Dear Colleagues,

As we share the excitement of a new academic year with new and returning students, allow me to take a moment to celebrate with you the achievements of your colleagues, AUB's faculty members, who give our institution its distinction and fulfill its mission. This Fall, several of your colleagues achieved recognition through advancement in rank, and our community was further enriched by new members joining AUB for the first time. I am attaching with this note two files that list the names of promoted and new faculty members.

Please join me in congratulating our colleagues for their accomplishments, and in wishing us all a productive and rewarding academic year.

With best wishes,

Ahmad Dallal

American University of Beirut
Faculty Promotions 2010-2011

Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences

Promoted to the rank of Associate Professor:

Dr. Zeina Kassaify, Associate Professor, Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences
Dr. Kassaify's research interests involve the presence of salmonella and other enterbacteriacea in the developing world, specifically, Lebanon and the Middle East; the emergence of new strains and food-borne diseases; the role of food and associated microbial contaminants in chronic diseases; the beneficial aspects of region-specific organisms, mainly those present or involved in the fermentation of certain traditional Lebanese foods; as well as food policies, the implementation of food safety systems, food safety awareness, and shelf-life extension.

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Promoted to the rank of Professor:

Dr. Sari Hanafi, Professor, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Dr. Hanafi's teaching and research interests include economic sociology and network analysis of the Palestinian diaspora and refugees; sociology of migration (mainly about the Palestinian refugees); relationships between diaspora and center; sociology of return migration; transnationalism; sociology of the new actors in international relations (NGOs and international NGOs); civil society; elite formation; paradigms and methodology in social sciences.

Promoted to the rank of Associate Professor:

Dr. Fatima Abu Salem, Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science
Dr. Abu Salem's research is inter-disciplinary between Computer Science and Mathematics, in the field hitherto known as Symbolic Computing, with emphasis on polynomial factorization over finite fields, and occasionally on exact linear algebra. She works on engineering scalable algorithms in those domains, delivering cache efficient implementations as well as parallel algorithms.
Dr. Joshua Peter Andresen, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy
Dr. Andresen conducts research in nineteenth- and twentieth-century continental philosophy, especially Nietzsche and Deconstruction. His current research is focused on two main areas: Nietzsche’s metaphysics and epistemology, and Derrida’s social and political philosophy. His work develops the consequences of rational underdetermination for the specific pursuits of epistemology, metaphysics, and social and political philosophy, as well as for the more general understanding of philosophical practice itself.

Dr. Houssam El-Rassy, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry (Inorganic Chemistry)
Dr. El-Rassy’s research interests are focused on the synthesis and characterization of metal oxides obtained via the sol-gel process and dried according to the supercritical drying technique leading to highly porous aerogels. He develops techniques for the synthesis of sol-gel materials and their use in a wide range of applications, i.e., catalysis, biosensing, medicine, water purification, and environment protection.

Dr. Roseanne Saad Khalaf, Associate Professor, Department of English
Dr. Khalaf teaches English and creative writing at AUB. She is the author and editor of five books, among them Transit Beirut, a 2003 collection of literary snapshots from today’s Beirut, Hikayat: Short Stories by Lebanese Woman (2006), and most recently, Arab Society and Culture (2009), co-edited with Samir Khalaf. Her experience spans creative, academic, and editorial work in Lebanon as well as in the US and UK.

Dr. Waleed Hasbun, Associate Professor, Department of Political Studies and Public Administration
Dr. Hasbun joined the PSPA Department in the fall of 2010. He previously served as an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. His main areas of research include the political economy of international tourism, postcolonial perspectives on the geopolitics of the Mediterranean, and the changing dynamics of insecurity in the Middle East.

Dr. Karim Makdisi, Associate Professor, Department of Political Studies and Public Administration
Dr. Makdisi serves on the Advisory Board of the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs. His current research projects include a multidisciplinary investigation of how multilateral environmental treaties (MEAs) are implemented in Lebanon and the Arab region; the evolution of environmentalism in the Arab region; and the shifting role of the United Nations (including peacekeepers) in the post-Cold War period.

Dr. Hans Muller, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy
Dr. Muller’s main area of research interest is the philosophy of mind with an emphasis on the philosophical psychology of the emotions. He is currently writing about the relation between propositions and desires, as well as the role of emotions in the explanation and justification of rational action.

Dr. Amy A. Zenger, Associate Professor, Department of English
Dr. Zenger is the director of the Writing Center at AUB. Her research interests include composition pedagogy; writing center and WAC theory and practice; critical race theory; and the relationship between visual and verbal texts. She teaches writing courses and is working on a book about race and the formation of university composition programs in America in the nineteenth century. Her most recent publication is Popular Culture and Representations of Literacy.

Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

Promoted to the rank of Associate Professor:

Dr. Haitham Akkary, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dr. Akkary's research interests include microprocessor architecture, high-performance computing, and VLSI systems design.
Dr. Imad El Hajj, Associate Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Dr. El Hajj’s research interests fall under two areas: 1) Instrumentation and robotics, particularly for environmental and medical applications. Devices developed are ones for the measurement of floating oil and the detection of forest fires, human agitation, and machine defects, as well as several medical simulators and devices. 2) Cyber security and networking, particularly Internet and industrial security, sensor and computer networks, and multimedia networking. Examples of systems developed are ones for detection and the mitigation of intrusion and spoofing.

Dr. Bacel Maddah, Associate Professor, Department of Engineering Management  
Dr. Maddah’s main research interest is on decision-making under uncertainty with applications to service areas and emphasis on modeling consumer behavior and integrated (interdisciplinary) settings, specifically focusing on retail operations management, revenue management, logistics, and modern queuing theory. His most recent teaching interest at AUB is financial engineering.

Dr. Sylvia Shorto, Associate Professor, Department of Architecture and Design  
Dr. Shorto’s research focuses on new ways of interpreting hybrid material culture. She investigates artifacts across different scales, from urban environments to individual objects contained in domestic settings, in North Indian cities and in other postcolonial contexts, including Lebanon. Her dissertation, Public Lives, Private Places: British Houses in Delhi, 1803-1853, will be published in revised form by Boydell and Brewer and is supported by a senior fellowship from the Paul Mellon Center for the Study of British Art. Other work in progress includes a book chapter on Walid Ra’ad’s History and on the role of the contemporary artist as curator; and a study of meaning in a hybrid room typology, “Lebanese Identity and the ‘Salon Arabisant,’” submitted for publication to the Arab Studies Journal.

