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A Message from President Marina



Dear AUK Faculty and Staff:

Congratulations on the successful start of the new academic year! The early success is measured in the significant enrollment increase (almost 500 new students) and the addition of almost 30 new faculty to the College and IEP ranks. We also have had a very successful New Faculty Orientation (many thanks to HR!) and a general Faculty Orientation and Workshop on September 3-5 (many thanks to Dr. Nizar and Sameera). For all of us, the adjustment to the new Kuwaiti weekend of Friday – Saturday, introduced on September 1, goes hand-in-hand with adjustment to the Ramadan staff work hours and evening class schedule. **Please save the date of September 27** (Thursday) for an evening of fine food and collegial conversation at the Hilton Ramadan tent. *Ghabqa* or *ghabga* is a late-night meal that comes after the *futoor* (breaking of the fast) and before the *suboor* (early morning meal before daybreak) during Ramadan. This is a Kuwaiti custom, not always found in other Arab countries.

A number of changes took place over the summer. Last August, we said farewell to three important members of AUK administration: Mr. Larry Dawson, our former Executive Director of Finance and Administration, returned to Canada. Sean Dollman, Dean of Admissions and Registration, and his wife Morgan Dollman, Director of the Student Success Center, left AUK to take up their new positions at Qatar University. In September, we had a going-away party for our Reference and Instruction Librarian, Reham Al-Eissa, who is planning to start a Ph.D. program in the United States. We wish them all success. AUK welcomes Mr. Ernest Conklin as the new Executive Director of Finance and Administration. “Ernie” has held a number of posts in the Middle East and the Gulf, most recently consulting at Prince Mohammad University in Saudi Arabia. Dr. Patricia Read Hunter just joined AUK as Senior Assistant to the President. Her previous post was as Dean of Academic Affairs at John Cabot University in Rome. Dr. Patricia will coordinate our international accreditation efforts. The Offices of Admissions and Registration have been transferred to the Division of Student Affairs supervised by Dean Carol Ross. Tadd Kruse, Director of Student Life, has been appointed to the new post of the Assistant Dean of Students. Joanne Hands, formerly AUK Career Counselor, is the new Director of the Student Success Center. A search for Director of Admissions is underway. As many of you know, Campus Services supervised significant new construction and remodeling work during the summer. The Admissions reception area has a new floor plan, and the Student Success Center has new offices in the Student Affairs area on the new fifth floor of the Liberal Arts Building. Behind the building, a new soccer pitch will be prepared for student practice and recreation.

In addition to the new hires, we have strengthened our continuing faculty by offering new 3-year contracts and conducting a promotion review (see the list of faculty promotions elsewhere in this issue). Dr. Marjorie Kelly is the new Director of the Gulf Studies Center, in addition to her continued role as Coordinator of the Gulf Studies Program. The 2006-07 Annual Review for continuing full-time faculty has been completed, and the new contract renewal cycle has been initiated. The Board of Trustees has approved the 2007-08 budget, including merit salary raises and funding for new positions. Dr. Marjorie Kelly is the new Director of the Gulf Studies Center. The new round of faculty recruitment began earlier this summer. During the first week of November, Dean Nizar Hamzeh and I will travel to the US to job candidates in Washington D.C., where we will be joined by Dr. Dale Eickelman of Dartmouth. Please feel free to invite your colleagues at US universities, both qualified staffers and faculty, as well as Ph.D. students in appropriate fields, to check out the job vacancy list posted on the AUK Employment site (<http://www.auk.edu.kw/employment/default.jsp>).

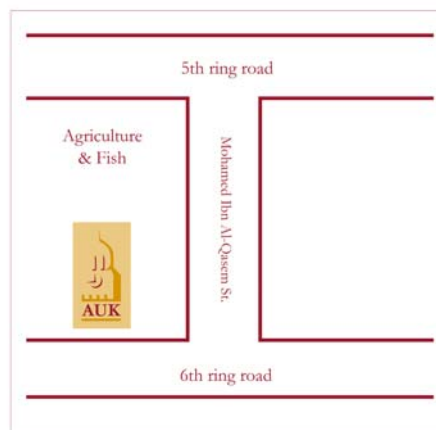
The new 2007-08 *AUK Catalog* has been printed with all of the relevant calendar adjustments and posted on the AUK website. The long-awaited *MyAUK Portal* has been activated; be sure to register and use it as a gateway to news, email, group homepages, and your class records (<http://myauk.auk.edu.kw/cp/home/loginf>). I am also pleased to report that Master Planning for the new Ardhiya campus moved forward this summer. The location of the Ardhiya campus is shown below.

