

American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

ADC Convention - Securing the Principles of Liberty: June 12-15, 2008

FRIDAY, JUNE 13	
9am-11am	<p>Arab American Leadership Workshop with Hussein Ibish</p> <p><i>*Restricted to ADC members with full Convention packages only</i></p>
11:15am-12pm	<p>Capitol Hill Orientation</p> <p>Bus transportation to Capitol Hill</p>
1pm-2pm	<p>CAPITOL HILL LUNCHEON</p> <p>Canon Caucus Room, US House Office Building</p>
2:30pm-5pm	<p>Constituent Meetings on Capitol Hill</p> <p>Bus transportation back to Hotel</p>
6:30pm-7:30pm	<p>NAAA-ADC PAC FUNDRAISING RECEPTION</p> <p>Confirmed Special Guest: Senator Chuck Hagel (R-NE)</p> <p><i>*Restricted to ADC members</i></p>
7:30pm-11pm	<p>GALA BANQUET:</p> <p>MC: Jack Shaheen, PhD</p> <p>Gov. Howard Dean, Chair, Democratic National Committee*</p> <p>Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-OH)</p> <p>Chantal Chamandy, "Beladi" Musical Performance</p> <p>ADC Chapters' Roll Call</p>

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11:30pm-1am	Hafleh DJ Party
SATURDAY, JUNE 14	
9am-10:30am <u>WORKSHOP</u>	Getting Involved in US Politics Hands on workshop to educate attendees on how to be involved in US politics
9am-10:30am <u>FOREIGN POLICY</u>	US Foreign Policy in the Middle East <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joshua Landis*, Assistant Professor, University of Oklahoma • Dalia Mogahed*, Center for Muslim Studies, The Gallup Organization • Peter Mandivile*, George Mason University • David Khairallah, Georgetown University
9am-10:30am <u>FOREIGN POLICY</u>	Iraq War: The Human Tragedy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador of Lebanon to US* • Ambassador of Syria to US* • Samuel Witten*, Acting Assistant Secretary of State • Michele Gabudan*, UNHCR Washington Representative • Crystal Younes*, Refugees International
9am-10:30am <u>FOREIGN POLICY</u>	Violations of the US Arms Export Control Act
10:45am-12:15pm <u>CULTURAL AFFAIRS</u>	Arab American Authors and Literature The panel will feature leading Arab-American writers -- novelists, poets, and commentators -- who will discuss their current work and the

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	<p>flourishing state of Arab American literature</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evelyn Shakir, Author • Susan Muaddi Darraj, Author • Susan Abulhawa, Author • Nathalie Handal, Author, Poet
<p>10:45am-12:15pm</p> <p><u>DOMESTIC POLICY</u></p>	<p>The Role of the Police: Striking a Balance Between Immigration Enforcement and Civil Liberties</p> <p>Panelists will discuss the recent trend of local and state law enforcement officials enforcing federal immigration law and the affect that trend is having upon diverse immigrant communities, as well as law enforcement officials’ efforts at community policing</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cecilia Munoz, National Council of La Raza • Hubert Williams, Police Foundation • Vincent Eng, Asian American Justice Center • Representative, Muslim Advocates*
<p>10:45am-12:15pm</p> <p><u>FOREIGN POLICY</u></p>	<p>Darfur: The Myths and Realities of a Human Tragedy</p> <p>Panelists will shed light on the following questions: What has transpired in the past few years in Darfur? What historical context is this taking place in? Is the description of the conflict as genocide accurate and what roles do ethnic, religious and territorial identity play as catalysts for violence? What role has grassroots activism played here in the United States and how have or how can Arab-Americans be involved?</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex de Waal, Professor, Social Science

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	<p>Research Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amjad Atallah,* Strategic Assessments Initiative • Samer Abdelnour, Foundation for Sustainable Enterprise and Development <p>*Denotes invited speakers</p>
<p>12:30pm-2pm</p>	<p>ANNUAL CIVIL RIGHTS LUNCHEON The Legacy of MLK & RFK: 40 Years Later</p> <p>Keynote Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA)* Senate Judiciary Committee • Hon. John Conyers (D-MI) Chair, House Judiciary Committee • <i>ADC Friend in Government Award:</i> Shaarik H. Zafar, Esq. (Senior Policy Advisor; DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties) • <i>ADC Friend in Government Award:</i> Eric W. Treene, Esq. (Special Counsel for Religious Discrimination; US DOJ Civil Rights Division) • <i>ADC Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award:</i> Malea Kiblan, Esq. • <i>Special Recognition:</i> LA 8 Case Victory After 20 Years! <i>ADC Lifetime Commitment of Justice Award:</i> David Cole, Esq. Marc Van Der Hout, Esq. • <i>Special Commemoration:</i> Alex Odeh Terrorist Attack: 23 Years and Waiting for Justice <p>*Denotes invited speakers</p>

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<p>2:15pm-3:45pm</p> <p><u>FOREIGN POLICY</u></p>	<p>Between Pluralism and Sectarianism in the Arab World</p> <p>In recent years, the Arab World has experienced an unprecedented increase in infighting and domestic tensions. factionalism, religious and secular tensions, party politics, economics, along with other sources of tension are dividing the Arab World and might translate in division in the Arab-American community--a community that closely follows events transpiring in the Arab World. This panel will explore the background and reasons for these tensions, and discuss this recent phenomenon</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Juan Cole, Professor of History, University of Michigan• Bassam Haddad, Director, Middle East Studies Program, George Mason University• Michael Hudson, Professor of International Relations, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University
<p>2:15pm-3:45pm</p> <p><u>DOMESTIC POLICY</u></p>	<p>The Impact of US Policy on Global Civil Rights</p> <p>In the wake of September 11, the US Government took several measures that countered our American tradition of civil rights. Events have demonstrated those measures negatively impacting global civil rights as they were copied by others across the globe. Panelists will discuss the experience of Arab and Muslim communities in this ear of the "war on terrorism." A discussion examining social, economic, and political issues which these communities face will be highlighted by policies, statements, and incidents of prejudice against Arabs and in the form of Islamophobia.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taskin Tankut Soykan, Adviser on