Faculty of Health Sciences

Promoted to the rank of Associate Professor:

Dr. Fadi El Jardali, Associate Professor, Department of Health Management and Policy  
Dr. El Jardali’s research interests include health policy making, health management, governance and accountability, quality of care and accreditation, human resources for health, health care reform, and priority setting in health care, strategic planning, performance measurement reporting, and knowledge transfer. His many projects include "Developing Country Specific Retention Strategies for Nurses in Lebanon,” “Towards a Better Understanding of the Magnitude and Predictors of Nurse Migration out of Lebanon," and the "Impact of the National Accreditation Program on Quality Improvement Practices in Lebanon.”

Dr. Ziyad Mahfood, Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Population Health  
Dr. Mahfood’s research interests include nonparametric statistics, statistical education, multivariate analysis, tobacco, obesity, reproductive health, and AIDS research. He has worked on the impact of a community-based RCT to improve the mental health of Palestinian refugee youth, on “Narghile: A Family Affair,” and on an integrated bio-behavioral HIV surveillance of four vulnerable groups in Lebanon.

Dr. May Massoud, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Health  
Dr. Massoud’s research interests include river basin management, wastewater management and reuse in rural areas, particularly in developing countries, assessing integrated management plans, identifying and categorizing different approaches to their development and evaluating approaches in the context of developing countries. She has worked on the assessment of wastewater management in Lebanese rural areas, and the “Role of Rural Wastewater Management in Offsetting Water Needs and Enhancing Integrated Water Resources Management.”
Olayan School of Business

Promoted to the rank of Professor:

**Dr. Salim Chahine, Professor, Finance, Accounting, and Managerial Economics**
Salim Chahine is professor of finance and director of the MBA Program. His research is mainly in initial public offerings, venture capital, entrepreneurial finance, and corporate governance. He has several publications (or accepted papers) in international academic journals such as Strategic Management Journal, Journal of Corporate Finance, Entrepreneurship: Theory and Practice, the Journal of Business Finance and Accounting, the Journal of Small Business Management, the European Accounting Review, the Journal of Management and Governance, the International Review of Financial Analysis, Managerial Finance, and the Journal of Multinational Financial Management.

**Dr. Dima Jamali, Professor, Management, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship**
Dr. Jamali is currently the chair of OSB’s Management, Marketing and Entrepreneurship track. Her research has revolved around two main themes: Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and gender and careers, and their manifestations across the Middle East. Her research focus on the Middle East has stemmed from an appreciation of the critical need for indigenous scholarship that helps address knowledge gaps in the region. Her interest in gender and careers is motivated by a genuine desire to gain an understanding of the peculiar blend of obstacles and constraints that Arab women face at work, hindering their career advancement and the full utilization of their potential. Her interest in CSR, and business society relationships more generally, is rooted in a firm belief that the improvement of the quality of life in our part of the world hinges on active business involvement and participation in the context of responsible business practice, and that the private sector is an important partner in promoting sustainable livelihoods and human development.

Promoted to the rank of Associate Professor:

**Dr. Bijan Azad, Associate Professor, Business Information and Decision Systems**
Dr. Azad’s research interests concern behavioral questions and managerial issues associated with introducing change/innovation/technology within organizations and beyond. A distinctive focus of his research is on practices—i.e., the theoretical lens which focuses on actual work practices as opposed to their formal and ostensive definitions. His research shows that the practice approach is particularly valuable since it affords the possibility of accounting for the messy, dynamic, contested, contingent, negotiated, improvised, and heterogeneous character of change/innovation/technology processes in organizations—something we encounter perhaps more commonly in our region. His 2008 paper on “Social Power and Technology Change” won the Academy of Management Best Conference Paper Award, the first time a scholar from a Middle Eastern university has received this honor.

Faculty of Medicine

Promoted to the rank of Professor:

**Dr. Anwar Nassar, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology**
Dr. Nassar’s main research interest is twin gestations and preterm labor. In addition, he has conducted research on several other topics in maternal fetal medicine that continue to pose challenges to practicing obstetrician, like thrombophilia, thalassemia, and prenatal diagnosis.

**Dr. George Abi Saad, Professor of Clinical Surgery**
Dr. Abi Saad's interests in research include general surgery, trauma, and critical care. He is interested in studying the 'genetics of sepsis' in our community and then comparing it with the international literature. His interest in trauma is in special, peculiar, cases like ‘wandering penetrating injuries’ and rare cases. Dr. Abi Saad is also working on collecting data for the non-operative management of blunt and penetrating trauma to solid organs. He has had publications in bleeding control in surgery, and is working on several hematologic entities.
Dr. Chakib Ayoub, Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology
Dr. Ayoub’s primary research interest is airway management and cardiac anesthesia. His research is a collaborative effort, for that purpose he has conducted several of his clinical trials not only with colleagues in the Department of Anesthesiology, but also with faculty from Pharmacy, OB/GYN, Gastroenterology, Neurology, and Neurosurgery. But most importantly, he has made sure to involve residents and trainees in all aspects of his research. He is co-editor of a textbook entitled Clinical Manual and Review of Transesophaegeal Echocardiography, now in its second edition, which includes copious review questions for Board preparation after each chapter.

Dr. Rachid Haidar, Professor of Clinical Surgery
Dr. Haidar’s research interest focuses on subjects related to spine and pediatric orthopedics, including scoliosis and bone tumor in children. He has published more than 30 articles in peer-review journals, including articles on: spine disorder in beta-thalassemia syndromes (Spine); AUBMC physician experiences in limb salvage surgery and in using the repiphysis® expandable prosthesis for children and adolescents with malignant bone tumors (Pediatric Blood and Cancer); and describing a mobile sensing and imaging system for real-time monitoring of spine health (Journal of Medical Imaging and Health Informatics). Currently, he is studying the psychological effect of brace treatment on idiopathic adolescent scoliosis patients in the Lebanese population.

Dr. Abdul Latif Hamdan, Professor of Clinical Otolaryngology
Dr. Hamdan’s research in the Hamdan Voice Unit is focused on the effect of systemic diseases on voice. Disorders of multiple systems, such as hypothyroidism and diabetes are being investigated in relation to phonatory symptoms, acoustic parameters, and laryngeal endoscopic findings. The effect of sex hormones on voice are also being studied through several research projects, such as those on the vocal changes in patients with prostatic cancer receiving androgen ablation therapy; the effect of in vitro fertilization on voice, the effect of oral contraceptives, and so on. The effect of hydration on voice is also being examined through studies conducted on fasting subjects. Another facet is establishing normative data for certain vocal and speech characteristics in the Lebanese population. Examples include formant characteristics, fundamental frequency and nasalance scores in Lebanese adults and children.

