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MIDDLE EAST CENTER TO OFFER SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS TO TEACHERS

THE Middle East Center will offer four \$2,500 fellowships to teachers at the middle school or high school level currently teaching classes that contain a significant component about the Middle East. Instructors in both public and private schools are eligible to compete (*see insert inside for application form*).

The four teachers selected will work intensively with the director of the Middle East Center, Ellis Goldberg, a specialist on the Middle East,



from June 23-August 15, 2003 to develop curriculum on the Middle East. Awardees will meet on the UW campus three hours each week to engage in discussion and work as a team on curriculum development. All of the team will be involved in significant independent library and web-based research.

The goal of the project is to begin to develop insightful and timely teaching materials focused on the Middle East for use in middle and high school classrooms.Q

MAHA EL-TAJI

Winner of the 2003 UW Graduate School Medallist Award

MAHA El-Taji, a Ph. D. candidate in the Interdisciplinary Near and Middle East Ph.D. Program, has won the highest award bestowed on a graduate student—the Graduate School’s Medallist Award. The award is presented annual to a Ph.D. candidate who displays an exemplary commitment to both the University and its larger community and recognizes the “scholar-citizen”: an individual whose academic expertise and social awareness are integrated in a way that demonstrates active civic engagement and a capacity to promote

political, cultural or social change.

Maha El-Taji’s research and community involvement fulfill exactly the intent of the Award. Her dissertation research focuses on local political institutions of the Arab citizens of Israel and specifically the local Arab councils. She is currently in the field researching the gains made by these councils on behalf of local citizens and the internal dynamics of the councils. This groundbreaking research will ultimately test the old theories that argue Israel’s Arab citizens are fragmented, controlled,

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Recent Visitors to the Middle East Center



(l-r) Congressman Jim McDermott with Professor Khalil Shikaki, and Ellis Goldberg, Center Director



Stephen Kinzer, New York Times; and Resat Kasaba, Jackson School

The Middle East Center hosted Khalil Shikaki, Director, Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, Ramalah, Palestine this spring. While at the Center he met with Congressman Jim McDermott to discuss political reform and public opinion in

Palestine.

The Center also sponsored a lecture by Stephen Kinzer, the first New York Times bureau chief in Istanbul and the author of *Crescent and Star: Turkey between Two Worlds*.

MAHA EL-TAJI

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and co-opted by the state.

A fluent speaker of both Hebrew and Arabic, Ms. Taji's has demonstrated a remarkable ability to integrate her intellectual achievements with social concern in her attempt to bridge the chasm between Jews and Arabs in the US and in Israel. She serves on the advisory board of the Compassionate Listening Project, a non-profit organization engaged in bringing Arabs, Jews, and Americans from all political spectrums together. She recently has taken a group of American Jews to Germany

where she worked to help deal with the wounds of the Holocaust. In May, she help to facilitate three workshops in Israel that will bring Palestinians and Jews together to discuss differences. The Director of the Middle East Center, Ellis Goldberg, characterizes Ms. Taji's achievements by saying, "In a time when very few people are working any longer at trying to cross the division between the two peoples [Arabs and Jews], it is impressive that she is playing a positive role at a very human level."R

New Spring Courses Offered by Center

Several new courses are being offered spring term funded by the Middle East Center, titles and instructors as follows:

Music and Culture of the Middle East, Münir Beken

Democratization and Economic Reform in the Middle East, Robert Burrowes

20th-Century Regime Change: Turkey, Egypt, Iran, Tim Amen

Identity Matters: Race, Gender and the Construction of Identities, Fakhereddine Berrada

Islamic Societies and the Internet, Debbie Wheeler

NEW VIDEOS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CENTER'S RESOURCE LIBRARY

Resources may be borrowed free of charge for instructors and educators to use in their classrooms. Contact the Middle East Center by telephone (206)543-4227 or by email to: <fhecker@u.washington.edu>. The Center also publishes a video guide of its holdings, available free upon request, or view our webpage at <http://ljsis.arts.washington.edu/programs/mideast/index.htm>

Ataturk. 80 min., 1999. Comprehensive documentary on the life of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, founder of the Republic of Turkey, using historical footage, and interviews with military experts and scholars.

Crossing the Lines: Palestinians and Israelis Speak with the Compassionate Listening Project. 28 min., 2002. Interviews with fifteen Israelis and Palestinians, selected from hours of interviews conducted in 2001 and 2002, this short video aims to bring listeners into the hearts and minds of Palestinians and Israelis.

Fifty Years War: Israel and the Arabs. 2 parts, each 150 min., 1999. Covers formation of the state of Israel, 1967 war, history of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, 1973 Yom Kippur war, 1978 Camp David peace accord, 1987 Palestinian Intifada, 1993 Oslo Peace agreement, and peace progress up to 1999.

Gaza Strip. 74 min., 2001. Filmed by James Longley in the winter of 2001 in the Gaza Strip, when Ariel

Sharon was elected as Israeli Prime Minister. Depicts day-to-day life in the Occupied Territories.

