclaimed, Israeli documentary films in recent years. The films explore a wide range of issues and themes: immigration and emigration, aging, gender, ethnicity, Israeli urban centers and the kibbutz, past dreams and present reality and, yes, also the Israeli Palestinian conflict and the Jewish Holocaust. Come for one, some, or all, of these Saturday evenings for wonderful, insightful, films and discussion:</p> <p>This film series is part of an ongoing collaboration between Duke University and the Israeli Documentary Filmmakers Forum and is made possible through generous donations by Kehillah members David & Adele Roth and Stan & Marion Robboy.</p> <p>Suggested donation: Series Pass-\$40; Individual Films-\$10; Student Price-\$6 per film (ID required). For more information, please contact Sherri Morris at sherri@kehillahsynagogue.org</p>
Sponsors:	Kehillah members David & Adele Roth and Stan & Marion Robboy
January 31, 2016	“Challenging Racism and Islamophobia” – A Discussion with Manzoor Cheema
Time:	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Location:	Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	<p>Manzoor Cheema, an award-winning human rights activist from Raleigh, will present a brief overview of Islam, roots of Islamophobia, Islamophobia’s connection to racism and other forms of oppression, and strategies to defeat Islamophobia. From 2005-2009, he produced about 50 episodes of “Independent Living,” a grassroots TV show with reports on controversies in many cities that aired on The People’s Channel locally and 70 public access stations in the US. It won the channel’s award for best documentary-based program. His company, Media Diversion, produces short documentary films and provides social media services to non-profits and small businesses.</p> <p>The program is free, but attendees are asked to register at the ERUUF Web site (www.eruuf.org) to that the fellowship may plan accordingly. A light lunch will be served and child care is available by request. Donations are appreciated but not required. For more information or any questions, please contact Dick Chady at (919)200-3585.</p>
Sponsors:	
January 31, 2016	“Preventing Violent Extremism and Countering Anti-Islam Bigotry in 2016” – A Lecture by Prof. David Schanzer

Time:	3:00 pm
Location:	The Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies- NC
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>The rise of ISIS, violent attacks by some Muslim Americans in the US, and backlash against Muslim Americans due to the attacks and vitriolic campaign rhetoric have presented challenges for Muslim Americans. Duke Professor David Schanzer will analyze these trends and suggest a path forward for those seeking a more peaceful and just society. This event was rescheduled to January 31 due to inclement weather.</p> <p>Admission is free and refreshments will be served. For more information or questions about this event, send an email to infor@iitsnc.org or click here. To RSVP for this event (please RSVP before January 22), please click here.</p>
Sponsors:	
February 1, 2016	“Discovering Carthage: The reception of antiquity in 19th century Tunisia” – Lecture by Ridha Moumni
Time:	5:30 pm
Location:	Gardner Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>Napoleon’s Campaign of Egypt (1798-99) demonstrated that the will to expansion of the colonial empires was not only economic and military, but also cultural and scientific. It confirmed the interest in the most fascinating treasure of Egypt: its archaeological heritage, which had immense significance in other Arab countries of the Mediterranean. In Tunisia, the first collections of antiquities were established in the early 19th century. This collecting practice was not limited to foreigners, but also touched the local ruling class. The Tunisian ruling class quickly became aware of the stakes of their cultural heritage, which became an important referent of national identity before the French colonization in 1881. Ridha Moumni’s research focuses on the identity of Tunisia and the Maghreb, with particular interest in the meeting of Eastern and Western civilizations in the African territory, both in antiquity and in modern times. For more information or questions about this event, please email Dan Sherman at dsherman@email.unc.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by: The Center for African Studies; the Curriculum in Archaeology and Research Laboratories of Archaeology; the Department of Romance Studies; the Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations and Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies; and the Triangle Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America.
February 2, 2016	Great Decisions Lecture: “The Rise of ISIS”
Time:	7:00pm
Location:	Carroll Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>Dr. William McCants, a leading scholar on ISIS and counterterrorism will present on the “The Rise of ISIS”. Dr. William McCants is a fellow at the Center for Middle East Policy and director of the Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World at the Brookings Institution. He is also an adjunct faculty member at Johns Hopkins and is a former senior advisor on violent extremism to the US State Department’s Office of the Coordinator of Counterterrorism. Dr. McCants is a leading scholar on ISIS, and recently published a book, “The ISIS Apocalypse”, on the subject this past fall. The lecture will be followed by a question and answer session. For more information about this event, please contact Meredith Freeland at merkiser@live.unc.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by: Great Decisions, and the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies and Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations

February 2, 2016	Democracy in Israel (with J St. UNC)
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	North Carolina Hillel
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	<p>“We hear all the time that Israel is the Middle East’s only democracy- but what does that actually mean? Join J Street UNC for a discussion about the state of democracy today in Israel. As advocates for a two-state solution, it is critical to understand the rising power of anti-democratic forces within Israel and what various members of the civil society and government are doing to preserve Israel’s founding doctrine as a Jewish and democratic state.</p> <p>Which populations enjoy the right to vote, and where do they live? Who enjoys civil and political rights of free expression and assembly? By the end of the event, you’ll leave with an understanding of the struggle between pro-democratic and anti-democratic forces within Israel, and what steps you can take this semester to act on your two-state values. Bring your questions about current events in Israel.”</p>
Sponsors:	
February 4, 2016	Film Screening: ‘Salam Neighbor’
Time:	5:00 pm
Location:	Rosenau Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	<p>In Salam Neighbor, an award-winning documentary on the Syrian refugee crisis, filmmakers Chris and Zach immerse themselves and the viewer in the life of a Syrian refugee as they spend one month living alongside displaced families in a tent in the Za’atari refugee camp. Their feature-length film helps to tell the stories of our refugee neighbors with dignity and depth. The film has won awards such as the official selection of the American Film Institute. The filmmakers will speak after the film and take questions from the audience. There will also be a raffle with items from Chapel Hill Sportswear and Johnny T-Shirt. All proceeds will go to UNHCR, if you wish to participate in the raffle, please bring cash. Refreshments will be provided. For more information about this event, please contact Chris Peters at cpete@live.unc.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	Sponsored by The Student Global Health Committee of the Gillings School of Global Public Health
February 4, 2016	Ambassador Wendy Sherman, Former Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs and Lead U.S. Negotiator in Iranian Nuclear Deal
Time:	6:00 pm
Location:	Fleishman Commons
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>Ambassador Sherman will deliver the Ambassador Dave and Kay Phillips Family International Lecture titled “Negotiating Change: The Inside Story Behind the Iran Nuclear Deal.” In the talk, Amb. Sherman will reveal details of the process that ultimately earned her the National Security Medal. AGS Director, Peter Feaver, will host the discussion. As Undersecretary for Political Affairs from September 2011 to October 2015, Sherman led the series of U.S. negotiations with Iran that culminated in an agreement last July. This talk is free and open to the public.</p> <p>Email Aly Breuer at aly.breuer@duke.edu with any questions or for more information.</p>
Sponsors:	
February 5, 2016	Film: ‘Ho Mann Jahaan’

Time:	5:00 pm
Location:	Carmike Park Place 16
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Film
Description:	“Ho Mann Jahaan”, the super-hit Pakistani film, is a coming of age urban story set in present day Karachi. The film revolves around three main characters and their friendship, born out of shared experiences, a passion for music, and aspiration for fame. This is a film of many layers, connecting to both younger and older generations. For show times, please click here . For more information or questions about this event, please call Roop at (919) 813-999.
Sponsors:	
February 8, 2016	Honoring Our Three Winners: A Stop Hunger Now Event
Time:	3:00 – 8:00 pm
Location:	Frank Porter Graham Student Union
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	The UNC Muslim Students Association will be hosting a Stop Hunger Now service event to honor the Our Three Winners: Deah Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha and Razan Abu-Salha, who were victims of the Chapel Hill Shooting. During this event, individuals will be working in teams to pack dehydrated meals that are shipped throughout the world to support school feeding programs, orphanages and for crisis relief. Individuals can sign up for 45-minute shifts (one or more), which will include an orientation, the actual meal packing, and clean up. Please register as soon as possible to guarantee spots. We humbly advise UNC students, faculty, and staff to sign up for early shifts to allow members of the greater community spots after 5 pm once free parking is available. This event is free and open to the public. If you would like to donate to fund the resources for the event or to register for the event, please follow the link here . For more information or questions about this event, please click here or email Sara Khan at sarak786@live.unc.edu .
Sponsors:	The UNC Muslim Students Association
February 8, 2016	International Coffee Hour
Time:	5:00 pm- 6:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	Join The Center for Global Initiatives for their monthly social hour to bring together international UNC community members and students excited about global engagement. Chat about opportunities and challenges on campus. Meet staff from the hosting offices with great resources to share. Refreshments will be provided including Espresso Oasis coffee. For more information, please contact The Center for Global Initiatives at cgi@unc.edu .
Sponsors:	The Writing Center and the Graduate and Professional Student Federation
February 8, 2016	Asian Film Series: ‘The Journey of Vaan Nguyen (Ha-Masa shel Van)’
Time:	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	Hoiami Nguyen, Vaan Nguyen’s father, was one of many “boat people” who fled Vietnam in 1975 and found asylum in Israel as part of the international effort to save Vietnamese refugees. Now, Vaan Nguyen, an Israeli poet follows her father back to Vietnam in order to reclaim their confiscated land. Their journey becomes a parable on the loss of identity and the fate of

	refugees. Set in Israel and Vietnam. Duki Dror, 2005. 84 min. Filmed in Hebrew and Vietnamese and shown with English subtitles. Screening at 6:30 p.m., reception at 8:30 p.m. Contact Yaron Shemer at yshemer@email.unc.edu for more information.
Sponsors:	The Carolina Asia Center
January 8, 2016	
	Film Screening: 'Iraqi Odyssey'
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Richard White Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	Tracing the emigrations of his family over more than half a century, this riveting 3D documentary epic from acclaimed expatriate Iraqi filmmaker Samir pays moving homage to the frustrated democratic dreams of a people successively plagued by the horrors of colonialism, dictatorship, war, and foreign occupation. Samir was born in Baghdad and has lived in Switzerland since he was child, while the members of his extended family are scattered all over the world with only a handful remaining in Iraq. Recounting his family's stories of departures and uprootings, in <i>Iraqi Odyssey</i> Samir also chronicles how Iraqis' dreams of building a modern and just society after their nation achieved independence in the 1950s were brutally dashed over the course of half a century. 162 min, Switzerland, in Arabic and English w/ English subtitles. For more information about this event, please click here .
Sponsors:	Sponsors: The Duke University Middle East Studies Center (DUMESC), and the Program in the Arts of the Moving Image (AMI)
February 10, 2016	
	"Writing Fiction When Your Country is Falling Apart" Khalid Khalifa
Time:	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	This event is part of a three-day event at Duke University with award-winning Syrian novelist Khaled Khalifa. This particular event will be a public talk by Khaled Khalifa on fiction writing since the outbreak of the Syrian Revolution in 2011. His latest novel is <i>Knives in this City's Kitchen</i> , published in Cairo in 2013. It is about the "price that Syrians have paid under the rule of the Baath party" as headed by President Bashaar Al-Assad. It won the Naguib Mahfouz Medal for Literature. It was shortlisted for the International Prize for Arabic Fiction in 2014. For more information or questions about this event, please email lyman Ahmed at iyman.ahmed@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: Duke University Middle East Studies Center; Mellon Foundation Humanities Writ Large, The Novel Project at Duke
February 10, 2016	
	2016 Carolina Global Photography Exhibition Opening Reception
Time:	5:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Exhibit
Description:	Join UNC Global for a reception and art viewing of the 2016 Carolina Global Photography Exhibition. View photography from around the world in this exhibition featuring work by UNC-CH alumni, faculty, staff and students. The exhibition opened Jan. 11 and will run through April 1, 2015, at the FedEx Global Education Center. All photography on display was submitted as part of UNC's annual Carolina Global Photography Competition . For more information, please click here .
Sponsors:	This event is co-sponsored by: the African Studies Center; Carolina Asia Center; Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations; Center for European Studies; Center

	for Global Initiatives; Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies; Curriculum in Global Studies; Global Relations; Global Research Institute; Food Theme Steering Committee; Institute for the Study of the Americas; International Student and Scholar Services; and the Study Abroad Office.
February 10, 2016	Our Three Winners Memorial: A Day of Light
Time:	6:00 pm
Location:	Stafford Commons
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	The event is meant to remember and honor the lives of “Our Three Winners” on the anniversary of their deaths. The memorial includes a call to prayer, guest speakers, and a candlelight remembrance. For more information, please call 919.515.2446, click here , or visit the Facebook event here . For any questions about this event, please email Anna Bigelow at abbigelo@ncsu.edu .
Sponsors:	NC State University
February 11, 2016	“In Praise of Hatred” A Conversation with Khalid Khalifa
Time:	5:30 pm
Location:	Rubenstein Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	This event is part of a three-day event at Duke University with award-winning Syrian novelist Khaled Khalifa. In this event, Khalifa will talk about his third book “In Praise of Hatred” and the issues of writing and translating his work. Khalifa spent thirteen years working on “In Praise of Hatred” (Madih al-karahiya), which is about how the lives of one family are affected by the battle between the Syrian government and the Muslim Brotherhood. It was published in Damascus in 2006, until it was banned by the Syrian government, when it was republished in Beirut. For more information or questions about this event, please email Iyman Ahmed at iyman.ahmed@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: Duke University Middle East Studies Center; Mellon Foundation Humanities Writ Large, The Novel Project at Duke
February 11, 2016	Shattered Glass: An Artistic Commemoration
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Talley Ballroom, NC State University
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	NC State alumnus Mohammad Moussa will present “Shattered Glass,” a 45-minute performance that fuses poetry, images and videos to pay tribute to Deah, Yusor and Razan. The goal of “Shattered Glass” is to continue the conversation about the tragedy and to reflect on what it means for our communities. The piece is also a commemoration of the victims and their legacies. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit the Facebook event here . For any questions about this event, please email Anna Bigelow at abbigelo@ncsu.edu . There will be a second performance of Shattered Glass at UNC on February 20, 2016 at the UNC-CH Genome Science Building. Doors open at 6:30pm.
Sponsors:	Shattered Glass is sponsored by NC State and The Light House Project.
February 12, 2016	“On the Situations of the Knowers”: Commentary of the Mystical Works of Avicenna by Prof. Mohsen Kadivar
Time:	5:45pm – 8:45pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center

	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	In the Persian lecture series, Mohsen Kadivar – an Iranian philosopher and research professor of Islamic Studies at Duke University – comments on the mystical works of Avicenna (980-1037), the Persian philosopher and physician who is regarded as one of the most significant thinkers and writers of the Islamic golden age. The fifth session is dedicated to “On the Situations of the Knowers.” It is the ninth chapter of <i>Remarks and Admonition</i> , one of his most important book and one of the most significant philosophical and mystical works in medieval age. “On the Situations of the Knowers” is one of the most important of classical works on Sufism or mysticism. It will answer to this major question: What are the major characteristics of a knower? *Please note that this lecture is in Persian. This Persian event is open to all who speak Persian or love Persian mystical literature. For more information, please contact Sam Aghamiri at sam.aghamiri@gmail.com .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Iranian Circle of Culture and Wisdom.
February 12, 2016	“Death Is Hard Work” Arabic Session with Khalid Khalifa
Time:	6:00 pm
Location:	Lilly Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	This event is part of a three-day event at Duke University with award-winning Syrian novelist Khaled Khalifa. Khalifa will present his fifth and latest novel “Death is Hard Work” which was published January 2016. In this book, a car makes its way from Syria to al-‘Annabiyah. Inside it is a body to be buried in a home village, two men, and a woman while outside there’s a war going on. This event will be conducted in Arabic and is free and open to all Arabic-Speakers. For more information or questions about this event, please email lyman Ahmed at iyman.ahmed@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: Duke University Middle East Studies Center; Mellon Foundation Humanities Writ Large, The Novel Project at Duke
February 12, 2016	Deconstructing a Hate Crime
Time:	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Location:	Duke Law School
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Local attorneys and community organizers will discuss updates on the criminal trial for the Chapel Hill shootings and provide information on what individuals should do when they believe they have been victims of religious discrimination or hate crimes. Topics include how to push for change in hate crime laws in North Carolina and non-legal alternatives for victims and allies. Co-sponsored by Duke Muslim Law Students Association and The Light House Project. Please complete this form if you are a UNC student who needs transport for this event or if you are willing to provide transport. Light refreshments will be served at 6:00pm. For more information about this event, please click here or contact Shajuti Hossain at shajuti.hossain@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	
February 12, 2016	Urdu Majlis
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	Please join Urdu Majlis as they celebrate the life and works of poet Parveen Shakir (1952-1994).

