American University of Beirut

Faculty Promotions 2012-2013

Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences

Promoted to the rank of Associate Professor:

Dr. Jad Chaaban, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Sciences
Dr. Chaaban’s primary research interests are in agricultural economics, development economics and industrial organization. His extended interests include public economics of health, education and labor policies, and environmental economics and population studies. His work focuses mostly on using tools in micro and applied economics to tackle public policy issues that affect the lives of the most vulnerable groups in society.

Dr. Lara Nasreddine, Associate Professor, Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences
Dr. Nasreddine’s main research interests focus on two priorities in nutritional sciences, namely 1) dietary assessment and the investigation of diet-disease relationships; and 2) obesity. Her overall program of research in dietary assessment could be defined as characterizing food consumption patterns and nutritional intakes, evaluating dietary exposure to xenobiotic substances and studying diet-disease relationships. Her second research interest focuses on obesity in a comprehensive manner dealing with its assessment, prevalence, determinants and complications, with a particular emphasis on the pediatric population, in addition to conducting in-depth clinical studies investigating dietary manipulations of appetite hormones for obesity prevention.

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Promoted to the rank of Professor:

Dr. Syrine Hout, Professor, Department of English
Dr. Hout specializes in contemporary Lebanese literature written in English. Her book, "Post-War Anglophone Lebanese Fiction: Home Matters in the Diaspora", was published in 2012 (Edinburgh UP). Currently, her research interests involve the relationship between sexuality and exile in this body of writings as well as the portrayal of the 2006 war in more recent narratives.

Promoted to the rank of Associate Professor:

Dr. Bilal Orfali, Associate Professor, Department of Arabic and Near Eastern Languages
Dr. Orfali's work explores the dynamic literary culture that produced authoritative texts. Seeking to overcome the rigid and arbitrary boundaries often dividing specialists in classical Arabic literature and Islamic thought, his work aims to show how the fields of adab, Qur'anic studies, theology, Sufism, history, philosophy, and grammar, often intersect forming a complex and
interesting nexus of relations such that a nuanced understanding of any of these disciplines cannot be achieved in isolation from the others. It is in this light that he conducts his research which centers on classical Arabic literature and Islamic mysticism during the 4th-5th/10th-11th centuries.

Dr. Digambara Patra, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry
Dr. Patra’s work seeks to: (I) prepare nanostructure systems and microcapsules towards optical sensing and drug delivery applications, and (II) understand membrane properties, protein-ligand interaction, and photo-physical behavior of molecules.

Dr. Sonja Mejcher-Atassi, Associate Professor, CVSP
Dr. Mejcher-Atassi’s research interests are in modern and contemporary literature and art in the Arab world, and include: the interrelations of word and image, book art, collection and museum studies, gender studies, cultural memory and history.

Dr. Nisreen Salti, Associate Professor, Department of Economics
Dr. Salti’s work includes both theoretical and empirical approaches in Applied Microeconomics. She has looked at issues of equity and resource allocation with applications in political economy, health economics, public finance and development more broadly.

Dr. Isabella Ruble, Associate Professor, Department of Economics
Dr. Ruble’s research field is energy economics and policy. She has worked on the development of national energy strategies, energy pricing regulation, the introduction of renewable energy novelties, and domestic market analysis for renewable energy and energy efficient equipment. She has also modeled the introduction of renewable energy systems and energy efficient equipment at the household level to determine the impact on energy conservation, national finances, and the environment.

Dr. Tamer Amin, Associate Professor, Department of Education
Dr. Amin's research focuses on how learners develop an understanding of scientific concepts. In particular, he is interested in the role that the technical language of science plays in the learning process. Drawing on the cognitive linguistic theory of conceptual metaphor, his recent studies have examined how metaphors hidden in the language of science both hinder and support the learning of concepts in thermodynamics, such as energy and entropy.

Dr. Rola Khishfe, Associate Professor, Department of Education
Her research interests include the teaching and learning about the nature of science. Additionally, she is interested in the relation of science to argumentation in the context of controversial socio-scientific issues.

Dr. Wissam Raji, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics
Dr. Raji specializes in number theory, mainly modular forms and Eichler integrals. He has contributed significantly to the theory of generalized modular forms that have non-unitary
multiplier systems. His recent work is directed towards period polynomials and period functions emerging from Eichler integrals associated to classical modular forms and mass modular forms.

Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

**Promoted to the rank of Professor:**

**Dr. Robert Saliba, Professor, Department of Architecture and Design**
The main agenda that has driven Dr. Saliba’s research for the past three decades has been the investigation of the interface between Western concepts and colonial contexts. His work focuses on three interrelated tracks: 1) Morphogenesis and Postwar Conservation of Colonial Townscapes; 2) Urban Design in the Arab World, and 3) Design Studio Pedagogy.

