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A REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Friday, April 29 – Saturday, April 30, 2016
Peace United Church of Christ · 900 High Street, Santa Cruz

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 29, 2016

Pre-Conference

UC SANTA CRUZ

2:00pm

Panel Presentation, Kresge College
(Lara Kiswani and Ilan Pappé)

3:30-4:30pm

BDS Demonstration at Base of Campus

Conference

PEACE UNITED CHURCH

5:30 – 6:30pm

Registration and Light Supper

6:30 – 7:00pm

Welcome, Music, Poetry

7:00 – 9:00pm

Plenary: “Displacement, Dispossession
and Diaspora” (Lara Kiswani and Ilan Pappé)

9:00pm

Book Signing

PLENARY SPEAKERS - continued

Ilan Pappé

is a historian and activist. He currently serves as professor with the College of Social Sciences and International Studies at the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom, director of the university's European Centre for Palestine Studies, and co-



director of the Exeter Centre for Ethno-Political Studies. Prior to coming to the UK, he was a senior lecturer in political science at the University of Haifa (1984–2007) and chair of the Emil Touma Institute for Palestinian and Israeli Studies in Haifa (2000–2008). He is the author of The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine (2006), The Modern Middle East (2005), A History of Modern Palestine: One Land, Two Peoples (2003), and Britain and the Arab-Israeli Conflict (1988). He was also a leading member of Hadash and was a candidate on the party list in the 1996 and 1999 Knesset elections.

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PLENARY SPEAKERS - continued

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Lara Kiswani

is a Palestinian born in the Bay Area. She has worked as a youth and adult educator, is a founding member of Students for Justice in Palestine, is currently a member of Al-Juthoor of the Arab Shatat, a local Palestinian folkloric dance troupe, and the Executive Director of the the Arab Resource and Organizing Center (AROC). AROC is a grassroots organization that works to empower and organize its members and community by participating in leadership development, political education, and campaigns including the Stop Urban Shield coalition and Block the Boat.



PEACE UNITED CHURCH

7:30 - 8:30am	Registration & Marketplace
8:30 - 9:00am	Welcome & Music
9:00 - 9:45am	Plenary: "Palestine and the Global Struggle for Justice" (Graylan Hagler)
9:45 - 10:30am	Plenary: "BDS: Steps and Goals" (Omar Barghouti)
10:45 - 11:45am	Workshop Cluster A
11:45am - 12:45pm	Lunch, Book Signing, Marketplace
12:45 - 1:15pm	Dance and Poetry
1:15 - 2:00pm	Plenary: "Empire, Kairos and the Call to the Church: Why Theology Matters" (Mark Braverman)
2:10 - 3:10pm	Workshop Cluster B
3:20- 4:20pm	Workshop Cluster C
4:30 - 5:00pm	Closing Celebration

WORKSHOPS

Cluster A

A-1

DON WAGNER

What is Christian Zionism?

Understand the theological arguments and political strategies behind unconditional Christian support for Israel. Learn the theological alternatives to this model.

A-2

CAROL SANDERS

Know Your Rights

Be prepared to protect yourself against tactics of intimidation, including anti-BDS legislation and repressive speech codes. Familiarize yourself with your free speech and protest rights.

A-3

KALI RUBAI

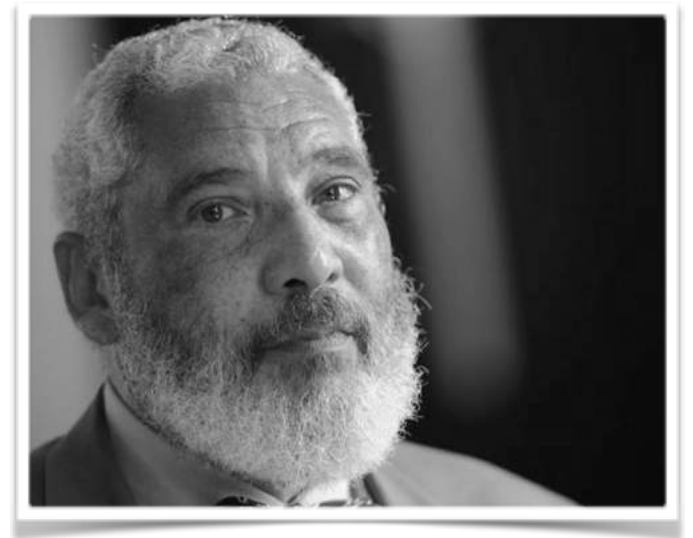
Child Detention and Trauma

Every night an average of 3 Palestinian children are removed from their beds by Israeli soldiers, taken to detention centers, and traumatized. Learn about the impact of the occupation on children living under occupation, and about the campaign to stop child detention.