	Parveen Shakir, aside from being a poet and teacher, was a civil servant of the Government of Pakistan. Starting from a young age, Shakir published many poems and eventually received one of Pakistan's highest honors, the Pride of Performance for her outstanding contribution to literature. Urdu Majlis is an intellectual endeavor with no political or religious affiliations. Light refreshments will be served. For more information or questions about this event, call Afroz Taj at 919-851-1119 or Seema and Ashraf Faruqi at 919-596-4792.
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by: The Carolina Asia Center and the South Asia Section of the UNC Dept. of Asian Studies.
February 13, 2016	Muslim Women Trailblazers
Time:	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Location:	Grey Building
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	This panel discussion will feature three groundbreaking and forward thinking women. Dr. Ingrid Mattson, Malika Bilal, and Edina Lekovic. These three women will be featured on a panel discussion where they will share their experiences and struggles of being Muslim women in the spotlight and what it takes to succeed being Muslim, being woman, being a woman of color, etc. Please join us as we welcome these amazing powerful women. There will be a catered lunch from 12-1pm. For more information about this event, click here or email Julie Maxwell at jem101@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: The Center for Muslim Life in association with its co-sponsors, The Penny Pilgrim George Women's Leadership Initiative, The Women's Center at Duke University and the Duke Muslim Student Association.
February 13, 2016	Reel Israel: Fourth Annual Israeli Documentary Film Series 'God's Messengers'
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Kehillah Synagogue
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Film
Description:	Through six incredible documentary films, go on a tour of Israel like you've never seen before. Each film screening will be followed by evocative, honest discussions, led by Duke Associate Professor Shai Ginsburg. Our sixth film will be shown on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. This series aims to diversify the vision of Israel, screening some of the most successful, both critically and commercially acclaimed, Israeli documentary films in recent years. The films explore a wide range of issues and themes: immigration and emigration, aging, gender, ethnicity, Israeli urban centers and the kibbutz, past dreams and present reality and, yes, also the Israeli Palestinian conflict and the Jewish Holocaust. Come for one, some, or all, of these Saturday evenings for wonderful, insightful, films and discussion: Suggested donation: Series Pass-\$40; Individual Films-\$10; Student Price-\$6 per film (ID required). For more information, please contact Sherri Morris at sherri@kehillahsynagogue.org
Sponsors:	This film series is part of an ongoing collaboration between Duke University and the Israeli Documentary Filmmakers Forum and is made possible through generous donations by Kehillah members David & Adele Roth and Stan & Marion Robboy.
February 14, 2016	Persian Poetry Night
Time:	4:00pm – 8:00pm
Location	The Club House
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Cultural Event
Description:	Please join the Persian Art Center in Carolina for an evening of poetry and live music. An introduction by Dr. Amir Rezvani will then be followed by presentations by Dr. Ahmad Golchin

	and Mr. Hamid Yazdani. Persian poetry reading and live music will end the night. Seating is limited, please arrive on time. The Persian Poetry Group in Chapel Hill honors, respects and promotes freedom of speech and expression. For more information or questions about this event, please call: 919-259-0959.
Sponsors:	Sponsored by Persian Art Center in Carolina and promoted by Kadoom.com.
February 14, 2016	Ali Paris: A Valentine's Day Musical Performance
Time:	6:00pm
Location:	Reynolds Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Performance
Description:	A Valentine's Day FREE performance of Arab classical Qanun, infused with the unique, romantic glamour of flamenco, jazz, soul, and pop. Ali Paris is one of the most internationally renowned Palestinian musicians in the world. Paris has debuted professionally since the age of twelve, and has gained overwhelming appreciation from connoisseurs and critics of Arabic Classical Music for over a decade. His career jettisoned with performances for the United Nations and the President of Palestine. Today, he tours with artists like Alicia Keys, performs internationally, and leads his own band called the Ali Amr Quintet. To see a preview of Ali Paris, click here . For more information or questions about this event, please send an email to performances@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	
February 15, 2016	New Turkish Cinema: 'Sivas'
Time:	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Location:	White Lecture Hall, East Campus
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	<i>Kaan Mujdeci, 2014, 97 min, Germany/Turkey, in Turkish w/ English subtitles.</i> Establishing a bleak village in Eastern Turkey as its setting, Sivas features the story of Aslan, an eleven-year-old boy, and Sivas, a weathered fighting dog who develop a strong relationship after Aslan finds Sivas wounded in a ditch, left to die. A school play dominates the background. This film will be introduced by Prof. Erdağ Göknaar and will be followed by a Q&A session. It is free and open to the public. For more information about this event and the film, please click here .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: Asian & Middle Eastern Studies (AMES), Duke University Middle East Studies Center, Global Education Office(GEO)/Duke in Istanbul, the Program in the Arts of the Moving Image (AMI).
February 15, 2016	Excavations of Huqoq in Israel's Galilee
Time:	7:30pm – 9:00pm
Location:	Genome Science Building
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Jodi Magness, a Kenan Distinguished Professor at UNC, has been directing excavations in the ancient village of Huqoq in Israel's Galilee since 2011. The excavations have brought to light the remains of a monumental Late Roman (fifth century) synagogue building paved with stunning and unique mosaics, including depictions of the biblical hero Samson. In this slide-illustrated lecture, Professor Magness will share these exciting finds, including the discoveries made in the summer 2015 season. <i>Eli N. Evans Distinguished Lecture in Jewish Studies II</i> . For more information, please email ccjs@unc.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: Carolina Center for Jewish Studies
February 16, 2016	Islam as Black History: A Conversation with Edward Curtis and Jamillah Karim
Time:	7:00pm – 8:30pm

Location:	Perkins Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Join Edward Curtis and Jamillah Karim in conversation around questions about Islam as Black History and why is it important to integrate the study of Black history and Islam. How does the study of gender challenge both Islamic and Black history? What role does Africa play in Islamic history? Why is it important for U.S. Muslims to study Black history? Edward Curtis is Millennium Chair of the Liberal Arts and Professor of Religious Studies at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Jamillah Karim is an award-winning author, lecturer, and blogger. For more information about this information, click here or email Julie Maxwell at jem101@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: African and African American Studies (AAAS) and Franklin Humanities Institute (FHI)
February 16, 2016	
2016 African Film Festival: Bab El-Oued City (1994)	
Time:	7:00pm – 8:50pm
Location:	Richard White Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	“Bab el-Oued” is working class district of Algiers, shortly after the bloody riots of October 1988. Boualem is a young worker in the district bakery. He works hard at night and sleeps during the day. One morning, he commits a “foolish” act which puts the entire district in turmoil. A group of young extremists headed by Said, sets out in the search of the culprit of this “provocative” act with the intention of making an example by punishing him. Violence settles in and quickly develops when Yamina, Said’s younger sister, is caught while meeting Boualem, with whom she is secretly in love. All showings are free and light refreshments will be served. Please contact Amadou Fofana at afofana@willamette.edu for more information.
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: The Duke Africa Initiative
February 17, 2016	
W@TC “Mihri Hatun: A Woman, A Poet, A Beloved”	
Time:	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Mihri’s existence as a woman poet in the overwhelmingly male literary world of the early-modern times is a curious instance as she does not only claim a space as a “woman,” but a respected space as a Muslim woman in literary circles. Professor Didem Havioglu will argue that her success can be explained as follows: first, the Islamic literary aesthetics and intellectual history can allow gendered voices; second, as she was very well-versed in literary and religious texts, she knew how to legitimately stretch the limits of the aesthetic and intellectual traditions of her time. Havioglu’s presentation is presented by Duke University’s John Hope Franklin Center and Duke University Middle East Studies Center. A light lunch will be served. For more information, please see here .
Sponsors:	Havioglu’s presentation is presented by Duke University’s John Hope Franklin Center and Duke University Middle East Studies Center
February 17, 2016	
“Writing and Nomads on the Iranian Plateau” Dr. Sepideh Saedi	
Time:	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture

Description:	The first form of local writing in Iran, appeared during a phase called the Proto-Elamite period. This phase ranges from ca. 3100 BCE to 2700 BCE. Archaeologists define it by the appearance of Proto-Elamite writing on tablets over a vast geographical territory across the Iranian plateau (2600 sq km.). The first cylinder seals found in Iran (outside of Khuzestan) come from the Proto-Elamite period as well. During this time Susa, one of the later capitals of the Elamite kingdom, began to show greater influence from the cultures of the Iranian plateau. In this talk Dr. Saeedi will address the question of the history of writing traditions on the Iranian Plateau with an approach that looks at the role of nomads and oral traditions in this process. Please contact harver@email.unc.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Iranian Cultural Society of NC
February 18, 2016	Film Screening: Timbuktu
Time:	6:30 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	Join the department of Romance Studies at UNC for a film screening of Timbuktu in the Tournées French Film Festival. “Based on the 2012 jihadist siege of the titular city in Mali, this film shows a ragtag band of Islamic fundamentalists announcing their increasingly absurd list of prohibitions – no music, no sports, no socializing – to Timbuktu’s denizens, several of whom refuse to follow these strictures, no matter the consequence.” Free and open to the public. Movie is in French with English Subtitles. For more information, please contact the Department of Romance Languages.
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by: The Center for European Studies, Department of Asian Studies
February 19, 2016	Rethinking Ottoman Modernity: Culture, Politics, and Religion
Time:	12:00pm- 2:00pm
Location:	Old Chem
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	For this discussion, a panel of distinguished scholars will discuss some of the cultural, political, and religious contexts and legacies of the little known period of late Ottoman modernity from the 1820s to the 1920s. The period is framed by the early nineteenth century reign of Sultan Mahmud II (r. 1808-39) and the early twentieth century abolishment of the Ottoman Caliphate (1924). The panel will initiate an interdisciplinary discussion around various aspects of this period. This public forum is open to students, staff, faculty, and the community. Light Lunch will be served. For more information about this event and a listing of co-sponsors, please click here .
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by the <i>Duke Middle East Studies Center</i> , the Forum for Scholars and Publics, the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies, the Department of History (UNC), the Duke Islamic Studies Center, the Institute for Arts and Humanities, the Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies (UNC), the Carolina Asia Center, the Department of Asian Studies (UNC), the Department of Geography (UNC), the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, the Department of Religious Studies (UNC), the Curriculum in Global Studies (UNC), the Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense, and the Center for Global Initiatives (UNC), with additional support from the Chancellors Global Education Fund (UNC).
February 19, 20 2016	2016 UNC-Duke Consortium for Middle East Studies Annual Conference: WWI & The Transformation of the Middle East
Time:	6:00 pm February 19- 5:30 pm February 20
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill

Categories:	Conference
Description:	<p>This short conference will explore the consequences of World War I in the region, focusing on the creation of this new state system and the new exclusionary identities. Postwar borders and states are being contested today more than at any time over the past century, as groups like al-Qaeda seek to redefine membership and ISIS/Daesh works to reconfigure the regional map. This conference brings much-needed historical context to today's struggles over belonging, identities, and the map of the Middle East. For featured speakers, the schedule and more, please click here.</p> <p><i>This conference is free and open to the public.</i> Online registration is requested: CLICK HERE TO REGISTER. Please register by February 15. Please contact harver@email.unc.edu with questions.</p>
Sponsors:	Co-Sponsored by: Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Duke University Middle East Studies Center, UNC College of Arts and Sciences, Duke Islamic Studies Center, UNC Performing Arts Special Activities Fund, UNC Department of History, Institute for the Arts and Humanities, Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies (CSEES), Carolina Asia Center, UNC Department of Music, UNC Department of Asian Studies, UNC Department of Geography, Carolina Center for Jewish Studies, UNC Curriculum in Global Studies, UNC Curriculum in Peace, War and Defense, UNC Center for Global Initiatives, UNC Department of Religious Studies, Duke Forum for Scholars and Publics with support from the Chancellor's Global Education Fund.
February 20, 2016	Shattered Glass
Time:	6:00 pm
Location:	Genome Science Building
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Performance
Description:	<p>Shattered Glass is a multimedia spoken word performance about the tragic shootings in Chapel Hill North Carolina. On February 10th 2015, Deah Barakat, his wife Yusor Abu-Salha, and her sister Razan Abu-Salha were murdered in their home. In the aftermath people around the world are left with many questions. Who were Deah, Yusor, and Razan? What does it mean to lose your child, your sibling, or your friend? What do we do in the wake of disaster? And after our nightmares come alive, how do we remember how to dream? In this piece, the audience goes through a journey of loss, emptiness, comfort, and growth as they try to find some answers. Shattered Glass is a 45 minute performance that fuses together poetry, images, and videos. The piece is more than just a poem, a movie, or a play, but a combination of all of these things. The goal is to continue the conversation about the tragedy and to reflect on what this means for our communities. The piece is also a commemoration of the victims and their legacies. Shattered Glass is written and performed by Mohammad Moussa, a friend of Deah Barakat. He is a spoken word poet whose work has been featured on National Public Radio, American Public Media, and SwitchPoint. He has also spoken and performed at various universities and institutions, including TEDxUNC, The Process Series, and The Visualizing Human Rights Conference. Doors open at 5:30PM. The event begins at 6:00 PM. This event is open to everyone and everyone is encouraged to attend.</p>
Sponsors:	
February 21, 2016	Religions of India Field Trip
Time:	12:45pm – 5:30pm
Location:	Unnamed Venue
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	<i>Various locations throughout the Triangle, for directions and complete information, visit the website: http://www.unc.edu/~taj/religs.htm</i>

	You are invited to join on Sunday, February 21, to learn about three of the major religious traditions of South Asia. We will visit three places of worship: the Sikh Gurudwara of NC in Durham, the Hindu Bhavan in Morrisville, and the Raleigh Islamic Center. At each site we will have the opportunity to observe worship in progress, and to have conversations with practitioners of each faith. The trip includes a free lunch (langar) courtesy of the Sikh Gurudwara. If you would like to participate, please contact Afroz Taj by email or at at 919-851-1119. (Note: the phone number in the website is wrong: use 919-851-1119).
Sponsors:	Hindi-Urdu Program at UNC Chapel Hill and the Carolina Asia Center
February 22, 2016	Asian Film Series: Pestonjee
Time:	6:00pm – 8:30pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	A love triangle with several twists, this National Award-winning film stars renowned actors Shabana Azmi, Anupam Kher, and Naseeruddin Shah. One of the first Indian films set in the Parsi (Zoroastrian) community of Bombay. Hindi-Urdu, Gujarati, and Persian. Set in India. Directed by Vijay Mehta, 1987. 125 min. Reception at 6:00 p.m., screening at 6:30 p.m. Filmed in Hindi-Urdu, Gujarati and Persian & shown with English subtitles. For more information, please contact Professor Yaron Shemer at 919/962-5428 or yshemer@email.unc.edu .
Sponsors:	UNC Department of Asian Studies
February 22, 2016	Journalism at the Crossroads: Americas and Beyond
Time:	6:00 pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	Despite differences in time period and situation, there are many journalists today in war-torn, conflicted, and critical territories who suffer physically and psychologically. Societies in those territories count on the work of journalists to exercise their right of free speech. This presentation of short documentaries (film & radio) will provide critical insights into the perils and challenges journalists face while reporting from today's conflict-torn territories in crisis in the Americas and Beyond. The event will include "A Journey to Turkey-Syria Border, 15min, 2015.", a WUNC radio doc developed by Jorge Valencia, WUNC Capitol reporter who covered the murders of the three Muslim students last year in Chapel Hill, on the activism developed after the murders and a trip to the border of Syria on humanitarian grounds. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please see here or call 919-681-3980.
Sponsors:	Journalism at the Crossroads is organized by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies and the Forum for Scholars and Publics, with generous support from the Office of Global Affairs and the Hanscom Endowment, all at Duke University.
February 22, 2016	Israeli Peace Activists: Maya Wind & Eran Efrati
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Ledford Hall
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Come join the Coalition for Peace with Justice as they host Maya Wind and Eran Efrati – two Israelis who will present their experiences with joint Palestinian-Israeli struggles for justice and equality. They will relate their efforts to educate the Israeli public about the occupation of Palestine and the militarization of their society. Maya Wind is a feminist activist and a conscientious objector for which she served time in military prison. She is currently a PhD

	candidate in the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis at New York University. Eran Efrati is the executive director of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions-USA and does investigative research on the Israeli military. This event is free and open to the public. For more information or questions about this event, please email The Coalition at cpwj.contact@gmail.com .
Sponsors:	The Coalition for Peace with Justice
February 23, 2016	Forget Your Own Passport: The Curious Case of Mauricio Fresco, from Ottoman Jew to Mexican Diplomat A Lecture with Dr. Devi Mays
Time:	4:00pm – 5:30 pm
Location:	Withers Hall, NCSU
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Dr. Mays will speak about Sephardic migrants in the first four decades of the twentieth century and their reliance on transnational Sephardic networks to achieve personal and professional success and continued geographic mobility in the face of growing immigration restrictions. Dr. Mays works on transnational Jewish networks in the Mediterranean and global contexts, with a focus on Sephardic Jews. Her dissertation, “Transplanting Cosmopolitans: The Migrations of Sephardic Jews to Mexico, 1900-1934,” deals with Sephardic migrants between the Ottoman Empire, its successor states, and Mexico, studying the transnational identities, networks, and citizenships which they cultivated to circumvent restrictions imposed by the Ottoman, Mexican, and Turkish states. For information about this event, please click here . For questions, please email Akram Khater at akhater@ncsu.edu .
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by: NC State Jewish Studies and the Moise A. Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies
February 23, 2016	A Memorial Tribute: Fatema Mernissi
Time:	5:00pm – 6:00pm
Location:	Rubenstein Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	Please join for an evening of reflection to celebrate the life and work of Fatima Mernissi (1940-2015), the renowned Moroccan feminist scholar who wrote eloquently on how Islam influenced discourses on gender throughout the world. Throughout Mernissi’s life, she carefully considered the impact of European imperialism on Muslim societies as well as the potential of human agency to shape gender expectations. Speakers include miriam cooke, Ellen McLarney, Negar Mottahedeh, and Amal Boumaaza. A light lunch will be served. For more information or questions about this event, please email lyman Ahmed at iyman.ahmed@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: Duke University Middle East Studies Center and Duke University’s John Hope Franklin Center
February 23, 2016	Palestine is Here: Militarized Policing and Displacement in Palestine and the United States
Time:	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Location:	Bingham Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Israeli activities Maya Wind and Eran Efrati will discuss the militarized policing and displacement in Palestine and the United States. Maya Wind, currently a doctoral student in Social and Cultural Analysis at NYU, co-founded the <i>Shministim</i> group of Israeli conscientious objectors in 2008, and was sentenced to military prison. Since her release she has been active with civil society organizations, including the <i>Israeli Committee Against House</i>