**Dr. Ali Yassine, Professor, Department of Engineering Management**
Dr. Yassine research has focused on the use of operations research techniques for managing the development of complex engineering systems. He has published on topics including product development, engineering design, project & portfolio management, systems & entrepreneurial engineering, and the management of technological innovations.

**Promoted to the rank of Associate Professor:**

**Dr. Lina Ghaibeh, Associate Professor, Department of Architecture and Design**
Dr. Ghaibeh’s research interests include the study and analysis of Arabic comics; investigating the manifestations of comics in the Arab world as part of contemporary and popular Arab cultural production, while identifying the medium’s formal properties and distinct language. Her research is carried out as well through her own creative work, where exploration and experimentation is ongoing, particularly regarding the representation and modification of time in animation, with the different mediums allowing for different levels of exploration to occur.

**Dr. Ghanem Oweis, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering**
Dr. Oweis’ research interests focus on the development and implementation of laser diagnostics and high speed imaging for the study of fluid flows and continuum mechanics. He has a particular interest in the area of biomedical engineering with emphasis on cardio-vascular fluid mechanics, and on the safety and surgical quality of high intensity focused ultrasound – an emerging non-intrusive surgical tool that utilizes focused sound waves to destroy cancerous tumors. His expertise is in cavitation and bubble dynamics, turbulent boundary layers, and vortex flows.

**Dr. Hazem Hajj, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering**
Dr. Hazem’s research interests include data mining, and high performance computing. His special interests are in opinion mining and emotion recognition.
Faculty of Health Sciences

Promoted to the rank of Professor

Dr. Jihad Makhoul, Professor, Department of Health Promotion and Community Health
Dr. Makhoul’s research has focused on two areas which are of relevance internationally and to the Arab region. The first is people’s experiences of the effects of war and armed conflicts on health and well-being. The second research area is a critical look at the applications of research methodology and public health practice to non-western settings, for example the application of community based research, of research ethics and qualitative research.

Faculty of Medicine

Promoted to the rank of Professor:

Dr. Kim Smith Abouchacra, Professor of Clinical Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery
Dr. Abouchacra’s research interests cover the broad area of auditory situational awareness (ASA) – the ability to detect, recognize and localize sounds in one’s operational environment – with special emphasis placed on understanding how listeners perform these tasks in the presence of degrading factors, such as noise and reverberation. Currently, she is focusing on the ability of listeners to understand speech in the presence of multiple, interfering talkers (i.e., speech-on-speech listening). Findings from these studies have led to the development of tools and methods that can be used by audiologists, researchers, and auditory display designers.

Dr. Johnny Awwad, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Dr. Awwad’s research activities are focused on two lines of interest: reproductive endocrinology & infertility and improving women’s overall obstetrical outcome. Also, another area of interest is in improving reproductive outcomes for women with recurrent implantation failure.

Dr. Samar Muwakkit, Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine
Dr. Muwakkit’s research interests include:
1) Improving the survival rates in children with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in Lebanon, by studying the pharmacogenetics of children with leukemia, and accordingly to customize western ALL protocols to better treat children in Lebanon and the region.
2) The study of bone health and thrombosis in children with leukemia
3) Improving long term toxicity in children with Hodgkin’s lymphoma while maintaining their excellent survival rates.
4) The epigenetics of childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia
Promoted to the rank of Associate Professor:

**Dr. Ossama Abbas, Associate Professor of Clinical Dermatology, Department of Dermatology**
Dr. Abbas’ main research interests include, but are not limited to, clinical dermatology, dermatopathology, cutaneous oncology, cutaneous stem cells, genodermatoses, and hair and nail disorders.

**Dr. Ghina Ghazeeri Abiad, Associate Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology**
Dr. Ghazeeri’s research focuses on metabolic syndrome in women: the polycystic ovary disease. She is currently investigating the use of rusivastatin and metformin for the treatment of women with PCOS and metabolic syndrome. Another line of research is fertility preservation in inpatients undergoing chemotherapy or radiotherapy for various oncological reasons.

**Dr. Asma Arabi, Associate Professor of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine**
Dr. Arabi’s clinical research is focused on osteoporosis and metabolic bone disorders. She is interested in studying the causes of osteoporosis and vitamin D deficiency in our population, particularly in exploring possible genetic causes and/or interaction between genetic polymorphisms and environmental factors.

**Dr. Tony Bazi, Associate Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology**
Dr. Bazi’s clinical and research interests revolve around the field of pelvic floor disorders in women, also known as Urogynecology. This includes anatomical and functional conditions of the bladder, rectum, and vagina, such as incontinence, voiding difficulties and prolapse. Dr. Bazi was recently appointed to the Research and Development committee of the International Urogynecological Association.

