

### Basic Information

Ancillary Unit's name	<u>Center for the Study of Muslim &amp; Arab Worlds (CSMAW)</u>
Director(s)	Dany Doueiri, Ph.D. (Director) Yasemin Dildar, Ph.D. (Associate Director)
Administrator to whom the unit reports	Rafik Mohamed, Ph.D. Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Purpose and current goals (as approved by Faculty Senate)	<p>The Center was established with the goal of becoming a world class teaching and research unit devoted to the study of Islamic and Arab cultures that will enhance the curriculum and serve as a model for the CSU and contribute to cross-cultural understanding in the community, nation, and international community.</p> <p>Mission statement (approved Oct. 5, 2020): <i>“The Center for the Study of Muslim &amp; Arab Worlds (CSMAW) is dedicated to broadening and decolonizing knowledge of the Muslim, <u>Islamicate</u>, and Arab worlds through teaching, research and community outreach.</i> <i>The Center is also dedicated to be inclusive of the study of all ethnic, religious, and cultural populations in what historically has been known as the Muslim and Arab worlds.”</i></p>

<b>Executive Board</b>	
<b>Member</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Ece Algan, Ph.D.	Communication Studies
Yasemin Dildar, Ph. D.	Economics
Dany Doueiri, Ph.D.	World Languages & Literature
Parastou Feiz, Ph.D.	English
Mahbuba Hammad, Ed.D.	World Languages & Literature
Hareem Khan, Ph.D.	Anthropology & Ethnic Studies
Ahlam Muhtaseb, Ph.D.	Communication Studies
Jamal Nassar, Ph.D. (ex officio member)	Dean Emeritus, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences / Professor Political Science
Shafiq Rahman, Ph.D.	Communication Studies
Cheryl Riggs, Ph.D.	History
Wendy Smith, Ph.D.	English
David Yagoubian, Ph.D.	History

**Activities during previous academic year (2020 – 2021)**

<b>Activity (please describe)</b>	<b>Funds spent</b>	<b>Goal advanced (and extent)</b>
<p>Public Event entitled “<u>Navigating Identities: But Where Do I Belong</u>”, co-organized with SMSU Cross Cultural Center and Interfaith Center on the intersectionality of identities among 3 female board members of CSMAW.</p> <p>10/08/2020</p>	<p>\$0</p>	<p>Speakers were Professors Manijeh Badiee, Ahlam Muhtaseb, and Wendy Smith.</p>
<p>Public Screening of the Film “<i>The Lobby USA</i>” followed by a panel discussion titled: <u>Academic Freedom, Censorship, and Oppression on US Campuses</u> with researcher and activist Caren Holmes.</p> <p>11/12/2020</p>	<p>\$0</p>	<p>More than 200 people benefitted from this event as the film reveals shocking details of how the Israeli lobby has been spying on, harassing, and attacking faculty and students across US campuses for their support of human rights for Palestinians.</p>
<p>A book discussion and lecture by world-renowned historian, Dr. Rashid Khalidi of Columbia University of his book: <i>The Hundred Years’ War on Palestine: A History of Settler Colonialism and Resistance, 1917–2017</i></p> <p>2/25/2021</p>	<p>\$3,000 (honorarium secured through an Intellectual Life grant)</p>	<p>The discussion took place on the StreamYard platform, with livestreaming on YouTube and Facebook. The attendance on YouTube reached over a hundred at the peak of the event, and had a reach of 1,700 people on Facebook. The Center received many appreciation emails from different audiences.</p>

<p>Co-hosting a Zoom Webinar titled: <b>“Academic Autonomy and Freedom in Turkey: The case of Boğaziçi University”</b></p> <p>3/4/2021</p>	<p>\$0</p>	<p>The webinar focused on academic autonomy and freedom for university students and faculty at Boğaziçi University in Turkey. It was attended by members of the CSUSB community along with participants from around the U.S. and Europe. The event was organized by many international groups.</p>
<p>Panel Discussion: <b>“COVID-19 in the Muslim World”</b>  Invited experts were: <b>Dr. Riaz Ali</b>, public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center, <b>Dr. Çağhan Kızıl</b>, Associate Professor of Neuroscience in Helmholtz Association of German Research Centers in Germany, <b>Diana Buttu</b>, a Palestinian-Canadian lawyer and human rights activist, and <b>Firass Abiad</b>, chairman of the board and general manager of the Rafik Hariri University Hospital.</p> <p>04/15/21</p>	<p>\$ 1,000 (honoraria for two of the speakers through Intellectual Life grant)</p>	<p>The panel discussed the COVID-19 situation in several regions of the Muslim world and included presentations and discussions.</p>
<p>A joint event titled: <b>“Engaging Arab &amp; Muslim students in social justice”</b>. Invited speaker: Hussam Ayloush, Executive Director of the Council on American Islamic Relations, Los Angeles.</p> <p>04/21/2021</p>	<p>\$0</p>	<p>This event was a collaborative effort with the SMSU Cross Cultural Center, the Interfaith Center, the Muslim Student Association, and the Center for the Study of Muslim &amp; Arab World. More than 100 people attended the program.</p>

<p>Co-hosting a Zoom Webinar titled: <b>“Interrogating Authoritarianism in the era of post-truth and populist leaders: Lessons from Turkey”</b>.</p> <p>April 29, 2021</p>	<p>\$0*</p>	<p>This event was moderated by Prof. Ece Algan with a panel of four experts about Turkey: <b>Melehat Kutun</b> (Einstein Fellow, Humboldt University, Berlin), <b>Naif Bezwan</b>, Senior Researcher, the University of Vienna, <b>Bermal Aydin</b>, an independent researcher, and <b>Tezcan Durna</b>, editor-in-chief, of the Uğur Mumcu Investigative Journalism Foundation (Turkey). This event took place with the help of a grant from Intellectual Life and the Academics for Peace North American Network.</p>
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\*An honoraria of \$1,500 has not yet been paid to speakers although secured externally by Prof. Ece Algan. Some accounting adjustments will take place during AY 2021-2022 and will be reflected in the report that will be submitted in October 2022.