Sincerely,

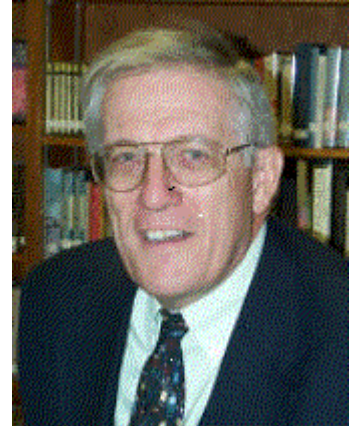
Marina A. Tolmacheva

President

Location of Ardhiya Campus



First Impressions from the Executive Director of Finance and Administration, Ernest E. Conklin



A warm welcome to all AUKites-students, faculty, staff, those returning and those starting on an educational experience not soon to be forgotten.

“How good is AUK going to be?” Since I arrived in Salmiya one month ago I have been asked this question by parents of potential students, by prominent businessmen in the community and even by faculty and staff seeking employment at AUK. I interpret “How good” to mean will a degree from AUK be acceptable at other universities if the student wishes to pursue a higher degree or recognized by an employer wanting to hire a qualified graduate? This question is for the future to answer but for now my answer is, “The American University of Kuwait is not going to be a good university; it is going to be a great university.” Why am I so certain? Because when I have the opportunity to discuss AUK with the people involved in its founding and its early planners and designers, I feel a passion and true desire by them to make something great happen in education for the State of Kuwait, the region and the world that has never really happened here before-quality education with a strong focus on developing leaders.

Kuwait has a number of good universities. There are many good companies in Kuwait and life in the country is good but good is the enemy of great. To be satisfied with what you have because it is good is the key reason why greatness is very seldom accomplished.

You have been individually accepted into AUK based upon your personality, educational qualifications, ability to apply yourself and how adeptly you comprehend English, our language of instruction. However, the most important facet of your selection process was in the observation of your character. AUK accepts students that we feel will possess leadership qualities that include the ability to communicate, to comprehend and use modern technology, to think critically and to act professionally by involving and directing others. AUK is looking for good students that will graduate and accomplish greatness! You have been chosen. We expect nothing less than greatness from you. Your greatness will clearly answer the question “How good is AUK going to be?”

Ernest E. Conklin is the newly appointed Executive Director of Finance and Administration. Prior to joining AUK Mr. Conklin spent twenty four years working in the Middle East, mainly in Lebanon and Saudi Arabia, as a senior financial and administrative officer for various educational institutions, hospitals and an aircraft maintenance facility, most notably being the Prince Mohammad University in Al Khobar, The American University of Beirut (AUB), The American University of Sharjah (AUS) and Boeing Aircraft.

Mr. Conklin is a Certified Public Accountant in both California and Ohio and has owned his own CPA firm in San Diego before traveling to the Middle East. He also earned a Specialized Certificate as a Community College Instructor from the University of California-San Diego (UCSD). He and his wife, Tima, live in Salmiya. They have one daughter who is living and working in New York City.

AUK-Dartmouth Relations

The Dartmouth-AUK Internship Exchange was developed as part of the Dartmouth-AUK Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which was signed between the two universities in September 2003. The exchange gives Dartmouth students experience at the American University of Kuwait and AUK students the opportunity to visit Dartmouth. Twice annually two students from Dartmouth come to Kuwait for 10-weeks, in September and in March. Equally, since 2006 two AUK students go to Dartmouth (Hanover, New Hampshire) for four weeks in the summer to work with the Rassias Foundation's Accelerated Languages Program (ALPS).

The ALPS program is an intensive 10 day program in which AUK students serve as program assistants including teaching Arabic. Rama Sabano ('07) and Hana Ibrahim (Senior) ventured to Dartmouth as only the second set of representatives from AUK. Hana Ibrahim summarized her experience as, "It was all breathtaking, but nothing compared to the high I got when I first glimpsed cultural assimilation." The experience was mutually beneficial for the AUK students and their hosts providing a variety of cultural learning opportunities, including Rama and Hana participating in a July 4th Independence Day



Rama Sabano & Hana Ibrahim marching in the 4th of July parade in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire along with Senator John Sununu's campaign.

