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The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is pleased to provide the ninth edition of the Council Chronicle, the Council's newsletter. The Chronicle seeks to keep the Council's alumni, donors, and other supporters informed and updated. One among other efforts to do so on an ongoing basis is achieved by presenting highlights and special reports related to the Council's year-round educational programs, events, and activities. For new readers interested in learning more about the Council's vision and mission, together with the ways and means it utilizes to pursue both, please visit the Council's Web site at www.ncusar.org.

About the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations

Founded in 1983, the National Council is an American educational, non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to improving American knowledge and understanding of the Arab world. It endeavors to do this through leadership development, people-to-people programs, academic seminars, an annual Arab-U.S. policymakers' conference, specialized publications, and the participation of American students and faculty in Arab world study abroad and Arabic language learning experiences as well as intensive year-round and summer university student internships combined with an academic seminar in the nation's capital.

The Council's vision for the U.S.-Arab relationship is one that rests on a solid, enduring foundation of strategic, economic, political, commercial, and defense cooperation, strengthened continuously by exchanges of present and emerging leaders among Americans and Arabs alike.

The Council's mission is educational. It seeks to enhance American awareness and appreciation of the multi-faceted and innumerable benefits the United States has long derived and continues to obtain from its relations with the Arab world.

In pursuit of its mission, the Council serves as a U.S.-Arab relations programmatic, informational, and human resources clearinghouse. In so doing, it provides cutting edge information and insight to national, state, and local grassroots organizations, media, and public policy research institutes, in addition to select community civic, religious, business, and professional associations.

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Annual Summer Washington, DC Internship Program

The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations is presently hosting 27 American and Arab students from institutions of higher education in the United States and abroad in Washington, DC from June to August in the Council's Annual University Student Summer Internship Program. The program provides undergraduate and graduate students a professional, academic, and career opportunity internship in the nation's capital. The program combines work experiences at the Council and 18 sister Arab-U.S./Middle East/Islamic relations organizations with a parallel two-month university-level seminar.

The academic program's primary focus is on Arabia and the Gulf. This is the one part of the Arab world and planet to which, in the past quarter of a century, the United States has mobilized and deployed more armed forces, spent more taxpayer dollars, and more Americans, Arabs, and others have been killed, wounded, or otherwise harmed than any place else on earth. The seminar introduces the student interns to an intensive examination and analysis of this region. It is taught by a team of internationally renowned specialists. Each has extensive firsthand knowledge of and experience with the cultures, societies, systems of governance, political dynamics, and economies as well as foreign relations of the nine countries -- Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen -- that comprise Arabia and the Gulf.

In addition to lectures and briefings, the interns visit U.S. Executive and Legislative Branch representatives as well as Arab embassy ambassadors and other diplomats who deal with issues that pertain to this region on a day to day basis. The objective is to provide the interns an in-depth grounding in the realities of Arabia and the Gulf as opposed to the myths. It is to take them beyond the contents of many textbooks and what passes for established thought, informed opinion, and conventional wisdom. It is to introduce the participants to the actual behind-the-scenes dynamics of analysis, assessment, and advocacy as they relate to the American foreign policy making processes in the nation's capital. And it is to do so with reference to what is arguably one of the world's the most vital and controversial yet little known and poorly understood regions.

The objectives of the office employment component of the program are different. Among other things, they are to provide interns a firsthand opportunity to develop the kinds of skills that derive from: (1) a real-life practical work experience in an institution that deals daily with one or more aspects of Arab-U.S. relations; (2) firsthand participation in and observation of the dynamics of Arab-U.S. relations intra- and inter-organizational activities; (3) the practice of personal and professional discipline, team work, punctuality, time management, report writing, administrative operations and logistics, attention to the specificity of details, project completion, instructional implementation, strategic planning, effectiveness and efficiency in external liaison, representation, issue definition, and assignment execution as well as follow-up.
Model Arab League/Arab-U.S. Relations
Youth Leadership Development Program

