

**Middle East Teachers Workshop  
Hartford Seminary  
77 Sherman St., Hartford, CT 06105  
Friday, May 1, 2015**

Materials from the Middle Eastern collections at Hartford Seminary, University of Connecticut, Central Connecticut State University, the University of Saint Joseph, and the University of Hartford will be on display throughout the day.

- Steven Blackburn, librarian, Hartford Seminary
- Nicholas Wharton, reference librarian, University of Hartford

**Schedule**

**8:30-8:55 a.m.** – Registration, Hartford Seminary lobby

**9-9:30 a.m.** – Welcome and Introduction – Meeting Room

Dr. Uriah Kim, Academic Dean of Hartford Seminary

Dr. Richard Freund, Director, Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies,  
University of Hartford

Susan Schoenberger, Director of Communications at Hartford Seminary

**9:35-10:20 a.m.** – Breakout Session I

A. Creative Approaches to Studying the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict with Dr. Jeremy Pressman, University of Connecticut

B. A Short History of the Ancient-Medieval Middle East with Dr. Richard Freund, University of Hartford

C. Sources of Conflict in the Middle East with Dr. Ghassan El Eid, Central Connecticut State University

D. The Arab Spring and the Syrian Scene with Dr. Najib Awad, Hartford Seminary

**10:25-11:10 a.m.** – Breakout Session II

A. The Economic History of the Middle East with Dr. Metin Cosgel,  
University of Connecticut

B. My Nazareth and Jerusalem with Hazza Abu Rabia, University of Hartford

C. The Religious Dimension of Conflict and Peacemaking in Israel-Palestine  
with Dr. Yehezkel Landau, Hartford Seminary

**11:15- 11:30 a.m.**

Coffee Break, Meeting Room

**11:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.** – Pedagogy Workshop Panel, Meeting Room

How to Align Your Middle East Instruction with the State Social Studies  
Framework

**12:20-1:20 p.m.**

Lunch (Meeting Room) and tour of Hartford Seminary Library

**1:20- 2:20 p.m.** – Keynote Session, Meeting Room

Ben Loeterman, maker of the film “1913: Seeds of Conflict”

**2:25-3:10 p.m.** – Breakout Session III

A. Teaching about 1897, 1917, 1948 and 1967 with Dr. Avinoam Patt,  
University of Hartford

B. Prospects for Peace in the Middle East with Dr. Ghassan El Eid, Central  
Connecticut State University

C. Teaching about Islam in Today’s Multicultural Classroom with Dr. Timur  
Yuskaev, Hartford Seminary

**3:15-3:30 p.m.** – Wrap-Up, Meeting Room

Susan Schoenberger, Director of Communications, Hartford Seminary