



Arab-American Educational
Foundation Center for Arab Studies

College of Liberal Arts
and Social Sciences

Palestinian Literature

**Symposium in Honor of Palestinian-
American Poet Fady Joudah**



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**All panel sessions are located at Media
Commons Room 106, CLASS Building.**

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2026 Palestinian Literature Symposium
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Friday 10.09

9:30 AM

Light Breakfast and Coffee

10:00 AM

Introductory Remarks

Hanan Hammad (AAEF-CAS, University of Houston)

10:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Representation and Translation

The End of Palestine in English: Poetry, Erasure, and
Western Institutions *Rawad Wehbe* (University of Utah)

Disinterred Horizons, or, Palestinian Poetry from
“Without” *Nicolas-Bilal Urick* (University of Pennsylvania)

Translation and the Dilemmas of Representation in the
Palestinian Context *Ibrahim Badshah* (University of Houston)

11:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Break

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Arabic Modernism

Committed Translation in Arabic Modernism:
Literariness and the Persistence of Palestine in Arabic
Ward Awad (Princeton University)

“Here, Now”: Palestinian Speculative Fiction,
Disappearance, and Translation as Technology
Sarah Abu Rashed (Ohio State University)

Against Rhetoric: Mona Saudi and Tawālud in Stone
Dima Nasser (University of California, Berkeley)

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1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Lunch

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Textual Readings of Fady Joudah's [...]

'Where The children Headed': Silence and
Genocidespeak in [...]

Cindy Juyoung Ok (University of California Davis)

Fady Joudah and Formal Counterpoint

Christian Wessels (University of Rochester)

Fady Joudah's Spectropoetics in [...]

Iqra Raza (University of Houston)

Saturday 10.10

9:30 AM

Light Breakfast and Coffee

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Closed Group Discussion

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Break

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Cultural Resistance in Palestinian Literature

Who gets to speak? Exploring Palestinian voices and experiences in U.S. higher education through poetry
Zianab Bayanzay (University of Houston)

The Room, the Body, the Nation: Confinement and Witnessing in Contemporary Palestinian Women's Narratives
Rand Khalil (Texas A&M University)

Where the Archive Opens: Palestine as Method and Memory
Rima Abunasser (Texas Woman's University)

Closing Remarks & Lunch

With valuable participation from the following scholars:

Hosam Aboul-Ela (University of Houston)

Huda Fakhreddine (University of Pennsylvania)

Sue Ferguson (Wilfrid Laurier University)

Samar Zahrawi (Sam Houston State University)

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