This semester, two new interns join us from Dartmouth. Weston Sager and Dan O'Brien will be at AUK until the middle of November 2007. They are the sixth pair of interns to join AUK from Dartmouth College.

Dan O'Brien

Daniel Joseph O'Brien ("Dan") is a sophomore at Dartmouth College. He is from Hampstead, New Hampshire, where he has lived all his life. He is a Government Major with Arabic and Religion Minors. He is especially interested in diplomatic and security issues.



In the past Dan has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, as well as the rank of Black Belt in Uechi Ryu style of Karate. At Dartmouth, Dan has worked as an Undergraduate Advisor in the Department of Residential Life. In his spare time he plays piano and violin and enjoys camping, canoeing, biking, and other outdoor activities. His first experience outside of the country was in the summer of 2006 on a Language Study Abroad Program (LSA+) to Fez, Morocco, where he took courses in Modern Standard Arabic, Moroccan Colloquial, and Moroccan Politics, Culture, and Society. He is excited to return to the Arab world and hopes to get a clearer picture of Arab culture.

Dan will be working in the Student Success Center, the Office of Student Life, and the Intensive English Program.

Weston Sager

Weston Robert Sager is a third-year student at Dartmouth College. A major in Arabic Language and Literature with a Minor in History, Weston is pleased to again be residing overseas after living in Fez, Morocco during the summer of 2006. Weston is from the small town of Wakefield, New Hampshire, where he grew up on a farm with chickens, pigs, and steer.



When he is at his house, Weston enjoys playing with his dog and going on hikes. He has worked on a number of local political campaigns, and continues to follow politics closely. At Dartmouth, Weston is involved in a number of organizations. In addition to being an Arabic teaching assistant and Arabic research assistant, Weston serves as an editor for Dartmouth's only independent newspaper, The Dartmouth Review, and is a brother at Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. During his free time, Weston enjoys playing ping-pong and reading history books. Currently, Weston is interested in researching Media Arabic and hopes to write a thesis on this topic following his stay in Kuwait. Weston is honored to be an intern at the American University in Kuwait and looks forward to contributing to life at the school.

Weston will be working in the Office of Student Life, the Writing Center, and the Intensive English Program.

An Update from Shareefa Al-Adwani, Faculty Advisor of MUNAUK



The members of the **Model United Nations at the American University of Kuwait (MUNAUK)** participated in a national Model United Nations conference in Kuwait on Wednesday May the 16th and Thursday May 17th, 2007.

Our AUK delegates, representing various countries from around the world, went to the Pearl Model United Nations Conference (Pearl MUN), hosted by Bayan Bilingual School.

The Opening Ceremonies of Pearl MUN was very important for our AUK delegates. Fahad Mohammed, President of MUNAUK, led the ceremonies and introduced several keynote speakers. Keynote speakers included US Ambassador to Kuwait, Richard Lebaron, and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Dr. Mohammed Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah. Other dignitaries present but not speaking was the British Ambassador to Kuwait, Stuart Laing, the Senegal Ambassador to Kuwait, the Saudi Ambassador to Kuwait, and the Emirati Ambassador to Kuwait. The event was covered by Kuwait TV, the *Arab Times*, *Al Qabas*, *Al Watan*, *Al Rai*, *Samra Magazine*, and *Al-Anba*, which featured pictures of our AUK students with the Ambassadors of the US and the UK, as well as with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Dr. Al-Sabah (see below). Our students working on the Administrative side of Pearl MUN (Fahad Mohammed and Fahad Al-Tukhaim), spoke at length with many of the dignitaries.

The General Assembly spoke on issues such as decreasing the flow of conventional weapons to war torn areas, defining the rights of national resistance groups housed in foreign lands, and creating universal standards for monitoring charities. Our delegates in the GA were new to experiencing MUN-format debate and negotiation, but were well-read on Robert's Rules of Order and had done much research on their own concerning their assigned country's policies and ideologies. Their advanced preparation had made them less nervous about speaking in front of the committee of 100 people and merging resolutions with others to come up with a solution to the issue.