PLENARY SPEAKERS - *continued*

Graylan Scott Hagler

is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He founded a congregation in Boston, Mass., in 1980, worked at community issues in his racially-divided neighborhood, and ran for mayor of that city in 1991. He moved to Washington, D.C., in 1992. He currently serves as the senior minister of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Washington, D.C. Hagler also serves as development director of the Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America (NACA), the largest neighborhood stabilization organization in the United States, which helps working-class people become homeowners. He is chaplain to Local 25, Washington, D.C. of the Hotel Employees, Restaurant Employees/UNITE. He is currently national president of Ministers for Racial, Social and Economic Justice, a national clergy organization within the UCC.



PLENARY SPEAKERS

Omar Barghouti

is an independent Palestinian researcher, commentator, and human rights activist committed to upholding international law and universal human rights. He is a founding member of the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) and the Palestinian Civil Society Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel. He is the author of [BDS: The Global Struggle for Palestinian Rights](#).



Mark Braverman

Trained in clinical psychology and crisis management, Mark Braverman devoted his professional career to working with groups and individuals undergoing traumatic stress. Raised in a Jewish home with strong religious observance and commitment to the State of Israel., he was transformed by a 2006 trip on which he witnessed the Israeli military occupation of Palestine. Since then, he has been closely involved in the growth of the international church movement to support the cause of Palestinian rights. He now serves as Program Director for [Kairos USA](#), a movement to unify and mobilize American Christians to take a prophetic stance for a just peace in Israel and Palestine.



WORKSHOPS

Cluster A - *continued*

A- 4

ROCHELLE GAUSS

Apartheid-Free Zones:

Launch An Effective BDS Campaign in Your Town

Towns and Counties all over the country are passing resolutions to boycott and divest from companies complicit in the occupation of Palestine, and in human rights violations worldwide. Santa Cruz can pass a resolution to become an Apartheid Free Zone, too! Learn how to get started.

A-5

HISHAM AHMED

Occupation 101: The Life of Occupation

In order to understand the underlying goals of BDS, first develop a basic understanding of life under military occupation from Gaza to Jerusalem to Haifa to Jenin, and all the rural villages in between. Checkpoints, concentration, refugee camps, home demolitions... but also *sumud*, steadfast celebration of daily life.

A-6

LARA KISWANI

The Right to Return

How do we engage in BDS efforts while amplifying the calls for self-determination and right of return? And how do we put these principles into practice, as allies, Arabs and Palestinians in diaspora?

WORKSHOPS

Cluster A - continued

A-7

JOEL BEININ

Israeli Society Now

Since May 2015 Israel has had an ultra-right wing government. Ministers of that democratically elected government incite racism, promote anti-democratic legislation, turn a blind eye to vigilante violence, and denounce human rights defenders as traitors. This is Israel, a society living in a time of ever increasing militarism, and one we should better understand in order to determine the right steps for attaining a just peace.

Cluster B

B-1

DAVE GRISHAW-JONES/DIANE WEIBLE

Get Your Local Church to Divest

Your denomination can divest, but your local church finance committee can work in parallel to divest from apartheid and occupation. Prepare to approach your church finance committee with tools for grassroots church organizing.

MUSICIANS & ARTISTS

Sara Friedlander - Mixed Media Artist

Featuring her piece:

Stonewalled in Jerusalem

Sara Friedlander was a therapist for 30 years and transitioned into a full-time artist twenty years ago. She works in mixed media, combining photography with painting and most recently with sculpture. Her project, "Stonewalled in

Jerusalem" emerged from a visit in 2011 to Israel, where she was struck by the history of trauma on both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which is embedded in the stone wall of The Old City and continues to haunt the present. Fearing that this shared grief isn't being discussed freely and that the shared pain isn't being expressed with compassion, she created an interactive installation to catalyze conversation and promote empathy. In the last 4 years her piece has been seen by thousands and their notes and prayers have helped to forge a more constructive dialogue.



MoveSpeakSpin Dance Troupe

Performing dances from **Mosaic: Dances on Peace, Justice, Culture, and Conflict in Palestine, Israel, and the Mideast**

Mosaic is a concert by Santa Cruz based MoveSpeakSpin and choreographer Karl Schaffer about peace, justice, culture, and conflict in the Middle East. Several short dances from *Mosaic: The Mourning After, Bombingham and Prisoner* will be performed at the conference. The dance

company co-directed by Schaffer has toured internationally for over 25 years and has received numerous grants from the NEA and other institutions for dance and choreography. Soloist **Maria Basile** was a nominee for the Isadora Duncan Award for best dance performance in the Bay Area. Additional performers include **Jane Real, Frankie Rivera,** and **Lila Salhov.**

MUSICIANS ARTISTS

Georges Lammam - Arabic Violin/Vocals

Georges was born in Beirut, Lebanon. He lived for 14 years in the United Arab Emirates and is well-known in the Middle East as well as the U.S. as a solo violinist excelling in improvisation and lyricism. His repertoire spans a wide range of Arabic music, from classical to contemporary popular songs. In addition, Mr. Lammam has a warm vocal style much in demand by Arab audiences. He is on the faculty of the Near East Music and Dance Camp in Mendocino.