	<p><i>Demolitions & New Profile: The Feminist Movement to Demilitarize Israeli Society.</i> Eran Efrati is the executive director of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions-USA. Today his research focuses on international military and police partnerships and the global arms trade. He has worked with the <i>International Criminal Court</i> and has participated in both independent and UN investigations into Israeli military operations. For more information, please contact Zaid Khatib at zkhatib@live.unc.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	Presented by UNC-CH Students for Justice in Palestine and Co-sponsored by Jewish Voice for Peace – Triangle, NC
February 24, 2016	The Media in Jordan & the First Communication Revolution in Petra
Time:	7:00pm – 8:15pm
Location:	Carroll Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>Dr. Issam Suleiman Mousa Professor of Journalism, Philadelphia University, Amman, Jordan 7 to 8:15 p.m., Feb. 24, 2016 (Wed.) in Room 143 Carroll Hall, UNC-Chapel Hill This informal presentation will cover the state of the media in Jordan. Slightly smaller in area than Indiana in the US, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is a country with few natural resources, but the nation has played an important role in the struggle for power in the Middle East. Jordan’s significance results partly from its strategic location at the crossroads of what Christians, Jews and Muslims call the Holy Land. Jordan is a key ally of the US and, together with Egypt, one of only two Arab nations to have made peace with Israel. Dr. Issam Suleiman Mousa is Professor of Journalism in Philadelphia University, Amman, Jordan. Before moving Philadelphia University in 2015, Dr. Mousa served as professor of mass communication at other universities in Bahrain and Jordan including Yarmouk University, in Irbid, a city with a population of over 1 million. Dr. Mousa earned his Ph.D. in Communication from University of Washington in Seattle in 1981 and a Master’s in Andrews University in Michigan in 1970. Dr. Mousa has published his research in scholarly journals and popular publications. He has authored several books in Arabic and English. His books in English include, <i>The Arab Image in the US Press.</i> (Peter Lang, New York, 1984), and <i>Petra: A Cultural Capital in the First Communication Revolution.</i> (Beit Al-Anbat, Amman., 2011).</p>
Sponsors:	
February 25, 2016	“The Geopolitics of Cheap Oil” A lecture by Dr. Emily Meierding
Time:	11:45am – 1:15pm
Location:	Talley Ballroom, NCSU
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>Dr. Emily Meierding will be joining NC State University for the first Energy and Security Initiative (ESI) luncheon of spring semester. Dr. Meierding previously taught at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland and was a Zukerman Fellow at the Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC) at Stanford University. She received her Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago. She has published in multiple outlets about the intersection of energy and human and national security, including the myth of “oil wars,” international joint development of cross-border oil and gas reserves, and energy and development. She currently is completing work on a book manuscript provisionally entitled <i>Oil, Territory, and War</i>. Dr. Meierding will be joining the faculty of the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, in July 2016. To RSVP to this luncheon, please click here. For more information or questions about this event, please email Dr. William Botcher at william_boettcher@ncsu.edu.</p>

Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by Kenan Institute for Engineering, Technology, & Science and the School of Public & International Affairs
February 25, 2016	“Terrorism and the Challenge for Diplomacy”
Time:	5:30pm- 6:30pm
Location:	Wilson Library
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>Talk by Ambassador Anthony C. E. Quinton on “Terrorism and the Challenge for Diplomacy.”</p> <p>UNC Host/Respondent: Professor T. Leinbaugh, Department of English and Comparative Literature/Peace, War, and Defense Curriculum.</p> <p>When: Thursday, February 25th, 5:30pm-6:30pm. Reception with Ambassador Quinton following.</p> <p>Where: University of North Carolina, Wilson Library, Pleasants Family Assembly Room, 200 South Road, Chapel Hill, NC. This event is free and open to the public.</p> <p>Further Details: Ambassador Quinton has served as the US Ambassador <u>to the Central African Republic</u>, Nicaragua, Kuwait, and Peru. Ambassador Quinton also served as the <u>Director for the State Department’s Office for Combating Terrorism</u> and <u>Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security</u>. President Clinton appointed Ambassador Quinton as the <u>Director General of the Foreign Service</u> in 1997. Since 2003, Quinton has been the Distinguished Diplomat-in-Residence at the <u>School of International Service</u> at <u>American University</u>.</p> <p>Ambassador Quinton’s lecture forms part of UNC’s PWAD/CMPL 489 course, “Epic, Empire, and Diplomacy” and is one in a series of lectures for the Trans-Atlantic Forum for Education and Diplomacy (TFED). Previous guest speakers in the Forum have included Sir Christopher Meyer, the former British Ambassador to the United States, and Ambassador Richard Armitage. The lecture series is generously supported by Joan Gillings, Dr. Phil Lankford, by the Peace, War, and Defense Curriculum, and by the Association of Marshall Scholars. For further information email: leinbaugh@unc.edu.</p>
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February 25, 2016	Divided by the Sea: The Vimy Global Team Website Launch
Time:	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	<p>During the greatest migration crisis in Europe since World War II, the University of North Carolina’s Vimy Global Team traveled to Reggio Calabria in southern Italy to document the complex struggles of incoming migrants and the local population. Join the Center for Global Initiatives for a reception and get a first look at the Vimy team’s new multimedia website, DividedByTheSea.com. This event is free and open to the public. For more information or questions about this event, please click here.</p>
Sponsors:	
February 26, 2016	“Interdisciplinary Perspectives in the Study of Muslims and Pakistan”
Time:	2:45pm – 4:14pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	<p>Join scholars from across the University of North Carolina system for original and innovative research in Asian studies at an interdisciplinary conference: New Directions in Asian Studies. The 2:45pm panel will present “Interdisciplinary Perspectives in the Study of Muslims and Pakistan”. During the conference (10:30am-4:30pm), participants will also learn about</p>

	University Libraries' resources on Asia and network with scholars from across the state. This conference is free and open to the public. Learn more about the conference and find a detailed schedule of events here . Please email bdarst@email.unc.edu for more information.
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February 26, 2016	Hijabi Monologues
Time:	7:30 pm
Location:	Whitely Auditorium, Elon University
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Performance
Description:	<p>Stories and experiences by American Muslim women will be offered in a space where Muslim women can speak openly about their experiences as women, as humans and as Americans. With drama and humor, the project brings to life the diversity of Muslim-American experiences, and engages issues of race, gender and religious tolerance through stories that also challenge violence and hatred.</p> <p>Hijabi Monologues have performed at colleges and universities throughout the United States and Europe, and they lead storytelling and identity workshops that empower others to tell their own stories. This public event is also part of the Ripple Conference, a regional gathering of college students for interfaith exploration and leadership development. For more information, please visit here.</p>
Sponsors:	
February 27, 2016 February 28, 2016	Annual Duke-UNC Graduate Islamic Studies Conference: "Global Muslim Modernities and the Post-Secular"
Time:	9:00am – 1:30pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Conference
Description:	This year, the theme of the Thirteenth Annual Duke-UNC Graduate Islamic Studies Conference is "Global Muslim Modernities & The Post-Secular." The categories and concepts of "modernity" and "secularism" have received renewed attention within academic literature on Muslim societies and Islamic studies. This year's conference aspires to create a forum for those exploring and developing innovative engagements with this material from an interdisciplinary perspective drawing on critical theory and global approaches. As the program is being set up, please check out the website here to see the most updated information.
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: The Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, The Duke Middle East Studies Center, The Duke Center for Jewish Studies, Duke Islamic Studies Center, UNC's Islamicate Graduate Student Association, The Department of Religious Studies at UNC, and The Department of Cultural Anthropology at Duke
February 27, 2016	Reel Israel: Fourth Annual Israeli Documentary Film Series 'Sound of Torture'
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Kehillah Synagogue
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Film
Description:	Through six incredible documentary films, go on a tour of Israel like you've never seen before. Each film screening will be followed by evocative, honest discussions, led by Duke Associate Professor Shai Ginsburg. Our sixth film will be shown on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. This series aims to diversify the vision of Israel, screening some of the most successful, both critically and commercially acclaimed, Israeli documentary films in recent years. The films explore a wide range of issues and themes: immigration and emigration, aging,

	gender, ethnicity, Israeli urban centers and the kibbutz, past dreams and present reality and, yes, also the Israeli Palestinian conflict and the Jewish Holocaust. Come for one, some, or all, of these Saturday evenings for wonderful, insightful, films and discussion. Suggested donation: Series Pass-\$40; Individual Films-\$10; Student Price-\$6 per film (ID required). For more information, please contact Sherri Morris at sherri@kehillahsynagogue.org
Sponsors:	This film series is part of an ongoing collaboration between Duke University and the Israeli Documentary Filmmakers Forum and is made possible through generous donations by Kehillah members David & Adele Roth and Stan & Marion Robboy.
February 29, 2016	Film Screening: 'Seret Aravit'
Time:	6:30 pm
Location:	Hyde Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	<p>"Seret Aravit" is a compelling documentary that considers the richness and intensity of Egyptian cinema and also raises some disturbing questions. Israelis still wax nostalgic about that old Friday afternoon ritual, back in the times when television had just one channel and everyone would watch the Arab movie of the week. What made the Egyptian heart-rending melodramas and musicals so dear to the Israeli viewers and how did the movies succeed to cross the sealed borders between the enemies?</p> <p>The director Eyal Sagui Bizawe is a researcher of Egyptian cinema and popular culture. There will be a presentation by Eyal Sagui Bizawe: "Jews in Egyptian Cinema" on Tuesday, March 1, 11:00-12:15pm, Smith 107. Bizawe's talk is in conjunction with Prof. Shemer's class "Arab-Jews" and is open to the public. For questions or more information about the event, contact Yaron Shemer at yshemer@email.unc.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by: The Carolina Center for Jewish Studies & The Hebrew Program, UNC Asian Studies Department.
February 29, 2016	"Music and Culture in Turkey" with Artist-in-Residence Fazil Say
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	Nasher Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Turkish pianist and composer Fazil Say speaks with Erdağ Gökner, Director of the Duke Middle East Studies Center, about music and culture in Turkey, and the intersection of Western and Ottoman classical music in his own work. Say and Gökner are joined by Eren Gümrükçüoğlu, Turkish Ph.D. candidate in composition at Duke. A light reception will follow the conversation in the Nasher Museum's atrium. For more information about this event, please click here .
Sponsors:	
February 29, 2016	SiriusXM Insight's Electoral College Tour Comedy Show
Time:	7:30 pm
Location:	Page Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Performance
Description:	On the eve of the Super Tuesday Primary join SiriusXM Insight for a night of stand-up comedy with hosts Pete Dominick, John Fugelsang and Dean Obeidallah. This night will spotlight comedy centered around the Presidential Election and the state of this nation. Obeidallah, a former practicing lawyer turned political comedian/writer, is co-director of the comedy documentary "The Muslims Are Coming!" Tickets for the comedy show are now on sale at the Duke University box office in the Bryan Center, by calling (919) 684-4444 or by going online here . Tickets cost \$10 for the general public and \$5 for Duke students.

Sponsors:	Sponsors for the comedy show are the Duke University Union and POLIS, Duke's <u>Center for Politics, Leadership, Innovation & Service</u> .
March 2, 2016	The Arabian Nights in America
Time:	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>Speaker: Abdul Sattar Jawad, Duke University</p> <p>The Thousand and One Nights [alf Layla wa Layla] is the most popular world literature in the West. These Oriental Frame Tales captured the imagination of generations of Western readers and prominent writers in presenting fairy tales, romances, fables, legends, parables, anecdotes, erotica, debates, and exotic adventures. Ali Baba, Sindbad, and Aladdin and his Magic Lamp, hooked the attention of young and adults readers all over the world. The Nights, in their rich and exotic imagination, inspired poets, writers, and artists from medieval European Literature to Postmodernism. Professor Abdul Sattar Jawad will explore how the Arabian Nights inspired leading American writers like Edgar Allen Poe, Mark Twain, and Melville as well as folklore artists. Professor Sattar Jawad's lecture is presented by the John Hope Franklin Center. A light lunch will be served.</p>
Sponsors:	The John Hope Franklin Center
March 2, 2016	"Migrating Spaces: Imagining and Containing the Bidonville in the Francophone Mediterranean" A lecture by Katarzyna Pieprzak
Time:	4:15pm – 6:15pm
Location:	Friedl 115
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>In this talk, Pieprzak will explore the intertwined development of informal housing and representational aesthetics of immobility in the Francophone Mediterranean. Turning to contemporary literature and graphic novels, she asks what possibilities of self-constitution and self-revision can emerge from these migrating spaces and discourses.</p> <p>Pieprzak is Chair and Professor of Francophone Literature, French Language, and Comparative Literature at Williams College. She is the author of <i>Imagined Museums: Art and Modernity in Morocco</i> (Minnesota, 2010), the first the first cultural history of modern Moroccan art and its museums, in which she uses the site of the museum to interrogate the politics surrounding art and modernization in Morocco. There will a reception to follow after the event. This event is free and open to the public.</p> <p>For more information or questions about this event, please email Annabel Kim at annabel.kim@duke.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: Duke African & African American Studies, Women's Studies, The Franklin Humanities Institute, The Center for French and Francophone Studies, and the Office of the Provost.
March 2, 2016	Panel Discussion on the Black Muslim Experience
Time:	6:00pm – 7:30pm
Location:	Sonja Haynes Stone Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	<p>Come join UNC Black Student Movement, UNC MSA, OASIS, and the UNC Campus Y for the first official People of African Descent Celebration (P.O.A.D.) The overall objective is to celebrate blackness in its entirety outside the confines of a month. They invite any and all people to join. As part of the event, UNC MSA is co-hosting a panel discussion Wednesday March 2nd on the</p>

	Black Muslim identity, experience, and intersectionality. For more info, see the event here: https://www.facebook.com/events/1083239505077095/
Sponsors:	UNC Black Student Movement, UNC MSA, OASIS, and the UNC Campus Y
March 2, 2016	Bill Corcoran: “Delivering Development & Relief in Palestine and Lebanon”
Time:	7:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Bill Corcoran, President & CEO of American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), will speak on ANERA’s work among refugees in Palestine and Lebanon. Since 1967, ANERA has been responding to the critical needs of the Palestinian people and others caught in regional conflicts. For more information or questions about this event, please contact Dee Froeber at 919-342-8928 or cpwj.contact@gmail.com .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: The Coalition for Peace with Justice, The Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Curriculum in Global Studies, and Center for Global Initiatives.
March 3, 2016	Anat Hoffman – Women of the Wall
Time:	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Location:	Freeman Center for Jewish Life
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Anat Hoffman comes to Duke to discuss the most recent developments on Women and the Kotel. Hoffffman is an Israeli activist and serves as Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center, also known as IRAC, and is the director and a founding member of Neshot HaKotel, also known as Women of the Wall. She is a former member of the Jerusalem City Council. In 2013Haaretz named her “Person of the Year,” and the Jerusalem Post listed her fifth among its list of 50 Most Influential Jews for forcefully and successfully bringing the issue of women’s rights at the Kotel to the “forefront of the consciousness of world Jewry.” A reception will follow the event. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Serena Elliot at serena.elliott@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	Center for Jewish Studies and Jewish Life at Duke
March 3, 2016	“The Geopolitics of the New Energy Landscape” A Conversation with Meghan O’Sullivan
Time:	6:30 pm – 7:45 pm
Location:	Sanford Building
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Meghan L. O’Sullivan is the Jeane Kirkpatrick Professor of the Practice of International Affairs and Director of the Geopolitics of Energy Project at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. Between 2004 and 2007, she was special assistant to President George W. Bush and Deputy National Security Advisor for Iraq and Afghanistan. There, she helped run the 2006 strategic policy review on Iraq which led to the “surge” strategy. This event is free and open to the public. For more information or questions, please email Aly Breuer at aly.breuer@duke.edu or visit here .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: The Duke Program in American Grand Strategy, the Duke University Energy Initiative, the Political Science Department and the Triangle Institute for Security Studies
March 4, 2016	Graduate Conference of the History Department at Duke University, “Where I Fare

	Well, There Is My Home: Migration, Past and Present”
Time:	8:30 am – 6:00 pm
Location:	Carr Building
	Duke University
Categories:	Conference
Description:	Graduate Conference of the History Department at Duke University, “Where I Fare Well, There Is My Home: Migration, Past and Present”, Carr Building, Duke East Campus, March 4, 2016. Speakers include: Yehudith Kahn, graduate student in history, Tel-Hai Academic College, Israel, “Comparative Analysis of Migrants: Turkey, Egypt and Morocco: Factors Affecting the Choice of a Destination for Arab Immigrants: Origin Country Economic Conditions versus Host Country Policy.” Devin Smart, graduate student in history, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, “Devouring Development: Comestible Vendors and Urban Modernity in Late-Colonial Mombasa, 1960-1962.” Emma Smith, graduate student in history, Duke University, “How the Migrant ‘Crisis’ Can Involve Economic Opportunity: Exploring the Role of Social Entrepreneurship among Syrian Refugees in Germany.”
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March 4, 2016	“The Syrian Refugee Crisis in Comparative Perspective” A Roundtable Luncheon
Time:	12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
Location:	Lilly Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Join this year’s Graduate Conference Hosted by the History Department at Duke University conference for a roundtable discussion on the current crisis in Syria. The discussion will be open to the public, and will be held at the Thomas Room in Lilly Library- Duke University. ***Please RSVP if you plan to attend. More information at the RSVP here. For more information, please contact Daanish Faruqi atdfaruqi@gmail.com.
Sponsors:	
March 4, 2016	“On the Secrets of Sign” Commentary of the Mystical Worls of Avicenna by Prof. Mohsen Kadivar
Time:	5:45 pm – 8:45 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	In this Persian lecture series, Mohsen Kadivar – an Iranian philosopher and research professor of Islamic Studies at Duke University – comments on the mystical works of Avicenna (980-1037), the Persian philosopher and physician who is regarded as one of the most significant thinkers and writers of the Islamic golden age. “Remarks and Admonition” is the final work of Avicenna on philosophy and mysticism. “On the Secrets of Signs” in the work is one of the most wonderful of classical works on Sufism or mysticism. It will discuss the unusual affairs of the knowers. This Persian event is open to all who speak Persian or love Persian mystical literature. Please note that this lecture is in Persian. For more information, contact Sam Aghamiri at sam.ghamiri@gmail.com .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: The Iranian Circle of Culture and Wisdom
March 5, 2016	A Bridge to Understanding Islam
Time:	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Location:	Islamic Center Raleigh
	Events in the Triangle

Categories:	Meeting
Description:	The Islamic Association of Raleigh (IAR) cordially invites everyone in the local community and beyond to their Annual Open House, through which, they extend open arms of peace, love, friendship, and fellowship to defeat fear, anxiety, mistrust, and misunderstanding, thereby helping create a community of inclusiveness. For more information about this event, please click here or call at 919-834-9572.
Sponsors:	
March 6, 2016	Straight Talk with Real Muslims
Time:	2:00 pm
Location:	Flyleaf Books
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Hosted by Ismail Suayah and moderated by Krista Bremer, Flyleaf Books invites you to participate in a down-to-earth conversation to bring perspective to sensational news. How familiar are you with Islam? Do you have questions about Muslim culture, sharia law, or the beliefs and practices of Muslims in our area? Come join six of your Muslim neighbors in Chapel Hill for an afternoon of straight, soulful talk. All questions and comments – even politically incorrect ones – are welcome. And we'll have refreshments courtesy of Mediterranean Deli! For more information or to learn more of the panelists, please click here .
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March 7, 2016 March 8, 2016	Individuals and Legal Institutions around the Medieval Mediterranean Conference
Time:	March 7, 9:00 am – March 8, 2:30
Location:	Duke University
Categories:	Conference
Description:	<p>While there is a vast literature on medieval Jewish and Islamic law, the histories of medieval Jewish and Muslim legal institutions received substantially less attention. A relative dearth of documentary sources and a privileged position given to prescriptive texts have led to a top-down approach that views courts predominantly from the perspective of the central political power and/or the legal tradition. This situation contrasts with the study of courts and the legal arena in Christian Europe where there has been a long tradition of studying legal institutions "from below," whether through the lens of dispute settlement, microhistory, or legal anthropology. This conference will attempt to bridge the gap between the study of legal culture and practice in medieval Europe and the Islamic world by bring together scholars of medieval Christian, Muslim, Jewish and secular legal institutions to think comparatively about the study of individuals and legal institutions "from below." In order to supply a comparative perspective, we will be joined by scholars who have tackled such questions in adjacent fields, from Late Antiquity to the Ottoman Empire. The talks will explore how individuals accessed legal institutions and maneuvered in the legal arena, how legal institutions catered to and were affected by litigants' participation, and to what extent viewing litigants as consumers is a fruitful model in Europe and across the Mediterranean.</p> <p>Attendance on the first day of the conference is open to all. The second day of the conference will be in a workshop settings, but attendance is certainly possible with prior arrangement. To register, or to ask any questions please contact Serena Bazemore (serena.elliott@duke.edu) or Oded Zinger (oz3@duke.edu).</p> <p>For more details on the conference and the participants, check out the conference website and the list of participants.</p>
Sponsors:	The conference is generously supported by Duke Religious Studies, Duke History Department, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies and Middle Eastern Studies.