The Security Council has four issues to solve, one of which was "A review of the compliance of Iran and the impacts of SC Resolutions 1737 and 1696." Our delegates adhered to their countries' policies, even if that meant voting down a resolution: The US had wanted to impose harsher sanctions on Iran, but our AUK delegate representing China had insisted that progress could be made by engaging Iran in more talks. The coordinator of Pearl MUN Dr. Daniel Fruit, had pulled me aside and let me know that he was impressed with the strength and knowledge of our AUK delegates.

The World Bank's AUK representatives were both invited to participate as MUNAUKers, but were members of the AUK Business Club. Their knowledge of economics, finance, and loan proposals from their AUK courses helped them understand the procedures of the World Bank. Our delegates both considered proposals (France) and submitted loan proposals (Senegal).

Last, but certainly not least, our AUK delegates in the ICC had the responsibility to prosecute an international criminal, Elliot Abrams. It was up to the MUNAUKers to provide evidence beyond a doubt that this criminal had indeed been involved in the Venezuelan coup of 2002. Our AUK prosecutors had at least one dozen booklets, handouts, and articles concerning the defendant and his involvement in the crime. Uncovering recently declassified CIA documents, reports by various NGOs, and court statements made by the defendant, **our AUK representatives won their case, in a vote of 6 judges to 2 judges.**

MUNAUK would like to thank the American University of Kuwait for believing in the team and for giving MUNAUK the opportunity to make a successful international academic impact.

French Instructor Joseph Fiannaca Reports on Summer Trip to France

The main idea of this trip was to have students study French in a full immersion environment. It was a great opportunity to have students use French in real life situations like ordering food at a café, buying clothes, asking for directions...

The other objectives were to have a better understanding of French culture and customs, explore the Provence area and interact with students from other nationalities.

The trip was two weeks long from July 2nd to July 15th at the Collège International de Cannes which is a well established institution. In just two weeks students covered the equivalent of one semester of French at AUK because it was an intensive course (21 hours a week).

After advertising this trip 8 students were selected: Abrar Ahmed Al-Baqsam; Bader M Al-Ajeel; Noura K Al-Shaya; Manwa J Al-Yaqoub; Abdullah M Al-Nuwaihedh; Shomoukh A. Al-Mesaid; Nour S Al-Baqsam; Bader M Al-Ajeel; Abrar Ahmed Al-Baqsam; Mustafa M Tounsy. The selection was based on their motivation and academic results.

This trip was successful. Students enjoyed the combination of study time and cultural/leisure activities. They maintained a positive atmosphere throughout the trip. They were grateful to visit places they had never seen before. They also mentioned that for the first time in their lives that they were happy to go to school! They left an excellent impression at the Collège International de Cannes where both teachers and administrators said they were very kind and well-behaved.

Students benefited from this trip by gaining more confidence and improving their communication skills, by developing a better understanding of the French speaking community and culture and by gaining access to different perspectives and traditions.

Overall it was a great learning experience for all of us.

Our activities and excursions included:

A visit at a perfume factory in Grasse and creation of perfumes.

A trip to Saint-Paul de Vence hilltop village.

A boat trip to the resort of Saint-Tropez.

The visit of Chagall Museum in Nice.

An evening at the Cannes Film Festival Palace.