**Dr. Zeina Kanafani, Associate Professor of Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine**
Dr. Kanafani is the Hospital Epidemiologist at AUBMC. Her research interests include hospital-acquired infections, antimicrobial resistance, infections in immunocompromised patients, and infective endocarditis.

**Dr. Brigitte Khoury, Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry**
Dr. Khoury has established the training program in clinical psychology in the Department of Psychiatry, a program unique in the region. Her research interests focus on Arab youth and sexuality, diagnostic classifications in relation to international settings, as well as cross cultural issues in psychology. She has also worked closely with WHO on the revision of the classification system of diseases and was instrumental in coordinating their field studies in the Arab region.

**Dr. Marianne Nimah Majdalani, Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine**
Dr. Nimah-Majdalani’s research focus is on infections in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU): standardizing the care and benchmarking it with international standards. She is
currently working on studying quality measures in the PICU and conducting qualitative studies looking at the perception of parents/nurses and doctors working in a close unit such as PICU as well as end of life care in the PICU.

Dr. Mona Nasrallah, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, Department of Medicine
Dr. Nasrallah’s research interests are in the following four areas:
1- Hyperandrogenic disorders, 2- Diabetes care in Lebanon, 3- Endocrine disruptors, and 4- Medical education.

Dr. Marwan Najjar, Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery, Department of Surgery
Dr. Najjar’s main research interest is in the advancement of the field of epilepsy surgery, where he has been working along other members of the Comprehensive Epilepsy Program at AUB to be the leading program in the region, in service and advanced new strategies. Another field of interest is neurooncology, and the development of advanced techniques in the management of brain tumors, especially neuroendoscopy.

Dr. Pierre Sfeir, Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery, Department of Surgery
Dr. Sfeir’s research interests encompass all aspects of improving outcomes post-cardiac and thoracic surgery, with special emphasis on post-thoracotomy analgesia, and neurologic and end-organ preservation during complex aortic surgery with deep hypothermia.

Dr. Raya Saab, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine
Dr. Saab’s clinical focus is on childhood solid tumors, and her research interests include mechanisms of tumorigenesis and tumor progression, specifically the role of cellular senescence in tumor suppression, and its potential utilization as a therapeutic venue in prevention and treatment of cancer. Her lab also studies novel approaches to the treatment of pediatric primitive sarcomas via induction of cellular differentiation.
New Faculty Appointments at AUB
August, 2013

Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences

Dr. Christer Bengs, Visiting Professor, Department of Landscape Design and Ecosystem Management
Dr. Bengs is by training an architect who is specialised in urbanism and planning. He holds a DSc degree in planning and architecture, and has been a docent in these subjects. For the past 15 years he has been a full professor in Finland and Sweden, taking part in a number of international programs and projects. Besides research and teaching, he is also experienced in practical planning and design. Dr. Bengs’ research interests during his more than four decades of professional work have focused on understanding the broad lines of urban development in terms of planning, real estate, economics, history and cultural heritage, with an emphasis on environmental, social, cultural, and economic considerations for sustainability.

Dr. Lamis Jomaa, Visiting Assistant Professor of Community Nutrition, Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences
Dr. Jomaa earned her Master’s degree (2008) and PhD (2010) in Nutritional Sciences, from Pennsylvania State University, with a focus on community and public health nutrition. She then completed a four months Science & Technology Policy Fellowship at the National Academies of Sciences in Washington, DC during which she worked within the Food and Nutrition Board at the Institute of Medicine and participated in a number of obesity prevention studies, reports and workshops. Prior to joining AUB, Dr. Jomaa served as an Assistant Professor in the Nutritional Sciences Program at the University of Balamand, Lebanon. Her research work and interests include prevention of childhood obesity, analysis of school nutrition policies and programs and their educational, nutritional, and health outcomes, and exploring maternal and child health challenges among other areas of interest.

Dr. Susan Prattis, Assistant Professor, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences
Dr. Prattis received her BA from Amherst College (Bio-Psychology); her professional veterinary medical education at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine with an emphasis on small, exotic and laboratory animal medicine; and her doctoral degree in Experimental Pathology and Cell Biology from North Carolina State University. Most recently received an MS in cross disciplinary graduate training in Nonprofit Management and Philanthropy from Bay Path College. She is Board Certified with the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine, a specialty of the American Veterinary Medical Association. She holds veterinary clinical licenses in multiple individual states in the U.S., is accredited by the US Department of Agriculture (New York State), and has served as a veterinary owner and employee in small animal / exotic and shelter medicine practice settings. Throughout her professional career she has focused on areas of interest including Musculoskeletal, Neurological and Neuroimmunological Animal Models of Human Disease utilizing whole animal, cellular and biochemical methods; Environmental Biology; Science Education; Veterinary Education and
Practice; Evaluation and Assessment Practices, including Qualitative, Quantitative and Mixed Method Models; Organizational Management; and Development and Philanthropy.