March 7, 2016 March 8, 2016	Conference: African Refugees and Migrants at Europe's Doorstep
Time:	March 7, 3:00 pm – March 8, 5:00 pm
Location:	Smith Warehouse, FHI Garage, Bay 4
	Duke University
Categories:	Conference
Description:	<p><i>The Duke Africa Initiative invites you to the following conference: <u>African Refugees and Migrants at Europe's Doorstep</u></i></p> <p>The out-of-nowhere arrival of refugees and migrants at the doorstep of Europe and the US – their sheer mass, the horrors of the journey, their inhospitable reception, the centrality of this to all that is political today – is <i>the</i> issue of our time. Slicing into this complex reality – now compounded by the mass exodus from Syria (and other regions of the Middle East) – will not be easy. Do we tackle this from the African side (and which African)? From the European? From both? And from which disciplinary vantage-point? Our workshop has the modest aim of opening the conversation – of doing some of the important mapping work to describe this vast and ever-shifting reality, then of raising key theoretical issues from a number of disciplinary standpoints – and of doing so with some of the leading academic lights working on African migration and refugees today.</p> <p>Featuring: <u>Maurizio Albahari</u> (Notre Dame), <u>Jennifer Cole</u> (University of Chicago), <u>Amadou Fofana</u> (Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University), <u>Carla Hung</u> (Cultural Anthropology, Duke University), <u>Ranjana Khanna</u> (Literature & Women's Studies, Duke University), <u>Hans Lucht</u>(Danish Institute for International Studies), <u>Stephanie Maher</u> (University of Washington), <u>Achille Mbembe</u> (WITS & Harvard), <u>Olufúnké Okome</u> (CUNY & Max Planck Institute), <u>Charlie Piot</u> (Cultural Anthropology, Duke University), <u>Line Richter</u> (University of Copenhagen), <u>Anja Simonsen</u>(University of Copenhagen), and <u>Stephen Smith</u> (African and African American Studies, Duke University)</p> <p>For more information, please see the website here:http://sites.duke.edu/africainitiative/events/ai-small-grant-african-refugees-and-migrants-at-europes-doorstep/.</p>
Sponsors:	The Duke Africa Initiative
March 7, 2016	International Coffee Hour
Time:	5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	Join us for a monthly social hour to bring together international UNC community members and students excited about global engagement. Chat about opportunities and challenges on campus. Meet staff from the hosting offices with great resources to share.
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March 7, 2016	Family Papers: A Shephardi Journey Through the 20th Century
Time:	7:30 pm
Location:	William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Sarah Stein, professor of history and Maurice Amado Chair in Sephardic Studies at UCLA, will explore why a family saves its paper and how the instinct for preservation defies wars, fire, genocide, migration and family feuds. While this lecture tells the history of a single family, it is also a reflection on how one family archive came to be built and preserved, and how it knit

	<p>together a family even as the historic Sephardi heartland of southeastern Europe was unraveling. The Morris, Ida and Alan Heilig Lectureship in Jewish Studies. For information or questions about this event, please contact Dr. Erdağ Göknaar at goknar@duke.edu.</p>
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March 9, 2016	Film Screening: <i>The Wanted 18</i>
Time:	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Location:	Community Church of Chapel Hill Unitarian Universalist
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Film
Description:	<p>Through a clever mix of stop motion animation and interviews, <i>The Wanted 18</i> recreates an astonishing true story: the Israeli army's pursuit of 18 cows, whose independent milk production on a Palestinian collective farm was declared "a threat to the national security of the state of Israel." In response to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, a group of people from the town of Beit Sahour decide to buy 18 cows and produce their own milk as a co-operative. Their venture is so successful that the collective farm becomes a landmark, and the cows local celebrities-until the Israeli army takes note and declares that the farm is an illegal security threat. Consequently, the dairy is forced to go underground, the cows continuing to produce their "Intifada milk" with the Israeli army in relentless pursuit. Film (75 min) includes archival footage, drawings, black-and-white stop-motion animation, and was Palestinian entry for Best Foreign Language in 2014.</p> <p>7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, Community Church of Chapel Hill Unitarian Universalist sanctuary, 106 Purefoy Road, corner of Mason Farm Road. For more information, call 919-942-2535 or 919-542-2139.</p>
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by Charles M. Jones Peace and Justice Committee and Balance & Accuracy in Journalism (BAJ)
March 10, 2016	Film Screening: <i>'The Price of Sex'</i>
Time:	5:30 pm
Location:	Sanford Building
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	<p>The <i>Price of Sex</i> is a feature-length documentary about young Eastern European women who've been drawn into a netherworld of sex trafficking and abuse. Intimate, harrowing and revealing, it is a story told by the young women who were supposed to be silenced by shame, fear and violence. Photojournalist Mimi Chakarova, who grew up in Bulgaria, takes us on a personal investigative journey, exposing the shadowy world of sex trafficking from Eastern Europe to the Middle East and Western Europe. Filming undercover and gaining extraordinary access, Chakarova illuminates how even though some women escape to tell their stories, sex trafficking thrives. Following the screening of the film, we will hold a short discussion session with Rotary Peace Fellow, Cristina Andoni. View the Trailer for the film here.</p> <p>For more information or questions about this event, please contact Amy Cole at coleac@live.unc.edu or 919-843-4887.</p>
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March 13, 2016	Abrahamic Table: Art & Faith
Time:	3:00 pm
Location:	The Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies - NC
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Three monotheistic faiths in the world (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) accept Abraham as the

	<p>father of all nations. To honor Abraham with regard to the spirit of dialogue, the Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies plans to hosts regularly a panel discussion program that brings community leaders and clergy from the three Abrahamic faiths to engage in a dialogue about the commonalities of and common issues concerning the Abrahamic communities over delicious food. Each speaker gives a brief interpretation on the given topic from their own background followed by a collective discussion over the topic. This event acknowledges the demand and importance for interfaith dialogue and the positive role it plays in society. Although this event represents Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, all religions are welcome to the table. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served. To RSVP to this event, please sign up here iitsnc.org/rsvp before March 12th</p> <p>In this special gathering, our distinguished speakers are Rabbi Ariel Edery from Beth Shalom, Barbara Longmire from St. Luke’s Episcopal Church. and Imam Nihat Fidan from Institute Islamic and Turkish Studies. They will focus on Faith and Art.</p> <p>For more information or questions regarding this event, please email info@iitsnc.org.</p>
Sponsors:	
March 13, 2016	Benefit Dinner: “Raising Our Awareness: A Retrospective on the Humanitarian Crisis in Syria”
Time:	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Location:	Apex Mosque
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	<p>The Zakat Foundation of America and Muslims of the Triangle LIST (Learning, Inspiring & Serving Together) invite you to attend a community benefit dinner for Syria entitled “Raising Our Awareness: A Retrospective on the Humanitarian Crisis in Syria.” All proceeds will go towards supporting Zakat Foundation programs for Syrian refugees in the Middle East and Turkey. Please join us in this collective effort to provide humanitarian living and educational assistance to men, women, and children who desperately need your help. For more information, please see the Facebook event: http://on.fb.me/1QKcByt. Tickets to the dinner bought online (at http://bit.ly/1STpUDc) will cost \$10 per attendee, and \$15 at the door. For more information and if anyone would like to volunteer, please email Manal Alfaouri at mfaouri15@gmail.com.</p>
Sponsors:	
March 17, 2016	Middle East Film Festival at NC State University, No One Knows About Persian Cats (Iran)
Time:	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Location:	Erdahl Cloyd Theater – D.H. Hill Library
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Film
Description:	<p>Announcing the 10th annual Middle East Film Film Festival at NC State University. This year we are focusing on documentaries about music with film from Iran, Iraq, Palestine and Lebanon. All films will be shown in Erdahl Cloyd Theater, D. H. Hill Library, NC State University. All screenings will take place at 7 PM. No One Knows About Persian Cats (Iran) Director: Bahman Ghobadi, Genre: Docudrama, Running Time: 102 minutes, Persian with English Subtitles.</p> <p>Two young musicians, Negar (Negar Shaghaghi) and Ashkan (Ashkan Koshanejad), are released from prison. They immediately immerse themselves in the underground rock scene in Tehran, Iran — “underground” because playing in public venues is outlawed. They plan to escape from their repressive country to play a concert in Europe, but first they need to find a rhythm section and some passports. They place their hope in Nader (Hamed Behdad), a savvy fixer who promises to get them to their gig.</p>
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by the Moise A. Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies.

March 21, 2016	The Muslim Discovery of Japan – Lecture by Prof. Nile Green
Time:	5:15 pm – 6:45 pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	In the half-century between 1890 and 1940, Muslims from India, the Middle East and Central Asia turned in fascination to Japan as an independent and industrializing ‘eastern’ (mashriqi) nation. As itinerant Muslim intellectuals struggled to relate Japan’s achievements to their own societies, they brought to Japan many of the same questions and conceptions. In the meantime, through mosque-building and religious publishing, Japan itself became a new Muslim hub in a way that was entirely without precedent. This outreach culminated in the opening of Japan’s first mosques in the late 1930s. To explain these developments, this richly illustrated lecture draws on a range of primary materials to assess the place of Japan in the globalizing Muslim networks of the inter-war period. For more information about this event, please click here or contact Brittany Darst at bdarst@email.unc.edu .
Sponsors:	The Carolina Asia Center
March 21, 2016	Nowruz: Persian New Year Celebration
Time:	5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Location:	Wilson Library
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Symposium
Description:	Join UNC Libraries in celebrating the UNC Library’s Persian Studies collection and Nowruz. The event will include presentations on writing and art in Iran’s history by Dr. Seipdeh Saeedi-Arcangeli and UNC graduate students Lyla Halsted and Patrick Dsilva, a reception of Persian Nowruz cookies and tea, the Haft Seen table, Iranian music, Persian calligraphy, and an exhibit of recent Persian Studies acquisitions. Free and open to the public. Parking is available in most lots after 5pm. For more information, please contact Liza Terll, Friends of the Library, at liza_terll@unc.edu , (919-548-1203).
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Friends of the Library with special thanks to the Iranian Cultural Society of North Carolina for their generous support of this program.
March 21, 2016	Film Screening: ‘Cairo in One Breath’
Time:	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Location:	Bryan Center Griffith Film Theater
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	The adhan is a 1,400 year-old oral tradition in the process of unprecedented change in Cairo. After 60 generations, thousands of individual muezzins are being replaced by a single voice broadcast from a radio station to wireless receivers as part of a plan put into effect by the Mubarak regime. <i>Cairo in One Breath</i> follows muezzins from when they first heard rumors of plans to install wireless receivers in Cairo’s 4,000 officially recognized mosques, through implementation of this Adhan Unification Project (AUP), which since 2010 has displaced thousands. The film is structured through the five adhans of the day, woven through with interviews of main and supporting characters as well as scholars, painting an emotional and historically relevant portrait of a tradition undergoing change in a time and place ripe with transformation. A Q&A to follow this event with director Anna Kipervaser. For more information about this event, please click here .
Sponsors:	Sponsors: The Program in the Arts of the Moving Image (AMI), with support from the Center for Documentary Studies (CDS).

March 22, 2016	Film Screening: 'Oyun/The Play'
Time:	7:00pm – 8:30pm
Location:	White Lecture Hall, East Campus
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	When nine peasant women from Arslankoy, a mountain village in southern Turkey, decide to write and perform a play based on their life stories, unexpected aspects of their personalities emerge that they never knew existed. Esmer's documentary observes the creative stages leading up to the production of their play, <i>The Outcries of Women!</i> , and shows us how nine subtly but significantly different women emerge after its staging. A Q&A will follow shortly after the screening with Dr. Didem Havlioglu.
Sponsors:	Sponsors: Asian & Middle Eastern Studies (AMES), Duke University Middle East Studies Center(DUMESC), Global Education Office for Undergraduates (GEO)/Duke in Istanbul.
March 23, 2016	Muslim Societies Since 1945
Time:	4:30pm – 6:00pm
Location:	Flyleaf Books
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Join The Program in the Humanities and Human Values for <i>Humanities in Action</i> : Muslim Societies since 1945. There are over 1.5 billion Muslim faithful spread over six continents. Muslims can be Arab, British, African, French, Persian, Indonesian, Indian, American, or any other nationality, and yet it is still common to hear discussions of "Muslims" as though there were a monolithic bloc. While the diversity of Muslim experiences since 1945 makes generalizing difficult, there have been some shared pressures and developments throughout the Islamic world. Join UNC Professor, Cemil Aydin, as he discusses some of the changes and developments in select Muslim societies over the past seventy years. In a time when stereotypes prevail, this lecture will provide needed historical context and perspective. Program Tuition: Register ahead of time and pay \$18.00 or pay only \$8 if you are a member of the UNC General Alumni Association (GAA). Tuition is \$20.00 at the door. For more information, please see here or contact human@unc.edu .
Sponsors:	
March 23, 2016	Moral Reform and Scientific Virtue: Spiritism in Twentieth Century Iran – A Lecture by Prof. Alireza Doostdar
Time:	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Location:	Pink Parlor, East Duke Building
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Scholars have long recognized the myriad ways in which religious traditions have appropriated and modern scientific discoveries, concepts, models, and theories for rhetorical and defensive purposes. But professional scientific activity can also serve as an imaginative resource for shaping moral subjectivity. Prof. Alireza Doostdar explores this topic by examining the reception of French Spiritism in twentieth century Iran among both committed Spiritists and their opponents among the Shi'a ulama. For more information, please contact Hunter Brandy, hunter.bandy@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: The Graduate Program in Religion at Duke, Duke Islamic Studies Center, the Department of History at Duke, Duke University Middle East Studies Center, the Graduate Student Association of Iranians at duke, and the UNC Department of Religious Studies