Recently Published

Title: Space and Muslim Urban Life: At the Limits of the Labyrinth of Fez

Author: Simon O'Meara

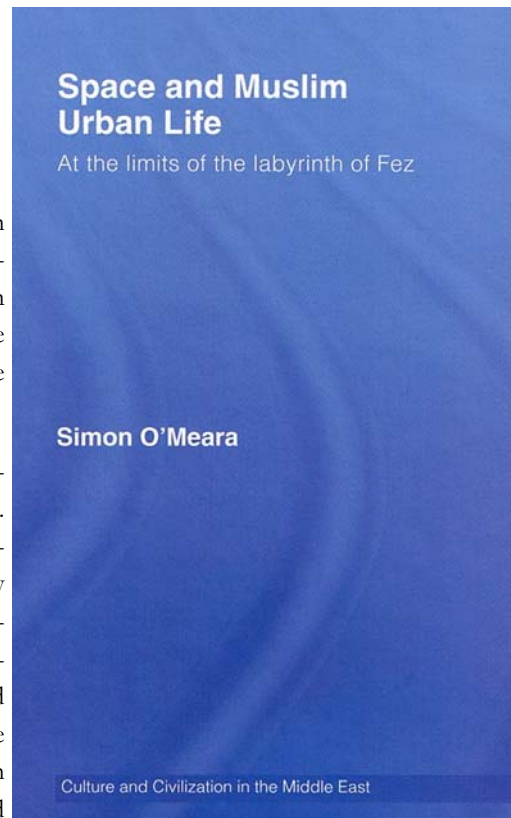
Publisher: Routledge

ISBN: 9780415386128

About the Title: This book develops academic understanding of Muslim urban space by pursuing the structural logic of the premodern Arab-Muslim city, or medina. With particular reference to *The Book of Walls*, an historical discourse of Islamic law whose primary subject is the wall, the book determines the meaning of a wall and then uses it to analyze the space of Fez.

One of a growing number of studies to address space as a category of critical analysis, the book makes the following contributions to scholarship. Methodologically, it breaks with the tradition of viewing Islamic architecture as a well-defined object observed by a specialist at an aesthetically directed distance; rather, it inhabits the logic of this architecture by rethinking it discursively from within the culture that produced it. Hermeneutically, it sheds new light on one of North Africa's oldest medinas, and thereby illuminates a type of environment still common to much of the Arab-Muslim world. Empirically, it brings to the attention of mainstream scholarship a legal discourse and aesthetic that contributed to the form and longevity of this type of environment; and it exposes a preoccupation with walls and other limits in premodern urban Arab-Muslim culture, and a mythic paradigm informing the foundation narratives of a number of historic medinas.

Presenting a fresh perspective for the understanding of Muslim urban society and thought, this innovative study will be of interest to students and researchers of Islamic studies, architecture and sociology.



IEP Achieves Accreditation Candidacy

American University of Kuwait Director of Intensive English, Margaret Combs, announces the acceptance of the Intensive English Program as a candidate for accreditation by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA). The Commission, founded in 1999 and located in Alexandria, VA is a specialized accrediting body for ESL and English Language programs in the USA and internationally. The acceptance into candidacy marks the beginning of the official process toward accreditation. The Commission has issued a formal letter of notification to AUK President Marina Tolmacheva. The letter states that the program's application has met the standards set by the Commission. Following the completion of the workshop in October, 2007 and payment of the candidacy fee, the AUK Intensive English Program will be entered in the 2007-2008 Commission's database as a candidate. The self-study phase of the candidacy process by IEP begins immediately. The Intensive English Program has designated Mr. Steven Jacques the Program's agent of responsibility. He will be monitor the self-study work to help move the program through the process toward accreditation. Mr. Jacques received his M.A. in Applied Linguistics from Aston University in Birmingham, UK.

HR Orientation for New Faculty Members

The Human Resources Department made arrangements to receive 25 new faculty members from overseas. The HR team meticulously handled the various pre-arrival, arrival and post arrival formalities.

A three (3) day orientation program for the new faculty was conducted by the HR department from 26th August to 28th August, 2007.

The HR Orientation session for new faculty members included an introduction to the Executive team and Directors of various departments, NBK officials, car lease companies and a tour of the university campus. The orientation program culminated on the third day with a bus tour wherein the new faculty members, and their families visited some important landmarks in Kuwait and ate lunch at the Sultan Center restaurant.

A power point presentation was made by Alex P., Director of Human Resources. This provided an opportunity for the new faculty to acclimate to the Kuwaiti culture and become familiar with the AUK mission, procedures and leadership. In addition, the presentation gave an insight into the political leadership in Kuwait, petroleum sector, demography / topography of Kuwait, important telephone numbers, investment opportunities and money matters, road safety and traffic, shopping malls, hospitals, satellite and mobile service providers, electricity & water, climate, schools, medical care, accommodation, health spa's, clubs, visa and residency process and other related information.

Amal Bin Ali, Director of PR and Marketing, Dave McHardy, Director, CCE and Maha Khlat, Director of IT also participated in the orientation program.

Overall, the HR Orientation aimed at providing an opportunity for the faculty members to adjust to their work environment at the onset, besides providing a forum to learn, problem solve and make decisions.

The HR orientation for new faculty also aimed at solidifying their relationship with AUK in addition to fuelling their enthusiasm and guiding their steps into a positive relationship with AUK. A sense of belonging prevailed "I was Welcomed, Therefore I Belong".