2009-10 marked the 27th year of the National Council's flagship Arab-U.S. Student Leadership Development Program, the Model Arab League (MAL). The Models are similar in organization and format to the much older and more widely recognized Model United Nations. The difference is that these Models focus instead on the League of Arab States, the world's oldest regional political organization, comprised of all 22 Arab states. Established in February 1945 and thereby pre-dating the founding of the United Nations, the League is the world's senior regional political organization dedicated to, among other things, the diplomatic and peaceful settlement of disputes. The Models provide primarily American but also Arab and other students opportunities to work together for common goals and shared interests as well put themselves in the foreign policy shoes of real-life Arab diplomats and other foreign affairs practitioners. In the process, the students come to realize unavoidably and inevitably how different these realities are in comparison to what they previously thought and assumed based on what they had read and "learned" or not read and "not learned" before. Grappling with the international challenges of representing someone from a country other than their own, and especially an Arab country, has obvious merit. In the process, students not only deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Arab world and its peoples. In addition, they develop and practice useful analytical, organizational, and public speaking skills that are often otherwise difficult to acquire and apply through academic courses, lectures, films, videos, briefings, blogs, or the Internet.

Educating and Training Tomorrow’s Arab-U.S. Relations Leaders Today

The Models enable students to gain and practice vital leadership skills largely unavailable in the course of reading a book, viewing television, or listening to a specialist. Students debate Arab national and regional defense, economic, political, social, and related issues along with matters pertaining to Palestinian affairs, human rights, justice, and the environment. As in real life public affairs debates, participants have no choice but to learn how to advocate their positions with facts, command of language, mastery of parliamentary procedure, clear articulation, and passion as well as erudition. What is more, they have no option other than to be able to do so within prescribed requirements and processes, including tight time constraints. For example, in keeping with established rules of order and depending on the issue and procedural dynamics in play, the Models' Secretaries General, Assistant Secretaries General, and Standing Council Chairs (each of whom is elected by their peers) are tasked with limiting the respective debates to thirty seconds, one minute, three minutes, and/or a maximum of five minutes.

There's no mistaking the value of such an enterprise. Few American students and other young adults receive or have received as comprehensive a level of training and firsthand experience as this in practicing and mastering public affairs leadership abilities. The 2,135 students that annually participate in the National Council's 14 Annual Model Arab Leagues held in 11 cities throughout the United States are unique in more than number and nature. They are eager to prove to themselves, their families, and teachers that they are worth every penny of the investment in their education. They have to study hard and conduct serious research to prepare for the Models. All are able to benefit from assistance provided by the National Council's national network of supporters and volunteers. Each of them is able to tap additional assistance by accessing the Council's Model Arab League staff, every one of whom is an alumnus of this program. Many also gain from the numerous Arab embassies that support the Model Arab League Program. Still others are guided by one or more of the faculty advisers in 800 American universities, out of a total of 3,800 American institutions of higher education nationwide, where participants in the Council's Malone Faculty Fellows in Arab and Islamic Studies Program are resident. These faculty are alumni of the educational and cultural immersion experiences in one or more of the 12 Arab countries that have hosted the Council's academic study abroad programs.
Speakers at the Opening and Closing Sessions of the 2010 National University Model Arab League at Georgetown University in Washington, DC (March 26-28) included (L to R) HRH Abdalaziz Bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Sa’ud; H.E. Dr. Hussein Hassouna, Ambassador of the League of Arab States to the United States of America; and Ms. Merissa Khurma, Press Attaché for the Embassy of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Delegates from Texas State University at San Marcos display the certificate awarded them for outstanding representation of Jordan at the Southwest Model at the University of North Texas.

Delegates vote on an amendment to a resolution in the Council on Economic Affairs at the National Model Arab League.

Delegates urge action on resolutions at the Summit Session of the National Model at Georgetown University.

Members of the Arab Court of Justice (an international court simulation) convene at the National Model.

More than 300 university students attend the Opening Summit Session at the National Model in Washington, DC.
From November 2009 through April 2010, the National Council sponsored and administered 14 Model Arab Leagues in 11 U.S. cities for 2,135 students in 200 American secondary schools and universities. University Model Arab Leagues were conducted in Boston, Massachusetts at Northeastern University; Allendale, Michigan at Grand Valley State University; Oxford, Ohio at Miami University; Denver, Colorado at Metropolitan State College; Spartanburg, South Carolina at Converse College; Washington, D.C. at Georgetown University; College Station, Texas at Texas A&M University; Denton, Texas at the University of North Texas; San Francisco, California at the University of San Francisco; and Missoula, Montana at the University of Montana. High School Models were conducted in Atlanta, Georgia at The Marist School; Boston, Massachusetts at Northeastern University; and Washington, D.C. at Georgetown University.

