Dear Colleagues,

As we start a new semester, allow me to take a moment to welcome the faculty members joining AUB for the first time. Our community is further enriched by the addition of these faculty to our ranks. I am attaching with this note a file with the names and brief bios of the new faculty members.

Please join me in wishing us all a productive and rewarding semester.

With best wishes,

Ahmad Dallal
Provost & Professor of History

American University of Beirut
New Faculty Appointments at AUB
January 2012

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Nader El-Bizri, Associate Professor, Civilization Sequence Program
Dr. El-Bizri holds a PhD in Philosophy from the New School for Social Research in New York (1999), an MArch-II in Architecture from Harvard University (1994), and a BArch in Architecture from AUB (1989). His areas of expertise are in the history of philosophy and science, phenomenology, and architectural humanities. Prior to his AUB appointment he was a Principal Lecturer (Reader) at the University of Lincoln, and a Chercheur Associé at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris. He has lectured at the University of Cambridge (1999-2010), and held a Visiting Professorship at the University of Lincoln (2007-10), and a senior Research Associate post at The Institute of Ismaili Studies, London (2002-10). Dr. El Bizri is the author of The Phenomenological Quest between Avicenna and Heidegger (SUNY, 2000) and 37 peer-reviewed articles and chapters. He is also the editor of Epistles of the Brethren of Purity (Oxford, 2008). He is the General Editor of the Epistles of the Brethren of Purity series (Oxford University Press), Co-Editor of Islamic Philosophy & Occidental Phenomenology in Dialogue series (Kluwer), and Editor (Islam division) of the Encyclopedia of Sciences and Religions (Springer). He serves on several editorial boards, including Arabic Sciences and Philosophy (Cambridge University Press journal). He maintains active memberships in international societies and acts as Elected Council Member of the Société Internationale d'Histoire des Sciences et des Philosophies Arabes et Islamiques (CNRS, Paris). He has published and lectured widely, and has contributed to BBC Radio/TV programs. Dr. El-Bizri has served as consultant to the Science Museum in London, the Aga Khan Trust for Culture in Geneva, and the Solomon Guggenheim Museum in New York and Berlin. Besides his academic profile, he has twelve years of professional architectural experience in London, Cambridge, New York, and Beirut.

Dr. Ohannes Geukjian, Lecturer, Department of Political Science and Public Administration
Dr. Geukjian holds a BA and an MA in Political Science from AUB. He pursued his postgraduate study in the UK and received his PhD from the Peace Studies Department at Bradford University in 2005. In 2006-2007, he was enrolled in the PSPA Department at AUB as a part time member of the faculty. Since then he has been teaching a number of courses in the Department. Dr. Geukjian has published a number of articles in academic journals, including Middle Eastern Studies and Nationalities Papers. His book on "Ethnicity, Nationalism and Conflict in the South Caucasus: Nagorno-Karabakh and the Legacy of Soviet Nationalities Policy" was published by Ashgate in January 2012. His research interests include ethnic conflict, nationalism, peace-building in war torn societies and Middle East politics.

Dr. Daniel W. Smith, Visiting Professor, Department of Philosophy
Dr. Smith received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, and is currently Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy at Purdue University. He is a specialist in European thought, notably the work of Gilles Deleuze, and he has published widely on topics in contemporary philosophy. A volume of his collected writings, entitled *Essays on Deleuze*, will be published in 2012 by Edinburgh University Press. He is the translator Gilles Deleuze's *Francis Bacon: The Logic of Sensation* and *Essays Critical and Clinical* (with Michael A. Greco), as well as Pierre Klossowski’s *Nietzsche and the Vicious Circle* and Isabelle Stenger’s *The Invention of Modern Science*.

Faculty of Engineering and Architecture

Dr. Majdi Abou Najm, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Dr. Abou Najm received his BE (1998) and ME (2000) from AUB and his PhD from Purdue University. He joins the faculty at AUB’s Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering after holding appointments at Oregon State University, MIT, and Purdue. He is interested in the sustainable development of water and geo-environmental systems to meet the demands of growing populations and the challenges of climate and land use changes. Dr. Abou Najm’s approach is to understand and model the dominant physical, chemical, and biological processes that govern the complex and multi-scale interaction between those soil-water-vegetation-atmosphere systems. His objective is to develop models and decision support tools for sustainable water resources and energy solutions, and to develop policies in those areas.