Gabriel Navia - Guitarist

Gabriel was born into a musical family in Bolivia. Fusing flamenco, Cuban, Brazilian and Bolivian music to jazz, pop, rock, electronica and contemporary music, he has performed on many stages around the world in Asia, Europe, North and South America. Gabriel has participated and conducted workshops, lectures and clinics in the U.S. and Latin America since 2003 at educational institutions including Waldorf Schools in California, The Glass House of Stourbridge, West Midlands England, Instituto Eduardo Laredo and the Conservatorio Milan of Cochabamba, Bolivia.



Lorene Zarou-Zouzounis - Poet/Writer/Activist

Lorene, a Palestinian-American poet, writer, and human rights and peace activist, was born in Ramallah, Palestine. At age 5 Lorene, along with her family immigrated to the U.S., first settling in downtown Detroit, Michigan. Lorene published a poetry book titled Inquire Within in 1987, and writes poetry, prose, historical fiction children's books, and adult historical fiction/memoirs. Lorene's poems are published in nine anthologies--including The Poetry of Arab Women-A Contemporary Anthology, The Space Between our Footsteps-Art & Poetry from the Middle East, War After War-City Lights Review #5, Food for our Grandmothers, and Heartfire-Second Revolutionary Poets Brigade Anthology.

WORKSHOPS

Cluster B - continued

B-2

MARK BRAVERMAN

Beyond Interfaith Dialogue: Talking about Israel Today

As the movement for Palestinian rights gains momentum, the opposition has become more mobilized, organized and aggressive. A primary strategy for the opposition has been the accusation of anti-Semitism, and in particular the appeal to Christian guilt and feelings of responsibility for Jewish suffering. It is therefore even more important to equip Christians with the ability to engage in dialogue with one another as well as with Jews about Israel and the Palestinians without being shut down, intimidated, or sidetracked by this appeal to the status quo of "interfaith dialogue" or "reconciliation." We will discuss how the post WWII focus on Christian penitence and Jewish victimhood must shift to mutual responsibility to liberate both the victims and perpetrators of the Palestinian tragedy. We'll take up some historical, psychological and theological themes that bear on this critical issue.

B-3

DALIT BAUM

The Top Companies to Target

Learn all the details about the top three companies to target: their role in the occupation of Palestine, their presence in the United States, and methods for disrupting their contracts.

WORKSHOPS

Cluster B - continued

B-4

ILAN PAPPÉ

Ethnic Cleansing

Learn about the historical legacy of ethnic cleansing, from 1948 and 1967 to the lasting impact of the Oslo Accords, and the lasting role of the US and Europe.

B-5

SHARON WEILL

The "S" in BDS: Let's Talk about Sanctions

What is happening in the International Criminal Court to seek legal redress? Historically, how do sanctions interlock with boycott and divestment efforts?

B-6

ROCHELLE GAUSE

Power Mapping

Learn from FOSNA's national organizer, about the first step to excellent coalition building and BDS campaign organizing. This is "Organizing 101" for people who are new to BDS campaigns, but who want to do it right and well.

B-7

GRAYLAN SCOTT HAGLER

How to Gain and Mobilize Allies

An action-oriented interactive discussion to help gain allies, reach out to people of color and mobilize for change.

WORKSHOP LEADERS - continued

Ilan Pappé

Israeli Historian, Professor, University of Exeter, UK

Kali Rubaii

Ph.D. Candidate in Anthropology, UCSC, FOSNA Media & Internship Manager, lives and works in Palestine, Iraq, Jordan, and California, studies counterinsurgency regimes, temporality, and the ethics of death. She is a co-founder of the *Islah* Reparations Project, and served previously on the Rebuilding Alliance board.

Ehsaneh Sadr

Director of Strategic Partnerships at the Palestinian Business Committee for Peace and Reform where she educates American policymakers and the public about the needs, challenges, and successes of the Palestinian private sector.

Carol Sanders

Retired attorney, member of the Bay Area chapter of JVP. She works closely with Palestine Legal and attorneys from the National Lawyers Guild in supporting the rights of solidarity activists.

