Understanding the Middle East

Tuesday, March 19, 2002
9:45 a.m. The Middle East, A Mosaic
Moderator: Charles Cotrell, PhD, President, StMU
Margaret Luévano, Director, International Student Services, StMU & PPC
Leona Pallansch, PhD, Political Science, StMU

11:10 a.m. Understanding Islam
Moderator: Rev. J. Willis Langlinais, SM, SThD, Theology, StMU
Nadir Faris, Imam, Fort Sam Houston Mosque & StMU alumnus
Narjis Pierre, Co-Founder, San Antonio Muslim Women’s Association

12:35 p.m. Understanding Middle Eastern Cultures
Moderator: Yolanda Constancio, PPC
Marian Haddad, Writer/Poet
Salwa Elaydi, Artist

7:30 p.m. 15th Annual President’s Peace Concert
Location: Treadaway Recital Hall
featuring the University Concert Band and the University Choirs,
under the direction of Professors Dale Schultz and Daniel Long

Wednesday, March 20, 2002
9:20 a.m. Islamic Women of the Middle East
Moderator: Patrick Simeroth, PPC
Siham Naseef, Islamic Education Bureau, Austin
Mary Ann Tetreault, PhD, Political Science, Trinity University

10:20 a.m. Understanding the Palestinian/Israeli Conflict: What are the Roadblocks to Peace?
Moderator/Participant: Leona Pallansch, PhD, PPC
Mary Lynne Gasaway Hill, PhD, English/Communication Studies, StMU
Sr. Martha Ann Kirk, CCVI, PhD, Religious Studies, UIW

11:10 a.m. Is Any War "Just"? A Dialogue Among Faiths
Moderator: Ben Domingue, PPC
Tom Bolin, PhD, Theology, StMU
Ali Mosshirsadri, Director, Islamic Foundation of San Antonio
Rabbi Areyah Scheinberg, Congregation Rodfei Sholom, San Antonio

12:20 p.m. International Rule of Law After 9/11
Moderator: John Salazar, Diplomat-in-Residence, StMU
Robert Summers, JD, StMU School of Law
Wayne Christian, Lt. Col., former Deputy Staff Judge Advocate (IMA),
U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne), Ft. Bragg, N.C.
Robert Kunczt, JD, Attorney, UIW

2:00 p.m. Legal Implications of 9/11: A Question of Security or Civil Liberties
Presented by The Scholar: St. Mary’s Law Review on Minority Issues
Location: Law Library Alumni Room; Refreshments will be served
Host: David A. Dittfurth, JD, StMU School of Law
Gerald Goldstein, JD, Attorney who represented Dr. Al Badar Al-Hazmi
William Clark Harrell, Executive Director, ACLU of Texas

Thursday, March 21, 2002
9:45 a.m. Extremist Movements of the Middle East
Moderator: Larry Hufford, PhD, Political Science & International Relations, StMU
Jalal K. Nejad, PhD, Political Science & International Relations, StMU
Mansour El-Kikhia, PhD, Political Science, UTSA

11:10 a.m. U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East
Moderator: Sophie Henrichs, PPC
Ronald J. Young, Founder and Director of the U.S. Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East

EXTRAORDINARY UPCOMING PPC EVENT
Wednesday, April 3 at 7 p.m.
Jehan Sadat, PhD
to speak on “Sadat’s Lasting Example of Peace”
First Lady of Egypt, 1970-1981
Greehey Arena, AACC, St. Mary’s University
President's Peace Commission
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The President's Peace Commission fosters an ethical commitment to participate in the establishment of world peace and social justice. The Commission encourages respect for human rights and dignity of all people. The Commission annually hosts symposia that offer opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to grow in their active pursuit of peace and justice. Through the symposia and other activities, the Commission seeks to build within the St. Mary's community a greater awareness of the Roman Catholic and Marianist perspectives on peace and justice. The President's Peace Commission reflects the University community through student, staff, and faculty representatives appointed by the University President.

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