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Hussein Abdulsater, Visiting Assistant Professor, Civilization Sequence Program
Dr. Abdulsater received his Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Yale University in 2013. His research focuses on Muslim ethical and theological discourses in their interactions with each other and with non-Muslim discourses throughout Islamic history. His research is concerned with uncovering the ethical and historical roots of major theological and legal themes. In the wider context, it highlights ethical and philosophical aspects of Islamic religious thought independent of the outmoded theology/law dichotomy, thereby opening up a new field of study, expressed in humanistic disciplines such as historiography and literature.

Dr. Elisabeth Armstrong, Senior Lecturer, CASAR
Dr. Armstrong received her Ph.D. from Brown University in 1999. Dr. Armstrong is an Associate Professor of the Study of Women and Gender Program at Smith College (Northampton, MA, USA). She is the author of The Retreat from Organization: US Feminism Reconceptualized (SUNY Press, 2002) and most recently of Gender and Neoliberalism: The All India Democratic Women’s Association and Globalization Politics (New York: Routledge and New Delhi: Tulika Books, 2013). She is currently working on a book on the Women’s International Democratic Federation’s work in the “East” – from the two ends of Asia to North Africa, as well as a project on Indian women’s love stories.

Dr. Lyall Armstrong, Assistant Professor of Islamic History, Department of History and Archaeology
Dr. Armstrong recently received his PhD from the University of Chicago where he wrote a dissertation on a group of scholars (qushass) in the early period of Islam, “The Quṣṣāṣ in Early Islam.” He is interested in the formation of Islamic thought, its propagation during the foundational stages of the faith and the environment into which it arose. He will be teaching in the areas of early Islamic history and thought as well as late antiquity.

Ms. Sahar Assaf, Lecturer, Department of Fine Arts and Art History
Ms. Assaf, theatre actress and director, completed her M.A. in Theater Studies as a Fulbright fellow at Central Washington University, USA in 2011 and returned to Lebanon where she co-founded Beirut 8.30 Theatre Company. Sahar joined AUB’s Department of Fine Arts and Arts History as a part-timer in Spring 2012 and starting this September she will be a full-time Lecturer at the department. Sahar will be working on Saadalla Wannous' "Rituals of Signs and Transformations" for her stage directorial debut at AUB. Most recently, she co-directed with Zeina Daccache “From the bottom of my brain”, a play performed by the residents of Al Fanar Psychiatric Hospital at Al Madina Theatre on July 6, 2013. And, she appeared on stage as an actress in “Come back to bed, love” directed by Lina Abyad at Babel Theatre in November-December 2012. Sahar also holds an MA in Sociology from AUB and a BA in Journalism from the Lebanese University.
Dr. May Awaida, Lecturer, Department of Psychology
Dr. Awaida rejoins AUB as a full-timer, after becoming part-time in 1998. She received a B.A. in Psychology (1985) from AUB, her M.A. in Speech Sciences from the University of Leeds (1986); and her Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology: Children Learning to Read (1992) from the University of Leicester in the UK. She has taught at LAU and the Lebanese University. She was involved in a European Union project giving workshops in five Palestinian Camps in Lebanon (2003 - 2004), and has also led workshops on ‘Learning Disabilities’ in several schools in Lebanon and the region. She is also experienced in testing children for Dyslexia, and works in the Ministry of Education, examination department, on Brevet exemption for eligible students.

Dr. Nadia Bou Ali, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow for 2013-2014, The Arts and Humanities Initiative
Dr. Bou Ali has a Doctoral degree from the University of Oxford’s Faculty of Oriental Studies. She has spent the last year as Post-Doctoral Research Affiliate at the Orient Institut Beirut. Her research focuses on the relationship between modernity, nationalism, and language in her work on Arab intellectual history. She has written on the subjects of lexicography and nationalism, translation and ideology, the Arab Nahda, and sectarianism and political economy in nineteenth-century Mount Lebanon. She is now working on a book project based on her doctoral work.

Dr. Kamal Aziziheris, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics
Dr. Aziziheris earned his doctorate degree from Kent State University with a specialty in Algebra (Group Theory). His research interests include the Representation Theory and Character Theory of Finite Groups. Dr. Aziziheris has taught Calculus, Pre-Calculus and College Algebra, at Kent State, and also during his postdoctoral year at Texas State University.

