

Arab Studies Research Symposium – Student Conference

May 16, 2014 – Memorial Union MU II – 2-9 pm

2-2:15 pm – Welcome

George R. Mangun, Dean Division of Social Sciences

Suad Joseph, Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and Women & Gender Studies

2:15-3 pm – State, Sexuality, and Medicine in Islam

Caity Tremblay: “Family, Islam, and the State”

Werdah Kaiser: “Sexuality in Islam”

Dunia Mardini: “Understanding Illness and Medicine in the Middle East”

3-4:15 pm – (De)Constructing Arabs and Muslims in *The New York Times* and U.S. Media

Saliem Shehadeh: “Arab Tales: Deconstructing Imperialist Narratives in *The New York Times* 1900-1909”

Madina Stanackzai: “The Non-Human Portrayal of the Arab 1910-1919”

Gizem Bazar: “The Middle East and Muslim Women in the U.S. Media Representations 1920-1929”

Gheed Saeed: “Lens of the West: An Analysis of the Term Arab in *The New York Times* 1930-1939”

Lauren Turner: “Muslim Women in Contemporary U.S. Media”

Saba Alemnew: “Playing Favorites? The New York Times’ Portrayal of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict”

4:15-4:30 pm – Break

4:30-5:45 pm – Class, Combat, Self/Other, and War

Kevin Michael Smith: “Theories of Absence, Geometries of War: Occupied Iraq in the Poetics of Dunya Mikhail.”

Tory Webster: “Exploding bodies: Mingling Selves and New Vulnerabilities in Lebanon”

Sayyeda Zehra Anwer Razvi: “Rank by Rifle: Class-consciousness in the Fiction of Ghassan Kanafani”

Amanda Batarseh: “Bethlehem’s Mary: Christianity, Islam, and the Narrative Tradition of Palestine & the Eastern Mediterranean”

5:45-6:30 pm – Displacement, Labor, and Terror

Brandon Rapoza: “A Case Study of Conflict Probability in Palestinian Displacement”

Maheen Ahmed: “Workforce Discrimination towards Muslims, Middle Easterners, and South Asians”

Jonathan Goh: “Second Language: Voices of the Refugee”

6:30-7:15 pm – Framing Poetry, Cinema, and Language in Arab(ic)

Neda Awwad: “History of Arab Film”

Abire Sabbagh: “Imagery in Arabic Poetry”

Hiba Saeed: “Urdu and Arabic Analysis”

7:15-7:30 pm – Future Planning

7:30-8:15 pm – Dinner – *Open to Participants/Attendees*

8:15-9 pm – Mahmoud Darwish Poetry

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