The National Council's Model Arab League Program helps prepare students to be knowledgeable, well-trained, and effective citizens as well as civic and public affairs activists. The skill sets practiced and acquired in the course of the Models are ones designed to serve the students well regardless of the career or profession they may elect to pursue. As MAL Program Coordinator Megan Geissler noted, "We’re providing future diplomats, other international relations specialists, business representatives, and future educators as well as humanitarians, advocates, and armed services personnel the experience of being in the shoes of and having to deal with someone they might not ever understand or be able to deal with effectively otherwise."
Cadets from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, with Keynote Speaker HRH Abdulaziz bin Talal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud at the National Model Arab League.

Students debate a resolution in the Joint Defense Council at the Southwestern Model Arab League at Texas A&M University at College Station, Texas.

Delegates vote on a resolution in the Model Arab League's Political Affairs Council at the Southwest Model Arab League at North Texas University in Denton, Texas.

Student delegates consult en route to drafting a resolution in the Model Arab League's Palestinian Affairs Council at a Model in College Station, Texas.

ABOVE: The Student Secretariat of the National University Model Arab League with the Ambassador of the League of Arab States, H.E. Dr. Hussein Hassouna.

LEFT: Cover of the latest issue of the National Council’s affiliate, the Carolinas Committee on U.S.-Arab Relations, NEWSLINES newsletter, produced by Dr. Joe Dunn, Converse College (Spartanburg, South Carolina) Professor, National Council Malone Fellows in Arab and Islamic Studies Alumnus, and Model Arab League Advisor.
The National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, in coordination with the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR), organized and led an April 17-25, 2010 study visit to the United Arab Emirates for the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point, New York. The delegation was comprised of seven Cadets and Lieutenant Colonel Abbas Dahouk. The visit provided the Cadets an opportunity to explore the dynamics of some of the major economic, political, and social determinants of UAE culture as well as its modernization and development.

Escorted by National Council President and CEO Dr. John Duke Anthony and Vice Presidents Mr. Patrick Mancino and Dr. James Winship, the delegation spent time in the Emirates of Abu Dhabi and Dubai. Delegation members met with and were briefed by officials at the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the UAE Joint Command and Staff College, the UAE Critical Industrial Security Agency, the US Embassy, and the Sheikh Zayed Mosque. The delegation also participated in four academic workshops at ECSSR and met with officials from the UAE Ministry of Foreign Trade and the UAE Ministry of Presidential Affairs' Center for Documentation and Research along with US Ambassador to the UAE Richard Olson and embassy staff. In addition, the Cadets were introduced to a variant of UAE traditional culture while navigating the vibrant waterfront commerce of the Emirate of Dubai on a dhow, an Arab wooden sailing vessel, and exploring the pre-oil era traditions of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in its heritage village exhibitions and seminar, publications, and other educational activities.
Malone Fellowship in Arab and Islamic Studies Program
Annual Cultural Immersion Study Visit to Oman

In March, a delegation of U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) officers and area studies specialists participated in the National Council's 14th Annual Cultural Immersion Program in Oman. The delegation was led by Council President Dr. Anthony and Board Member Dr. Mario A. Pascale. This particular Council program is one of a kind. Many of the Council's programs in other Arab countries examine policymaking issues and topics related to economic and social development. The Council's programs in Oman for the past 14 years, however, are designed to provide hard to come by information and insight into not just these kinds of issues but also, and especially, cultural and anthropological themes. Indeed, the program unfolds primarily in half a dozen regions outside the capital of Muscat. It does so in order to allow delegation members to experience the dynamics of what is not only one of the Arab world's most demographically, geographically, economically, and socially diverse countries, but also, because of its position adjacent to the Hormuz Strait, arguably the most strategically vital waterway on earth, through which one fifth of the world's globally traded oil transits daily. The program provides context, background, and perspective related to a broad range of dynamics that influence Oman's national development processes as well as its domestic and foreign policy objectives.