Dr. Tayeb El-Hibri, Howell Chair, Visiting Professor, Department of History and Archeology
Dr. El-Hibri is currently professor of Arabic and Near Eastern Studies at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He obtained his BA in History from Stanford University (1986) and his Ph.D. in Islamic history from Columbia University (1994). He has published: “Reinterpreting Islamic Historiography: Harun al-Rashid and the Narrative of the Abbasid Caliphate” (1999), and “Parable and Politics in Early Islamic History: The Rashidun Caliphs” (2010), and a range of articles in journals such as: the International Journal of Middle East Studies, the Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient, the Journal of Near Eastern Studies, and Der Islam.

Mrs. Juheina Fakhreddine, Instructor, English
Ms. Fakhreddine-Yakzan holds a BA and a TD in English Language and Literature from the Lebanese University and an MA in Education (TESOL) from the Lebanese American University–Beirut. She has been an active educator since 1970, and a part time instructor of English at LAU and AUB. She has conducted a number of workshops on Methods and Strategies in teaching the language, and has presented several papers on teaching methods, assessment, and creative thinking. She also participated in a number of professional educational workshops in Lebanon and the UK. She is the co-author of a number of English language textbooks published
by Heritage House in Lebanon and by the NCERD. Her recent publication is a co-authored research report on reflective writing published by Macro World in 2013.

Dr. Tania Haddad, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Studies and Public Administration
Dr. Haddad earned her BA in Political Studies and Public Administration from AUB in 2003, and her MA from AUB in 2006. She received her PhD from LUISS University in 2012. During her PhD studies, she was a visiting scholar at the center for Civil Society at Johns Hopkins University. Her research interests currently focus on issues related to civil society and public policy in Lebanon and the Middle East. Her teaching expertise includes civil society, nonprofit management and the role of public policy in a globalized society.

Dr. Alaa M. Hijazi, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology
Dr. Hijazi obtained her Ph.D in clinical psychology from Wayne State University in 2012 and has just completed a fellowship at the Bay Pines Veterans Affairs Medical Center, where she specialized in working with women's health, war related and sexual trauma. Her research interests include how life stressors and trauma impact psychological and physical health. Under this umbrella, she is particularly interested in the role of gender, emotions, and culture on psychological health. Dr. Hijazi grew up in Saudi Arabia and the U.S., has lived in Egypt, and is looking forward to reconnecting with her Lebanese roots. At AUB, she will be involved in teaching and research, and contributing to the newly launched clinical psychology master's program.

Mr. Hicham Kharroub, Instructor, Department of English (UPP)
Mr. Kharroub joins AUB’s University Preparatory Program. Educated at The American University of Beirut and Lebanese American University, Mr. Kharroub holds an MA in Comparative Literature, with emphasis on translation of Classical Arabic poetry in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. He has taught a variety of courses in language and literature primarily at the UPP and Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES). He is a member of the American Comparative Literature Association, and his main research interests are teaching and learning of English and Arabic as second languages, and translation of Classical Arabic poetry in the wake of Orientalism.

Mr. Toni Öyry, Instructor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Media Studies
Mr. Öyry is an award-winning producer and director, who is based in Beirut. His work includes international broadcasting and news agencies and focuses on production, strategy development, financing, project management, and software development. His specialties are film, television, and web productions, online content distribution, audience engagement strategies, and internet marketing. He also works as a management consultant and lectures internationally on web content distribution and audience engagement. He was the project manager for the BBC of the 2011 International Digital Emmy Award–winning Shankaboot, the world’s first Arabic-language web series.
Dr. Arianne Shahvisi, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
Dr. Shahvisi received a master’s degree in astrophysics from the University of Cambridge, a master’s degree in philosophy from the University of Oxford, and her PhD from the University of Cambridge. Her research interests include the philosophy of science and metaphysics, and she will be teaching a new course in the philosophy of physics.

Ms. Missan Lacey Stouhi, Instructor, English
Ms. Lacey Stouhi received a BA in English Language (2002), a minor degree in Mass Communication (2002), and a Master’s Degree in English Language (2009), all at AUB. Her research is focused on language and gender, particularly women’s talk. Her work has appeared in Al Raida Magazine, the Quarterly Journal of the Institute for Women’s Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW). Ms. Lacey Stouhi will be teaching writing and rhetoric full-time at the Communication Skills Program in the English Department, after having taught part-time in the program for the past three years.

Dr. Samir Mahmoud, Research Fellow, The Arts and Humanities Initiative
Dr. Samir Mahmoud was recently awarded the Barakat Trust Book Research Grant from the Khalili Centre for Research in Art & Material Culture, University of Oxford. Dr. Mahmoud was also awarded the Agha Khan Postdoctoral Research Grant at MIT. He received his PhD in philosophical aesthetics from the Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, researching comparative aesthetics (Western and Islamic). With a Bachelor degree in Anthropology (UNSW, Australia), a Masters in the History of Architecture & Urban Design (UNSW, Australia), and a Master of Philosophy (Cambridge), Samir's interests vary widely. He is the author of several publications, and his research interests include: Comparative Aesthetics, History of Art and Architecture, Philosophy (Platonism & Heidegger), Sufism, and the writings of Henry Corbin. He is currently working on a book on the phenomenology of contemplation in the writings of Ibn Arabi and another book on Arab/Islamic Aesthetics.

