



American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

ADC Convention, "Toward A More Perfect Union"

June 8-11, 2007 | www.adc.org | convention@adc.org

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

8:30am-8:00pm

Convention Registration

West Wing Corridor

Omni Shoreham Hotel

12:00pm-2:00pm

Washington Court Hotel

(All other Convention events will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel)

Capitol Hill Luncheon with Presidential Candidates and Public Officials

Featured Speaker

- Senator Chuck Hagel (R-NE)

Remarks by

- Congressman Keith Ellison (D-MN), Recipient of the ADC Trailblazer Award

Distinguished Guests

- Congressman Dennis Kucinich (D-OH)
- Congressman Nick Rahall (D-WV)
- Former Senator Mike Gravel (D-AK)
- Senator Joseph Biden+ (D-DE)
- Senator Hillary Clinton+ (D-NY)
- Senator Chris Dodd+ (D-CT)
- Former Senator John Edwards+ (D-NC)
- Senator John McCain+ (R-AZ)
- Senator Barack Obama+ (D-IL)
- Congressman Ron Paul+ (R-TX)
- New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson+ (D-NM)
- Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson* (R-WI)
- Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney* (R-MA)

2:30pm- 5:30pm

Arab-American Leadership Seminar with

Hussein Ibish, Executive Director of the Hala Maksoud Foundation for Arab-American Leadership

Restricted to ADC Chapter and National Board Members and Officers

6:00pm-7: 30pm

Reception

Ambassador Ballroom

Remarks by Congressman Keith Ellison (D-MN), Governor Howard Dean, Chair, Democratic National Committee (DNC), and Congressman John Conyers (D-MI)

8:00pm-10:00pm

Banquet Dinner and Washington DC Premiere of *Reel Bad Arabs*

Regency Ballroom

- Dr. Jack Shaheen, Professor and Author of *Reel Bad Arabs*



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Jack Shaheen Mass Communications Scholarship Awardees

- Ramsey Tesdell, University of California-Berkeley, through the generous support of The Arab American News.
- Misty Moon, University of Alabama
- Karen Zraick, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism
- Mary Abowd, PhD Candidate, E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University
- Fahed Al Sumait, PhD Candidate, University of Washington

10:00pm -1:00am

Ambassador Ballroom

Hafleh: Brought to you by the ADC-Washington DC Area Chapter

"Fear of an Arab Planet" An Evening of Hip-Hop and Debkeh Featuring:

- Iron Sheik, Hip-Hop Artist-Activist
- The N.O.M.A.D.S.
 - Omar Offendum, Architect/MC/Producer/Syrianaman
 - Mr. Tibbz (a/k/a Da Dirty Couzin), MC
- The Arab Summit
 - Excentrik, Producer/Composer/MC/Poet
 - Ragtop, Screenwriter/MC
 - Omar Offendum, Architect/MC/Producer/Syrianaman
 - The Narcicyst of Euphrates, Iraqnaphobia Specialist

Featuring:

- DJ Bassam

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

8:30am-8:00pm

West Wing Corridor

Convention Registration

9:00am- 10:15am

Regency Ballroom

Media Roundtable: Is There Anti-Arab Sentiment and Islamophobia in the Media?

Facilitator: Hussein Ibish, Executive Director, Hala Maksoud Foundation for Arab-American Leadership

- Lorraine Ali, Newsweek
- Hoda Osman, Vice President, Arab and Middle Eastern Journalists Association (AMEJA)
- Ralph Peters*, Lt. Col USARMY (Ret), Novelist and Essayist

10:30am-11:45am

Governor's Room



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Creating an 'Axis of Evil' and Making the 'Watch List'

Making it in Entertainment

Facilitator: Laila Al-Qatami, ADC Communications Director

- Ahmed Ahmed, Actor, Comedian
- Maziyar Jobrani, Actor, Comedian
- Aron Kader, Actor, Comedian
- Dean Obeidallah, Comedian, Co-Creator of Comedy Central.com's 'The Watch List'

