The Middle East in America

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Summer Institute for Teachers 2021

Sunday June 20 to Thursday June 24

Featuring artistic performances, daily interactive seminars, access to cutting edge films and drop-in coffee hours for networking - and conversation!

All educators are welcome!

New Haven Public School teachers will receive a special set of book resources for their classrooms.

Topics include...

- Black Lives Matter in the Middle East
- Date Palms & Orientalist Fantasies in Coachella Valley
- How Cartoons & Graphic Novels Help us (Mis)Understand MENA
- The Yazidis of Lincoln, Nebraska
- Uncovering America’s Mizrahi & Sephardic Jews

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Sunday, June 20
7:00-8:30pm: Opening Performance! MC Omar Offendum & Multi-Instrumentalist maestro Ronnie Malley tell the story of Palestinian and Syrian diasporas through music, memories and conversation. Watch two cultural visionaries weave stories of the past, present and future!

Monday, June 21
10:30am-12:00pm: Opening Keynote: BLM in the MENA: The Global Impact of an American Movement, Leslie Gross-Wyrtzen (Postdoctoral Associate with the Council for African Studies, Yale University)
1:00pm-2:30pm: Coachella Valley’s Improbable Date Palms: Orientalist Fantasies in the California’s Desert, Sarah Seekatz (Professor, Mexican American & U.S. History, San Joaquin Delta College)

Tuesday, June 22
10:30am-12:00pm: Cartoons, Comicstrips and Graphic Novels: American Visions of the Middle East, Maryanne Rhett (Professor of Middle Eastern & World History, Monmouth University) and Toufic El Rassi (Graphic Novelist & Adjunct Professor of Humanities and Philosophy, Oakton College)

Wednesday, June 23
11:00am-12:30pm: The Yazidis of Lincoln, Nebraska: Communities of Resilience with Hadi Pir (PhD candidate, University of Nebraska; Founder of Yazda NGO)

Thursday, June 24
2:30pm-4:00pm: Centering the Sephardic & Mizrahi Jewish Experiences with Dr. Saba Soomekh (Associate Director at the AJC-Los Angeles & Lecturer at the Academy for Jewish Religion)
7:00-8:30pm: Closing Performance! Black, Arab, African, American: Alsarah & the Nubatones - exclusive performance video followed by a moderated conversation