Ms. Emma Moughabghab, Instructor, English
Ms. Moughabghab received her BA and MA in English Literature from AUB. She has taught composition and rhetoric at the AUB (part time), as well as academic writing and Literature at the Lebanese American University. She has been a senior staff member at AUB’s Writing Center. Her research focuses on interdisciplinary analyses of the visual arts and literature, the intersections between media and literary theory, mediation, and the networks of power in poststructuralist American literature. In addition to being involved in several research projects, she is currently pursuing an advanced degree in Byzantine music and chant, and working on her paintings for upcoming exhibitions.

Mr. Paolo Orlandi, Whittlesey Chair, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Fine Arts and Art History
Paolo Orlando is an international touring artist and jazz educator. Prior to joining AUB, Paolo taught courses in jazz history, performance, music appreciation and ear-training at the City University of New York, City College. Paolo’s performances have been heard in festivals and venues in Europe, USA, Central America and the Middle East. He has shared the stage with jazz luminaries such as John Patitucci, Dave Liebman, John Abercrombie, Franco Cerri, Anthony
Wonsey and many others. Paolo holds an M.A. in Jazz Performance from the City College of New York, and will be teaching “Jazz History” and “Early American Music”.

**Dr. Riikka Pietilainen-Caffrey, Visiting Assistant Professor for the Fall semester 2013, Department of Fine Arts and Arts History**

Dr. Pietilainen-Caffrey, a native Finn, has toured Europe and South America with the internationally acclaimed choir Philomela. She appears on numerous recordings both as a conductor and singer. While in New York, Dr. Pietilainen-Caffrey founded and taught Las Sirenas, the women’s chamber choir at the City College of New York. The group premiered works by American and Finnish composers. She received her doctorate from the University of Colorado, Boulder, where she taught the University Women’s Chorus and the University Choir. She is an active conductor and vocal coach, and is frequently invited as a guest clinician and soloist for a number of Colorado choral ensembles. Most recently she was invited to join the Aster Women’s Chamber Choir as a soloist and a guest conductor.

**Dr. Vijay Prashad, Edward Said Chair, Visiting Associate Professor, CASAR**

Dr. Prashad holds the Edward Said Chair at AUB for 2013-14. He is Professor of International Studies at Trinity College (Hartford, CT., USA), and the author of sixteen books, including The Poorer Nations: A Possible History of the Global South (London: Verso and New Delhi: LeftWord, 2013) and Uncle Swami: South Asians in America Today (New York: the New Press and New Delhi: HarperCollins, 2013). His Darker Nations: A People's History of the Third World (New Press, 2007) was chosen by the Asian American Writers' Workshop as the best nonfiction book of 2008, and it won the Muzaffar Ahmad Book Award for 2009. It is now available in French, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, Swedish, with editions in India and Pakistan and translations in Arabic, Mandarin and Turkish in process.

Prashad is a columnist for Frontline (India), an editor at Bol (Pakistan) and Himal (Nepal) a writer for Counterpunch (USA) and part of the collective of newsclick.in. He has been published in The Hindu (India), Al-Akhbar (Lebanon), Asia Times (Bangkok), Egypt Independent (Egypt), Bidayat (Lebanon), Economic and Political Weekly (India), Third World Resurgence (Malaysia), Mail and Guardian (South Africa), and India Abroad (USA).

**Dr. Hossein Radmard, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics**

Dr. Radmard earned his doctorate from West Virginia University in the U.S., with specialty in Applied Microeconomics and Development Economics. Prior to his Ph.D. he attended East Carolina University where he graduated as the outstanding master’s student in the applied economics program in 2008. Dr.Radmard taught several courses while pursuing his graduate studies in the U.S., including Introductory Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Public Economics and Comparative Economic Systems. His major research interests include institutional economics, socioeconomics, political economy and the economics of religion.
Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

Dr. Saif Al-Qaisi, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Engineering Management
Dr. Al-Qaisi earned his undergraduate degree in Industrial Engineering from Louisiana Tech University, in August 2008. He received both his MS and his PhD in Industrial Engineering at Louisiana State University (LSU), in May, 2013, with a concentration in Human Factors/Safety and a minor in Applied Statistics. During his graduate studies, he coauthored ten publications, including refereed journal articles and conference proceedings.

