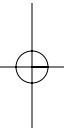


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Report of Activities 2000-2001



The American University in Cairo

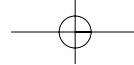
The American University in Cairo was founded in 1919 and is an independent, non-profit institution. It is incorporated in the USA and accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Since it was established in an Ottoman revival mansion adjacent to Tahrir Square, in the heart of down-town Cairo, it has expanded to include other buildings in the immediate area. FMRS will move to the fifth floor of the Old Falaki Building, two blocks south of the main AUC administration building.

AUC operates within the framework of a 1975 protocol with the Egyptian government which, in turn, is based on a cultural relations agreement signed between the Egyptian government and the United States government in 1962. A little more than half of the budget for the university derives from academic tuition payments, and another 24 percent comes from endowments and contributions.

Three academic division—the School of Business, Economics and Communication; the School of Humanities and Social Sciences; and the School of Sciences and Engineering—offer bachelor's and master's degree programs. Special programs are supported through the Center for Adult and Continuing Education and the Desert Development Center. The Social Research Center supports and conducts training and research in the social sciences.

The Library, the largest English language facility in Egypt, has 266,000 volumes and 2,400 current periodical subscriptions.

AUC has an international faculty and student body, with around 84 percent of degree students being Egyptian. In Fall 1997, AUC had 3,632 students registered for undergraduate degrees, 647 students registered for master's degrees, and 299 students in non-degree academic programs. A further 10,609 students were registered in the Center for Adult and Continuing Education. The teaching faculty consists of 286 full-time faculty and 179 part-time faculty.



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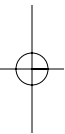
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Message From The President



I am pleased to congratulate the Program in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies on a splendid first year. Not only did the Diploma program exceed all expectations for enrollment, but it attracted to the university a dazzling array of visitors and researchers from all over the world. This is only proper given Egypt's central place as a haven of safety and stability on the edge of three of the world's worst refugee crises, in Palestine, the Sudan, and the Horn of Africa, and AUC's place as a genuinely international university in the heart of one of the world's great cities. We are grateful to the directors, Cyrus Reed and Anita Fábos, for their hard work and especially to Dr. Barbara Harrell-Bond, our visiting professor and consultant, for her untiring efforts to build this important program that brings together so many of our interests. We especially want to thank the Mellon and Ford Foundations for their generous support to establishing this program, and to the Danish government and the International Organization for Migration for providing fellowships.

John D. Gerhart

Message From The Provost

The plight of refugees worldwide, and especially in this region, is one of the most tragic issues of our time and all indications are that the problem will only get worse. Efforts by private agencies and governments to address the complex humanitarian, political and economic dimensions of the crisis have so far proved inadequate. The numbers of refugees and other forced migrants continue to grow and the deficiencies of already strained resources are increasingly apparent. For these compelling reasons the American University in Cairo has initiated the Graduate Diploma in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies. AUC's location and distinguished faculty in such fields as African Studies, Middle East Studies, Anthropology, Political Science, Psychology and Sociology enable the university to ensure that ours will be an exceptionally high quality program. The success of the first year of the Diploma in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies highlights our expectations for even greater achievements in the years ahead.



Earl (Tim) Sullivan

Message From The Director



I was appointed as director of FMRS midway through its first year, taking over from Wm. Cyrus Reed, director of the Office of African Studies and the founder and principal grantwriter for the program. Cy envisioned FMRS as a program that would actively incorporate research and outreach into its teaching activities, and I am enthusiastic for the opportunity to develop this vision in this time of upheaval and transformation affecting our region.

Our first Report of Activities is written against the backdrop of the Al-Quds Intifada, which has once again brought up international concerns with the right of Palestinian refugees to return home. Situated as we are in Egypt, our program benefits from the high degree of awareness in the region of issues relating to Palestinians in the diaspora. However, there is much less appreciation of the problems of non-Palestinian refugees in the countries of the Middle East, a deficiency that we hope to address through our activities over the coming years.

The countries of the Arab Middle East are in dire need of a humane policy towards refugees. To date, only Egypt and Yemen are signatories to the 1951 Convention, and the Arab League's own convention on refugee rights has remained unratified. Yet patterns of forced migration are steadily enmeshing the Middle East in regional and international entanglements, forcing individual states to rethink their participation in the international refugee regime. Egypt, for example, is being considered for the role of 'safe country,' which is directly related to its position in the southern Mediterranean and its history of providing a conduit for refugees from Africa. The regional character of FMRS inspires us to address such developments in addition to state policies and circumstances regarding forced migrants and refugees.

The immigration regime in these countries is no more humane; despite the large percentage of Arab labor migrants working abroad, treatment of labor migrants from other countries is often harsh and immigrant workers' rights unprotected. The human rights movement in the Arab world has made huge strides towards putting the rights of citizens on national agendas, but the rights of refugees and immigrants remain marginal to its concerns. As part of our outreach activities, we seek to collaborate with organizations working in the areas of social affairs and human rights, encouraging them to add refugees and other non-citizens to their agenda of improving services and protecting rights.