Dr. Nelly Rubeiz, Professor of Clinical Dermatology
Dr. Rubeiz’s research interest in pigmentation is long-term. She participated in an inter-departmental study to establish the molecular basis of oculocutaneous albinism type 1 in Lebanese patients. She has also been involved in clinical research and therapeutics. Some topics of interest include striae gravidarum (epidemiology and management), skin changes in pregnancy, vascular anomalies, Sweet’s syndrome, Ashy dermatosis, and pachydermoperiostosis, among others. Dr. Rubeiz’s collaborations with other faculty members at all levels of AUB have enriched the scope and experience of her research and publications. As a member of IBSAR, she has been part of various research projects to characterize, verify, and validate the beneficial effects of plants, while exploring their safe use and marketability through the use of cutting-edge science and clinical research.

Dr. Raja Sawaya, Professor of Clinical Medicine
Dr. Sawaya’s research interest involves the clinical study of the central and peripheral nervous system. His work on diseases of the peripheral nervous system involves primarily the effect of disease and drugs on the physiologic functions of the peripheral nervous system as assessed by neurophysiologic studies. He has reviewed acute and chronic demyelinating polyneuropathies and their treatments, and rare cases of isolated mononeuropathies of the cranial nerves; facial and trigeminal, and spinal nerves; phrenic, sciatic, and median. Dr. Sawaya has studied the effect of hyperlipedemias, and hemoglobinopathies, as well as epilepsy and its treatments, on the status of the peripheral nerves. Recently, he has studied the effects of congenital hypercoagulable state on strokes in the brain and spinal cord in the young population, in collaboration with the hematologists and geneticists at the AUBMC.

Dr. Sahar Siddik-Sayyid, Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology
Dr. Siddik-Sayyid’s clinical area of expertise is obstetric anesthesia. Her primary research interests are in the obstetric anesthesia field, either on parturients undergoing cesarean delivery or having vaginal
delivery. She has studied topics such as the management of postoperative pain after cesarean delivery with ultrasound-guided transversus abdominis plane block, the treatment and prevention of subarachnoid morphine-induced pruritus in parturients undergoing cesarean delivery, and the prevention of hypotension during spinal anesthesia for elective cesarean delivery using colloid solution, and others.

Dr. Bassem Yamout, Professor of Clinical Neurology

Dr. Yamout’s primary focus of research is in the field of multiple sclerosis. He is currently head of clinical research at the Multiple Sclerosis Clinic Center and member of the Regional Advisory Board for Multiple Sclerosis in the Middle East and the Intercontinental Advisory Board for Multiple Sclerosis. He is chief editor of the MS newsletter, MS Today, and a member of the editorial board of the MS journal, Multiple Sclerosis and Related Disorders. Dr. Yamout is one of the leading experts in MS in the Middle East and Arab region, with recent research on the epidemiology of the disease in the region, the quality of life of patients in the Middle East, novel therapies, such as stem cell transplantation and venous stenosis, and the impact of wars on the course of MS. In addition, Dr. Yamout is an active member of many international clinical trials searching for new and more effective therapies for multiple sclerosis.

Promoted to the rank of Associate Professor:

Dr. Shady Awwad, Associate Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology

Dr. Award’s research interest is focused on corneal topography, ocular wavefront aberrations, and intraocular lens calculations in cataract surgery, especially improving lens calculation formulas for cataract patients with a previous history of keratorefractive surgery like LASIK and radial keratotomy.

Dr. Fady Haddad, Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery

Dr. Haddad is a vascular surgeon, whose main interest is in endovascular surgery. His research interests include abdominal aortic aneurysm, in particular complex endovascular repair and fenestrated endografts, and the prevalence of abdominal aortic aneurysms in the region. Other current interests include vascular manifestations in severe familial hypercholesterolemia, and research in dialysis access, specifically in long term hemodialysis tunnelled catheters.

Dr. Said Saghieh, Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery

Dr. Saghieh’s research interests focus on bone regeneration, mainly the adjuvant treatment in distraction osteogenesis, and on local treatment of bone infection with limited use of systemic antibiotic therapy.

Dr. Jinan Usta, Associate Professor of Clinical Family Medicine

Dr. Usta’s primary research interest is in the areas of family violence and abusive relationships. Her publications have addressed the situation in Lebanon, including the prevalence of domestic violence among women users of primary care centers in relation to war and conflict, and child maltreatment and child sexual abuse in war and peace. She is studying the role of the medical field in the management of domestic violence survivors, and is collecting data for research addressing practicing primary care physician’s attitudes toward survivors of violence.

New Faculty Appointments at AUB

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Lisa Arnold, Assistant Professor, Department of English

Dr. Arnold completed her PhD in Rhetoric and Composition at the University of Louisville in 2011 after earning an MFA in Creative Writing at George Mason University in 2005. She has taught a wide range of courses, including introduction to and advanced college composition, creative writing, writing about literature, women in literature, and American literature from the Civil War to present. Her research interests include: writing pedagogy, the history of rhetoric, the history of writing instruction in the US and abroad since the nineteenth century, historiography as rhetorical practice, and questions of disciplinarity.
Mr. Doyle Avant, Instructor, Department of English
Doyle Avant is a playwright, screenwriter, and solo performance artist. His produced plays include Khmer Amerika and Woyzeck of Sarajevo, Blood Under the Bridge, and The Last Thing You’ll Ever See. His solo work includes Hold Me in Your Arms Like a Gentle Earthquake, Forgetting French, Radio Silence, and The Stupidest Thing I’ve Ever Done. The Stupidest Thing… was published as part of Jump-Start Performance Company’s PlayWorks in 2004. Doyle has a BA in creative writing from Brown University and an MFA in dramatic writing from New York University.

Dr. Martin Bright, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics
Dr. Bright received a PhD in Mathematics from the University of Cambridge in 2002. Since then, he has held positions as research assistant and then lecturer at the University of Liverpool; research fellow at the University of Bristol; and assistant professor at the University of Warwick. His research focuses on the investigation of Diophantine equations, and on applications of algebraic geometry to study their solutions.

Dr. Kaoukab Chebaro, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
Dr. Chebaro will be joining AUB’s Jafet Library as digital librarian and head of the Special Collections Division, as well as the Department of Philosophy. She comes from Columbia University, where she was the Middle East and Islamic Studies librarian. Kaoukab holds a BA in Philosophy from AUB, a Master’s degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh, and a PhD in Philosophy from Columbia University. As a librarian familiar with the current challenges, importance, and consequences of being a custodian of a culture’s heritage, Kaoukab is especially interested in the ways in which digital projects can provide access to information from and about the Middle East.