Dr. Elie G. Hantouche, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Dr. Hantouche earned his Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati in 2011. His research and teaching interests include the behavior of steel framed structures under seismic loads (Experimentation and numerical analysis) with a focus on: beam-to-column steel connections including partially/fully restrained connections, modeling of frames with partially restrained connections, the rehabilitation of structures, and nonlinear static and dynamic finite element analysis. During his Ph.D. studies, he mentored students in an integrated teaching and research program funded by the National Science Foundation. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Structural Engineering Institute, and the Engineering Mechanics Institute. He is the author of peer-reviewed journal articles and conferences, and has reviewed a number of scientific publications.

Dr. Rouwaida Kanj, Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dr. Kanj received her BE with high distinction from AUB in 1998, and her MS and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2000 and 2004, respectively. She has been a research staff member at IBM Austin Research Labs since 2004. Previously, she held multiple internships with the IBM EDA Group in Fishkill. She worked on modeling SOI effects, noise characterization of CMOS circuits, library characterization of novel circuit technologies, and is currently involved in variability-aware design methodologies and smart analytics. Dr. Kanj was a recipient of three IBM Ph.D. Fellowships, is the author of more than 30 technical papers, 7 issued patents and several pending patents. She received an outstanding technical achievement and 6 Invention Plateau awards from IBM. She received the IEEE ISQED and IEEE ICCAD best paper awards, and is currently a senior member of IEEE.

Dr. Darine Salam, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
Dr. Salam has a PhD in Environmental Sciences from the University of Cincinnati (2011), with a BS in Biology (1998) and a Master’s degree in Animal Physiology (1999) from the Lebanese University. She also holds a Master’s degree in Environmental Technology (2006) from AUB. Her research interests are focused on the bioremediation of vegetable oil spills in aquatic media. She is also involved in the study of oil autoxidation and polymers formation, toxicity testing, soil and water pollution, water and wastewater treatment, algae culturing and identification, and environmental biotechnology including molecular biology techniques. Dr. Salam has a certificate in the “Preparing Future Faculty in Engineering” program at the University of Cincinnati, which prepared her for an academic career in Engineering. She is the recipient of the Jacob D. and Lillian Rindsberg Memorial Fellowship, and the Summer Graduate Student Research Fellowship at the University of Cincinnati.

Dr. Joe Naoum-Sawaya, Assistant Professor, Engineering Management Program
Dr. Sawaya holds a Ph.D. in Management Sciences from the Department of Management Sciences, University of Waterloo, Canada (2011). His research focuses on the development and application of optimization methods to solve practical problems arising in the industry with particular interests in health care operations, supply chain design, game theory, and telecommunication network planning. His research is recognized in top tier journal publications and presentations in international conferences. Dr. Sawaya is the recipient of several awards, including the NSERC Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship, the NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowship, and the ADONET Marie-Curie Research Grant. Dr. Sawaya was invited for research visits to the University of Cologne and the University of Dortmund in Germany, and to the IBM Research Center in California.

Faculty of Health Sciences

Dr. Souha Fares, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Population Health
Dr. Fares received her PhD in Statistics in May 2011 from Case Western Reserve University, in Cleveland, Ohio. She taught for 5 semesters at Case Western and received the Dean's Graduate Excellence Teaching Award in 2011. Dr. Fares received her bachelor's degree in Mathematics and her master's degree in Modeling and Simulation from the Lebanese University, in collaboration with the universities of Rennes and Reims, France and L'Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, Switzerland. The topic of her PhD dissertation covered the option pricing theory. She also worked as a data analyst on biomedical projects. Her research now focuses entirely on topics related to Public Health.

Faculty of Medicine (FM)

Dr. Ramzi Alami, Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery, Department of Surgery
Dr. Alami received his MD from AUB in 1998. He completed his residency training in General Surgery at Virginia Commonwealth University/ MCV Hospitals (1993-2004), after which he was appointed attending staff at Palo Alto (California) Veterans Affairs Health Care System (2004-2006). He was appointed Clinical Instructor in the Division of General Surgery at Stanford University in 2004. Dr. Alami is certified by the American Board of General Surgery. He will be involved in teaching of residents in the area of bariatric surgery, as well as in the research and clinical activities of the department. His appointment will bring an added value to the department, especially in developing outreach programs.