Ms. Carla Aramouny, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture and Design
Ms. Aramouny received her Bachelor of Architecture (2003) with high distinction from the Lebanese American University. In 2006, she received a post-professional Master of Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. She has worked at Pierre El Khoury Architects in Beirut, and Rafael Vinoly Architects in New York. Since 2007, she has been working as Lead architect at Raed Abillama Architects in Dbayeh. She has also been teaching as a part time lecturer at AUB, where she has given several architecture studios dealing with subjects of urban agriculture, infrastructure and hybrid systems.

Dr. Salma Samar Damluji, Al Mu‘allim Mohamed Awad Binladin Chair in Architecture in the Islamic World, Professor, Department of Architecture and Design
Dr. Damluji is a graduate of the Architectural Association School of Architecture, London (1977) and The Royal College of Art, London (1987) Laureate. She received the The Global Award For Sustainable Architecture in 2012, Locus Foundation (Paris). She has worked with Egyptian Architect Hassan Fathy (Cairo 1975-1976 and 1983-1984), was Tutor at the Visual Islamic and Traditional Arts, Royal College of Art, and Co-ordinator of the RCA Morocco-Asilah Studios, & PhD supervisor, London 1989-1998, Lecturer & Senior Tutor at The Architectural Association School of Architecture, Housing & Urbanism, Graduate School, 1989-1997, and Director of The Technical Office of the Chairman of The Works Department, Abu Dhabi, 2002-2004. Since 2005 she has been lecturing in London and working on architecture projects in Hadramut, Yemen. She founded the Daw‘an Mud Brick Architecture Foundation (www.dawanarchitecturefoundation.org), and is Project Partner with the Prince Claus Fund in Amsterdam on Yemen projects. She has published several books and articles on the architecture of the region (including Morocco, Oman, UAE, Qatar & Yemen) and her work was exhibited in London, Paris and Madrid. Her latest titles are: The Architecture of Yemen from Yafi’t to Hadramut, London 2007; Earth Architecture: Landmarks of Wadi Hadramut & Daw‘an, Beirut 2011 and Al Diwan Al Amiri Doha, Qatar, London 2013. Her current research is on Mehrangarh Fort in Jodhpur, India.

Mr. Alexander Graef, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture and Design
Mr. Graef is founder and director of Alex Graef Associated Architects, a practice that deals with architecture, interiors and product design, with offices in London and Vienna. He received a postgraduate Diploma in Architecture from the University of East London, and a Master of Science in Computing and Design from the same institution. Partly as a result, he now views himself academically as a recovering parametricist with a strong programmatic interest in
systems theory, the continual state of flux in urban structures, and textural and cultural patterns. Dr. Graef has taught at various schools of architecture in the United Kingdom and mainland Europe, among them the University of Greenwich, London Southbank, Vienna University of Technology and the University of Innsbruck.

Ms. Rana Haddad, Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture and Design
Dr. Haddad, is a graduate of the Architecture Association School of Architecture, London, and acquired the RIBA part II in 1995. She co-founded dblu, a design and architecture practice-workshop in 1997. In parallel to all assigned projects within the practice, dblu started as a research workshop with the aim of questioning the ability of objects and places to become means of political expression in post 1990 Beirut. With an interest in the city and an aspiration to bridge the academic field with this entity through the use of daily findings and oral history, dblu’s activities developed in the educational domain by the founding in 1997 of the ‘atelier de recherche’ at the Académie Libanaise des Beaux-Arts. Also, and stemming from a keen interest in installations as objects of political, social and urban statements, dblu produced several installations and performance works in Beirut, Mantes la Jolie, Bern, Geneva and Algiers and has collaborated with various NGO. She has also been teaching as a part time lecturer at AUB.

Dr. Yousef Salameh, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering Program
Dr. Salameh holds a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from Queen's University Belfast, UK, with specialization in drinking water treatment systems. He also has a B.Sc. in chemical engineering from the University of Jordan. He is a member of QUESTOR center, a global environmental research network. He has published papers and given presentations, both locally and internationally, in the area of his expertise.

Faculty of Medicine

Dr. Randa Barazi, Instructor of Clinical Otolaryngology, Department of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery
Dr. Barazi received her MD degree from AUB in 2007. She then completed one year of Internship in General Surgery (2007-2008), four years of residency training in Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery at AUBMC (2008-2012), and one year of Fellowship in Pediatric Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery at the Children’s Hospital of Michigan, Wayne State University (2012-2013). Dr. Barazi will be involved in teaching, research, and clinical activities.