Dr. Selim Deringil, Visiting Professor, Department of History
Dr. Deringil is Professor of History at Bosphorus University, Istanbul, Turkey. His interests are in cultural and intellectual history, and comparative themes in Ottoman and European history. He is currently involved in research on religious conversion and apostasy in the late Ottoman Empire. He has held various teaching positions in the US, Britain, Israel, and France. He has published in Turkish, English, French, Greek, and Japanese. Academic positions held during the past decade include: visiting professor at the Department of Sociology, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, January-April 2001; visiting senior fellow at the Collegium Budapest, 2001-02; and visiting faculty at the CEU Nationalism Studies Program, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

Dr. Maha El Choubassi, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science
Dr. El Choubassi received the BE degree from AUB in 2003, and MSc and PhD degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (UIUC) in 2005 and 2008 respectively. In February 2009, she joined the Vision and Recognition Group at Intel. She has been pursuing research in the areas of image/signal processing, data mining, computer vision, and augmented reality along top researchers in these fields. Her experience includes augmented reality applications on rich mobile platforms, analyzing and integrating large-scale 3D point clouds of urban scenes with mobile applications, and camera pose estimation from images and image alignment.

Mr. Nathaniel George, Instructor, Department of English
Nate George received his BA with Honors in Cinema and a minor in Music from the University of Iowa in 2007. He has worked as a camera operator, sound recordist, and research assistant on a number of different documentary films and in varied professional settings. His short films have been screened and awarded at several Midwestern film festivals. He received his MA in Middle Eastern Studies from AUB in 2010. His historical research focused on the Lebanese civil war and US intervention in the Middle East. While at AUB, he was awarded a Graduate Research Grant from the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs.

Dr. Angela Harutyunyan, Assistant Professor, Department of Fine Arts and Art History
Dr. Harutyunyan is an art historian and curator. In 2009-10 she was assistant professor and art program director at the American University in Cairo. She has published internationally on issues related to the public sphere, cultural politics, and curatorial practices in the post-Soviet Union and in the Middle East. She has curated several shows and is the co-organizer of the Summer Seminars for Art Curators in

**Ms. Crystal Hoffman, Instructor, Department of English**

Crystal Hoffman's poetry has been published in a number of journals, and has also been nominated for awards, such as the Pushcart Prize. She has recently performed her poetry and theatrical pieces at the New York Poetry Festival and the Bowery Poetry Club. As artistic director of the TypewriterGirlsPoetry Cabaret, she has written and produced over two dozen full-length experimental, audience-interactive plays. She completed her BA in Creative Writing and English at Carlow University and her MA in English Literature at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Her scholarship centers around early avant-garde poetry and performance. She has presented several papers which analyze the mystical aspects of early Dada poetry and performance, and hopes to publish them this coming year.

**Dr. Munira Khayyat, Visiting Assistant Professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences**

Dr. Khayyat is the Whittlesey Visiting Professor of Anthropology at the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. She holds a BA in History from AUB (1997), an MPhil in Social Anthropology from Cambridge University (1998), and is about to complete her PhD in Anthropology at Columbia University in New York (2011). Her dissertation is entitled 'A Landscape of War: On the Nature of Conflict in South Lebanon.' She is interested in the convergence and cross-pollination of discipline, theory, and practice: rural anthropology; cultural geography; non-representational theory; creative writing; and visual art. She has previously taught at AUB and at Columbia University.

**Dr. Marwan Kraidy, Visiting Professor, Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud Center for American Studies and Research (CASAR)**

Dr. Kraidy is Professor of Global Communication at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania and the Edward Said Chair of American Studies at the American University of Beirut (2011-2012). He is a fellow of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation and of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. His publications include *Reality Television and Arab Politics: Contention in Public Life* (Cambridge University Press, 2010), which won the 2010 Best Book Award in Global Communication and Social Change from the International Communication Association, and the 2011 Diamond Anniversary Best Book Award from the National Communication Association.

**Dr. Kasper Kovitz, Visiting Assistant Professor, Fine Arts and Art History**

Dr. Kovitz is an Austrian artist who has lived in the United States for the last twelve years. He received his MFA at the University of Applied Art Vienna, Austria in 1995. His work manipulates the visceral and nostalgic aspects of non-traditional materials to reconsider iconic imagery of borders, violence, and identity. Dr. Kovitz’s work has been shown in Europe, NY, and LA. He has been awarded the Pollock Krasner Foundation Award, the MAK/Schindler Scholarship, the Marie Walsh Sharpe Studio Program, and residencies at the International Studio and Curatorial Program in NYC and at RAIR, New Mexico.

**Dr. Todd Kuffner, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics**

Dr. Kuffner received his PhD in Mathematics from Imperial College London in 2011, after earning two MSc degrees in Economics and Econometrics & Mathematical Economics from the London School of Economics. His research interests are broadly in mathematical statistics and, in particular, higher-order asymptotics for parametric inference.

**Dr. Alexander Lubin, Associate Professor, Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud Center for American Studies and Research (CASAR)**

Dr. Lubin received his doctorate in American Studies from the University of Minnesota in 2000. He is a cultural historian with interests in US racial formations and US/Middle East cultural politics. Before joining AUB, he served as an associate professor and chair of the American Studies Department at the University of New Mexico. He is the author of *Romance and Rights: The Politics of Interracial Intimacy, 1945-1954* (UP Mississippi). He is currently at work on a monograph entitled *Liberation Geography:*
Locating the Middle East in the African American Global Imaginary, which excavates a centuries-long history of political and cultural exchange between US-based blacks and the Arab world. Dr. Lubin is particularly interested in how the ‘Palestine question’ has circulated within spheres of African American politics and culture.

Dr. Ramzi Mabsout, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
Dr. Mabsout earned an MA from the University of Sussex (2004) in Development Economics and a PhD (2011) from Radboud University Nijmegen (The Netherlands). As a research consultant for international organizations, he worked for UNDP and NGOs like Transparency International. With the UNDP, he contributed to various global reports, including the Human Development Report. His research interests cover a variety of areas including development economics, welfare economics, ethics and economics, micro-econometrics, and the epistemology of economics.