I would like to thank the HR Team (Hugh, Norma, Ali, Badria, Suad, Dalal, Doaa, Ashor, Ahmad & Mohammad), for their commitment, dedication and hard work.



New Members of AUK Faculty



James McDougal
Assistant Professor of English



Hossam Al-Gindy
Associate Professor of Computer Science



Mohamed Rishard
Chemistry Lab Instructor



Gholamreza Vatandoust
Visiting Associate Professor of International Relations & History



Katherine Lovan
Intensive English Instructor



William Polask
Intensive English Instructor



Dina Aburous
Accounting Instructor



Ali Al-Jamal
Assistant Professor of Economics



Joy Zreba
Intensive English Instructor



Dana Hodeib
Intensive English Instructor



Robin MacDonald
Associate Professor of Management



Maher Tamimi
Arabic Instructor



John Rutland
Associate Professor of Business



Monique Livsey
Mathematics Instructor



Charles Chiemek
Assistant Professor of Economics



Maryam Hosseini
Visiting Assistant Professor of Graphic Design



Penny MacDonald
Associate Professor of Management



Rizwan Ahmed
Assistant Professor of English



Marcella Kulchitsky
Instructor of Graphic Design



John Russell
Professor of Accounting



Dmytro Roman Kulchitsky
Assistant Professor of Public Policy



Amir Zeid
Assistant Professor of Computer Science

New Members of AUK Staff



Amal Jaber
*Administrative Assistant
(Division of Humanities)*



Asma Yaqoub
Reference/Instruction Librarian



Doaa Abdl-Maguid
Administrative Assistant (H.R. Dept)



Eman Kamel
Admissions Coordinator



Dr. Patricia Read-Hunter
Sr. Assistant to the President



Noura Al-Alewi
Registrar Coordinator



Saleem Aboobacker
Web Graphic Designer (P.R. Dept)



Dana Al-Mansour
Admissions Coordinator

Congratulations to the following:

Fall 2007 Faculty Promotions:

John Barnet (IEP) – to Senior Instructor.

Conerly Casey (CAS, Social Sciences) – to Associate Professor.

Nizar Hamzeh (CAS, Social Sciences) – to Professor.

Michael McMurray (English, IEP) – to Senior Instructor.

Shoma Munshi (CAS, Social Science) – to Professor.

Florin Nichita (CAS, Sciences) – to Associate Professor.

Ralph Palliam (CAS, Business & Economics) – to Associate Professor.

Don Prades (IEP) – to Senior Instructor.

Lisa Urkevich (CAS, Humanities & Arts) – to Associate Professor.

New Staff Appointments and Administrative Assignments:

Reem Al-Amin – to Student Success Center.

Safa Choudhury – to Senior Admissions Coordinator.

Alia El-Assaad – to Outreach and Events Coordinator.

Joanne Hands – to Director, Student Success Center.

Dr. Marjorie Kelly -- to Director, Gulf Studies Center.

Tadd Kruse – to Assistant Dean of Students.

Craig Loomis – to Coordinator of English Literature.

Rebecca Loomis – to Coordinator of IEP Curriculum.

Michael McMurray – to Coordinator of English 099.

Noushig Momdjian – to Office of the Registrar.

Asma Yaqoub – to Reference/Instruction Librarian.

Maha Khat — to “permanent” Director of I.T.

In June 2007, Professional Development Travel funds were awarded to:

Afaf Bataineh (Arabic)

Conerly Casey (Anthropology)

Juliet Dinkha (Psychology)

Katherine Kleypas (English)

Charles Mitchell (Journalism)

Don Prades (IEP).

Papers and Conferences

On July 9th, 2007, Dr. Juliet Dinkha presented a paper on *Memory and Subjectivity: Child Witness of the 1990 Iraqi Invasion of Kuwait* at the International Conference on Psychology in Athens, Greece. The paper and the nature of the research were well received and it generated a lot of interest especially in the area of depression and Trauma in Kuwait. Furthermore, Dr. Dinkha's attendance created future research collaboration with Dr. Pearl Berman, Ph.D. from Indiana University of Pennsylvania on assessing knowledge that students already have on warning signs of violence, suicide, a maltreated child, and a dangerous parent. This will be a comparative research, comparing our AUK students' responses with students at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Associate Professor of Mathematics at AUK, Dr. Florin Nichita gave a presentation on *Coloured bialgebras and nonlinear equations* at the 6th Congress of Romanian Mathematicians which was held in Bucharest, Romania, 28 June - 4 July, 2007.