Ms. Nour Alayan, Clinical Instructor, School of Nursing
Ms. Alayan holds a BS (2004) and an MS (2008) from AUB. She completed her residency in Nursing Administration at the Institute of Global Nursing at Johns Hopkins (Baltimore, MD) in 2007. After her experience in direct patient care in Medical-Surgical Nursing, she moved to Healthcare Consulting and worked in clinical programming, operations planning, project management, JCIA and Canadian accreditation preparation, and healthcare related software solutions. Ms. Alayan has been involved in clinical teaching of Medical-Surgical Nursing since 2007. She is interested in the areas of healthcare ethics, healthcare informatics, quality of patient care, and patient safety.

Ms. Rana Abdel Malak, Clinical Instructor, School of Nursing
Ms. Abdel Malak received her BS in Nursing (1993) and her MS in Population Health (2002) from AUB. She comes with long experience in nursing practice, with major focus on the areas of nursing leadership, administration, and project management, at the American University of Beirut Medical Center (AUBMC). Ms. Abdel Malak possesses a depth of knowledge and technical expertise in various accreditation systems (JCIA, LMOPH, ANCC, and Magnet) and has spearheaded key nursing projects at AUBMC to successful completion. She held different roles increasing in complexity, most recently as the Interim Chief Nursing Officer. Ms. Abdel Malak is certified in project management from the American Academy of Project Management (AAPM) and Board Certified by the American Nurse Credentialing Center (ANCC) as a Nurse Executive Advanced level. Recently, ANCC appointed Ms. Abdel Malak as an appraiser. Her areas of interest are nursing administration, leadership development, and nursing informatics.

Dr. Gilbert Abou Dagher, Assistant Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine, Department of Emergency Medicine
Dr. Abou Dagher received his MD from AUB in 2005. He then completed his residency training in Internal Medicine (2006-2009) and in Emergency Medicine (2009-2011) at Henry Ford. Dr Abou Dagher is board certified in Internal Medicine and board eligible in emergency medicine. He will be involved in the clinical activities of the department, teaching medical students, and contributing to the establishment of the residency training program.

Dr. Nuhad Abou Zeid, Assistant Professor of Clinical Neurology, Department of Neurology
Dr. Abou Zeid received her M.D. degree with distinction from AUB (2002). She then completed a one year post-doctoral research fellow (2002-2003), and a one year internship in Internal Medicine (2003-2004) at AUB. She went on to do three years of residency training in Neurology, including one year as Chief Resident, at Duke University Medical Center (2004-2007), and a two-year fellowship in Multiple Sclerosis at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester (2007-2009). Dr. Abou Zeid is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Since 2009, Dr. Abou Zeid has been an Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurology at Wake Forest University Health Sciences in North Carolina. Dr. Abou Zeid will be involved in teaching medical students and residents in conjunction with the Abu Haidar Neuroscience Institute and will help in launching the Multiple Sclerosis program at AUBMC. She will also be involved in the clinical activities of the Neurology in general and Multiple Sclerosis services in particular.

Dr. Rami Badreddine, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine
Dr. Badreddine received his M.D. with distinction from AUB in 2002. He completed one year as a post-doctoral research fellow at AUB (2002-2003), and went on to do his residency training in Internal Medicine at Duke University Medical Center (2003-2006). He then completed a three-year fellowship in gastroenterology and hepatology at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester (2006-2009). Dr. Badreddine is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with sub-board in gastroenterology. Since July 2009, Dr. Badreddine has been Consultant in Gastroenterology with Salem Gastroenterology Associates at North Carolina. Dr. Badreddine will be involved in teaching medical students and residents and in launching a program in clinical research. He will be involved in the GI fellowship program as well, and in the clinical activities of the Gastroenterology services with emphasis on esophageal diseases and motility disorders.