Dr. Nigel Marsh, Professor, Department of Psychology
Dr. Marsh worked as a clinical psychologist for a number of years before receiving his PhD from the University of Otago in 1989. He has held academic appointments in clinical psychology in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and the United Kingdom. His recent clinical work involves the neuropsychological assessment of individuals with traumatic brain injury, stroke, occupational exposure to neurotoxins, or suspected dementia. His expertise is in the areas of psychological assessment and research design. The majority of his research publications deal with the assessment of the psychosocial consequences of traumatic injuries or chronic illness, for both the individual and their familial caregivers.

Dr. Tariq Mehmood Ali, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of English
Dr. Mehmood Ali has his PhD from Lancaster University, UK, 2011. He is committed to the question of mother-tongue in his native area of Pakistan, is a founding member of a cultural and language movement, and has edited the only two magazines in his native language. He writes in both English and Pothohari. Dr. Mehmood’s fictional writing (he is currently on his third novel) focuses on issues of migration, identity, and loss, as well as issues of social and political justice. He has also made films, including the award-winning feature documentary Injustice, which deals with deaths in police custody, and written for children. His books include Courageous Ali and the Heartless King, an allegorical tale based around the second Iraq war and the re-telling of Half Brother, a traditional tale from Pothohar.

Dr. Leonidas Michelis, Professor, Department of Economics
Dr. Michelis obtained his PhD from Queens University, Canada, in 1993. His areas of expertise are econometrics, international monetary economics, and macroeconomics. Before joining AUB, he taught in Canada at York University, the University of Western Ontario, and Ryerson University. He has published widely in high-ranking internationally recognized journals in his fields of expertise including, among others, the Journal of Econometrics, the Journal of Applied Econometrics, Econometric Theory, the Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Economics Letters, the Journal of International Money and Finance, and the Canadian Journal of Economics.

Dr. Martin Montero, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
Dr. Montero earned his MA from Western Illinois University in 2006, and his PhD from West Virginia University in 2011. His research interest focuses on the application of spatial econometrics in macroeconomic issues. His dissertation topic was modeling and estimating spatial spillovers in unemployment rates in US states using the Okun’s Law. Dr. Montero has taught several courses in the US and Bolivia, including macroeconomics (principles and intermediate), microeconomics, and econometrics. In 2010, he was awarded the first prize by the Bolivian Central Bank in their national research contest.

Dr. Omar Sabbagh, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of English
Dr. Sabbagh received his PhD in English Literature from King’s College, London, in 2011. He will be teaching creative writing in all genres, a specialist poetry course, as well as English literature at the cusp of realism into modernism, roughly 1890-1930. He has published articles on George Eliot and Ford Madox Ford, as well as one short story in a 2004 anthology titled, Transit Beirut (Saqi). The majority of his publications lie in the field of poetry and have appeared in Poetry Review, PN Review, Stand, Agenda,
The Reader, The Warwick Review, Poetry Wales, Envoi, Banipal, Kenyon Review Online, and elsewhere. His first collection, My Only Ever Oedipal Complaint, was published in 2010 (Cinnamon Press); his second collection, The Square Root of Beirut, is forthcoming (February 2012, Cinnamon Press).

Dr. Paul Spohr, Lecturer, Department of Philosophy
Dr. Spohr received a PhD in Philosophy from Columbia University in 2006. His research interests lie in nineteenth- and twentieth-century German philosophy, in particular, Hegel and post-Hegelian ethics, political theory, and aesthetics. He has worked in the field of philanthropy for the past few years, and looks forward to returning to academia.

Dr. Adam Waterman, Assistant Professor, Department of English
Adam Waterman joins AUB as Assistant Professor of American Literature in the English Department. Since receiving his doctorate from New York University in 2007, Dr. Waterman has taught at Macalester College, the University of Virginia, and the Massachusetts College of Art and Design. In 2008-09, he was a visiting faculty member at AUB’s CASAR. During the 2010-11 academic year, he was Fulbright scholar-in-residence in the Department of English at the Université d’Alger 2 in Algeria. His research interests include the relationship between US settler colonialism and the formation of American literary culture, as well as the representation of Islam in American literature.

Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

Dr. Makram Suidan, Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture
Dr. Suidan is the newly appointed dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture at AUB. He comes to AUB from the University of Cincinnati, where he was the Herman Schneider Professor of Environmental Engineering in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and the director of the School of Energy, Environmental, Biological, and Medical Engineering. He received his BS from AUB in 1971, and his PhD in Environmental Engineering from the University of Illinois, Urbana in 1975. Throughout his career, Dean Suidan has engaged in several consultation activities, mentored over 140 graduate students, and published more than 250 peer-reviewed articles, 240 conference papers, and ten book chapters. His research and teaching interests cover a broad spectrum of water quality issues, with special emphasis on waste remediation, anaerobic treatment, adsorption, and oil spill remediation.

Dean Suidan is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Frederick G. Pohland Medal from AEESP/AAEE and the George Rieveschl Jr. Award for Distinguished Scientific Research (2008); the Distinguished Research Award and Distinguished Research Professor from the University of Cincinnati (2006); the Doctoral Mentoring Award for Outstanding Contributions to Doctoral Education from the University of Cincinnati (2004); Fellow of the Graduate School at the University of Cincinnati (2003); Distinguished Alumnus at the American University of Beirut (2003); AWWA Academic Achievement Award for Best Dissertation Major Advisor (2002); Publication Committee Award (2002) and the Appreciation Award (1999) from the American Society of Civil Engineers; and Association of Environmental Engineering Professors Distinguished Lecturer (1996).

Dr. Farook Hamzeh, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Dr. Hamzeh received his BE from AUB in 1997, his Master’s in Engineering Project Management from the University of California at Berkeley in 2006, and his PhD from the same institution in 2009. He has worked for more than seven years in Lebanon, Qatar, Dubai, and the United States on several construction projects in the civil, construction, high rise, historical renovation, health care, and industrial sectors. Since 2009, he has been a faculty member at Colorado State University. His research interests are in the areas of lean construction and production planning.

Mr. Ziad Jumaleddine, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture and Design
Mr. Jumaleddine received his BA in Architecture from AUB in 1995, and his MA from Harvard University in 1999. He has worked for several firms in Beirut and the US, and was a visiting faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania (2008), and at the Cornell Architecture School (2008). His interests are in the complex relationship between architecture and culture.
Mr. Marwan Zouein, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Architecture and Design
Mr. Zouein received his diploma from the Ecole d’Architecture de Paris-Belleville and the Higher Technical School of Architecture of Madrid (ETSAM), where he has begun a PhD on politics, urban space, and architecture. Since then, he has shared his time between consultancies for other firms and institutions in Spain and Lebanon, and his own office, Casalenganitos, which is a practice organized around four architects who develop architectural and urban projects strongly connected to contemporary culture in Madrid and other countries. The projects vary in scale, ranging from a master plan for the City of Burgos to furniture design for a photographic studio. Members of the firm are involved in academia through their teaching and lectures at the Polytechnic University of Madrid (ETSAM), the Bartlett (London), and other universities.