I salute all of the individuals—students, faculty, and staff—for their tremendous efforts in building such a strong foundation for a responsive and responsible program that makes a useful contribution to our understanding of forced migration in a rapidly changing region. Finally, I'd like to thank our departing Program Administrator, Pat Victorson, for her moral commitment and dedication to FMRS and for the gargantuan task of setting up the program's entire administration. We all wish you well.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Anita Fábos". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Anita Fábos

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

FMRS **Mission Statement**

The Forced Migration and Refugee Studies Program (FMRS) at the American University in Cairo (AUC) offers a multi-disciplinary graduate diploma. Central to the program is an effort to incorporate the experience of displacement and exile from the viewpoint of refugees and other forced migrants. FMRS supports teaching, research, and service activities that promote a growing appreciation of the social, economic, cultural and political relevance of



forced migration to academics, the wide range of practitioners involved and the general public. While maintaining a global and comparative perspective, FMRS focuses on the particular issues and circumstances facing African, Middle Eastern and Mediterranean peoples.

Institutional Structure

A Joint Steering Committee (JSC) governs the Forced Migration and Refugee Studies Program. The JSC makes decisions concerning the teaching program, including admission of students, curriculum planning and advising students. The JSC also charts policy and approves small grants for curriculum/staff development, research and internships awarded from FMRS grant funds.

The Director of FMRS, who is a member of the JSC, is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the FMRS program. Serving on the JSC in 2000-2001 were the Chair of Political Science, Dr. Enid Hill; Co-chair Dr. Rabab Abdulhadi from the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology, and Egyptology (SAPE), and Dr. Nicholas Hopkins, dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. Additional members were Drs. Nancy Peterson and Dan Tschirgi of SAPE and Political Science respectively; Dr. Barbara Harrell-Bond, the program consultant; Dr. Hoda Rashad, Director of the Social Research Center; and Dr. William Cyrus Reed. At mid-year, Dr. Anita Fábos joined the JSC as FMRS Director, replacing Dr. Reed, who has taken a leave of absence.

Funding

FMRS depends on a wide range of donors for its research and training activities. FMRS is grateful to all its donors who have provided flexible core support grants which emphasized program development and research. These grants have also enabled FMRS to expand its computer and software support, add new professional staff and provide support for researchers to formulate new research projects and training programs.

The Andrew Mellon and Ford Foundations provide major funding for the graduate program in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies, while additional research funds came from the Social Research Center.

Scholarships were provided by AUC African Fellowships, the International Organization for Migration, the Danish Embassy and other private donors. The AUC work/study program also provided funds for FMRS students.

Library

Sohila Hussein manages AUC's specialized collection of published and unpublished documents on forced migration. In January 2001 Ms. Hussein spent one week training at the University of Oxford's Refugee Studies Center in special collections management. Martha Plettner, director of Technology Services at the AUC Library, visited Oxford twice in May 2000 and April 2001 to join in meetings on the Forced Migration Portal Project.



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Diploma Program

Graduate Diploma in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies

The core of AUC's FMRS Program is a two-semester multi-disciplinary post-graduate Diploma in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies. The diploma is designed to meet the needs of persons who currently work in this field, are planning to enter it, or whose research interests are issues of forced migration in Africa, the Middle East and the Mediterranean region.

The subject matter of the diploma includes refugees who seek asylum from war and persecution and the even greater numbers forcibly uprooted by war, aggression and civil disorder but who remain trapped within the boundaries of their state (IDP's). In addition, the situations of those permanently uprooted by development projects such as hydroelectric dams, and those whose livelihoods rely on mobility (a nomadic way of life) and are forced to settle are considered.

Policy-makers, humanitarians and researchers need to understand 'the politics of the causes' as well as the 'politics of policies' of both the host and donor states. Those working in this field also must have a thorough knowledge of international human rights standards and refugee law. Additionally, they must appreciate the unique psychological dimensions of experiences of persecution, torture, loss, flight and adaptation. To meet these educational challenges, specialized courses in sociology, anthropology, human rights/refugee law, political science and psychology are offered.

The diploma requires six courses. In 2001-2002 courses in refugee law and psychosocial issues will be added to the existing core course requirements of 'Introduction to Forced Migration' and 'Issues in Forced Migration.' The program may be completed in two semesters or part-time.

Students

Six full-time and ten part-time students were enrolled in the diploma Program in 2000-2001. In addition, ten students from other MA programs and five auditors took the diploma courses as electives. The students came from Canada, Egypt, Nigeria, Spain, the Sudan, Uganda and the United States. During this year as well, four students pursued internships with organization outside Egypt.



FMRS Student Internships 2000-2001

Kevin DeJesus, interned at Gaza Community Mental Health Project to observe the psychosocial adaptation of Palestinian children.

