

UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

HENRY M. JACKSON SCHOOL
OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



MIDDLE EAST CENTER

The **MIDDLE EAST CENTER** is a US Department of Education National Resource Center housed at the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington. The Center is the single most important academic entity educating the citizens of Washington State about the Middle East. With an affiliated faculty drawn from twenty different UW departments, as well as off-campus experts, diplomats, military leaders, and business executives, we provide instruction across a wide range of disciplines, conduct research, and offer extensive public programming and educational outreach on the Middle East throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES

At the University of Washington

- We sustain the teaching of Arabic, Hebrew, Persian and Turkish through support for instructor salaries and professional development
- We underwrite Middle East-content courses, such as:
 - Business and Economics of the Middle East
 - Humanitarian Law and the Middle East
 - Oil and Security in the Middle East
 - Global Cybersecurity and the Middle East
- We award US Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS)

In the K-12 Arena

- We offer professional development workshops focused on the Middle East to teachers and administrators in all Congressional Districts in the State of Washington.
- We support Arabic language instruction to minority and underrepresented high school students in the Seattle Public Schools through a partnership with OneWorld Now!



MIDDLE EAST CENTER FLAS FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED TO WASHINGTON STATE RESIDENTS SINCE 2016

- > Number of Awards: 86
- > Dollar amount: \$1,156,500
- > Award Languages: ARABIC, HEBREW, PERSIAN, TURKISH
- > Countries where awardees studied: Algeria, Armenia, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Oman, Tunisia, Turkey

In the Community

We offer educational presentations about the Middle East to local community groups, associations, and clubs across the State of Washington, on such topics as:

- The US and Saudi Arabia, Security and the Red Sea, Turkey and US Relations, Tensions in the Persian Gulf
- We provide professional training workshops to first-responders and medical personnel

IMPACT AND OUTCOMES OF ACTIVITIES

What scholarship have our students produce recently?

UW students who work with center-affiliated faculty produce a very wide range of scholarship. Recent examples include:

- Examining Russia's Intervention in Syria
- Mitigating the Effects of Reduced Oversight in Iraq and Syria
- Daesh: Identity Politics and Islam
- Competing Visions of Modern Zionism
- Nuclear Proliferation Threats in the Middle East
- Water in the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Where do our alumni work now?

- **Federal Government:** Commerce, Defense, Energy, Homeland Security, Interior, Justice and State
- **Military:** UW Air force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard
- **Private Sector:** Microsoft, Amazon, JP Morgan Chase, Booz Allen Hamilton, Starbucks, Boeing, Kaiser Permanente, Costco, SpaceX, Washington Post, Wells Fargo, Citizens Bank
- **NGOS/Non-Profit/International:** Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Doctors Without Borders, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, World Vision, World Relief, United Nations World Food Program, Heritage Foundation, Carnegie Endowment, World Bank, Peace Corps

Where do our alumni teach now?

Seattle University, Western Washington University, Central Washington University, Evergreen State College, Highline Community College, Colgate University, Old Dominion University, Indiana University, Tufts University, Columbia University, Bates College, New England University, University of Connecticut, San Francisco State University, UCLA, University of Pennsylvania, University of Florida, Duke University, NYU, University of Minnesota

Who are some of our partners in our educational mission?

- Stroum Center for Jewish Studies, Jackson School, UW
- Department of Near Eastern Languages & Civilization, UW
- Seattle University, College of Education
- Whatcom College, Bellevue College
- OneWorld Now!, Seattle
- Seattle Public Schools, ELL Department
- Seattle Fire Department

Please help us in our mission to support an educated citizenry in the State of Washington and beyond, as we all confront a rapidly globalizing world requiring well-informed leadership and active participation from the United States.

1,700

Number of Washington State K-12 teachers and administrators in the trained by the Middle East Center since 2016

EXTENT OF CENTER PROGRAMMING IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON SINCE 2016

- > Number of UW public events: 148
- > Number of participants at UW events: 6,414
- > Number of presentations to community groups: 55
- > Number of community participants: 2,130
- > Number of K-12 training workshops: 50