Faculty of Health Sciences

Dr. Carla Makhlouf Obermeyer, Visiting Research Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Population Health
Dr. Makhlouf Obermeyer was most recently (2000-11) a scientist in the Department of HIV/AIDS at the World Health Organization in Geneva. Prior to that, she was associate professor in the Department of Population and International Health at Harvard University for two years. She has conducted research at the intersection of public health and the social sciences, and has led a number of multi-site studies on issues of public health importance. She has written on HIV, reproductive health and menopause, the Safe Motherhood initiative, medication use, female circumcision, gender, and population policy. At the WHO, she was responsible for operational research on HIV testing, treatment, and prevention, and coordinated an NIH-funded multi-site study of HIV testing and counseling in Africa.

Dr. Rima Nakkash, Assistant Professor, Department of Health Promotion and Community Health
Dr. Nakkash completed her DrPH in Public Health Policy at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in the UK in 2007, her MPH from the Faculty of Health Sciences at AUB in 1998, and her Bachelor’s degree at Macalister College, USA, in 1995. Dr. Nakkash has been on a research line as assistant research professor at FHS’s Center for Research and Population Health since 2007. Her main research interests are in tobacco control policy evaluation, community-based participatory research, research ethics, and youth positive mental health promotion. She is active at the international, regional, and local level in advocating for tobacco control policies. In Lebanon, through coordinating the AUB-Tobacco Control Research Group, a multi-faculty group of professors, she works with policymakers, NGOs and media to promote the adoption and enforcement of strong tobacco control policies in line with best evidence. Her efforts have culminated in the adoption of the first comprehensive Tobacco Control Policy by the Lebanese Parliament in August 2011. She is a principal investigator and co-investigator on a number of international research grants.

Faculty of Medicine (FM)

Dr. Bernard Abi-Saleh, Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine
Dr. Abi-Saleh is a board certified cardiologist trained in cardiac electrophysiology and complex ablation procedures at the Cleveland Clinic. He received his medical degree from the Lebanese University. Dr Abi-Saleh served as chief resident at the East Tennessee State University where he completed his internal medicine training before moving to the University of South Alabama for his cardiology fellowship. He underwent two years of intensive training in invasive cardiac electrophysiology at the Cleveland Clinic. He is specialized in ablation of complex arrhythmias including atrial fibrillation and endocardial and epicardial ventricular tachycardia ablation. Additionally, his interests include cardiac pacemakers and defibrillators implantation and laser leads extraction. He has received several awards including best resident award and served as chief internal medicine resident and chief cardiology fellow. He has several publications in peer review journals as well as a book chapter and has presented in many national and international meetings including the Heart Rhythm Society and the European Society of Cardiology.

Dr. Wassim Abou Kheir, Assistant Professor, Department of Anatomy, Cell Biology, and Physiological Sciences
Dr. Abou Kheir received his PhD degree in Anatomy and Structural Biology from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Yeshiva University, in New York in 2007. He most recently completed a four-year (2007-11) post-doctoral fellowship in the National Cancer Institute at NIH, Bethesda. His name appears on 11 peer-reviewed publications, and he is first/second author on seven of them. Dr. Abou Kheir will be involved in the teaching of medical, graduate, and nursing students, as well as in core basic research activities at the Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. Georges Daoud, Assistant Professor, Department of Anatomy, Cell Biology, and Physiological Sciences
Dr. Daoud received his PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Quebec at Montreal in 2006. He completed a five-year post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School (2006-11). His name appears on 12 peer-reviewed publications, and he is first/second author on seven of them. Dr. Daoud will be involved in the teaching of medical, graduate, and nursing students, as well as in core basic research activities at the Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. Karim Diab, Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics
Dr. Diab received his MD from AUB in 1999; and completed a one-year internship at FM/AUBMC in 2000; three years of residency training in Pediatrics at the State University of New York Children’s Hospital at Buffalo in 2004; and a three-year fellowship in Pediatric Cardiology at the University of Chicago Comer Children’s Hospital in 2007. Since 2008, Dr. Diab has been assistant professor at the University of Arizona and at Creighton University School of Medicine. He is board certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Cardiology. He will be involved in the teaching, research, and clinical activities of the Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, Division of Pediatric Cardiology.

Dr. Imaad El-Kebbi, Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine (Endocrinology and Metabolism)
Dr. El-Kebbi received his MD degree from AUB in 1985, after which he completed residency training in Internal Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston (1985-88); and two years as a clinical fellow in Endocrinology and Metabolism and one year as a research fellow at Emory University, Atlanta. Dr. El-Kebbi is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, and by the American Board of Endocrinology and Metabolism. Dr. El-Kebbi was appointed instructor at Emory University in 1992, promoted to assistant professor in 1993, and advanced to Associate Professor of Medicine in 2000. He served as a part-time member/senior consultant for the WHO (2003-05), consultant for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2004-05), and associate director of Grady Diabetes Clinic (2006-07). Dr. El-Kebbi’s name appears on 36 peer-reviewed publications (12 as first author, and three as second author), in addition to 2 book chapters.

Dr. Yaser El-Hout, Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery
Dr. El-Hout received his BA in Biology (1995) and his MD (2000) from AUB. He joined the Department of Surgery as an intern in June 2000 and completed his residency in urology in June 2007. During his residency Dr. El-Hout demonstrated a keen interest in pediatric urology both surgically and academically. He completed two years of research followed by a two-year clinical fellowship in pediatric urology at the Hospital for Sick Children, affiliated with the University of Toronto, Canada. He has expertise in all disciplines of pediatric urology including general, reconstructive, oncologic, minimally invasive, laparoscopic and kidney transplantation procedures. He is a member of the International Society of Hypospadias and Intersex Disorders and is a fellow of the European Board of Urology. He has received many research grants and has special interest in surgical education including teaching laparoscopy and microsurgery by simulation. Dr. El-Hout authored 36 articles in peer-reviewed journals and two book chapters. He has made more than 40 podium and poster presentations, some at international conferences like the American Urological Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics. He is on the editorial board of the Arab Journal of Urology and is a reviewer for the Journal of Urology and Urology.