Googoosh: Iran's Daughter. 158 min., 2000. A documentary of Iran's legendary pop diva Googoosh, her story and popularity are put in a political and historical context providing insight into the status of women before and after the 1979 revolution. In Persian and English with subtitles.

Hidden Wars of Desert Storm. 60 min., 2000. Interviews with Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, former US Attorney General Ramsey Clark, former UN Iraq Program Director Denis Halliday, former UN-SCOM team-leader Scott Ritter, and archival footage. Looks at a number of volatile issues including Gulf War Syndrome, support for Iraqi opposition, and role of Saudi Arabia. Narration by John Hurt.

Living in Paradise (Vivre au Paradis). 105 min., 1998. Set in France in 1961-62 during the Algerian War, this film focuses on the

plight of Algerian immigrants to France. In Arabic with English subtitles.

Mrs. President: Women and Political Leadership in Iran. 47 min., 2002. This documentary interviews six of the forty-seven women who registered as candidates for the presidential election in Iran in the summer of 2001, with commentary by two female Iranian journalists.

On Orientalism. 40 min., 1998. Edward Said is interviewed in this film and talks about the context within which his 1978 book *Orientalism* was conceived, its main themes, and how its original thesis relates to the contemporary understanding of the "Orient."

The Sparrow (Al-Ufur). 100 min., 1973. Set before and during the 1967 Six-Day War, this film follows a young policeman stationed in a small village in Upper Egypt. It is a portrait of tradition, progress, idealism, and corruption in conflict. Directed by Youssef Chahine. In Arabic with English subtitles.

CALENDAR OF SELECTED UP-COMING EVENTS

April 16, 2003

Liberation of Israel, Liberation of Palestine 7:30 p.m., Kane 130. Eyad El Sarraj, Founder and Director, Gaza Community Mental Health Clinic; and Commissioner-General of the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens' Rights (see inside for details)

April-May, 2003

Music and Politics in the Arab World. A five-part lecture series (see inside for details).

May 8, 2003

US Foreign Policy in the Middle East, 7:00 p.m., Kane Hall, Rm 130. Edward Said, Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University. Free tickets available at all U Bookstores. Contact: 206-616-1825

May 15, 2003

15th Annual Nicholas Poppe Symposium on Inner/Central Asian Studies, 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Denny Hall 215, 215A. Contact: 206-543-9963; <icirt@u.washington.edu>

May 15, 2003

Jews and Muslims in Confluence and Conflict. 3:30-5:00 pm, Communications, 206. Ross Brann, Chair, Milton R. Konvitz Professor of Judeo-Islamic Studies, Cornell. Contact: 206-543-4243

May 29, 2003

Israel and Palestine after Iraq. 7:30 p.m., Kane 130. Moshe Ma'oz, Professor of Middle East History, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

June 23-25, 2003

Conflicts and Challenges for the 21st Century: JSIS Summer Seminar for Educators (see inside for details and registration form)

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Music and Politics in the Arab World

*All sessions are in Music Building, Rm 213, 7:30 p.m.
University of Washington Seattle Campus*

APRIL 10, 2003

***Nationalism and Love: Cultural Politics
and Music from Farid to Kadhim al-Sahr***

Sherifa Zuhur, Visiting Assistant Professor, Religion
Cleveland State University

APRIL 17, 2003

***The Cultural Politics of Ethnic Authenticity:
Bilingual Music-Making in Morocco***

Katherine Hoffman
Assistant Professor, Anthropology
University of Illinois at Chicago

MAY 15, 2003

Beyond Jews Versus Arabs: New Music of Israel

Benjamin Brinner, Associate Professor, Music
University of California, Berkeley

MAY 22, 2003

Musical Interzones: The Middle East and Beyond

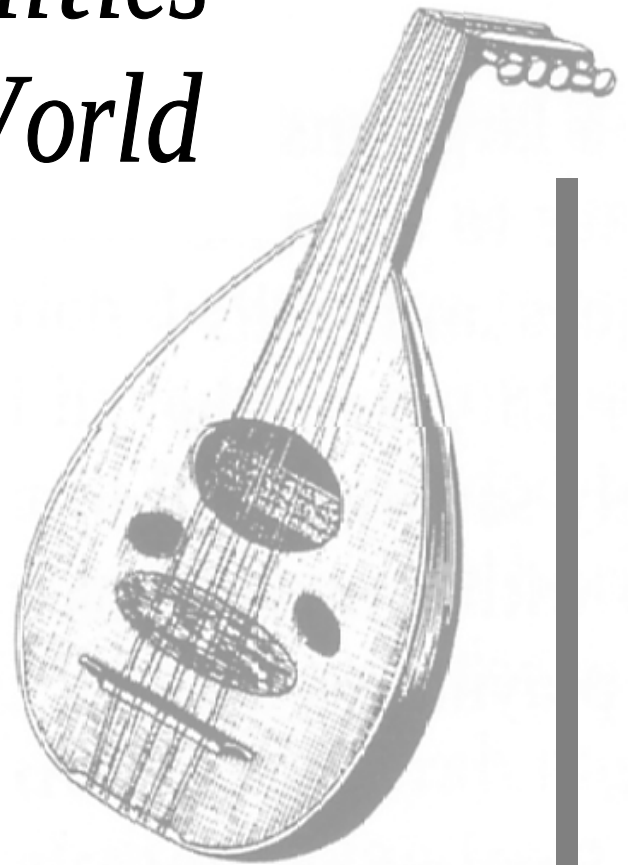
Ted Swedenburg, Associate Professor, Anthropology
University of Arkansas