March 23, 2016	“The Story of God”: Premiere Screening and Discussion
Time:	7:00pm
Location:	William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	<p>A world premiere and panel discussion of the National Geographic Channel six-part series, “The Story of God with Morgan Freeman,” will be held at the William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education on March 23. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the screening starts at 7:30 p.m. for the campus event. The series will air on the National Geographic Channel beginning April 3. “The Story of God will take viewers on a trip around the world to explore different cultures and religions on the ultimate quest to uncover the meaning of life, God and all the questions in between.” The on-campus screening will also feature a panel discussion with James Younger, producer of the series, as well as UNC faculty members/Ph.D. students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jodi Magness (Early Judaism), • Jason Staples (Early Christianity), • Brendan Thornton (Religion in the Americas), • Carl Ernst (Islam), • Lauren Leve (Buddhism and Hinduism).
Sponsors:	The event is hosted by the UNC department of religious studies and the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies in partnership with “Different Drummer.”
March 24, 2016	Film: ‘Bajrangi Bhaijaan’
Time:	6:30pm
Location:	Bingham Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	<p>Bajrangi Bhaijaan (English translation: Brother Bajrangi) is a 2015 Indian comedy-drama film directed by Kabir Khan. A little Pakistani girl who cannot speak gets separated from her mother in India. She is rescued by Pawan (Salman Khan) who tries to find out her identity and return her to her family. Can the forces of truth and love overcome international conflict? The film is 159 minutes in Hindi with English translations. To see the trailer for the film, please click here. For more information about this event or questions, please email Dr. Afroz Taj at taj@unc.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: Carolina Asia Center
March 24, 2016	Middle East Film Festival, Half Moon (Iraq and Iran)
Time:	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Location:	Erdahl Cloyd Theater – D.H. Hill Library
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Film
Description:	<p>Announcing the 10th annual Middle East Film Festival at NC State University. This year we are focusing on documentaries about music with film from Iran, Iraq, Palestine and Lebanon. All films will be shown in Erdahl Cloyd Theater, D. H. Hill Library, NC State University. All screenings will take place at 7 PM. Half Moon (Iraq and Iran) Director: Bahman Ghobadi, Genre: Comedy, Running Time: 1 hour 47 minutes, Persian, Kurdish with English Subtitles.</p> <p>Mamo, an old and legendary Kurdish musician living in Iran, plans to give one final concert in Iraqi Kurdistan. After seven months of trying to get a permit and rounding up his ten sons, he sets out for the long and troublesome journey in a derelict bus, denying a recurring vision of his own death at half moon. Halfway the party halts at a small village to pick up female singer Hesho, which will only add to the difficulty of the undertaking, as it is forbidden for Iranian women to sing in public, let alone in the company of men. But Mamo is determined to carry through, if not for the gullible antics of the bus driver.</p> <p>Complete schedule:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, March 17 ~ No One Knows About Persian Cats (Iran) • Thursday, March 24 ~ Half Moon (Iraq and Iran) • Thursday, March 31 ~ Slingshot Hip Hop (Palestine) • Thursday, April 7 ~ We Loved Each Other So Much (Lebanon)
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by the Moise A. Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies.
March 26, 2016	Triangle East Asia Colloquium
Time:	9:00am – 3:15pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Symposium
Description:	Join the Triangle East Asia Consortium for this year’s TEAC conference. The 2016 theme is “Rethinking Inter-Asian Connections Across Empires, Nations, and Cultural Zones.” Panels include Inter-Asian Connections as Politics and Scholarship, Circulation of Texts Within and Beyond Sinosphere, Indic and Islamicate Asia, and Inter-Asian Encounters as a Site of Modern Buddhist and Muslim Thought. This event is free and open to the public. If you plan to attend lunch, please RSVP tobdarst@email.unc.edu. For more information about this event, please click here.
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: The Duke Asian/Pacific Studies Institute, the Carolina Asia Center, and UNC Global
March 26, 2016	Urdu Majlis Josh Malihabadi
Time:	2:30pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	<p>Please join us this *Saturday* March 26, 2016 at *2:30 PM* for the next monthly meeting of Urdu Majlis, the Triangle’s Urdu Literary Forum. This Urdu Majlis will concentrate on the life and works of poet JOSH MALIHABADI (1894-1982).</p> <p>WHERE: Room 1009, FedEx Global Education Center, 301 Pittsboro Street, UNC, Chapel Hill, NC 27516</p> <p>WHEN: Saturday AFTERNOON, March 26, 2016</p> <p>2:30 Josh Malihabadi 3:30 Original poetry etc. by participants 4:30 Refreshments 5:00 Building closes</p> <p>Please arrive on time as a courtesy to others. Free parking is available under the building. Participants are invited to bring refreshments to share. THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Urdu Majlis is an intellectual endeavor with no political or religious affiliations. For more information call: Afroz Taj 919-851-1119 / 919-962-1060 Seema and Ashraf Faruqi 919-596-4792</p>
Sponsors:	This event is co-sponsored by the Carolina Asia Center and the South Asia Section of the UNC Dept. of Asian Studies.
March 28, 2016	Asian Film Series: Salata Baladi
Time:	6:00pm – 9:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	Mary, a grandmother, and her daughter (the filmmaker) join efforts to give Mary’s grandson Nabeel a glimpse into the family’s 100-year history of mixed marriages between Muslims, Christians, and Jews. In solidarity with the Palestinian people, Mary has been boycotting her

	Egyptian Jewish family in Israel for 55 years. But now she and her husband take a journey to Israel and engage in the breaking of arguably one of the strictest taboos in modern Egypt. Filmed in Arabic, Hebrew and other languages & shown with English subtitles. Set in Egypt, Israel, and Italy. Directed by Nadia Kamel, 2007. 105 min. Reception at 6:00 p.m. in the Atrium, screening at 6:30 p.m. in the FedEx Global Education Center, Nelson Mandela Auditorium. Contact Yaron Shemer at yshemer@email.unc.edu for more details.
Sponsors:	
March 28, 2016	“Saudia Arabia and Iran: A Middle Eastern Cold War”
Time:	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Location:	Social Sciences 228
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Featuring Michael Rubin of American Enterprise Institute and Duke’s Tony Rivera, hosted by the Alexander Hamilton Society. The Saudi-Iran rivalry in the Middle East continues to shape regional politics in terms of geopolitics and sectarian tensions: the Saudi offensive in Yemen, the Civil War in Syria, and ISIS in Iraq. Tensions in an already fraught relationship escalated this January when the Saudis executed Shiite cleric Nimr al-Nimr and protesters stormed the Saudi embassy in Iran, leading Saudi Arabia to cut diplomatic ties off completely. Since then, tensions continue to run high. As the US tries to deal with ISIS, the Syrian Civil War, and the threat of violent jihadism as well as the aftermath of the JCPOA, the way the US handles its relationships with Saudi Arabia and Iran will be critical. Should the US forsake its alliance with the Saudis in favor of Iran, work with Saudi Arabia to contain Iran’s rise, or something else? Please see here for more information.
Sponsors:	
March 28, 2016	Film Screening + Q&A with Laila Al-Arian: ‘USA vs. Al-Arian’
Time:	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	In 2003, the FBI arrested Sami Al-Arian, Professor of Computer Engineering and peace & justice activist, on terrorism-related charges. Al-Arian was the first American Muslim prosecuted in post-9/11 America. Is Al-Arian a threat to national security or is his First Amendment right to free speech at the heart of this case? At this time of heightened anti-Muslim rhetoric and sentiment, the film <i>USA vs. Al-Arian</i> is a sober reminder of the vulnerability of Arab Americans and Muslims living in the US and all of our civil rights. Laila Al-Arian is a Palestinian-American broadcast journalist and producer for the Al Jazeera Media Network; author of the book <i>Collateral Damage: America’s War Against Iraqi Civilians</i> (2008) with Chris Hedges; and independent journalist and writer. For more information, please contact Zaid Khatib atzkhatib@live.unc.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: UNC Students for Justice in Palestine
March 29, 2016	Media Challenges Europe: Covering the Refugee Crisis in Europe and the New Year’s Eve Attack in Cologne
Time:	10:30am – 12:00pm
Location:	Perkins Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	One million refugees have reached Germany last year. Most of them come from Syria fleeing their country because of civil war. The refugees enter Germany in Bavaria. Angela Kea – a German TV journalist – was reporting from the German-Austrian Border in October 2015 and in

	January 2016 and interviewed refugees, police officers, local politicians and voluntary workers. Verena Lammert, a television journalist based in Cologne Germany will join her to discuss the Refugee Crisis and the New Year's Eve attacks in Cologne and how the story has been depicted in the media. For additional information about these events or the Media Fellows Program, contact Media Fellows Program Director, Laurie Bley: bley@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	
March 29, 2016	Film Screening: 'Taqwacore'
Time:	6:00pm – 9:00pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	When he was 17, Michael Knight left his mother's home in Rochester to study Islam at a Pakistani madrassa. It was his first act of rebellion – against his abusive, schizophrenic, white-supremacist father. Years later, burned out on the demands of religious dogma, Mike rebelled once more – by penning a Muslim Punk manifesto called The Taqwacores. His work of fiction struck a chord with young Muslims around the world and before long, real-life Taqwacore bands were creating a scene. This film follows Michael and his band of Muslim punks as they journey across the U.S. and Pakistan, transforming their worlds, their religion and themselves through the spirit of Taqwacore. This event will include a screening of the film. For more information about this event, please click here .
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by AMES and DISC
March 29, 2016	"Excavations of Huqoq in Israel's Galilee" – Lecture by Jodi Magness
Time:	7:30pm – 9:00pm
Location:	Genome Science Building
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Jodi Magness, a Kenan Distinguished Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been directing excavations in the ancient village of Huqoq in Israel's Galilee since 2011. The excavations have brought to light the remains of a monumental late Roman (fifth century) synagogue building paved with stunning and unique mosaics, including depictions of the biblical hero Samson. In this slide-illustrated lecture, Magness will share these exciting finds, including the discoveries made in the summer 2015 season. For more information, please email the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies at ccjs@unc.edu or click here . This event was rescheduled due to inclement weather in February.
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: The Carolina Center for Jewish Studies
March 30, 2016	Documenting Italy's Refugees with Gabriela Arp and Andrea Patiño Contreras
Time:	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture

Description:	<p>Speakers: Gabriela Arp, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill and Andrea Patino Contreras, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill.</p> <p>The small city of Reggio Calabria in Southern Italy has seen the arrival of thousands of refugees over the past couple of years. Refugees and migrants are coming from all over the world to Europe, hoping to find better living conditions. Who are the people coming and who are the people receiving them? Behind the overwhelming numbers, there are thousands of human stories often overlooked by politics and media. In the summer of 2015, Andrea and Gabriela spent 4 weeks documenting intimate stories of the crisis, from both Italians and refugees. For more information, please contact Catherine Angst, Series Coordinator at catherine.angst@duke.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	
March 30, 2016	Between Tolerance and Xenophobia – Eastern Europe and Today’s Crises
Time:	5:30pm – 7:00pm
Location:	Hyde Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>The political shifts of 1989 opened a new chapter in European history – the end of communist dictatorship. Various new political tendencies appeared, two of which were particularly important: the idea of liberal democracy and that of an ethnic state. Liberal democracy was equivalent to open society, while the ethnic state was built on exclusion. In his presentation, Adam Michnik will address several of today’s arguments, including the one around refugees, which evolve around the conflict between these two notions. For more information about this event, please click here or email cseees@unc.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: the UNC Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies
March 30, 2016	Global Stories in 400 Seconds
Time:	6:00pm – 9:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	<p>Have you wanted to go around the world, but haven’t had the chance yet? Come out and hear the stories of those who have! Explore the world through “Global Stories in 400 seconds”, a fun, fast-paced PechaKucha style competition. Each presenter has 20 slides and 400 seconds to share their global travel story with the UNC community. For more information or questions about this event, please email Professor Rachel Willis at Rachel.Willis@unc.edu or click here.</p>
Sponsors:	
March 30, 2016	Why I am a Salafi – A Conversation with Michael Muhammad Knight
Time:	7:00pm – 8:30pm
Location:	The Regulator Bookshop
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	<p>The Salafi movement invests supreme Islamic authority in the precedents of the Salaf, the first three generations of Muslims, who represent a “Golden Age” from which all subsequent eras can only decline. In <i>Why I Am a Salafi</i>, Michael Muhammad Knight confronts the problem of origins, questioning the possibility of accessing pure Islam through its canonical texts. The book is also a confrontation of Knight’s own origins as a Muslim. Reconsidering Salafism, Knight explores the historical processes that informed Islam as he once knew it, having converted to a Salafi vision of Islam in 1994. In the decades since, he has drifted away from Salafism in favor of an alternative Islam that celebrates the freaks, misfits, and heretical innovators. What happens to Islam when everything’s up for grabs, and can an anything-goes Islam allow space for</p>

	reputedly intolerant Salafism? For more information, please contact julie.maxwell@duke.edu . <i>While this event is held at The Regulator, it is organized by Duke University.</i>
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by DISC, AMES, The Regulator
March 31, 2016	“U.S.-Iraq Relations in the Age of Daesh/ISIL”: A Conversation with Iraqi Ambassador to the U.S. Lukman Faily
Time:	6:00pm
Location:	Sanford Building
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Please join AGS, the Department of Political Science and the Duke Islamic Studies Center in welcoming sitting Iraqi Ambassador to the United States, Lukman Faily, for a talk titled “U.S.-Iraqi Relations in the Age of Daesh/ISIL.” This event is free and open to the public, and parking may be found in the Bryan Center lot. Please email Aly Breuer at aly.breuer@duke.edu with any questions or for more information.
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Department of Political Science and the Duke Islamic Studies Center
March 31, 2016	Arabic Calligraphy Event
Time:	6:30pm
Location:	New West
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Workshop
Description:	Kindly mark your calendar for the Arab culture activity this week: a workshop about Arabic calligraphy will be on Thursday March 31st, 2016 in New West #219 at 6:30pm. This event is for students only.
Sponsors:	
March 31, 2016	Film Screening: ‘Frame by Frame’
Time:	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Location:	White Lecture Hall, East Campus
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	When the Taliban ruled Afghanistan, taking a photo was a crime. After the regime fell from power in 2001, a fledgling free press emerged and a photography revolution was born. Now, as foreign troops and media withdraw, Afghanistan is left to stand on its own, and so are its journalists. Set in a modern Afghanistan bursting with color and character, Frame by Frame follows four Afghan photojournalists as they navigate an emerging and dangerous media landscape – reframing Afghanistan for the world, and for themselves. Through cinema vérité, intimate interviews, powerful photojournalism, and never-before-seen archival footage shot in secret during the Taliban regime, the film connects audiences with four humans in the pursuit of the truth. For more information about this event, please click here .
Sponsors:	Sponsors: The Duke University Middle East Studies Center (DUMESC), the Center of Muslim Life (CML), the Program in the Arts of the Moving Image (AMI), IslamiCommentary, and the Dewitt Wallace Center for Media and Democracy.
March 31, 2016	Middle East Film Festival, Slingshot Hip Hop (Palestine)
Time:	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Location:	Erdahl Cloyd Theater – D.H. Hill Library
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Film
Description:	Announcing the 10th annual Middle East Film Film Festival at NC State University. This year we

	are focusing on documentaries about music with film from Iran, Iraq, Palestine and Lebanon. All films will be shown in Erdahl Cloyd Theater, D. H. Hill Library, NC State University. All screenings will take place at 7 PM. Slingshot Hip Hop (Palestine) Director: Jackie Reem Salloum, Genre: Documentary, Running Time: 83 minutes, Arabic, English & Hebrew with English Subtitles. Slingshot Hip Hop braids together the stories of young Palestinians living in Gaza, the West Bank and inside Israel as they discover Hip Hop and employ it as a tool to surmount divisions imposed by occupation and poverty. From internal checkpoints and Separation Walls to gender norms and generational differences, this is the story of young people crossing the borders that separate them.
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by the Moise A. Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies.
April 1, 2016	Nowruz: Persian New Year
Time:	6:00pm – 9:30pm
Location:	Great Hall, Student Union
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Performance
Description:	Join the Persian Cultural Society in celebrating Nowruz (Iranian New Year). Enjoy a delicious Iranian dinner and dessert, performances, and live music, and come see the Haft Seen table! You can buy your ticket today at the Union Box Office or online by clicking here. Please note, tickets will not be available for purchase at the door so make sure to purchase tickets in advance. Valid student IDs will be accepted for purchase of a student ticket. For more information or for any questions about this event, please contact Nakisa Sadeghi at nsadeghi@live.unc.edu or for questions about tickets, please contact the Carolina Union Box Office at 919-962-1449
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: UNC Persian Cultural Society
April 2, 2016	GO! Global Orientation on Culture + Ethics
Time:	9:30am – 3:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Workshop
Description:	The GO! Global Orientation on Culture + Ethics is designed to help students evaluate expectations, anticipate potential cultural and ethical challenges, prepare for engagement in communities, and develop intercultural competencies. There is a special global lunch for the Middle East and North Africa. Click here to launch the full online schedule! For more information or questions, please email Tripp Tuttle at tripp@unc.edu.
Sponsors:	
April 2, 2016	18th Annual Lebanese Festival
Time:	11:00am – 7:00pm
Location:	City Plaza
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	Welcome the spring on City Plaza celebrating with great food, dance and music! Join the Triangle Lebanese American Center with delicious Lebanese food, non-stop dancing & music performances, Lebanese desserts, Lebanese beer and wine. Free admission and free parking available! For more information and updates, see the Triangle Lebanese American Center website at http://tlanc.org/ .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Triangle Lebanese American Center
April 2, 2016 – April	Film Screening: Detaining Dreams

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Time:	April 2, 5:00pm – April 5, 7:00pm
Location:	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Film
Description:	Detaining Dreams is an intimate documentary featuring the stories of four Palestinian youth and their families undergoing the ordeal of Israeli military detention. This 20-minute short film was commissioned by the No Way to Treat a Child Campaign (begun in January 2014), and produced by Amr Kawji and Nawal Musleh. Detaining Dreams is sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, and Defense for Children International Palestine. There will be a screening of the short film, Detaining Dreams, and/or discussions happening around the country.
Sponsors:	
April 3, 2016 – April 4, 2016	Symposium: The Lives of Religious Books
Time:	April 3, 2016, 7:00pm – April 4, 7:00pm
Location:	Rubenstein Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Symposium
Description:	This symposium will include presentations by scholars, Carl Ernst (UNC) on ‘The Suspicious Hermeneutics of Authorship in the Reconstructed Diwan of al-Hallaj’, Bruce Lawrence (Duke) ‘The Koran in English: A Biography’, Kathryn Hellerstein (UPenn) ‘Jewish Poets/ Jewish Prayers: Changing the American Siddur’, a session on Islamic materials in Duke’s collections led by Dagmar Riedel (Columbia), and Dagmar Riedel ‘The Lives of an Islamic Book: The Kitāb al-Shifā by Qādī Iyād(1083–1149)’. For further information, please contact Jennie Grillo (jgrillo@div.duke.edu).
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in Critical Bibliography at Rare Book School, Duke Interdisciplinary Studies, and the Center for Jewish Studies.
April 4, 2016	New Turkish Cinema: “Köksüz / Nobody’s Home”
Time:	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Location:	Richard White Auditorium
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	Film Screening: Köksüz / Nobody’s Home (Deniz Akçay, 2013, 81 min, Turkey, in Turkish w/ English subtitles, Color, Blu-Ray) <i>Nobody’s Home</i> is the story of four people who cannot manage to become a family again after a loss and who destroy each other with each passing day. After her husband’s death, Nurcan is left alone with her grown-up daughter Feride and two younger children, Ilker and Ozge. Little by little, the eldest child, Feride, is forced by her mother to become the head of the family and shoulder all the responsibilities that entails. As the only son, devoted to his father’s memory, Ilker reacts fiercely when his sister Feride takes charge, and feels alienated from the family. As a teenager in need of her family more than ever, Ozge is unable to reach out to her mother or her sister, both of whom are wrapped up in their own grief. She tries, in vain, to attract attention, to feel a part of the family, to “belong”. Film introduced by Prof. Erdag Goknar (Asian & Middle Eastern Studies); Q&A to follow For more information, contact: Hank Okazaki at (919) 660-3031 or visit http://ami.duke.edu/events/archive/2016/04/04/screen-society-new-turkish-cinema-koeksuez-nobody-s-home .
Sponsors:	Sponsors: Asian & Middle Eastern Studies (AMES), Duke University Middle East Studies Center (DUMESC), Global Education Office for Undergraduates (GEO)/Duke in Istanbul, and the Program in the Arts of the Moving Image (AMI).