Dr. Mazen El Sayed, Assistant Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine and Director of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Prehospital Care at AUB/MC
Dr. El Sayed received his MD from AUB in 2004. After one year of Internship in general surgery at AUBMC and another year training in general surgery at Washington Hospital Center, Washington, DC, he
enrolled in the Emergency Medicine Residency Program at the University of Maryland and received American Board Certification in Emergency Medicine (ABEM). Dr El Sayed completed a two-year fellowship in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at Boston University School of Medicine (2009-11), during which he was appointed as instructor in Emergency Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine in 2009 and promoted to assistant professor in 2011. His research interests include EMS and trauma systems design and management, and quality improvement in prehospital care. Beside his clinical and administrative duties in the Emergency Medicine Department, Dr El Sayed will be involved in the teaching of medical students and residents in his area of specialty.

Dr. Ali Hallal, Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery
Dr. Hallal received his MD degree from AUB in 1995. He completed residency training in general surgery at FM/AUBMC in 1995-2001 before moving on to fellowships in surgical critical care and trauma at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Florida. He next completed further training in general and upper GI surgery at Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, UK (2006-09). Dr. Hallal is a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He is also certified in the UK by the Intercollegiate Specialty Board in General Surgery (2009), and the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board (2009). Dr. Hallal has served as associate specialist in general surgery at Watford General Hospital, UK (2004-06), and as consultant upper GI/truma surgeon at the Institute of Minimal Access Surgery, King's College Hospital. Dr. Hallal will be teaching residents in the area of surgical critical care and trauma, and will also be involved in the research and clinical activities of the department.

Dr. Haya Hamade, Instructor of Clinical Pediatrics
Dr. Hamade received her MD from AUB in 2005 before completing a residency program in pediatrics at Case Western University (2006-09). She received her Master of Public Health (Global Health and Population) from the Harvard School of Public Health in 2010. She is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics. Dr. Hamade is currently an affiliate faculty at the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (since November 2010), and fellow at the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard School of Public Health. Her research will focus on global health and pediatric disease prevention. Dr. Hamade will be involved in teaching general pediatrics and global health topics to medical students during clinical rotations, as well as to pediatric residents. In addition, she will be involved in in-patient, out-patient, and emergency department clinical duties.

Dr. Ali Haydar, Assistant Professor of Clinical Diagnostic Radiology
Dr. Haydar received his MD degree from AUB in 2000. He completed his residency in internal medicine at AUBMC (2000-03), followed by training in ITU and renal medicine at Guy’s and St Thomas’ Hospital and the Hammersmith Hospital, London, UK, (2003-05). He did his residency and a fellowship in general radiology at North West London Hospitals. Dr. Haydar was appointed as consultant radiologist in IR/trauma and cross-sectional imaging at the Royal and St. Bart's NHS Trust, London in August 2010. He will be involved in teaching medical students and residents, and will contribute to coverage of cross-sectional and interventional radiology at AUB and affiliated hospitals.

Dr. Hussain Ismaeel, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine (Cardiology)
Dr. Ismaeel received his MD degree from AUB in 2001. He subsequently completed residency training in internal medicine at AUBMC; a year of post-doctoral research in molecular biology and genetics at Massachusetts General Hospital; a three-year fellowship in cardiology at AUBMC; and a one-year cardiovascular imaging fellowship at Harbour-UCLA (2008-09). Dr. Ismaeel's name appears on 34 peer-reviewed publications (15 as first author, and 7 as second author). Dr. Ismaeel will be involved in teaching of medical students, residents and fellows in his area of specialty, and will be involved in the clinical activities of the Division of Cardiology as well.

Dr. Roland Kaddoum, Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology
Dr. Kaddoum received his MD degree from the Saint Joseph University School of Medicine in 1998, and completed residency training at AUBMC in 2003, followed by a year’s fellowship in pediatric anesthesia at Children’s Hospital of Michigan (2003-04) and a longer anesthesia residency at Wayne State University in Detroit (2005-08). Previous to joining AUB, Dr. Kaddoum was a member of the faculty at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis (2008-11). At St. Jude, his main interest was the management
of chronic pain in children with cancer, pediatric regional anesthesia, and pediatric airway management in children with mediastinal masses. Dr. Kaddoum will be involved in the teaching of medical students and anesthesia residents, and will also conduct clinical research within the department of anesthesiology.

Dr. Lina Abi Fakhr Kantar, Lecturer, Hariri School of Nursing
Dr. Kantar received her BS in Nursing from AUB and worked as a registered nurse at AUBMC in the Cardiac Surgery Department. She received her MS in health professional education from Kwazulu Natal University in 2002, and her PhD in Educational Leadership from the University of Phoenix in July 2010. Her interest is in innovative teaching strategies, such as problem-based learning, reflective practice, and case-method teaching. In this regard, she spent 10 years coordinating the transformation of the Abu Dhabi nursing curriculum using case-method teaching, and integrated the MacMaster problem-based learning approach into nursing courses at the University of Sharjah. Her research interests revolve around critical thinking and clinical judgment in nursing students.

Dr. Nabil Khouri, Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Anatomy, Cell Biology, and Physiological Sciences
Dr. Khouri received his Doctor of Medicine from the Institute of Medicine and Surgery, Romania in 1985, and his PhD in Anatomy and Cell Biology from Queen’s University, Ontario in 1997. He was in private practice in general medicine in Jordan from 1985 to 1989, and has served as teaching assistant at the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology (1992-97), and assistant professor in the Department of Anatomy (1997-2007) at the Jordanian University of Science and Technology (JUST). Dr. Khouri was promoted to associate professor in 2007, and served as assistant dean at JUST’s Faculty of Medicine in 2003-04.

Dr. Samia Khoury, Professor of Medicine in the Department of Neurology, and Director of the Abu Haidar Neuroscience Institute (AHNI)
Dr. Khoury comes to AUB from Harvard Medical School, where she has been the Jack, Sadie and David Breakstone Professor of Neurology since 2009, director of the Clinical Immunology Laboratory at the Department of Neurology at Brigham and Women’s Hospital since 1998, and co-director for Partners Multiple Sclerosis Center at Partners Healthcare Systems, Inc. since 2001. Dr. Khoury received her MD from AUB in 1984. She interned in internal medicine at Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital in Cleveland Ohio (1984-85), and completed a three-year residency in neurology (1985-88) and a three-year fellowship (1988-91) at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Khoury was appointed instructor at Harvard Medical School in 1991, promoted Assistant Professor of Neurology in 1994, and advanced to associate professor in 1998 and full professor in 2007.