<b>Use of funds</b>				
	Internal funds		External funds	
	Previous academic year	Current academic year (projected)	Previous academic year	Current academic year (projected)
A. Salaries	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
B. Assigned time	\$ 0.00	\$18,600.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,200.00
C. Telephone/fax	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
D. Office supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
E. Other	\$6,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 13,000.00
Total	\$6,500.00	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 19,200.00
<i>On a separate sheet, please itemize A., B., and E.: See below</i>				

## **EXPLANATION OF THE “USE OF FUNDS” TABLE:**

**A.** Salaries: The Center doesn't have any paid staff. Budget is \$0.

**B.** Three course assigned times (3 X \$6,200 = \$18,600) from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences for directing and co-directing the Center. One course assigned time (\$6,200) from Arab Studies Quarterly (ASQ) to co-chair the annual joint conference between the Center and ASQ. Due to a swapping in funds from AY 2020-2021, that was already approved by Dean Mohamed and Provost McMahan, this assigned time will come from Intellectual Life that has been deposited in the main CSMAW account.

**E.** \$6,500 was funded internally from several Intellectual Life grants. The \$3,000 is a projection of internal grants and sponsorship that members of the Center will apply for and solicit from several entities on campus. The \$13,000 is a non-state externally funded expense allocated for the joint conference in March 2022. This estimate is based on a similar cost of the joint conference that took place on campus in 2018. This funding is generated from membership and royalty dues, paid to the Center by Pluto Press, the publisher of Arab Studies Quarterly.

**Please also describe planned activities for the current academic year:**

*A. On Campus Events:*

The executive board agreed to conduct several events albeit the difficult economic situation and the relatively low rate of students present on campus. These events will occur virtually through Zoom or Youtube Live to reduce the cost of guest speakers. Yasemin Dildar (Associate Director) applied for an Intellectual Life grant to host an event about the recent events in Afghanistan. The grant was not received but the Center plans on proceeding with the event at a smaller scale. The Center will also be inviting renowned Palestinian artist, Sliman Mansour, to speak remotely to our campus community. The Center and the Department of Arts will be co-sponsoring his virtual visit. The Center will also organize some film screenings and at least one more guest speaker. The Center will also restart the Morrow McCombe Distinguished Lecturer Series. During the Spring of 2022, another event is planned entitled “Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality Project of Palestinian Oral History: Creative presentation” by Professor Suheil Dahddl of the American University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates. Estimated Budget: \$4000 (pending funding and support from ATI).

*B. Conference in Hawai'i:*

The Center will be conducting its second *Arab Studies Quarterly (ASQ) - CSMAW* joint conference in the Spring 2022. The conference was postponed twice (Fall 2020 and Fall 2021) due to the pandemic. It will be held at the University of Hawai'i in Manoa, on March 25-26, 2022, with help from Prof. Ibrahim Aoude, editor-in-chief of *Arab Studies Quarterly* and Professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of Hawai'i. The Doris Duke Foundation which owns the Shangri La Islamic Arts museum in Honolulu is a partner of the conference. Board members will be spending time planning and organizing the conference under the theme “Politics, Media, Art, & Culture in the Contemporary Arab World”.

*C. Funding for lectureship series:*

One board member is working on securing funds for a lectureship series on campus.

*D. External Grants:*

Board members will be submitting external/institutional grants to make-up for the total loss of our internal budget.

*E. Program Development:*

Board members will explore possibilities to expand the minor and certificate programs to the community (high school students, community colleges) and study the feasibility of expanding the program into a Bachelor's Degree. They will also work on coordinating schedule to increase enrollment and promote cooperation among the faculty.



*F. Social Media Presence:*

The center will work with a student assistant on promoting the Center on Social Media and expand its outreach.

*Dany Doueiri*

**Director Signature**

*Yasemin Dildar*

**(Co-)Director Signature**

<b>Unit Reporting Person recommendation</b>	
Name and title: Rafik Mohamed, Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences	
XX	Keep on active status.
	Move to probationary status.
	Move to inactive status.
<p style="background-color: yellow;">Recommendations and comments including the criteria and data reviewed. Please attach additional page(s) as necessary:</p>	



11-23-2021

**Unit Reporting Person Signature**

**Date**

<b>Educational Policy and Resources Committee recommendation (Only after 3 or 5 year review)</b>	
	Keep on active status.
	Move to probationary status.
	Move to inactive status.
<p style="background-color: yellow;">Recommendations and comments including the criteria and data reviewed. Please attach additional page(s) as necessary:</p>	

**EPRC Chair Signature**

**Date**

<b>Provost recommendation (Only after 3 or 5 year review)</b>	
	Keep on active status.
	Move to probationary status.
	Move to inactive status.

Recommendations and comments including the criteria and data reviewed. Please attach additional page(s) as necessary:

**Provost Signature**

**Date**

<b>President decision (Only after 3 or 5 year review)</b>	
	Keep on active status.
	Move to probationary status.
	Move to inactive status.
Recommendations and comments including the criteria and data reviewed. Please attach additional page(s) as necessary:	

**President Signature**

**Date**