Lectures & Panels

**Art & Nonviolent Resistance in Syria**

Omar Offendum, hip hop artist, Taghrid Khuri, adjunct member of faculty for International Studies & Women's Studies, Portland State University; Steve Nakana, Rotary Fellow

Thursday, January 24, 6:30 pm, Smith Memorial Student Union, room 296/8, 1825 SW Broadway

Co-sponsored with the Portland State University Students United for Nonviolence, the Portland State University Arab Palestinian Student Organization, Americans United for Palestinian Human Rights & Mercy Corps

**Beyond Zionism: A New Paradigm for Peace in Palestine**

Miko Peled, Israeli writer and peace activist

Monday, February 11, 7 pm, Smith Memorial Student Union, room 327/8, 1825 SW Broadway


**Marina of the Zabbaleen**

Monday, February 11, 6:30 pm, Smith Memorial Student Union, room 296/8, 1825 SW Broadway

Co-sponsored with the Portland State University Institute for Sustainable Solutions

**Women Writers of Iran: Past & Present**

Taghrid Khuri, adjunct member of faculty for International Studies & Women's Studies, Portland State University

Thursday, March 7, 12 n, East Hall, room 109, 632 SW Hall

**Conferences & Workshops**

**2nd Annual Undergraduate Student Conference on the Middle East**

Friday, March 8, 10 am - 2:30 pm, Smith Memorial Student Union, 1825 SW Broadway

Presented as part of the Global Education Through Film Series

**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Teaching about the Middle East**

Friday, March 15, 8:30 am, Portland State University

Open to undergraduate students; for registration and information, see pdx.edu/middle-east-studies/conference

Optional credit available through the Portland State University Graduate School of Education

To register, please contact Elsheva Cohen - e.cohen@pdx.edu | 503-725-5054 by January 12

**Information Session: Middle East Education Abroad and Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships**

Wednesday, January 23, 1:30 pm, Smith Memorial Student Union, room 298, 1825 SW Broadway

Open to Portland State University students, faculty & staff

**Film series: Recycling in the Middle East**

**Marina of the Zabbaleen (Egypt, 2008)**

Friday, March 15, 7 pm

Smith Memorial Student Union, room 327, 1825 SW Broadway

Marina of the Zabbaleen is a cinematic documentary feature film that explores the world of seven-year-old Marina in the Muqqattam recycling village in Cairo, Egypt. An impressionistic portrait of childhood and family, the film also tells the story of the resourceful Zabbaleen, a Coptic Christian community of recyclers whose entrepreneurial waste management system produces one of the highest recycling rates in the world.

Featuring a discussion with Paul Rowe, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of History, Geography and Political and International Studies, Trinity Western University

**Garbage Dreams (Egypt, 2008)**

Saturday, March 16, 7 pm

Smith Memorial Student Union, room 327, 1825 SW Broadway

Garbage Dreams follows three teenage boys born into the trash trade and growing up in the world’s largest garbage village, on the outskirts of Cairo. It is home to 60,000 Zabbaleen (or Zabbaleen), Arabic for “garbage people.” Far ahead of any modern “Green” initiatives, the Zabbaleen survive by recycling 80% of the garbage they collect. Face to face with the globalization of their trade, each of the teenage boys is forced to make choices that will impact his future and the survival of his community.

**Lunch & Learn**

**Women Writers of Iran: Past & Present**

Dick Davis, Professor of Persian and Chair of the Department of Near Eastern Languages & Cultures, Ohio State University

Thursday, February 7, 12 n, East Hall, room 109, 632 SW Hall

The Arab Spring & Women’s Political Rights: Gain or Loss?

Taghrid Khuri, adjunct member of faculty for International Studies & Women’s Studies, Portland State University

Thursday, March 7, 12 n, East Hall, room 109, 632 SW Hall

All events are free & open to the public except *

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