MAY 29, 2003

Pop for the Audience:

Islamist Song and Politics in Yemen

Flagg Miller, Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology
University of Chicago



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2003 SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS FOR SOCIAL STUDIES INSTRUCTORS TEACHING THE MIDDLE EAST JUNE 23—AUGUST 15 2003

THE MIDDLE EAST CENTER
HENRY M. JACKSON SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
University of Washington
Seattle, WA

The Middle East Center, Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington is offering four summer fellowships in the amount of \$2500 each to middle and high school teachers engaged in teaching about the Middle East. The four recipients will meet twice weekly for 1.5 hours with Professor Ellis Goldberg, Director, Middle East Center and Professor of Political Science, University of Washington, to develop curriculum for classroom use at the middle and high school level.

FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- B Must be currently employed in a public or private school
- B Must be able to teach some aspect of the Middle East in current employment
- B Must be able to attend two 1.5-hour sessions per week on the UW campus, June 23-August 15, 2003
- B Must be willing to do outside reading, research, and writing under the direction of faculty supervisor
- B Must be willing to contribute sections to curriculum that will be developed over the course of the project
- B Must be a US citizen or permanent resident

TO APPLY

Send attached application form along with 300-500-word statement describing your current teaching responsibilities and your interest in the Middle East to:

Felicia Hecker
Associate Director
Middle East Center, Box 353650
University of Washington
Seattle, WA 98195

Deadline: Application deadline is **April 22, 2003**.
Applicants will be notified no later May 2, 2003.

Questions: Contact Felicia Hecker, email: <fhecker@u.washington.edu> or telephone: 206-543-4227;
fax: 206-685-0668

For this announcement on line, visit: <http://jsis.artsci.washington.edu/programs/mideast/03summerad.pdf>

For an on line application form, visit: <http://jsis.artsci.washington.edu/programs/mideast/03application.pdf>

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone number _____ Fax _____

Please check one ☐ US citizen

Email _____ ☐ US Permanent Resident Alien

Name of school where you are currently teaching _____

Grade level/classes currently teaching _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT: *Please use the space below and reverse, or attach a separate sheet to briefly (300-500 words) describe your current teaching responsibilities and your interest in the Middle East.*

THE HENRY M. JACKSON SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
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2003 SUMMER SEMINAR FOR EDUCATORS GRADES 6 AND UP

Conflicts and Challenges of the 21st Century

June 23-25, 2003

Kane Hall, Walker Ames Room
University of Washington Seattle campus

The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies invites you to attend the annual Summer Seminar for Educators, June 23-25, 2003. This year's seminar, "Conflicts and Challenges of the 21st Century," will bring scholars and master teachers together to address the political and economic challenges we face in today's world. The preliminary program includes sessions on:

- ✧ *Kurdish Resistance, Kurdish Rights, and Kurdish Rivalries: Facing the 21st Century*
- ✧ *Twenty-First-Century Iran: The Challenge of Modernity versus Tradition*
- ✧ *Military Power and the Future of Democracy in Southeast Asia*
- ✧ *India-Pakistan Relations*
- ✧ *Chechnya: History, Interests, and Identity*
- ✧ *Sessions on Korea, Africa, Canada, and Latin America*

Take this opportunity to learn about important world areas and develop practical teaching skills related to

contemporary world societies. Special grade-specific sessions will be offered on day three.

Registration fee: \$95 includes parking vouchers, coffee/tea, morning pastries, lunch and 22 WA state clock hours (you must attend the entire seminar to receive clock hours). Please make checks payable to the "University of Washington." Special travel stipends are available for teachers coming from 75 miles or more.

Registration validation: Registration can only be accepted by mail and must include payment in full.

Mail forms to: The Southeast Asia Center, Box 353650, University of Washington, Seattle WA 98195.

Questions or inquiries, please call: 206-543-9606 or contact <seac@u.washington.edu>. You will receive a confirmation packet with a receipt, map, driving and parking directions and program details.

Registration deadline: June 16, 2003.

2003 JSIS SUMMER SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

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Mailing Address _____

Daytime phone _____ Email _____

School _____ Grade level _____

Do you wish to receive clock hours? ____ Travel stipend? ____ Seattle bus fare? ____

Vegetarian? _____