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	<p>Combating Intolerance and Discrimination Against Muslims for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe(OSCE) Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) -- Warsaw, Poland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mohamed Boudjenane, Executive Director, Canadian Arab Federation (CAF) -- Toronto, Canada• Shaarik Zafar, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security• Houda Gharbi, Doctoral Candidate, North American Studies (researching Arab communities in the West), Université Stendhal, Grenoble, France
<p>2:15pm-3:45pm</p> <p><u>CULTURAL AFFAIRS</u></p>	<p>Youth and College Campus Activism</p> <p>Panelists will discuss the most recent controversies that have affected Arab American youth, including issues of Islamophobia and Anti-Arab sentiment on campuses across the nation</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rabia El-Hage, Law Student, George Mason University School of Law• Tarek Al-Hariri, Student, George Washington University• Ali Shafie, Student, Columbia University
<p>4pm-5:30pm</p> <p><u>FOREIGN POLICY</u></p>	<p>Human Development in the Arab World: Setbacks and Prospects</p> <p>The Arab world today is home to great disparities in income distribution, education, literacy, economic development and individual rights. Arab States rank among the richest and poorest states in the world. The experts on this panel will discuss the status of these issues in the Arab world today and prospects for advancing human</p>

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	<p>development</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Omar Kader, Chairman & Owner, Pal-Tech. Inc.• Atif Kubursi, Professor of Economics, McMaster University• Amat Al Alim Alsoswa, Ambassador, Regional Director for Arab States, UNDP• Joseph P. Saba, Country Director-Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, World Bank
<p>4pm-5:30pm</p> <p><u>FOREIGN POLICY</u></p>	<p>Rights, Refugees, and Return: The Palestinian Diaspora</p> <p>This panel will explore the background and reasons for the continued Israeli occupation, role of demography in peace making, and legal foundations/UN Resolutions and their role in advancing a just and lasting peace in the region. Panelists will shed light on issues relevant to the Palestinian struggle to end the Israeli occupation, statehood, right of return after 60 years of dispossession, the legal foundation for UN resolutions relevant to Palestine/Israel and the UN role in advancing a just and lasting peace in the region.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Susan Akram, Associate Clinical Professor, Boston University School of Law• Jamil Dakwar, Advocacy Director, Human Rights Program, American Civil Liberties Union• Michael Fischbach, PhD, Professor of History, Randolph-Macon College
<p>4pm-5:30pm</p> <p><u>CULTURAL AFFAIRS</u></p>	<p>Movies and Films Discussion</p> <p>This panel will include a discussion with filmmakers whose films are being shown</p>

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	<p>during the Convention. Panelists will discuss how to make, fund, and market a movie; as well as using culture and art as a form of resistance</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mariam Said ● Juliano Mer Khamis, Arna's Children ● Mervat Aiash, Jenin Freedom Theatre
6:15pm-7:15pm	V.I.P. RECEPTION
7:30pm-9:30pm	<p>GALA BANQUET</p> <p>Keynote Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Oprah Winfrey* ● Sean Penn* ● Al Gore* ● President Bill Clinton* ● Senator Hillary Clinton* ● Senator Barak Obama* ● Gov. Bill Richardson* ● Senator John McCain* <p>Presentation of the Alex Odeh Award</p> <p>*Denotes invited speakers</p>
10pm-1am	<p>Hafleh</p> <p>DJ Party</p>
SUNDAY, JUNE 15	
9am-10:45pm	<p>General Assembly</p> <p><i>*Restricted to ADC members</i></p>

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<p>10:45am-12:15pm</p> <p><u>DOMESTIC POLICY</u></p>	<p>The White House 2009: Predictions and Implications</p> <p>Panelists will discuss the presidential campaign, their analysis of potential outcomes and the implications for the country, the Middle East, and Arab-Americans.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fritz Wenzel, Director of Communications, Zogby International● Roger Simon*, Chief Political Columnist, <i>Politico</i>● Dana Milbank*, Political Columnist, <i>Washington Post</i>● James Thurber*, Director, Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, The American University <p>*Denotes invited speakers</p>
<p>10:45am-12:15pm</p> <p><u>DOMESTIC POLICY</u></p>	<p>From the Victims Mouth</p> <p>Panelists will discuss their experiences in dealing with various forms of discrimination. This forum will provide a platform for these victims to share their stories and to help the community learn from their difficult and diverse experiences</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Abe Saleh, Victim of Employment Discrimination,● Hicham Azkour, Hate Crime Victim● Debra Katz, Attorney, Katz, Marshall & Banks, LLP
<p>10:45am-12:15pm</p> <p><u>CULTURAL AFFAIRS</u></p>	<p>Media Discussion: A Conversation with David Marash</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● David Marash, Journalist

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12:30pm-2pm	LUNCHEON PALESTINE: 60 YEARS OF DISPOSSESSION Keynote Speaker: • Mustafa Barghouthi, MD , Secretary General, Palestinian National Initiative Presentation of the Rachel Corrie Award Presentation of the ADC Activist Award