April 4, 2016	Film: My Name is Not Ali (2011) directed by Viola Shafik
Time:	8:00pm
Location:	House Undergraduate Library
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	El Hedi Ben Salem M'barek Mohammed Mustafa died on 15 May 1976 in a prison in Nimes. The man was Rainer Werner Fassbinder's partner in the early seventies and played the leading role in Fassbinder's film ALI: FEAR EATS THE SOUL. Since then, many rumors on the life and death of the native Moroccan, whom Fassbinder met in Paris, have circulated. Filmmaker Viola Shafik searches for traces of his life. She interviews a number of Fassbinder's former colleagues in Germany and members of Salem's family in France and North Africa. The result of Viola Shafik's research is an insightful documentary, despite its own contradictions, also when it comes to the gap between ideals and reality in the lives of Fassbinder and his circle. Viola Shafik grew up in Germany and Egypt. She studied Fine Art, Middle East Studies and Film Studies in Stuttgart and Hamburg and has taught at the American University in Cairo. The film is in French, German and Arabic with English subtitles. For more information, please contact Professor Layne at playne@email.unc.edu .
Sponsors:	
April 5, 2016	Israel Fest
Time:	11:00am – 2:00pm
Location:	The Pit
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	Shalom y'all! Join us on April 5th for a campus-wide celebration of Israel Fest 11am-2pm in the pit! Enjoy great company, delicious food, and interactive displays about Israeli technology, LGBTQIA rights, social justice, politics, and more! Attendees will also receive a ***FREE t-shirt*** spray painted with their name written in Hebrew! Stop by anytime, and be sure to bring your friends! This event is open to all students, staff, friends, family, and the entire UNC Chapel Hill community. See you then!
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April 5, 2016	"Manifold Destiny: Arabs at a South American Border" – A Lecture by Dr. John Tofik Karam
Time:	12:00pm – 1:30pm
Location:	Perkins Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	How did Arabs at the triplice fronteira (tri-border) between Brazil, Paraguay, and Argentina transform the Americas? In the 1950s, Lebanese and Palestinian migrants began settling on the Brazilian and Paraguayan sides of the tri-border. Since the 1990s, they leveraged this new sphere of influence in relation to Mercosul and U.S. impositions. Arabs served as transformative agents of this hemisphere, joining and rivaling the many-sided struggles waged among Brazilian, Paraguayan, Argentine, U.S., and other powers, taking us one step closer to a Fully globalized study of the Americas. Dr. John Tofik Karam is an Associate Professor in the Department of Spanish & Portuguese at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, conducting research on Arab diaspora communities in South America. Lunch will be provided. For more information about this event, click here or email globalbrazil@duke.edu .
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April 5, 2016	Turkish-Syrian Relations and Unrest in Turkey – A Discussion with Dr. Kemal Ilter
Time:	5:30pm
Location:	Hamilton Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	<p>The Turkish government says that it has joined the coalition against the Islamic State, but how active has it been in the fight? It is a major transit point for foreign fighters looking to enter Syria to join the Islamic State, and for IS members needing to transit out of IS territory. Meanwhile, relations between Turkey and Russia, and Turkey and Syria, continue to worsen, while the security situation inside Turkey itself continues to spiral downward. Journalists and academics are under increasing pressure (or simply arrested), media outlets are taken over by force, Social Media platforms shut down. What is our relationship with this critical NATO ally? Where is Turkey headed? What are the repercussions of the Syrian crisis, particularly in terms of migration? This talk will address these questions and others. Dr. Kemal Ilter is a Visiting Professor of Communication at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has a degree in Political Science and International Relations from Bosphorus University of Istanbul, a Masters in IR from Ankara University, and a Master of Laws in Information Technology, Media and E-Commerce from Essex University, UK. For more information, please contact Lauren Fraizer at fraizer@live.unc.edu.</p> <p>This is a closed event for UNC faculty and students only, space is limited. RSVP is required through this form: http://goo.gl/forms/0hVNvvL3Qk.</p>
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense.
April 5, 2016	“Reimagining Pakistan” A Conversation with Ambassador Husain Haqqani
Time:	6:00pm
Location:	Rubenstein Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Husain Haqqani is a Pakistani leading South Asia expert, journalist, academic, political activist and former ambassador of Pakistan to Sri Lanka and the United States.
Sponsors:	Hosted by the Duke Pakistani Students Association.
April 6, 2016	Health in the Shadows of War: Realities and Challenges
Time:	12:00pm – 1:00pm
Location:	Michael Hooker Research Center Atrium
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	<p>Health in the Shadow of War: Realities and Challenges: Join us for a discussion with Dr. Dilshad Jaff as he talks about his experiences as a Baghdad-trained physician working to help primary health centers in disputed areas of Iraq. 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Michael Hooker Research Center Atrium.</p> <p>This event is part of National Public Health Week, April 4 – 10, 2016.</p> <p>Dilshad Jaff, MD, MPH, is a Research Advisor for Conflict Prevention and Disaster Preparedness at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health’ Gillings Global Gateway TM. He holds a Master of Public Health degree from the Gillings School and has more than 13 years’ experience in complex humanitarian crises in conflict zones in the Middle East working for refugees and IDPs, largely with the International Committee of the Red Cross. He has experience in designing, implementing, supervising and monitoring health projects and programs during and after complex humanitarian emergencies. In addition to his formal studies in medicine and public health, he studied medical microbiology with considerable training in conflict resolution.</p> <p>For more information, please contact Jessica Southwell, Practice & Policy Analyst for the North Carolina Institute for Public Health at south001@ad.unc.edu.</p>

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April 7, 2016	“Shari’a Law and the Promotion of Nationality Rights and Gender Equity in the Middle East and North Africa Region”
Time:	4:30pm – 6:00pm
Location:	West Duke 101
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	<p>In the MENA region, nationality serves as a gateway right, acting as the foundation for the enjoyment of the broader body of social, economic, and cultural rights provided for under the law. Although most critical discourse on the nationality and human rights frameworks in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) focuses on secular elements of the law, these regimes are actually hybrid legal systems, drawing norms also from religious traditions. This hybridity has become more salient in the context of the current refugee crisis in which Shari’a has established critical norms of protection-such as the right to asylum (“aman”) and the obligation to conduct hostilities in accordance with the principles of distinction and proportionality. The role of Shari’a in this context raises a host of questions in relation to other key challenges emerging in the region.</p> <p>How does the codification of Shari’a with respect to family law issues impact the ability individuals to acquire a nationality, as well as to enjoy other human rights? What are the positive traditions within Shari’a that can also help safeguard human rights – specifically right to a nationality and gender equality? Join us for a panel discussion of these and other questions. Panelists include: Amit Sen, Azizah al-Hibri, and Ellen McLarney. Please RSVP to Daniel Baroff at dab68@duke.edu by Monday, April 4th.</p>
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Kenan Institute for Ethics and the Duke Islamic Studies Center.
April 7, 2016	‘On the Building of Islamic Societies from Below Since 1800’
Time:	5:15pm – 6:45pm
Location:	Hamilton Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	This seminar will feature Prof. Francis Robinson, Professor of the History of South Asia (Royal Holloway, University of London). Robinson is a British historian and academic who specializes in the history of South Asia and Islam. For more information, please contact Professor Cemil Aydin at caydin@email.unc.edu.
Sponsors:	Cosponsored by: Carolina Seminar on Transnational and Modern Global History
April 7, 2016	Middle East Film Festival, We Loved Each Other So Much (Lebanon)
Time:	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Location:	Erdahl Cloyd Theater – D.H. Hill Library
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Film
Description:	<p>Announcing the 10th annual Middle East Film Film Festival at NC State University. This year we are focusing on documentaries about music with film from Iran, Iraq, Palestine and Lebanon. All films will be shown in Erdahl Cloyd Theater, D. H. Hill Library, NC State University. All screenings will take place at 7 PM. We Loved Each Other So Much (Lebanon)</p> <p>Director: Jack Janssen, Genre: Documentary, Running Time: 80 minutes, Arabic,English Subtitles. Several inhabitants of Beirut, all from different backgrounds, explain how the singer Fairuz is loved by Christians and Muslims, communists and right-wing extremists alike. She never left Beirut during the civil war and is one of the few remaining symbols of the past, when</p>

	times were better.
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by the Moise A. Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies.
April 9, 2016	Rotary Spring Conference
Time:	8:30am – 4:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Conference
Description:	Please join the Duke-UNC Rotary center for research on a wide range of issues affecting peace around the world. “Peace and Development: Multidisciplinary Approaches to Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals” will include Rotary Peace Fellows presenting research, sharing examples of hope, peace-making and positive change from every corner of the earth. Rebecca Bartlett will present on Mobile Technology increasing reproductive health knowledge among refugees from the Middle East in Europe. To register for this event, please click here. For more information about this event and the complete schedule, please click here . Please contact Amy Cole at coleac@email.unc.edu with questions.
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Duke-UNC Rotary Center
April 10, 2016 – April 12, 2016	Conference: Resisting Antisemitism: Past and Present
Time:	April 10, 8:00am – April 12, 5:00pm
Location:	Pettigrew Hall, Suite 100
	Duke University
Categories:	Conference
Description:	<p>The Carolina Center for Jewish Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is hosting a three-day scholarly conference, April 10-12, to explore the historical and present-day resurgence of antisemitism in many parts of the world (including North and South America, Europe, the Middle East and Africa). “Reconsidering Antisemitism: Past and Present” will take place at the William and Ida Friday Conference Center and will feature more than 15 leading scholars from throughout the United States, France, Germany and Israel. The event will consist of two evening lectures and a series of in-depth panel discussions.</p> <p>Stuart Eizenstat, a 1964 graduate who has held senior U.S. government positions in three presidential administrations, will give the opening talk on April 10. James Carroll, author of 11 novels and eight works of nonfiction, will give the keynote lecture on April 11. Panel discussions will focus on the origins of anti-Judaism; the struggle over the memory of the Holocaust; medieval to modern antisemitism in Europe and the Middle East; and conceptions of Jews in Europe and America. Other highlights include a roundtable with journalists who cover antisemitism and a poster session featuring research by Carolina undergraduate students. “This conference won’t solve the problem of antisemitism, but it is our belief that improved understanding and open discussion are the means to addressing the problem,” said Ruth von Bernuth, director of the Center, a part of UNC-Chapel Hill’s College of Arts and Sciences. “Students will gain an understanding that goes far beyond what can be attained during classroom instruction. Community members will have the opportunity to stop and really consider what is going on in the world today. And members of the media and other professionals will gain insight into topics that can be difficult to address without any sense of history or scale.”</p> <p>The full conference schedule, updated event information and online registration can be found at: jewishstudies.unc.edu. The conference is free and open to the public, but due to limited seating, advance registration is required for the panel sessions. The conference is made possible due to private support. For the full list of sponsors go</p>

	<p>to: http://jewishstudies.unc.edu/events/reconsidering-antisemitism/supporters-and-cosponsors/.</p> <p>– See more at: https://global.unc.edu/news/scholarly-conference-april-10-12-at-unc-chapel-hill-to-explore-antisemitism/#sthash.qF6deltD.dpuf</p>
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: UNC College of Arts and Sciences, UNC School of Media and Journalism, UNC Program in Medieval and Early Modern Studies, UNC Center for Slavic, East Euro and Eurasian Studies, UNC Department of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures, UNC Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, Duke Center for Jewish Studies
April 10, 2016	8th Annual Nazim Hikmet Poetry Festival
Time:	1:00pm – 5:00pm
Location:	Page-Walker Arts and History Center
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Conference
Description:	<p>Nâzım Hikmet Ran was a Turkish poet, playwright, and novelist. He was recognized as the first and foremost regarded throughout the world as one of the greatest poets of the twentieth century for the “lyrical as a “romantic revolutionary,” his humanistic views are universal.</p> <p>His poetry has been translated into more than fifty languages. He received the World Peace Prize (1950). Although he faced many challenges in his life, he always remained optimistic about the future. His poetry reflects his undiminishing hope for social justice, his love of life, and longing for his home. The idea of a festival as a tribute to this preeminent poet emerged among friends in the NC Turkish and ideals of his life. As the excitement to organize such a festival grew with encouragement from the open event, which would draw on Nâzım Hikmet ‘s poetry and its ability to reach and influence the festival that would feature not only Nâzım’s transcending work but also work from other local talent. The festival celebrates the poetry and music of Mevlana Celeleddin Rumi this year.</p>
Sponsors:	Organized by the American Turkish Association of North Carolina (www.ata-nc.org) Hosted by Town of Cary (www.townofcary.org), and Supported by a major grant from the Turkish Cultural Foundation (www.turkishculturalfoundation.org)
April 11, 2016	“Educating the Whole Person: the Humanities in the 21st Century” A Conversation with Fatemeh Keshavarz
Time:	4:00pm – 6:00pm
Location:	Lilly Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Join us as Professor Fatemeh Keshavarz focuses on her vision for a Humanistic content and pedagogy that responds to the needs of the 21st century. Dr. Fatemeh Keshavarz, born and raised in the city of Shiraz, completed her studies at Shiraz University and University of London. She taught at Washington University in St. Louis where she chaired the Dept. of Asian and Near Eastern Languages and Literatures. In 2012, Keshavarz joined the University of Maryland as Roshan Institute Chair in Persian Studies, and Director of Roshan Institute for Persian Studies. Keshavarz is author of award winning books including Reading Mystical Lyric: the Case of Jalal al-Din Rumi (USC Press,1998), and a book of literary analysis and social commentary titled Jasmine and Stars: Reading more than Lolita in Tehran (UNC Press, 2007). is a published poet in Persian and English and an activist for peace and justice. Her NPR show “The ecstatic faith of Rumi” brought her the Peabody Award in 2008. In the same year, she received the “Herschel Walker Peace and Justice Award. For more information visit here or contact Julie Maxwell at julie.maxwell@duke.edu .
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April 11, 2016	The Rhetoric of the Refugee Crisis – Examples from the European Media: Konstanty Gebert
Time:	5:30pm – 7:00pm
Location:	Hyde Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>The current refugee crisis has become the focus of public debate in Europe. The immediate media coverage has concentrated on the influx of migrants and on Europe’s logistical and political unpreparedness to receive them, but the crisis has also been used as a rhetorical argument to support or oppose different governmental policies. The debate on migration spiked after the publication of the picture of 3-year old Aylan Kurdi, and again after the New Year’s Eve incidents in Cologne. These spikes illuminated the sensitivities of the European audiences, but had little to do with larger causes and implications of the crisis. This talk will address the shortcomings of the current public debate. Further, it will look at the missed opportunities to build on the knowledge and experience gained during Europe’s previous refugee crisis two decades ago, when hundreds of thousands of people fled the wars in the former Yugoslavia. For more information about this event, please click here or email cseees@unc.edu.</p> <p>Konstanty Gebert is an associate policy fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations and a journalist for <i>Gazeta Wyborcza</i>, Poland’s biggest daily.</p>
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: the UNC Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies
April 11, 2016	Public Talk: Syrian Refugees in Lebanon
Time:	6:00pm
Location:	Park Shops 200 NC State University
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	<p>The Khayrallah Center invites you to a public talk and conversation with Dr. Maha Shuayb, the director of the UK-based Center for Lebanese Studies. The talk will focus on education and Syrian refugees in Lebanon. FREE and OPEN to the Public. For more information, please visit here or contact Dr. Khater at akhater@ncsu.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	The Khayrallah Center
April 12, 2016	2016 Capstone Conference: “A Conversation with GEN(Ret.) Martin Dempsey & Dana Priest”
Time:	5:30pm
Location:	Genome Science Building
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	<p>The UNC-TISS National Security Fellowship Program invites you to attend its final capstone conference, “A Conversation with GEN (Ret.) Martin Dempsey and Dana Priest.” Moderated by TISS Director, Peter Feaver, the event will cover a range of topics from civil-military relations, to military reform, to current events.</p>
Sponsors:	This event is sponsored by the UNC-TISS National Security Fellowship Program, the Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense, and the UNC School of Media and Journalism.
April 12, 2016	Film: He Named Me Malala
Time:	6:00pm – 8:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill

Categories:	Film
Description:	<i>He Named Me Malala</i> is an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by a gunshot when returning home on her school bus in Pakistan's Swat Valley. The then 15-year-old was singled out, along with her father, for advocating for girls' education, and the attack on her sparked an outcry from supporters around the world. She miraculously survived and is now a leading campaigner for girls' education globally as co-founder of the Malala Fund. Acclaimed documentary filmmaker Davis Guggenheim shows us how Malala, her father Zia, and her family are committed to fighting for education for all girls worldwide. The film gives us an inside glimpse into this extraordinary young girl's life – from her close relationship with her father who inspired her love for education, to her impassioned speeches at the UN, to her everyday life with her parents and brothers. Please contact nancys@email.unc.edu for more information.
Sponsors:	This event is sponsored by the Curriculum in Global Studies
April 13, 2016	Symposium on Muslim Africa with Professor Ariela Marcus-Sells, Professor Sa'diyya Shaikh, and Professor Charles Stewart
Time:	12:00pm – 3:00pm
Location:	Perkins Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Symposium
Description:	Too often in the study of Muslims in sub-Saharan Africa, the use of colonial sources distorts the perspective of academic works. This panel will be an exploration of sources that were produced for and by Muslims in Africa and will hope to build connections between Islamic Studies and African studies. The panel will include: Professor Ariela Marcus-Sells (Elon University) "Sorcery, Science, and Secrets: Muslim Devotional Practice in the Work of the Kunta Scholars" Professor Sa'diyya Shaikh (University of Cape Town) "South African Muslim Women, Marriage and Sexuality: An Empirical Study" Professor Charles Stewart (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign/Northwestern University) "Rethinking the missing manuscripts of Timbuktu." A light lunch will be provided. For more information click here or email Julie Maxwell at julie.maxwell@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	This event is co-sponsored by the Africa Initiative, Department of History at Duke University, and the Duke Islamic Studies Center.
April 13, 2016	Amy Kallander: Miniskirts and Beatniks: Gender Roles, National Development, and the Debate over Morals in 1960's Tunisia
Time:	4:30pm – 7:00pm
Location:	East Duke Parlors
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	This presentation looks at the ideological and practical contradictions of Tunisian modernity shortly after independence. Moving beyond Tunisia's reputation for supporting women's rights legislation, I illustrate the economic and ethical components of shifting gender roles through conversations about family planning and fashion in official publications and a stylish women's magazine. Speaker: Amy Aisen Kallander (Syracuse University).
Sponsors:	This event is sponsored by Duke Women's Studies.
April 13, 2016	Michael Walzer: "What is the Responsibility to Protect? And What Does it Mean in the Syrian Case?"
Time:	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Location:	Friedl Building, East Campus
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture

Description:	<p>Michael Walzer, one of America’s most influential political theorists, will speak on “What is the Responsibility to Protect? And What Does it Mean in the Syrian Case?” as the 2016 Kenan Distinguished Lecturer.</p> <p>Walzer is a professor emeritus at the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) in Princeton, New Jersey, and has written about a wide variety of topics in political theory and moral philosophy, including political obligation, just and unjust war, nationalism and ethnicity, economic justice, and the welfare state. He has played a critical role in the revival of a practical, issue-focused ethics and in the development of a pluralist approach to political and moral life. His talk will examine the international moral obligation to intercede in Syria and the international security and human rights norm Responsibility to Protect.</p> <p><i>The annual <u>Kenan Distinguished Lecture in Ethics</u> is a signature series of the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke that brings a distinguished speaker to campus to address moral issues of broad social and cultural significance. This event is free and open to the public, and will be followed by a reception.</i></p>
Sponsors:	This talk is co-sponsored by Duke Program in American Values and Institutions, Duke University Middle East Studies Center, Duke Islamic Studies Center, and Duke Council for European Studies.
April 14, 2016	Islamic Feminist Imaginaries – A conversation with Sa’diyya Shaikh
Time:	5:00pm – 7:00pm
Location:	East Duke Parlors
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	<p>Join the Duke Islamic Studies Center in welcoming Professor Sa’diyya Shaikh to Duke University for her talk on Islamic Feminist Imaginaries. Dr. Sa’diyya Shaikh is Associate Professor and Head of Department of Religious Studies at the University of Cape Town. Her research is situated at the intersection of Islamic Studies and Gender Studies, with a special interest in Sufism. Her areas of research also include gender-sensitive readings of hadith and Quran; theoretical debates on Islam and feminism; religion and gender-based violence; and empirical work on South African Muslim Women. This event is co-sponsored by Duke Islamic Studies Center, Women’s Studies, and the Franklin Humanities Institute Humanities’ Futures Grant. For more information visit here or contact Julie Maxwell at julie.maxwell@duke.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	This event is sponsored by Franklin Humanities Institute and the Women’s Studies Program.
April 14, 2016	Film: ‘Queens of Syria’
Time:	7:15pm
Location:	Carolina Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	<p>From Director Yasmin Fedda, the UNC Islamic Graduate Student Association (IGSA) is honored to screen Queens of Syria. This documentary tells the story of fifty women from Syria, all forced into exile in Jordan, who came together in Autumn 2013 to create and perform their own version of the ancient Greek tragedy Trojan Women. What followed was an extraordinary moment of cross-cultural contact across millennia, in which women born in 20th century Syria found a blazingly vivid mirror of their own experiences in the stories of a queen, princesses and ordinary women like them, uprooted, enslaved, and bereaved by the Trojan War. The film (70 min) will have a faculty introduction from Dr. Zeina G. Halabi, Assistant Professor of Arabic Literature and Culture. In the face of incredible silencing of Syrian voices in this historical moment, IGSA offers the voices of this film who speak on revolution, war, exile, despair, dreams, and a collective future. Please RSVP on the Facebook event page.</p> <p>Made possible through funding from UNC Student Government. For more information about the film, click here. For questions about this event, please email Kate Merriman</p>

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Sponsors:	Funded by the UNC Student Government
April 15, 2016	Prof. Penny Sinanoglou, “Forsaking All Others: Polygamy and the Law in the British Empire”
Time:	4:00pm
Location:	National Humanities Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Prof. Penny Sinanoglou is a Professor History at Wake Forest. She received her Ph.D. in History from Harvard University, and her B.A. in History and Middle Eastern and Asian Languages and Cultures from Columbia University. She has published on twentieth-century British policy-making in the Middle East, and works more broadly on questions of empire, nationalism, ethnic identity, and decolonization. She will present a talk on Polygamy and Law in the British Empire. Please contact Professor Cemil Aydin at caydin@email.unc.edu with questions.
Sponsors:	This event is cosponsored by Carolina Seminar on Transnational and Modern Global History.
April 15, 2016	TISS Honor Student Dinner Presentations
Time:	5:30pm – 9:00pm
Location:	William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	The Triangle Institute for Security Studies is proud to invite you to the Twelfth Annual Honor Student Dinner Presentations on Friday, April 15 th beginning at 5:30 PM. It features talks by seven of our finest undergraduates, including presentations with a Middle East focus by Alexandra Shewmake, Duke on “Expanding Role Theory: Analyzing US Responses to Hizb’allah and Iran”, Tara Mooney, Duke on “Critical Discourse Analysis on Daesh’s Propaganda in English and Arabic”, and Christie Lawrence, Duke on “U.S.-Turkish Relations: Re-Situating the Kurdish Question.” For more details go to the TISS event page: HONOR STUDENT EVENT PAGE . Please note that RSVP is required, and that seats are limited – registration will close when we no longer have room. Please contact Dr. Carolyn Pumphrey with questions at pumphrey@duke.edu or 919-613-9280.
Sponsors:	This event is sponsored by The Triangle Institute for Security Studies
April 18, 2016	Hussein Ali Agrama: “Justice between Islamic Shari’a and Western Legal Tradition: Remarks on the Egyptian Context”
Time:	12:00pm – 2:00pm
Location:	Rubenstein Library
	Duke University
Categories:	Workshop
Description:	Hussein Ali Agrama, Associate Professor of Anthropology & Director of Graduate Studies at the University of Chicago, on “Justice between Islamic Shari’a and Western Legal Tradition: Remarks on the Egyptian Context.” His pre-circulated paper by that same title, and an accompanying text, are available to download from: http://graduateprograminreligion.duke.edu/academics/islamic-studies How does one compare and contrast potentially very different traditions of law without assuming any common conception of law? How does one stage a comparison of such traditions in the face of their mutual engagement under historical conditions of asymmetric power that render one of them commensurable to the other? These are some of the central questions this essay begins to address through a series of loosely related, ethnographically inspired reflections

	<p>on the concept of justice within Western legal tradition and the Islamic Shari'a, with respect to modern Egypt. It focuses on the particular problem that the violence of law is seen to pose for the enactment of justice within Western legal thought and practice. Arguing that this problem is of relatively recent origin, it outlines some of the historically emergent forms of sociability, modes of authority, and structures of coercion that contribute to the formation of this problem, and that give rise to a distinctive conception of politics that persists into the present. Contrasting this with classical Shari'a thought and historical practices, the essay then points to how these forms of sociability, authority and coercion – and the concept of politics they made possible – insinuated themselves into the fabric of Egyptian society through the colonizing and modernizing projects that established European based civil law there; it also reflects on how this produced the complicated pattern of similarity, difference, commensurability and incommensurability that exists today between Egyptian civil law and Islamic Shari'a. The workshop will take place in the Carpenter Conference Room (Rubenstein 249) from 12 – 2 pm, and lunch will be catered by Mediterranean Deli. Please contact Professor Mona Hassan at mh166duke@gmail.com with questions.</p>
Sponsors:	This event is sponsored by the Graduate Program in Religion, the International Comparative Studies Program, the Kenan Institute for Ethics' Religion in the Public Life Initiative, and the Religious Studies Department.
April 18, 2016	"Lighting the Great Mosque of Cordoba: Interiors, Vision, and Memory" with Renata Holod
Time:	5:30pm
Location:	Sitterson Hall
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Intersecting polylobed arcades of Andalusia, whether in structural actuality or as ornamental designs, have been taken as geometric exercises within the setting of Umayyad and Taifa period productions, or later as markers of superior 'Moorish' craftsmanship whether on Iberian or Moroccan soil. This talk proposes cognitive recall and the arts of memory as a source for the genesis of Cordoba's famous intersecting polylobed arcades. Preparatory work for the study has been carried out with the Digital Media Design group of the School of Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania, here . Renata Holod is Professor in the History of Art at the University of Pennsylvania. For more information or questions about this event, please email Glaire Anderson at glaire@email.unc.edu .
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April 19, 2016	Book launch with Joseph Lam: Patterns of Sin in the Hebrew Bible: Metaphor, Culture, and the Making of a Religious Concept
Time:	12:30pm – 1:30pm
Location:	Pettigrew Hall, Suite 100
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	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. Reservations are required as lunch will be provided. Reading materials are often sent in advance of the lunch seminar. This seminar will feature a book launch with Professor Joseph Lam: <i>Patterns of Sin in the Hebrew Bible: Metaphor, Culture, and the Making of a Religious Concept</i> (Oxford University Press, 2016). The program will consist of an introduction to the book by Brad Erickson (UNC), followed by an informal Q&A.
Sponsors:	This event is sponsored by the Carolina Center for Jewish Studies.

April 19, 2016	For Faculty and Graduate Students: Roundtable Dinner Discussion with Amit Sen: The Rising Challenge of Statelessness in Syria after the Arab Spring
Time:	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Location:	John Hope Franklin Center
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	The Kenan Institute for Ethics and the Duke University Middle East Studies Center(DUMESC) invite faculty and graduate students to join a roundtable discussion with Amit Sen, the United Nations Refugee Agency’s Regional Protection Officer on Statelessness for the MENA region, to explore the new and unprecedented risks of statelessness, especially among refugee and internally-displaced children. While an array of non-State actors and parties to the conflict in Syria now perform functions which are “state responsibilities,” such as presiding over criminal law and family law matters, and issuing individuals with identity documentation, this ad hoc functioning of parallel systems raises an additional set of questions — including what shape Syria may take in the future, whether it is already operating as a de facto partitioned State, and how the international community can ethically and responsibly engage with this complex set of challenges. Mr. Sen has worked in Asia as well as the Middle East, and previously adjudicated asylum claims for the United Nations in Turkey. Dinner will be provided. For more information, please see the website here.
Sponsors:	This event is sponsored by the Kenan Institute for Ethics and the Duke University Middle East Studies Center(DUMESC).
April 19, 2016	Panel: Women’s Narratives in Revolutionary Movements: The Arab Spring and #BlackLivesMatter
Time:	7:00pm – 8:30pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	In the course of the past two years, revolutionary socio-political movements have swept the United States and the Middle East. The Arab Spring dismantled autocracies and challenged conceptualizations of development in the Middle East. With a similar populist methodology, “Black Lives Matter” has changed the national dialogue on police violence and systemic racism. Throughout these experiences, it is important to recognize the value of women’s narratives. This panel – academic and activist perspectives – hopes to explore how women have shaped and defined the art, music, and literature of the revolutions. This panel will include Dr. Zeina Halabi (Arabic Literature and Culture, UNC), Ms. Zaina Alsous (media and communications specialist, social activist in Durham, NC), and Dr. Charlene Register (Professor of African, African American, and Diaspora Studies, UNC). For questions about this event, please contact Nancy Smith at smithnr@live.unc.edu .
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April 20, 2016	Dissertation Forum “The Predicaments of a Rapid Success: Egypt’s Failed Democratization, 2011-13” by Ali Kadivar
Time:	12:30pm – 1:30pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	The Middle East Center at UNC invites faculty and graduate students to take part in an annual Dissertation Forum event on Wednesday, April 20 , from 12:30-1:30pm in Room 3009 , FedEx Global Education Center. 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, with a short response from a faculty member followed by general discussion. This semester, Ali Kadivar will present on “The Predicaments of a Rapid Success: Egypt’s Failed Democratization, 2011-13”, with a response from Charlie Kurzman, Sociology, UNC.
Sponsors:	This event is sponsored by the Middle East Center at UNC.
April 20, 2016	Between Liberation Theology and Will to Power: Reflections on Islamist Political Thought By Dr. Halil Ibrahim Yenigün
Time:	5:30pm – 7:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	Halil Ibrahim Yenigün received his Ph.D. in 2013 from the University of Virginia’s (UVA) political theory program with his dissertation titled, <i>The Political Ontology of Islamic Democracy: An Ontological Narrative of Contemporary Muslim Political Thought</i> . Until January 2016, he taught as Assistant Professor of Political Theory at Istanbul Commerce University and a Research Fellow at Sabanci University Istanbul Policy Center’s POMEAS Project. Both as a scholar and public intellectual, Halil Ibrahim Yenigün is involved in several NGOs that work on human rights, social justice issues, and free circulation of ideas. He has served as a founding member and general coordinator at Istanbul Think-house (Istanbul Düşünce Evi- IDE) and he is currently the Deputy Secretary General at MAZLUMDER Human Rights Association. Please contact Professor Cemil Aydin at caydin@email.unc.edu with questions.
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Carolina Seminar in Transnational and Modern Global History in cooperation with the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations & Duke Islamic Studies Center (DISC).
April 20, 2016	Film Screening: The Wanted 18
Time:	7:00pm
Location:	Manning Hall 209
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	Join J Street U, the Media Resource Center, and the Campus Y in viewing The Wanted 18 – a thought-provoking documentary on a unique example of Palestinian non-violent resistance during the first intifada. The film tells the story of 18 dairy cows being brought to the West Bank town of Beit Sahour, as part of a self-sufficiency movement, which were then declared a threat to the security of the state of Israel. The film will be followed by a Skype Q&A with Emma Alpert, a member of Just Vision’s staff who has worked closely with the films directors. More information is available here . Free admission, public welcome.
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by J Street U, the Media Resource Center, and the Campus Y
April 20, 2016	Film: ‘Tales’ (Ghesse-ha)
Time:	7:30pm
Location:	East Duke Parlors
	Duke University
Categories:	Film
Description:	Join the Graduate Student Association of Iranians at Duke as they host a Docunight featuring the film – Tales (Persian: قصه های Ghesse-ha) which is a 2014 Iranian drama film directed by Rakhshan Bani-E’tamad. It contains seven tales about different people. It was selected to compete for the Golden Lion at the 71st Venice International Film Festival, where it won the award for Best Screenplay. It was also screened in the Contemporary World Cinema section at the 2014 Toronto International Film Festival. This event is free and open to the public. View the trailer here and contact Julie Maxwell at julie.maxwell@duke.edu for more

	information.
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Graduate Student Association of Iranians at Duke and Duke Islamic Studies Center.
April 22, 2016	Kathryn Medien: Intimate Occupation: Economies of Love in the Israeli Settler-Colony
Time:	11:30am – 1:00pm
Location:	East Duke Parlors
	Duke University
Categories:	Lecture
Description:	This paper – presented by Kathryn Medien, a visiting research scholar – examines the intersections of intimacy and occupation in Palestine/Israel. Moving alongside and beyond the current focus on the queer or ‘homo-nationalist’ politics of occupation, it explores how the regulation of sexual intimacy serves as a technology of segregation, dispossession, and carceral Israeli colonial rule. For more information or questions about this event, please email Julie Maxwell at julie.maxwell@duke.edu .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by: The Program in Women Studies at Duke University
April 23, 2016	Fourth Annual NC Persian Festival
Time:	11:00am – 7:00pm
Location:	Kerr Scott Building
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Conference
Description:	The North Carolina Persian Festival celebrates the rich and ancient culture, history, arts, and traditions of the people of Iran. The Festival includes a wide array of live performances of traditional, folkloric, contemporary, pop, and modern classical Persian music and dance. Persian carpets, handicrafts, embroidery, calligraphy and paintings will be on display in the extensive cultural exhibition along with film clips and animations that explore the history, geography, and cities of Iran from the time of the Persian Empire and Cyrus the Great to the present. Admission is just \$2. For more information, please visit the festival website by clicking here .
Sponsors:	
April 24, 2016	4th Annual Turkish Food & Art Festival
Time:	11:00am – 4:00pm
Location:	Divan Center - Triangle
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	The Divan Center presents a Turkish Food & Art Festival. As the Turkish proverb says: “Neither coffee nor the coffeehouse is the heart’s behest. The heart seeks friendship; coffee is the pretext.” A Turkish Food & Art festival including many authentic tastes, such as gyro (doner), Turkish ravioli, vegetarian dishes, grilled fish sandwiches, grilled meatballs, Turkish coffee, baklava, and much more. Please kindly RSVP here by April 23th, contact triangle@divancenter.org for more information.
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Divan Center
April 25, 2016	Film: “Almanya – Welcome to Germany”
Time:	5:30pm – 7:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Film
Description:	“Almanya – Welcome to Germany” is a humorous take on postwar migration. “Almanya”’s ironic, humorous and self-reflective engagement with migration and integration is a welcome