Don Wagner

Retired National Program Director of FOSNA and former director of the Center for Middle East Studies at North Park University. Considered the foremost academic authority on Christian Zionism, he has lectured and written widely on Christian Zionism, Palestinian rights, Christian-Muslim relations, and Middle Eastern Christianity.

Diane Weible

Conference Minister, Northern California-Nevada Conference, UCC, and a member of the Steering Committee of the UCC Palestine-Israel Network.

Sharon Weill

Lecturer and researcher in International Law at the University of Geneva and the Paris Institute of Political Studies. Currently, she is a visiting scholar at UC Berkeley.

WORKSHOP LEADERS

- Rae Abileah** Creative Human Rights Activist, former Co-Director of Codepink
- Hisham Ahmed** Professor of Politics at St. Mary's College, Moraga, CA
- Omar Barghouti** Independent Palestinian Researcher, Human Rights Activist
- Dalit Baum** Israeli BDS Activist; Director of the Middle East Program of the American Friends Service Committee, SF
- Joel Beinin** Donald J. McLachlan Professor of History and Professor of Middle East History at Stanford University. Past president of the Middle East Studies Association of North America (2002).
- Mark Braverman** Program Director for Kairos, USA
- Rochelle Gause** National Organizer, FOSNA. Rochelle has worked as Project Coordinator for the Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice.
- Dave Grishaw-Jones** Senior Minister, Peace United Church of Christ, Santa Cruz
- Graylan Scott Hagler** National President of Ministers for Racial Social and Economic Justice (MRSEJ) and Senior Minister of Plymouth Congregational Church in Washington, D.C.
- Lara Kiswani** Executive Director, Arab Research & Organizing Center
- Levi Larsen** Financial Consultant
- Sunaina Maira** Professor of Asian American Studies at the University of California, Davis. Her research and teaching focus on Asian and Arab American youth, citizenship, and popular culture. One of the founding organizers of the US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (USACBI).

WORKSHOPS

Cluster C

C-1

MARK BRAVERMAN

Kairos Theology and the Global Liberation Movement

The 2009 Palestine Kairos "Moment of Truth" document spurred the emergence of a global liberation movement, drawing on a legacy of modern liberation movements based on gospel principles of equality, universality, and compassion for the most vulnerable of society, notably in the central role of the churches in the black liberation movement and the anti-Apartheid movement. Kairos organizations have sprung up on every continent, articulating a kairos theology in response to the Palestinian call and standing firmly in their own liberation contexts. Palestine is a microcosm of global empire, bringing the global struggle for social and environment justice into sharper focus and guiding the further development of an ecumenical struggle and a theology for our time. We'll look at key documents and discuss the themes that guide and energize the growth of a global movement.

C-2

LEVI LARSEN

Clean Up Your Personal Portfolio

Pensions, IRAs, Mutual Funds, and Personal Portfolios... withdrawing your own unwitting investments in the Israeli occupation of Palestine can be confusing. Come hear tips from a financial professional who can help focus on top companies, as well as know the limits of informed investment.

WORKSHOPS

Cluster C - continued

C-3

DALIT BAUM

Boycotting Militarism

BDS is not all about Palestine. It is about the intimate connections that unite all people oppressed by corporations and military regimes. The call for liberation through BDS is a call by each of us, seeking to live in a world free from militarism. Learn about the coalitions that are forming as people seek to demilitarize their communities from Ferguson to Oakland to Santa Cruz.

C-4

SUNAINA MAIRA

Academic and Cultural Boycott

Why do we need an academic and cultural boycott of Israel? How are these boycotts different from economic boycott and divestment? This workshop will discuss the use of the boycott as an organizing tool and its impact on the academic and cultural spheres in the US; offer suggestions and strategic advice for students, scholars and community activists; as well as share reflections on the campaign in the American Studies Association and others organized by USACBI (the US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel).

WORKSHOPS

Cluster C - continued

C-5

ROCHELLE GAUSE

A Local Campaign Model: Berkeley

Activists in Berkeley have pushed for an Apartheid Free Zone resolution. Come hear about recent developments, lessons learned, and ways in which this municipal campaign can be a model for Santa Cruz.

C-6

RAE ABILEAH

Brand Israel

Come learn about “washing”: pinkwashing, greenwashing, and other strategies for distracting from the violence of the occupation by framing Israel as a benevolent state. Learn beautiful strategies to expose and combat Israel's branding.

C-7

EHSANEH SADR

What about Positive Investment vs. BDS?

The information, arguments, and resources activists may need to counter arguments about BDS hurting the Palestinian economy or positive investment being a preferred alternative to divestment.