10:30am- 11:45am

Capitol Room

Iraq: Reality of War

Facilitator: Ashley Mammo, Esq., ADC National Board

- Ayad Al-Qazzaz, Professor of Sociology, California State University of Sacramento
- Elizabeth Campbell, Coordinator, Refugee Council, USA
- Phyllis Bennis, Director of The New Internationalism Project at the Institute for Policy Studies
- Shibley Telhami, Senior Fellow Brookings Institution and the Sadat Chair for Peace and Development at University of Maryland

10:30am- 11:45am

Calvert Room

Workshop: Philanthropy in the Arab-American Community

How to Use Your Time and Energy to Benefit the Community

Facilitator: George Gorayeb, ADC National Board Member

- Jeanette Mansour, C.S. Mott Foundation
- Jamie Kim, the Collaborative for Arab-American Philanthropy
- Maha Freij, ACCESS

12:00pm- 1:30pm

Regency Ballroom

ADCRI Annual Civil Rights Awards Luncheon

Facilitator: Kareem Shora, National Executive Director

Keynote Speaker: Juliette Kayyem, Massachusetts Homeland Security Chief

Featuring

- Hilary Shelton, NAACP, Recipient, Excellence in Advocacy Award
- Wade Henderson, President and CEO, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights
- Houeida Saad, Recipient, Pro Bono Attorney of Year Award
- Joseph Persichini, FBI Assistant Director in Charge of the Washington Field Office, Recipient, Friend in Government Award



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1:45pm-3:00pm

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Federal Employment: Challenges and Opportunities

This panel is brought to you by the US Army National Guard

Facilitator: Nawar Shora, ADC Director Diversity Education and Law Enforcement Outreach

- Shaarik Zaafar, DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- George Piro, FBI
- Haytham Faraj, US Marine Corps Judge Advocate General, Former ADC Intern
- CPT Hatem Abdine, US Army National Guard

1:45pm-3:00pm

Capitol Room

Growing Up Arab American

This panel is dedicated to the students of Virginia Tech University

Facilitator: Rana El Mir, ACLU Michigan

- Salah Hussein, Law Student, American University
- George Selim, Policy Adviser, DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- Lena Seikaly, Vocalist

1:45pm-3:00pm

Calvert Room

**Workshop: How to Write a Creative Biography
Radius of Arab American Writers, Inc. (RAWI)**

Facilitator: Barbara Nimri Aziz

The workshop will address some of the many ways by which personal character can be portrayed. Participants should come with an 800 word newly written biography of an individual of their choice. Those interested in writing family history are particularly encouraged to attend.

Maximum 15 participants

3:15pm- 4:30pm

Regency Ballroom

**Release of Landmark ADC-RI Report:
EYEWITNESS LEBANON July – August 2006
An International Law Inquiry**

Remarks by Carol Khawly, ADC Director of Legal Advocacy

Facilitator: Denyse Sabagh, Partner, Duane MORRIS, LLP



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- Virginia Sherry, Author of ADC-RI Report
- Houeida Saad, Researcher, Author of ADC-RI Report
- John Quigley, International Law Professor, Ohio State University
- Marty Rosenbluth, Amnesty International
- David Khairallah, White and Case, LLP

4:45pm-6:00pm

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Axis of Evil Comedy Performance

Brought to you by FBI: National Recruitment & Marketing Unit

Axis of Evil Comedians

- Ahmed Ahmed
- Aron Kader
- Maziyar Jobrani
- Dean Obeidallah

6:15pm- 7:15pm

Ambassador Ballroom

Gala Dinner Reception

7:30pm- 10:30pm

Regency Ballroom

Gala Dinner Banquet

- Personal Message from President Jimmy Carter

Global Leadership Award:

- HH Sheikh Mohammed
 - Al Maktoum of Dubai
- Accepted by HRH Princess
Haya bint Al-Hussein

Diplomatic Service Award

- HE Nasser Bin Hamad M. Al-Khalifa, Ambassador of Qatar to the USA

Global Benevolence Award

- State of Qatar

Keynote Speaker:

Wade Henderson, President/CEO, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

Compassion in Service Award, Presented by Riyadh Mansour, Permanent Observer of Palestine to the UN

- Palestine Children's Relief Fund, Represented by Steve Sosebee, PCRf and
Nine-year-old Adham Ghalia