Dr. Khoury is the recipient of numerous awards and honors. In 2007, she was awarded the prestigious Kuwait Prize for Sciences by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences for her work in immunology. In 2002, she was elected to both the American Society for Clinical Investigation and the American Neurological Association. She has served on the editorial board of Current Immunology Reviews since 2004, as an associate editor of the Journal of Immunology (2000-04), as section editor for Clinical Immunology since 2004, and an ad-hoc reviewer for several other journals. Dr. Khoury has an outstanding track record of research productivity with approximately 170 publications to date - 92 in peer-reviewed and 78 in non-peer-reviewed scientific or medical publications. Her total citations are 5855.

The experience and expertise Dr. Khoury brings to AUBMC is well suited for the leadership of AHNI, one of AUBMC’s centers of excellence and an integral part of its vision to provide evidence-based, multidisciplinary comprehensive care to patients. AHNI will strengthen the neuroscience effort at AUBMC by bringing together basic and clinical scientists to concentrate on a wide range of disorders that affect individuals from infants to adults. In her role as director of AHNI, Dr. Khoury will collaborate with Dr. Bassem Yamout to establish a Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Center within the AHNI. This will be the first MS center in the region.

Dr. Mazen Kurban, Assistant Professor of Clinical Dermatology
Dr. Kurban received his MD from AUB in 2004, after which he completed a one-year residency in internal medicine and a three-year residency in dermatology, both at AUB. He began his postdoctoral research in dermatology at the Human Genetics-Angela Christaino Lab at Columbia Medical Center in 2008. His
research is focused on genodermatoses. Dr. Kurban will be involved in the postgraduate education, service, and research, and in developing a genodermatoses program. His is a joint appointment with the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics.

**Dr. Fadi Mirza, Assistant Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology**

Dr. Mirza received his MD from AUB in 2002 before receiving postgraduate training at Tufts University in Boston and Columbia University in New York. Dr. Mirza subsequently joined the faculty of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons as Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology. In addition to proficiency in the different aspects of obstetrics and gynecology, he has special expertise in high-risk pregnancies, obstetric ultrasound, prenatal diagnosis, and invasive fetal procedures. He has been involved in a wide range of research projects and is the principal investigator in clinical trials to investigate a new agent for labor induction and a novel device for fetal heart rate monitoring during labor. He is the recipient of a number of awards, including the Award of Research Excellence presented at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine in February 2011. Dr. Mirza is a diplomat of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology (board-certified), a fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and a member of numerous professional societies.

**Dr. Ziad Nahas, Professor and Chair of Psychiatry**

Dr. Nahas joined the FM/AUBMC on July 1, 2011. He received his MD from Saint Joseph University in 1992, and completed post-doctoral work in Lebanon and Paris before finishing residency training in psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine. He spent two years (1997-99) as research fellow in neuroimaging and psychopharmacology at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). Since that time, he has served as the director of MUSC's Brain Stimulation Laboratory, Department of Psychiatry and of MUSC’s Mood Disorders Clinic, Institute of Psychiatry. Of 24 publications as first/senior author, Dr. Nahas has published 13 papers in refereed journals ranking in the upper quartile and six articles in journals ranking between 50-75th percentile in the discipline with respect to impact factor.

**Dr. Phillip Taddei, Visiting Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology**

Dr. Taddei received his PhD in Radiological Health Sciences (Radiation Physics) from the Colorado State University in 2005. He is certified by the American Board of Radiology-Therapeutics Radiology Physics. Dr. Taddei has been appointed assistant professor at the United States Naval Academy (2005-06); research scientist (2006-09) and then assistant professor at the University of Texas M.D Anderson Cancer Center (2009-present); and associate faculty member at the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (2010-present). Dr. Taddei will mainly be involved in conducting collaborative research projects sponsored by a four-year NIH research grant.

**Dr. Hani Tamim, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine, and Director of the Biostatistics Unit in the Clinical Research Institute at the Faculty of Medicine.**

After receiving a BS in Biology from the American University of Beirut (1994), Dr. Tamim earned a Master of Public Health degree from Emory University (1995) and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from McGill University (2003). His postdoctoral training has included a two-year fellowship in the Department of Biomedical Sciences, University of Montreal-Faculty of Medicine, followed by an appointment there as assistant professor (2005-09). He later joined the King Saud bin Abdulaziz University for Health Sciences in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as associate professor of epidemiology and biostatistics (2009-11). Dr. Tamim's research interests include pharmacoepidemiology, cancer, and critical care. His professional expertise includes, but is not limited to, research methodology, data management, analysis and reporting. At the Clinical Research Institute, Dr. Tamim will direct the Biostatistics Unit and partake in various educational activities, including didactic and hands-on training of students, faculty, and staff in epidemiology and biostatistics.

**Olayan School of Business (OSB)**

**Dr. Hounaida El Jurdi, Assistant Professor, Marketing, Management, and Entrepreneurship**

Dr. El Jurdi completed her PhD in Marketing at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, in 2011. In her thesis, she explored the relationship between framing and self-presentation on consumer attitudes
towards advertising messages. She has taught a range of courses, including market research, advertising and promotion, and consumer behavior. Her research interest include: framing effects in advertising, conspicuous consumption and consumer behavior, and social interactions in online communities.

Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences

Dr. Hala Chahine, Senior Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Sciences
Dr. Chahine received her BS from AUB; her MSc in Greenhouse Management at the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute (MAIC) Chania, Crete, Greece; and her PhD in Cellular and Molecular Biology at the Institut National Polytechnique de Toulouse/Ecole Nationale Supérieure d’Agronomie de Toulouse. Her main research interest is in postharvest physiology and technology as a part of the value chain of fruits and vegetables. Dr. Chahine has worked as an independent consultant for institutions such as UNESCWA, UNFAO, UC Davis, WFLO, and ACDI VOCA.

Ms. Dima El Halabi, Instructor, Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences
Ms. El Halabi received her MS degree in Human Nutrition from McGill University in 2007.

Dr. Lama Mattar, Lecturer in Clinical Nutrition, Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences
Dr. Mattar received her BS and MS from AUB, and her PhD from the Université Pierre et Marie Curie, France. While doing her research, which focused on eating disorders, Dr. Mattar published four articles in different scientific journals and was invited as a speaker to the 10th London International Eating Disorders Conference-2011.