Dr. Youssef Bakhach, Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery (Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery), Department of Surgery
Dr. Bakhach received his MD from the University of Bordeaux II in 1986, where he had also, in 1992, completed his residency training in plastic, reconstructive and aesthetic Surgery. He then completed one year as Chief Resident and two more years of fellowship in plastic, reconstructive and aesthetic surgery, hand and microsurgery. Since then, he has been in private practice in Lebanon. Dr. Bakhach brings added value to the department with his extensive experience in the area of hand and microsurgery. Dr. Bakhach’s name appears in 34 publications, of which 26 as first/second author. He will be involved in teaching medical students and Plastic Surgery Residents, in addition to his involvement in the clinical and research activities of the division of Plastic Surgery.

Dr. Hassan El Solh, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, and Director of the Children’s Cancer Center of Lebanon
Dr. El Solh received his MD from AUB in 1980, with residency training in Pediatrics at AUBMC (1980-1983), followed by two years of residency in Pediatrics at the University of Western Ontario, Canada (1983-1984 and 1986-1987), two years of fellowship in Pediatric Hematology Oncology at the University of Toronto, The Hospital of Sick Children (1984-1986), and one year of Clinical Fellowship in Bone Marrow Transplantation at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center at University of Washington (1987-1988). Dr. El Solh is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and Pediatric Hematology Oncology, and by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Dr. El Solh was appointed as Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto (1988-1992), as Associate Professor at AUB (August 1996 - February 1997), and as Professor at Al Faisal University, KSA in 1997.

Dr. El Solh has followed an illustrious career in Pediatric Oncology & Bone Marrow Transplantation and has assumed numerous appointments and responsibilities. Most recently, he has served as Head of Section of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (1998–2000), Chairman of the Department of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (2000-2006), Assistant Deputy Chief Operating Officer and Medical and
Clinical Operations (2001-2005) at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre, Medical Director (2000-2008) at King Fahad National Center for Children’s Cancer & Research, Deputy Executive Director (2005-2008) at Medical and Clinical Operations at King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Center, Executive Director (2008-2011) at King Fahad National Center for Children’s Cancer, Executive Champion of Strategic Project: Establish and Develop World leading of Programs/Services for KFSH&RC (2009-Present), Senior Consultant of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at the Department of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (2011-Present), and Executive Management Consultant International Collaboration and Development at the General Corporate Consultancy Office of King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Center- General Organization (2011-Present).

Dr. El Solh’s name appears on seventy-six journal publications. He has fifty-five original articles, eighteen case reports, three letters and one review. Of the thirty-seven publications as senior author, he has six articles in refereed journals that are in the upper 25th percentile and thirteen articles in journals ranking between 50-75th percentiles in their respective disciplines with respect to impact factor.

Dr. El Solh will provide the strong leadership needed to lead the Children’s Cancer Center of Lebanon at AUBMC.

**Dr. Firas Kobaissy, Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics**

Dr. Kobaissy received his Ph.D. in Molecular Neuroscience from the University of Florida (Gainesville) in 2006. He spent a year as a postdoctoral research associate in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Florida (2006-2007). In 2007, he was appointed as Research Assistant Professor in the Division on Addiction Medicine, Department of Psychiatry at the University of Florida. Since 2007, he serves as the Associate Scientific Director for the Psychoproteomics and Nanotechnology Research Center. His research focused on brain injury due to mechanical insult or due to drug abuse neurotoxicity. Since 2008, he has served as associate editor of the Frontiers in Systems Biology Journal and since 2010, as a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Anesthesia & Clinical Research, the Journal of Data mining in Genomics & proteomics. Dr. Kobaissy will be involved in the teaching activities of the department and will contribute significantly to the establishment of the Human Genetics and Genomics Center of excellence.

**Dr. Lara Nassar, Instructor of Clinical Diagnostic Radiology, Department of Radiology**

Dr. Nassar received her MD from the Lebanese University graduating the first in her class. She completed her residency training in Radiology at AUBMC in 2010. In May 2010 Dr. Nassar received a fellowship in the Royal College of Radiologists in UK. She joins us after finishing a clinical fellowship in breast imaging at the Schering Cross Hospital in London, UK. Dr. Nassar will be working in the Mamdouha El-Sayed Bobst Breast Unit covering all aspects of breast imaging and intervention. In addition, Dr. Nassar will provide coverage in the Ultrasound unit, General Radiology, and the Emergency Medicine Department.