Remarks by: HE Clovis Maksoud

Director of the Center for The Global South, American University



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ADC Faith and Tolerance Awardees

- Imam Mohamed Magid, All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS Center)
- Rateb Rabie, President/CEO, KCHS, Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation

ADC Public Service Award

- Mayor Dan Paletko, Dearborn Heights, Michigan

Activist Award

- Amelia Toomey
- Will Youmans

Alex Odeh Award

- Don Bustany

Special Report from ADC Chapter Presidents

11:00pm- 1:00am

Hafleh: *Midnight at the Oasis Club with DJ Dirar*

Ambassador Ballroom

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

8:00am- 12:30pm

Convention Registration

West Wing Corridor

8:00am-10:00am

General Assembly

Governors Room

Closed session, open only to current ADC members

10:15am–11:45am

From the Victim's Mouth

Governors Room

Facilitator: Carol Khawly, ADC Director of Legal Advocacy

- Ibrahim Dabdoub, Driving While Arab
- Raed Jarrar, Flying While Arab
- Samar Al Rayyis, Working While Arab

10:15am- 11:45am

Palestine: Realities of Occupation

Capitol Room

Facilitator: Nadia Hijab, Author and Senior Fellow, Institute for Palestine Studies

- Ambassador Afif Safieh, Head of PLO Mission to the United States
- Sara Roy, Middle East Center, Harvard University
- Robert Malley, International Crisis Group, Former Special Assistant to President Bill



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Clinton

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Workshop: How to Lobby

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- Christine Gleichert, ADC Legislative Director
- Thomas Albert, ADC Director of Government Relations

11:45am-12:00pm

Presentation on Breaking the Siege of Gaza

Capitol Room

- Greta Berlin, Breaking the Siege of Gaza
- Paul Larudee, Breaking the Siege of Gaza

12:00pm- 1:30pm

ADCRI Luncheon: Celebrate Women!

Honoring the Accomplishments of Women

Regency Ballroom

Featured Guests

Diplomatic Trailblazer Award

- HE Hunaina Sultan Ahmed Al Mughairy, Ambassador of Sultanate of Oman to the US

- Sheikha Rima Al-Sabah, Wife of Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to the US

Distinguished Legislator and Public Service Award

- Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (D-OH)

Peace and Justice Award

- Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA)

Lifetime Achievement in Media Award

- Diane Rehm, National Public Radio

Public Service Award

- Selwa "Lucky" Roosevelt former Chief of Protocol of the United States

Lifetime Journalism Award

- Helen Thomas, Dean of the White House Press Corps

Political Achievement Award

- Nancy Pelosi*, Speaker of the US House of Representatives

Women's Democracy Award

- Barbara Ann Ferris

International Philanthropy Award

- Mosaic Foundation



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Rachel Corrie Award

- Eyad Al Sarraj

Hala Maksoud Award

- Nuha Abudabbeh

Rose Nader Award

- Project AWARE

Book Signing with Ralph Nader and Helen Thomas

BUSES WILL LEAVE FROM HOTEL AT 1:45PM

2:00pm-4:00pm JOINT EVENT US Capitol Lawn

Rally for Peace and Justice in the Middle East at US Capitol Lawn

4:00pm-6:00pm JOINT EVENT

March to the White House/Ellipse in Support of Peace and Justice in the Middle East

MONDAY, JUNE 11

9:00am- 10:30am JOINT EVENT

Workshop: How to Lobby

- Christine Gleichert, ADC Legislative Director
- Thomas Albert, ADC Director of Government Relations

This event will take place in the Sanctuary of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation located at 212 East Capitol Street | Washington, DC 20003

All Day: Constituent Meetings with Members of Congress

Register for Lobby Day at:

<http://www.endtheoccupation.org/article.php?list=type&type=176>

NOTE: *Invited, not yet confirmed

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The ADC room rate is \$159/night per room, single or double. This room rate is guaranteed until May 18. The check-in time is 3pm and check-out time is 12pm. The hotel is located in the heart of Washington, DC, minutes from the famed Kalorama and Dupont Circle neighborhood and walking distance to shops, restaurants and the National Zoo.

Reserve your room today online via the link at: www.adc.org

You must mention ADC Group Code: 12400607815

See You at the ADC Convention!