Dr. Lisa Urkevich, Musicology, presented a paper entitled, *Ardab: Kuwaiti Presentation of a Saudi Genre* at the Conference on Music in the World of Islam of the The Assilah Forum Foundation (Assilah, Morocco) and the Maison des Cultures du Monde (Paris, France) in August in Assilah. The Conference program was based around topics that reflect the main current concerns of those who invest in the musics of this region and who are concerned about the future of these traditions

On July 13, 2007, Dr. Conerly Casey presented a paper, *Remembering genocide: Hypocrisy and the violence of local/global 'justice' in northern Nigeria*, at the International Association of Genocide Scholars meeting in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Jawaher Ali-Redha, a recent graduate of AUK and former student body president, attended the meeting with Dr. Casey. The conference panels addressed historical and contemporary genocides with a focus on the mass killings of Bosnian Muslims by Serb extremists from 1992-1995. Holding the conference in Bosnia allowed conference participants to join the people of Bosnia in their memorials, and to learn about ongoing work to excavate the remains of victims and to prosecute cases in the International Court Tribunal on Yugoslavia. Interspersed with conference panels and discussions, Dr. Casey and Miss Ali-Redha joined other conference participants on a bus trip to a secondary burial site in Srebrenica, where close to 8,000 men and boys were killed in one day, and to the mass burial of 465 people whose remains have only recently been discovered. Dr. Casey and Miss Ali-Redha are the first professor and student to attend the International Association of Genocide Scholars meeting from a university in Kuwait. Dr. Casey and Miss Ali-Redha were warmly greeted by the President, two Vice-Presidents and Secretary of the Association who expressed support for the AUK Stand chapter, a student-led anti-genocide coalition with a focus on Darfur. Dr. Casey and Miss Ali-Redha met with Miss Noura Al-Ali, President of the STAND chapter, and a recent graduate of AUK, to share new developments in genocide studies. Both students took Dr. Casey's course, *Genocide and Refugees*, at AUK and have an interest in violence and conflict resolution.

**Vice President of the International Association of Genocide Scholars, Professor Alexander Laban Hinton invited Dr. Casey to submit a version of her conference paper for inclusion in a book he is editing entitled, *Local Justice: Global Mechanisms and Local Meanings in the Aftermath of Genocide*. The book is scheduled to be published

Media and Communications Instructor, Charles Mitchell attended the International Association for Communication Research Conference (IAMCR) held in Paris July 23rd to 26th. There he submitted and presented a paper on the topic of "Journalism education in difficult political and cultural environments". The paper was titled, *The Challenges of Teaching Journalism in Kuwait*. The paper addressed, transiting Western teaching epistemologies into the classroom and then applying those methods to student field assignments. The study looked at problems in several key areas: access to information, freedom of speech and cultural barriers to newsgathering.

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

September 2007

27 Th Faculty and Staff Ghabga (Traditional Kuwaiti Ramadan Dinner) at Hilton Kuwait Resort.

October 2007

12/13 F/S Eid Al-Fitr starts.

14 Su Eid Al-Fitr. University closed.

15 M Eid Al-Fitr. University closed.

November 2007

8 Th Midterm grades for spring semester courses available via AUK Self Service.

December 2007

15 Sa Board of Trustees meeting.

16 Su Board of Trustees meeting.

19 W Winter Break begins. University closed.

January 2008

6 Su University re-opens and classes resume.

10/13 Th or Su Islamic New Year. University closed.

20 Su Final Exams begin.

27 Su Final grades for Fall semester and 2nd Block courses due via AUK Self Service.

Editor's Notes



Dear colleagues,

If you would like to publish anything in the next edition of the **AUK Chronicle**, kindly email me your submissions at: rsamerai@auk.edu.kw



I am certain you have all noticed by now that a paper and plastic recycling initiative has been activated on campus, and I am happy to report that it has been going extremely well. I still have unused recycling bins in my office and would be happy to distribute them to anyone who needs them in their space.

Thank you for caring for the environment.

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