

**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.

**Schedule**

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

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

Dr. Heidi Hadsell, President of Hartford Seminary

Dr. Najib Awad, Associate Professor of Christian Theology, Hartford Seminary

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

**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 Common Core Curriculum

**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