	<p>departure from the pessimistic films about guest workers typical of the 1970s and 1980s. The film's transculturality makes it a good representative for a new era of Turkish German filmmaking. UNC Dept. of Germanic Studies Prof. Priscilla Layne will provide a brief introduction of the film. The screening will take place in the Nelson Mandela Auditorium, FedEx Global Education Center.</p> <p>Free & open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.</p>
Sponsors:	Cosponsors include: Center for European Studies, Transatlantic Masters Program, Euro Major, Erasmus+, Federal Department of Education, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, and the Department of Germanic & Slavic Languages and Literatures.
April 26, 2016	The Refugee Crisis in Europe: Testing the Limits of the European Project Panel Discussion II
Time:	5:30pm – 7:00pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	In fall 2015, the Center for European Studies hosted a panel discussion on the Refugee Crisis in Europe. In spring 2016, the situation has both evolved and deteriorated. The refugee crisis is still testing the limits of the European project. Is there hope for a solution to the refugee crisis in Europe? How is the refugee crisis changing the face of European politics? The refugee crisis exposes tensions that have always been inherent to the European project: Where (really) are Europe's external borders? Just how much sovereignty are EU member states willing to give up? Can Europe create a "European" identity, not just for traditional Europeans but for those from immigrant backgrounds? How far do "European values" extend? And what is it like for the millions of refugees from North Africa and the Middle East washing up on Europe's shores and camping out on Europe's borders?
Sponsors:	Cosponsors include: Center for European Studies, Transatlantic Masters Program, Euro Major, Erasmus+, Federal Department of Education, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, and the Department of Germanic & Slavic Languages and Literatures.
April 26, 2016	AHS Presents: Turkey and the Kurds
Time:	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Location:	Social Sciences 228
	Duke University
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	AHS Presents: "Turkey and the Kurds" A Conversation with Vahram Ter-Matevosyan and David Schenker. April 26 @ 6:30-7:30pm Social Sciences 136. The Duke Alexander Hamilton Society presents "Turkey and the Kurds," a debate featuring Vahram Ter-Matevosyan, a Visiting Scholar at Duke University, and David Schenker, the Director of the Program on Arab politics at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. The debate will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 on April 26th in Social Sciences 136. Drink and refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Alexander Hamilton Society
April 27, 2016 – April 29, 2016	Production: My Name is Rachel Corrie
Time:	April 27, 7:30pm – April 29, 7:30pm
Location:	Community Church of Chapel Hill Unitarian Universalist
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Performance
Description:	My Name is Rachel Corrie is a one-person dramatic production based on the diaries and emails of Rachel Corrie, an American member of the International Solidarity Movement who traveled

	<p>to the Gaza Strip during the Second Intifada. While acting as a human shield to stop the demolition of a Palestinian home, Corrie was killed by a bulldozer operated by Israeli Defense Forces. My Name is Rachel Corrie, performed by actor Ashley Malloy, is an emotionally charged dramatic production that communicates the reality of the devastation and loss of life caused by the occupation.</p> <p>7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 27, Sonorous Road Productions Tickets \$10 adults/\$5 students available at www.sonorousroad.com, Sponsored by the Coalition for Peace with Justice, Abrahamic Initiative on the Middle East and Jewish Voice for Peace-NC Triangle Chapter</p> <p>7:30 p.m., Friday, April 29, Community Church of Chapel Hill Unitarian Universalist Admission free; donations at the door appreciated.</p>
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Coalition for Peace with Justice, Abrahamic Initiative on the Middle East, Balance and Accuracy in Journalism, Charles M. Jones Peace & Justice Committee of the Community Church of Chapel Hill Unitarian Universalist and Jewish Voice for Peace-NC Triangle Chapter.
April 28, 2016	Film Screening: "Salam Neighbor" with presentation by Dr. Dilshad Jaff
Time:	11:00am – 1:00pm
Location:	Forsyth Technical Community College
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	<p>The Forsyth Technical Community College Humanities Enrichment Series presents: "Salam Neighbor" a film by Chris Temple and Zach Ingrasci followed by a presentation and discussion of issues related to the refugee crisis presented by Dr. Dilshad Jaff in the Oak Grove Auditorium (2100 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem, NC 27103). Two Americans head to the edge of war, just seven miles from the Syrian border, to live among 85,000 uprooted refugees in Jordan's Za'atari camp. As the first filmmakers allowed by the United Nations to register and set-up a tent inside a refugee camp, Zach and Chris plunge into the heart of the world's most pressing humanitarian crisis. From meeting Um Ali, a woman struggling to overcome personal loss and cultural barriers, to the street smart, 10-year-old Raouf, whose trauma hides just beneath his ever present smile, Zach and Chris uncover inspiring stories of individuals rallying, against all odds, to rebuild their lives and those of their neighbors.</p> <p>Dilshad Jaff, MD, MPH will present and lead a discussion about his experience from the field working in refugee and Internally Displaced Peoples' (IDPs) camps, updates and current challenges and issues related to the refugee crisis.</p> <p>Dr. Dilshad is a Research Advisor for Conflict Prevention and Disaster Preparedness at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health Gillings Global Gateway TM. He holds a Master of Public Health degree from the Gillings School and has more than 13 years experience in complex humanitarian crises in conflict zones in the Middle East working for refugees and IDPs, largely with the International Committee of the Red Cross. He has experience in designing, implementing, supervising and monitoring health projects and programs during and after complex humanitarian emergencies. In addition to his formal studies in medicine and public health, he studied medical microbiology with considerable training in conflict resolution. For more information, please contact Lisa Stanley-Smith at lstanley-smith@forsythtech.edu.</p>
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies & Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center
April 28, 2016	International Coffee Hour
Time:	10:00am
Location	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill

Categories:	Meeting
Description:	Join The Center for Global Initiatives for their monthly social hour to bring together international UNC community members and students excited about global engagement. Chat about opportunities and challenges on campus. Meet staff from the hosting offices with great resources to share. Refreshments will be provided including EspressoOasis coffee. For more information, please contact The Center for Global Initiatives at cgi@unc.edu or click here .
Sponsors:	Cosponsors: Carolina Center for Global Initiatives, Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and the Postdoctoral Association
April 29, 2016	
	The Benjamin Sisters
Time:	8:30pm
Location:	FedEx Global Education Center
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Performance
Description:	The Carolina Asia Center, Pakistani American Anjuman of North Carolina, and the Urdu Majlis Literary Society proudly present The Benjamin Sisters. Come join and hear the legendary singing group from Pakistan singing in Punjabi, Urdu-Hindi, and Sindhi. It will be an evening of your favorite romantic, folk, and Sufi songs, ghazal, geet, plus hits from Bollywood, and Lollywood. Admission is: \$20 (general), \$50 (VIP), or \$100 (VVIP) – all prices include refreshments. Tickets Available at: Delhi Darbar Restaurant (469)386-2788, Kabab and Grill (919)592-1790, and at Al-Kareem Grocers (919)336-3174. For more information or questions, please call Inamul Haque at (469)386-2788.
Sponsors:	Co-sponsors: Carolina Asia Center, Pakistani American Anjuman of North Carolina, Urdu Majlis Literary Society, Chaudhry Halal Meat, Delhi Darbar Restaurant, Geet Bazaar Radio, Cambria Suites, ApnaTriangle.com, NamasteRTP.com, and Me2Desi.com
May 1, 2016	
	Abrahamic Table: Faith and Psychology Panel Discussion
Time:	3:00pm
Location:	The Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies - NC
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	The Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies – NC (IITS-NC) cordially invites you to the Panel Discussion Around Abrahamic Table event on May 1st, at 3pm . Three monotheistic faiths in the world (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) accept Abraham as the father of all nations. To honor Abraham with regard to the spirit of dialogue, the Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies plans to host regularly a panel discussion program that brings community leaders and clergy from the three Abrahamic faiths to engage in a dialogue about the commonalities of and common issues concerning the Abrahamic communities over delicious food. Each speaker gives a brief interpretation on the given topic from their own background followed by a collective discussion over the topic. This event acknowledges the demand and importance for interfaith dialogue and the positive role it plays in the society. Although this event represents Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, all religions are welcome to the table. In this special gathering, our distinguished speakers are Rabbi Rachel Jurovics from Yavneh: A Jewish Renewal Community , Pastor Steve Patti from Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi Raleigh and Imam Khalid Shahu from Muslim Community Center of Apex . They will focus on Faith and Psychology .
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies
May 1, 2016	
	A Mystic Night of Persian Traditional Concert
Time:	6:00pm
Location:	Talley Ballroom, NC State University

	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Performance
Description:	The Persian Art Center in Carolina & Iranian Student Association at NCSU Presents: A Mystic Night of Persian Traditional Concert. Ensemble includes: Renowned vocalist: Salar Aghili, Hossein Behroozini: Lut, Saeed Farajpouri: Kamancheh, Harir Shariatzadeh: Framed drum, and Hamin Honari: Persian drum. Tickets can be purchased online by here . Public tickets are \$40 and student tickets are \$20 (only with valid ID). For more information and questions, please call 919-259-0959.
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by Iranian Cultural Society of North Carolina
May 4, 2016	Reel Israel: Fourth Annual Israeli Documentary Film Series 'The Decent One'
Time:	7:00pm
Location:	Kehillah Synagogue
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Film
Description:	<p>Through six incredible documentary films, go on a tour of Israel like you've never seen before. Each film screening will be followed by evocative, honest discussions, led by Duke Associate Professor Shai Ginsburg. Our sixth film will be shown on Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. This series aims to diversify the vision of Israel, screening some of the most successful, both critically and commercially acclaimed, Israeli documentary films in recent years. The films explore a wide range of issues and themes: immigration and emigration, aging, gender, ethnicity, Israeli urban centers and the kibbutz, past dreams and present reality and, yes, also the Israeli Palestinian conflict and the Jewish Holocaust. Come for one, some, or all, of these Saturday evenings for wonderful, insightful, films and discussion:</p> <p>This film series is part of an ongoing collaboration between Duke University and the Israeli Documentary Filmmakers Forum and is made possible through generous donations by Kehillah members David & Adele Roth and Stan & Marion Robboy.</p> <p>Suggested donation: Series Pass-\$40; Individual Films-\$10; Student Price-\$6 per film (ID required). For more information, please contact Sherri Morris at sherri@kehillahsynagogue.org</p>
Sponsors:	
May 13, 2016 – May 15, 2016	Iraqi Refugee Art Exhibit
Time:	May 13, 6:00pm – May 15, 5:00pm
Location:	William Peace University
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Exhibit
Description:	<p>The three-day free exhibit features paintings by ten professional Iraqi artists who fled initially to Syria and have recently been resettled in the U.S. and Canada. Also included in the exhibit will be artwork by local artists Ahmed Fadaam, Ráed Al-Rawi, and others. The exhibit is being organized with the help of Common Humanity, a New York-based non-profit which seeks to build understanding, respect, and friendship with the Arab and Muslim world. For more information, contact drohrer123@pobox.com or 919-781-3225. Admission: Open to the public at no charge.</p> <p>Exhibit Hours:</p> <p>Friday, May 13: 6 to 9 pm (with reception, live music, and presentation on Iraqi art)</p> <p>Saturday, May 14: 10 am to 5 pm (in conjunction with "Front Porch Art Walk" in historic Oakwood/Mordecai)</p> <p>Sunday, May 15: 1 to 5 pm (Interfaith Dialogue/Storytelling Session, 2-4 pm)</p>
Sponsors:	Co-sponsored by the members of local Muslim community and Raleigh Mennonite Church.
June 3, 2016	Learn to Make Arabic Food

Time:	12:00pm – 2:00pm
Location:	New West
	UNC Chapel Hill
Categories:	Workshop
Description:	<p>Learn to make Arabic food with Farida Badr, Lecturer in Arabic in the UNC Department of Asian Studies! Space is limited, so please RSVP to fbadr@email.unc.edu. Free and open to the public, <i>RSVP required</i>.</p> <p>Location: New West Kitchen, 175 E Cameron Ave, Chapel Hill, NC 27514</p> <p>Badr is an Arabic language lecturer at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she teaches different levels of Arabic classes including elementary, intermediate, and Egyptian Arabic dialect. She served as the coordinator of the first summer Arabic immersion program at UNC in 2012. in which students were fully immersed in the cultural activities like Arab cooking and food, Arab folklore, Arab music, and other Arab cultural themes. Badr has a long experience in teaching Arabic as a foreign language at different American schools, such as Middlebury College at Mills, the Monterey Institute of International Studies, and the American University in Cairo. She previously served as a guide and curator at the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.</p>
Sponsors:	
June 5, 2016	Panel Discussion around Abrahamic Table - Fasting
Time:	3:00pm
Location:	The Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies - NC
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	<p>The Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies – NC (IITS-NC) cordially invites you to the Panel Discussion around Abrahamic Table. In this special gathering, our distinguished speakers are Derek Maul from Wake Forest Presbyterian Church, David Reed from Beth El Synagogue, Fatma Bozkurt from IITS. The theme will be Fasting in Abrahamic Religions. Practiced in many religions, fasting is an act which is most accurately defined as an abstention from meat, drink and all natural food for a determined period. IITS plans to host a regular panel discussion program that brings community leaders and clergy from the three Abrahamic faiths to engage in a dialogue about the commonalities of and common issues. Each speaker gives a brief interpretation on the given topic from their own background followed by a collective discussion over the topic. This event acknowledges the demand and importance for interfaith dialogue and the positive role it plays in society. Although this event represents Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, all are welcome to the table.</p> <p>Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. Please kindly RSVP here by June 4th.</p>
Sponsors:	This event is sponsored by the Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies.
June 11, 2016	Film Screening: Jimmy Vestwood
Time:	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Location:	Witherspoon Cinema
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Film
Description:	<p>Persian section & the Iranian Student Association at NCSU are pleased to announce a single screening of the American comedy, Jimmy Vestwood. Please join us for a one time screening of this comedy on June 11th. This broad satire is about a bumbling yet lovable Iranian immigrant who wins the Green Card lottery and moves to Los Angeles to pursue his dream of becoming an American hero. The film playfully skewers American preconceptions of the Middle East and breaks new ground through its depiction of the first hero of Middle-Eastern descent in an American comedy.</p> <p>Tickets: Adults/non-students \$10.00, <14 year olds and students (w/ Proof of Student ID) \$7.00, Language: English, Genre: Comedy, PG-13, Length: 1 hr 24 min.</p>

Sponsors:	The Persian section and the Iranian Student Association at NCSU.
June 12, 2016	"Conversation with a Panel of Distinguished Muslims"
Time:	3:00pm
Location:	Community Church of Chapel Hill Unitarian Universalist
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	Join the Community Church of Chapel Hill Unitarian Universalist for a panel conversation with members of the local Muslim community. Panelists include Mohammad Abu-Salha, a psychiatrist and the father of two daughters killed February 2015 in Chapel Hill; Shane Atkinson, Associate Imam, As Salaam Islamic Center, Raleigh; Tanzeel Chohan, member of Raleigh Human Relations Commission; Muad Hrezi, Libyan-American UNC grad; Deonna Kelli Sayed, an author and storyteller; and Nsenga Knight, member of a large Afro-Caribbean Muslim family. The conversation will be moderated by author Krista Bremer. Light refreshments provided afterward by Political Salon. For more information, visit www.c3huu.org or call 919-306-3885.
Sponsors:	Sponsored by the Community Church of Chapel Hill Unitarian Universalist.
June 12, 2016	Persian Art Center in Carolina Presents: Dr. Pourzandi Study of Sadegh Hedayat
Time:	4:00pm – 8:00pm
Location:	The Club House
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Discussion, Lecture, Performance
Description:	The program will begin with a social from 4-4:30, followed by a welcome and introduction by Amir Rezvani. The speaker is Dr. Pourzandi who will present a study of Sadegh Hedayat, Iranian author who introduced modernist techniques into Persian fiction. He is considered one of the greatest Iranian writers of the 20th century. The presentation will be followed by discussion from 6-6:30pm. From 6:45-7:30 , there will be live music and poetry readings from your favorite poets. The event will end with an open forum regarding planning for the future from 7:30-8:00pm. The Persian Poetry Group in Chapel Hill honors, respects and promotes freedom of speech and expression. For more information, please call 919-259-0959 or visit Kodoom.com .
Sponsors:	
June 17, 2016	Film Screening: Occupation of the American Mind
Time:	6:30pm
Location:	Recyclique
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Film
Description:	Narrated by Roger Waters and featuring leading observers of the Middle East, the film explores American media coverage of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Occupation of the American Mind provides an analysis of the decades-long battle for the hearts, minds, and tax dollars of the American people. This is a film by the Media Education Foundation.
Sponsors:	
June 20, 2016	ANERA Benefit Iftar
Time:	8:00pm – 10:00pm
Location:	Mediterranean Deli
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	Join ANERA for a Benefit Iftar in Chapel Hill at Mediterranean Deli. ANERA serves Palestinian

	refugees and 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 event will go towards sending food and relief to families in Palestine and Jordan. The event will feature a full course dinner, and Palestinian comedian Amer Zahr! Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door, and \$30 for students. Register here: www.anera.org/chapelhill . Please contact Jihad Shawwa at (919) 264-3602 or Hani Almadhoun at halmadhoun@anera.org for more information.
Sponsors:	Sponsored by ANERA
June 22, 2016	Human Rights in the Modern Middle East
Time:	5:00pm – 6:30pm
Location:	Flyleaf Books
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Discussion
Description:	<p>Featuring Sarah D. Shields, Bowman and Gordon Gray Distinguished Term Professor of History No place on Earth has seen more violence and disruption in the past 20 years than the Middle East. From economic sanctions to wars, to terrorism and torture, to dictatorships and superpower interventions, human rights violations seemingly define the region's recent history. Sarah Shields discusses cases of human rights transgressions from an historical perspective, and offers her take on the reasons for the desperate state of affairs in the Middle East.</p> <p>All <i>Humanities in Action</i> events take place at Flyleaf Books in Chapel Hill. There are no preparatory readings for these events.</p> <p>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). To check your membership status or to join the GAA, please visit alumni.unc.edu or call 800.962.0742. GAA membership is open to all UNC alumni and friends. Tuition is \$20.00 for everyone paying at the door.</p>
Sponsors:	
July 2, 2016	Chaand Raat & Eid Bazaar
Time:	7:00pm – 11:00pm
Location:	Seasons at Tandoor Banquet Hall
	Events in the Triangle
Categories:	Meeting
Description:	<p>Admission: Adults \$2.00, Kids above 5 and Students \$1.00</p> <p>For more information and vendor inquiry please email, seemafaruqi@hotmail.com or call @ 919-596-4792 or 919-475-1425</p> <p>FREE Iftar for Vendors and others present at iftar time. (courtesy of Seema & Ashraf Faruqi)</p> <p>Tandoor will be selling food for a reasonable cost.</p>
Sponsors:	