Before their departure for Oman, the Malone Fellows participated in a two-day orientation program that featured Dr. Anthony; Oman Malone Fellow Alumna Linda Pappas Funsch of Hood College in Frederick, Maryland; Mr. Andrew MacDonald, Desk Officer for Oman and Yemen, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State; The Hon. Frances D. Cook, U.S. Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman, 1995-1999; Mr. David Bosch, former Director, Aramco Services Company, who spent much of his childhood in Oman; Dr. Herman Franssen, President, International Energy Associates and former Senior Advisor, Ministry of Petroleum and Minerals, Sultanate of Oman; and former U.S. Ambassador to Oman (1985-1989) George Cranwell Montgomery, Shareholder, Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC. The highlight of the pre-departure program was a meeting and luncheon at the residence of the Omani Ambassador to the United States, H.E. Hunaina bint Sultan bin Ahmad Al Mughairi.

Malone Fellows spent two days and a night sailing on a traditional Arab dhow to, through, and from the Hormuz Strait, the world's most strategically vital waterway.

During their visit to the Sultanate, the Malone Fellows had afternoon tea with Dr. and Mrs. Donald and Eloise Bosch at their home near Muscat. The Bosches provided many years of service as medical doctor and teacher for thousands of Omani.

The inland fortress and traditional walled settlement of Bahla, presently under restoration, has been designated by the United Nations as a World Heritage Site.
Upon arrival in Oman, the delegation members participated in meetings and briefings by officials at the U.S. Embassy and Omani government ministries. They experienced a "sundowner" – a late afternoon and early evening sail on a *dhow*, a traditional wooden Arab sailing vessel, from Muscat eastwards around the country’s Indian Ocean coastline. They visited two of Oman’s world class cultural and historical museums in Muttrah, the commercial center of the capital territory. They had afternoon tea with Americans Dr. Donald Bosch and Mrs. Eloise Bosch, legends in their own lifetime for having long served as one of the few Western doctors and elementary school teachers in the country prior to 1970. In addition, the Fellows spent time along the country's coasts, in its mountains, and camped out under a moonlit sky in a desert outpost deep in Oman's vast Sharqiyah Sands, where they were hosted by members of the prominent Al-Harthy tribe.

Further into the interior, the Fellows visited remote villages, hilltop hamlets, and little known farm sites tucked beneath groves of trees clinging to hillsides. They sailed for most of two days and a night aboard a *dhow*, on which they slept in the open under the stars and swam and snorkeled offshore famed Telegraph Island and other inlets that line Oman's Musandam Peninsula. They also anchored and went ashore in hard-to-reach coves in Oman's Norwegian-like fjords amongst cliffs that drop straight down into the sea in areas adjacent to and all the way around the internationally vital Strait of Hormuz. In so doing, the participants were able to observe the country's fisher folk, boat builders, weavers, potters, local councilmen and women, school children at study and play, the faithful at prayer, and some of Oman's multi-ethnic and religious rituals. In addition, in Bahla, Jabrin, Nizwa, Qabil, and Sur the Fellows made their way on foot through the architectural mazes and defense mechanisms of some of the country's more than 400 centuries-old forts. Through mountains, deserts, wadis, and sea, the experience unfolded along the shores and inland reaches of the Indian Ocean, the Gulf of Oman, the Arabian Sea, and other storied places. All this transpired alongside an extraordinary Omani guide who personified Oman’s long history of residence and interaction within Arabia and the Gulf as well as Central and East Africa.

The Malone Fellow delegation explored half a dozen regions of the Sultanate's interior outside the capital of Muscat. In doing so, they experienced firsthand the dynamics of one of the Arab world's most demographically, geographically, economically, and socially diverse countries.
A view of the centuries-old fort adjacent to the Grand Mosque in Nizwa, an historical center of scholarly learning and traditional education that has long been closely linked to Ibadhi Muslim communities in Algeria, Libya, East Africa, and elsewhere.