**Dr. Maya Romani, Instructor of Clinical Family Medicine, Department of Family Medicine**

Dr. Romani joins AUB effective March 1, 2012. She received her MD from Damascus University in 2006. After graduation, she completed four years of residency training in Family Medicine at AUBMC (2006-2010), followed by one year as Chief Resident in Family Medicine (2010-2011). Dr. Romani will be involved in the teaching, clinical and research activities of the Department of Family Medicine.

**Dr. Imad E. Shehadi, Instructor of Clinical Surgery, Department of Surgery**

Dr. Shehadi received his MD degree from Saint Louis University School of Medicine in 1994. He completed three years of General Surgery residency training at The New York Medical College in Valhalla NY followed by a fellowship in Trauma and Critical Care (1994-1998). Dr. Shehadi then completed a year of training in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the North Eastern Ohio University College of Medicine, Akron, Ohio (1998-1999). He then joined the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Department at the Medical College of Wisconsin where he completed his fellowship in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and a fellowship in Microsurgery (2000-2003). In 2003 Dr. Imad Shehadi returned to Lebanon where he joined Dr. Sameer Shehadi, and Dr. Ramzi Shehadi at the Plastic Surgery Institute where he practiced for eight years prior to joining the AUBMC team. Dr. Imad Shehadi is certified and a Fellow of the European Board of Plastic Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery. Dr. Shehadi will be teaching of residents in the area of plastic and reconstructive surgery, and will be involved in the research and clinical activities of the department. His appointment
will bring added value to the department in the areas of aesthetic, breast, craniofacial, and microsurgery.

Dr. Farid Talih, Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry
Dr. Talih received his from AUB in 2001. He completed one year of internship at AUBMC (2001-2002), four years of residency training in General Adult Psychiatry (2002-2006), and one year of fellowship in Sleep Medicine/Clinical Neurophysiology (2006-2007) at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Since 2007, he has been Director of Psychiatric Services and Co-Director of Sleep Disorders Center at Ashtabula County Medical Center, Cleveland Clinic Affiliate, and Director of Psychiatric Services at Ashtabula County Nursing Home. Dr. Talih is certified by the American Board in General Adult Psychiatry and Sleep Medicine. He will be involved in the teaching, clinical and research activities of the Department of Psychiatry, and will add a value towards establishing the residency program in the department.

Dr. Sally Temraz, Instructor of Clinical Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine
Dr. Temraz received her MD from Beirut Arab University in 2005. After graduation, she did three years of residency training in Internal Medicine in Hammoud Hospital, affiliated with Beirut Arab University (2005-2008), and three years of fellowship in Hematology-Oncology at AUBMC (2008-2011). She will be involved in teaching medical students and Hematology-Oncology fellows, in addition to her clinical and research activities in the Division of Hematology-Oncology.

Olayan School of Business (OSB)

Dr. Apaydin, Assistant Professor, Marketing, Management and Entrepreneurship
Dr. Apaydin holds a PhD degree in strategic management from the UWO (Canada), an MBA in Finance and International Business and an MA in Islamic Studies, both from UCLA, and an MsEE in Unmanned Aerial Vehicles from the LETI (Russia). Her research interests include business strategy, leadership, innovation, decision-making, M&A, international business, and social networks. She has published in the top academic journals such as J. of Management Studies, J. of World Business, J. of Management Development, and Intl J. of Emerging Markets. Dr. Apaydin taught strategy, innovation, international business, ethics, and business communications at AUC (Egypt), Sabanci U (Turkey), and SYSU (China) where she also developed and delivered workshops on the case method to professors and students. Dr. Apaydin has 20 years of professional experience in finance and consulting in several industries across Europe, the Middle East and the USA. She joins AUB from UNESCO (Paris) where she was the Deputy Director for Management of the World Heritage Centre. Dr. Apaydin has worked, consulted and taught in English, French, Italian, Russian, and Arabic.

Dr. Nadine Yehya, Assistant Professor, Marketing, Management and Entrepreneurship
Dr. Yehya holds a BBA (2000) and MBA (2001) from AUB and received her PhD from Purdue University in 2010. She has taught classes in advertising, persuasion, public speaking, and media literacy at Purdue University and Lasell College. She is interested in social and health marketing especially in health campaigns targeting underserved communities. She has presented her research in international conferences and earned the Alan Monroe Research Award.