Dr. Albert El-Hajj, Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery, Department of Surgery
Dr. El-Hajj received his Doctor of Medicine from Universite Saint Joseph in Lebanon in 2005, and received his Diploma of Laparoscopy in Urologic Surgery from the Institut de Recherche Contre les Cancers digestifs (IRCAD) in 2008. He completed five years of residency training in Urology at Hotel Dieu de France Hospital in Beirut (2005-2010), six month of fellowship in Advanced Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgery at Institut Mutualiste Montsouris (2010), a six
month fellowship in Urological Oncology and Transplant Surgery at CHU Henri Mondor de Créteil (2010-2011), and a two year fellowship in Laparoscopic, Robotic and Laser Surgery at Groupe Hospitalier Paris Saint Joseph (2011-2013). He will be involved in the teaching of residents and medical students, and help in establishing a robotic urology program at AUBMC. He brings important advanced expertise in laparoscopic and robotic surgical skills to AUBMC and to Lebanon.

**Dr. Issam El-Rassi, Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery, Department of Surgery (Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery)**

Dr. El-Rassi received his M.D. from Saint Joseph University School of Medicine (Beirut) in 1991, five years of postgraduate training in adult and pediatric surgery at Hotel-Dieu de France Hospital (1991-1996), one year of training in adult cardiac surgery at Bichat Hospital (1996-1997), two years of training in Pediatric Cardiac Surgery at Necker Hospital, Paris (1997-1999), and one year of training at the Department of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery, Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne (1999-2000). He has been on the faculty of Hotel-Dieu de France University Hospital since 2001. His expertise is in pediatric cardiac surgery, and he has treated more than 60% of Lebanese patients with congenital heart disease. Dr. El-Rassi’s name appears on 40 peer reviewed journal publications. His extensive experience will enhance the clinical services at AUBMC and will be an added value to teaching medical students, residents and fellows in his areas of specialty.

**Dr. Abdel Kader El Tal, Assistant Professor of Clinical Dermatology, Department of Dermatology**

Dr. El Tal received his M.D. from AUB in 2001, and his residency training at AUB in Dermatology (2001-2004). He completed one year of internship in General Surgery at Albert Einstein College of Medicine (2006-2007), three years of residency training in Dermatology at Wayne State University (2007-2010) and a one year fellowship in procedural dermatology at the University Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (2010-2011). He is certified by the American Board of Dermatology. Dr. El Tal is currently an Assistant professor and Director for Dermatologic Surgery at Wayne State University since 2011. He will join the Department of Dermatology, focusing on surgical dermatology.

**Dr. Mona Osman, Instructor of Clinical Family Medicine, Department of Family Medicine**

Dr. Osman joined AUB on May 1, 2013, and has assumed the responsibilities of Outreach Clinics Medical Director. She received her MD from AUB in 1992, and completed one year of Internship at King Abdel Aziz University (1993-1994), and three years of Residency training in Family Medicine at FM/AUBMC (1995-1998). Dr. Osman also holds a Master’s degree in Public Health from AUB (1999-2002), and a Master’s degree in Business Administration/Healthcare Management from the University of Phoenix (2003-2005). She served as Clinical Instructor at FM/AUBMC (1998-2003), Chief of Medical Staff of Directorate of Health & Social Services-Hariri Foundation (1999–2003), Medical Director of the United Medical Group (2004-2006), and Hospital Director of Saida Governmental Hospital (2006-2008). In 2008, she joined Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) as a Medical Coordinator and she has been serving since 2009 with the United Nations for Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) first as Health Management Expert and then as Chief- Field Health Program at
UNRWA, Lebanon since April 2011. Dr. Osman will bring with her a broad experience in medical administration, and will be contributing to the teaching, research, and clinical activities in the Department of Family Medicine.

Hariri School of Nursing

Mr. Mohammad Saab, Clinical Instructor of Medical-Surgical Nursing Mr. Saab graduated with a BSN degree from AUB in 2008, and worked as an oncology nurse at AUBMC for three years (2008-2011). He earned his MSN degree from AUB (2009-2013), during which time he received extensive training in Palliative Care Advanced Practice Nursing at Our Lady’s Hospice in Dublin, Ireland. Me. Saab then worked as a palliative care nurse at the Lebanese Center for Palliative Care – Balsam (2011-2013). Mr. Saab’s special research interests are in palliative care, sexual health, and the psychosexual health of men with cancer.

Faculty of Health Sciences

Dr. Maha Damaj, Assistant Professor of Public Health Practice
Dr. Damaj will be coordinating the development of a new global master’s program in health and sustainable development, a project that is being conducted jointly with EARTH University in Costa Rica. Dr. Damaj, a graduate of AUB’s FHS, returns after having worked on community development and rights issues for over 15 years, specifically in the areas of child protection, non-discrimination, forced migration, the involvement of children and youth in decision making, and disability and inclusion. She has worked in academia as well as with local, regional, and international NGOs and UN agencies where she was involved in strategic planning, policy development, research and evaluation, and technical training. Dr. Damaj was based primarily in Lebanon, but her experience covered several countries in the Arab region, as well as a year in Sri Lanka managing post-emergency programs with UNICEF.