Chandelier in The Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque in Oman’s Capital Territory that measures 14 meters tall.

The Fellows visited Jabrin Castle, built in the 17th Century when Oman’s capital moved there from Nizwa.

Malone Fellow Ned Farman swims in one of the many inlets adjacent to the Strait of Hormuz.

An exterior view of the Grand Mosque in Oman’s Capital Territory.

Malone Fellows explore the dunes of the Sharqiyyah Sands, an eastern extension of the Rub’ Al-Khali (The Empty Quarter), the world’s largest desert.

The waterfront of Muscat, capital of Oman and one of Arabia’s most historically fabled ports.
A traditional Arab dhow, hewn from wood and crafted by hand in the manner of Omani shipwrights and mariners of yesteryear, sails in the Strait of Hormuz.

The Malone Fellow delegation's Omani guide visiting Nizwa, historical capital of the former Imamate of Oman and located deep in the Sultanate's interior.

Schoolboys break from their studies at a school in Nizwa.

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Congressional and Public Affairs Briefings

Yemen Headlined: Contemporary Myths and Empirical Realities
December 10, 2009

On December 10, 2009, the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations sponsored a special briefing focusing on Yemen in the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, DC. Dr. John Duke Anthony, Founding President and CEO of the National Council; former Fulbright Fellow in the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen; and one of two Americans to have served as an official observer for all four of Yemen's presidential and parliamentary elections (1993, 1997, 2003, and 2006), served as Moderator. Speakers were Ambassador Barbara Bodine, Lecturer of Public Affairs and Diplomat in Residence at Princeton University and former U.S. Ambassador to Yemen; Dr. Christopher Boucek, Associate in the Middle East Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Mr. Gregory Johnsen, Ph.D. Candidate, Princeton University; co-founder, Waq al-Waq: Islam and Insurgency in Yemen Blog; and former Fulbright and American Institute for Yemen Studies Fellow in Yemen; Ambassador James A. Larocco, Near East and South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, U.S. Department of Defense and former Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East; and Dr. Mustafa Alani, Senior Advisor and Research Program Director in Security and Terrorism Studies at the Gulf Research Center in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Associate Fellow at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies in the United Kingdom.

The program's five speakers provided a richly nuanced assessment of and historical context for understanding the dynamics of Yemen's contemporary political, economic, and security situation. They explored the challenges facing the country and offered acute insights into Yemeni society. They also fielded audience questions about the country's educational system, ongoing civil tensions, and relations with GCC countries.

An audio, video, and transcript of the briefing are available on the National Council's Web site: ncusar.org.
December 22, 2009

On December 22, 2009, the National Council sponsored a public affairs briefing to a capacity audience of media representatives, business leaders, diplomats, and other foreign affairs practitioners at the Washington, DC office of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP. Dr. John Duke Anthony shared his insights and analysis of the December 14-15, 2009 Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Ministerial and Heads of State Summit in Kuwait, which he attended as an observer. Dr. Anthony, who was present at the GCC's May 1981 founding meeting in Abu Dhabi, the United Arab Emirates, has since then been the only Westerner invited to attend each of the organization's annual ministerial and heads of state summits in the twenty-nine years of its existence. In addition to answering audience questions, Dr. Anthony provided context, background, and perspective related to the GCC's creation, strategic objectives, and operations as well as accomplishments and disappointments since its founding. He also delineated the issues comprising the agenda addressed at the 2009 Summit and analyzed the implications for the member-states' interests and key foreign policy as well as economic and regional defense challenges facing the GCC at the present and in the foreseeable future.

A video and audio recording of the C-Span televised program are available on the Council's Web site: ncusar.org.

A Conversation With His Royal Highness Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United States
March 31, 2010

On March 31, 2010, the National Council sponsored a public affairs briefing at The Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, featuring His Royal Highness Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United States. Prince Zeid was previously the kingdom's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, a post he held six and a half years (2000-2007). From 1996-2000, he was Jordan's Deputy Permanent Representative at the UN, with the rank of Ambassador. A specialist in the field of international justice, Prince Zeid played a central role in the establishment of the International Criminal Court. In September 2002, he was elected the first president of the Court's governing body when it was only a plan on paper. In keeping with the practice of speakers at all of the Council's public affairs seminars, Prince Zeid received and responded to the audience's numerous written questions and comments, one of which, from an eighth grader named Hana, appears here.

A video and audio recording of the C-Span televised program are available on the Council's Web site: ncusar.org.

C-SPAN, America's premier public affairs and documentary satellite television network, aired each of the National Council programs noted above. In so doing, it enabled these Council briefings and public affairs events to be viewed by millions. Streaming video from both programs is available on C-Span's Web site, c-spanvideo.org, and links to those videos can be found on the National Council's Web site ncusar.org.
President's Educational Services and Publications

National Council President Dr. John Duke Anthony accepted (1) a two-year appointment to serve on the U.S. Department of State’s International Economic Policy Advisory Committee as well as its Subcommittee on Sanctions; (2) Presidential Envoy for Arab-Israel Affairs Senator George Mitchell’s request to recommend to him "New Initiatives for Furthering the Prospects for Ending the Arab-Israeli Conflict;" (3) Deputy Presidential Envoy David Hale’s request for him to analyze the immediate implications of President Obama’s historic speech to the Arab and Islamic worlds in Cairo, Egypt; and (4) The White House's invitation for him to assess the impact, one year later, of President Obama's June 4, 2009 speech in Cairo; the White House's new national security strategy; and the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. He continues to serve as an Adjunct Professor at the U.S. Department of Defense Institute of Security Assistance Management.

Recent publications and media appearances include:

- Interview with KSA2 (Saudi Arabian English Channel) on "Saudi Arabian King Abdallah's meeting with President Barack Obama," July 3, 2010
- Interview with Al-Arabiya, April 24, 2010
- "An Institution that Groomed Interns," on the occasion of Arab News' 35th Anniversary, April 21, 2010
- "Strategy on Iran," Interview on Inside The National, Abu Dhabi Al Emirat channel (Emirates TV), April 20, 2010
- Interview with KSA2 (Saudi Arabian English Channel), January 13, 2010
- Interview on Council for the National Interest: Jerusalem Calling Radio Show, November 5, 2009
President's Educational Services and Publications (cont'd)

Lead Scholar Escort of American Leaders Delegations to Arab Countries:

- U.S. Central Command Malone Fellows in Arab and Islamic Studies delegation to Oman, March 10-16, 2010
- United States Military Academy Arabic Language and Model Arab League Cadets and Faculty delegation to the United Arab Emirates, April 16-23, 2010
- Model Arab League Outstanding Participants Delegation to Saudi Arabia, June 5-12, 2010

Dr. Anthony also addressed the membership and supporters of the following organizations:

- A delegation of American Fortune 100 energy corporation senior executives on "Qatar and Saudi Arabia"
- U.S. Senate Select Committee on Intelligence meeting on "Recent Developments in the Arabian Peninsula"
- U.S. House of Representatives' Subcommittee on International Appropriations staff on "Qatar"
- The U.S. National War College Middle East Program’s Class of 2009 on "Qatar and Saudi Arabia" and Class of 2010 on "Saudi Arabia"
- U.S. defense attaches, security assistance officers, and representatives of the U.S. Central Command en route to the Arabian Peninsula and Gulf regions, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and one or more Central Asian countries on "The Arabian Peninsula and Gulf in Regional and World Affairs"
- Annual Meeting of the Order of St. John in support of the Order’s East Jerusalem Eye Hospital Mission
- RAND Corporation session on post-election Iraq, "Iraq and Its Arab Neighbors," April 2, 2010
- "Yemen: Current Realities and Future Prospects," Middle East and North Africa Forum, Georgetown University, April 15, 2010
- U.S. Center for Naval Analyses seminars on (1) Yemen, May 24, 2010, and (2) U.S.-GCC Relations, May 28, 2010
- Centra Technology's Sixth Annual Conference on Iraq, with respect to "Lessons Learned from Other Conflicts" June 12, 2010
- National Council's University Summer Internship Program on "Myths & Realities: America and Arabia," June 1-August 10, 2010
- University of Montana’s International Conference on "New Avenues for U.S. Middle East Policy"
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