Juliet Nandawula Lubega, will carry out an AIDS and infectious disease prevention program for adolescents in Kibondo District for Tanzanian Christian Refugee Services (TCRS).

Isabel Cara Martin, is working in Spain with Malaga Acoge, an NGO assisting refugees and migrants from the Magreb and other regions.

Jimmy Obomba, is interning in Lebanon, writing up testimonies for asylum seekers at the Ad-hoc Committee for the Assistance of Non-Palestinian Asylum Seeker/Refugees.

Guest lecturers

Guest lecturers for the core course: 'Issues in Forced Migration,' were:

Dr. Mark Walkup, Bureau of Population, Migration, and Refugees, U.S. Department of State, on the culture of humanitarian organizations

Dr. C. Jeya Henry, Head of Food Sciences and Nutrition, Oxford Brookes University and Research Fellow, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, on nutrition in humanitarian crises

Chris Dolan, ACORD, on refugee livelihoods

Hussein Fahim, on development induced displacement

Research

Research Funded through the Social Research Center (SRC)

Research in the FMRS Program has been carried out with the support of AUC's Social Research Center (SRC), which funded projects related to citizenship and identity, reproductive health in refugees, Nubian displacement, economic aspects of urban refugee populations and the response of international intergovernmental organizations to issues related to refugees and forced migrants.

Visiting Scholars

At the invitation of the FMRS in collaboration with the Social Research Center, economist Dr. Tom Kuhlman prepared a proposal for a study of the livelihood and survival strategies of refugees as well as other forced migrants in Middle Eastern and African cities. As a first project, an ethnographic study of the livelihood strategies of certain refugee populations in Cairo is planned.

FMRS Visiting Fellows

FMRS has unpaid fellowship opportunities for graduate students and others who wish to gain experience with refugees in Cairo.

Jill Brennick, Columbia University's Program on Forced Migration and Health, worked with Dr. Liz Coker in a project dealing with the dynamics of family relationships among refugees and reproductive health behavior.

Esther Dingemans, University of Amsterdam, assisted Dr. Nancy Peterson in the implementation of a psychosocial program to improve the school attendance, educational progress and behavioral adjustment of refugee children living in the greater Cairo area.

Gudrun Kroner, Ph.D. Candidate in Anthropology at the University of Austria conducted a study of Somali women.

Stephanie Akuei, Ph.D. Candidate at the University College London, carried out research among the Dinka populations in Cairo, London and San Diego and the ways in which the Dinka, representing some 23 subgroups, conceptualize and manage the arduous process of flight and settlement as a means of survival. Specifically, this study looked at both the practical aspects of seeking refuge across and within multiple geopolitical, social and cultural terrains as well as how actors are engaged cognitively and subjectively in coping with their experiences of war and forced displacement.

Outreach

Legal Assistance Volunteers

Since July 2000 FMRS has been providing legal assistance to refugees and asylum seekers. Cases for asylum or appeals against rejection of ninety-eight Sierra Leoneans, sixty Liberians and some one hundred others from Afghanistan, Burundi, Djibouti, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Syria, Sudan and Turkey have been prepared for submission to UNHCR, the organization in Cairo that determines refugee status. Gina Bekker (South



Africa), Lucrezia Botton (Italy), Laura Clauson (USA), Janice Granados (Denmark), Monica Hjelm (Denmark), Fabienne Le Houérou (France), Lidia Kiorkis (USA), Gudrun Kroner (Austria), Lotte Lenears (Belgium), Caroline Moorehead (UK), Jimmy Obomba (Uganda), Mark Pallis (UK), Lyncdall Passerini (Italy), Aurelia Perrier (France) and Natasha Yacoub (Australia), all volunteered for the legal assistance project.

Short Course: Ethnicity, Nationalism and the New Racism, January 21-25, 2001

Dr. Eftixia Voutira, Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies, University of Macedonia, Thessalonica, Greece.

Dr. Voutira presented an anthropological approach to the study of identity and membership in the context of forced migration, focusing on current academic debates on nationalism, regionalism and ethnicity as key determinants of group identity and belonging.

Seventy-five participants from local universities, government, embassies and NGOs attended. Initiating a new collaboration, faculty from the University of East London joined in the course and the accompanying series of presentations on NGOs and the refugee situation in Cairo.

Workshops, Seminars & Lectures

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Workshops

Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Egypt

Organized by FMRS in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Refugee Secretariat, Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, this workshop explored the policy and institutional framework required to address the needs of refugees in line with best practice. Chaired by Mr. Jose Pires, IOM, the workshop featured guest speaker Justice Geoffrey Care, chair, International Association of Refugee Law Judges. Invitees included representatives of governments and inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations.

The Rights of Citizenship in Egypt – Basics and Complications

In cooperation with the Centre for Egyptian Women's Legal Assistance and AUC's Social Research Center, FMRS sponsored a workshop examining the problems of statelessness in Egypt. The workshop was one of a series of seven planned in the Middle East as part of a project, 'The Phenomenon of Statelessness in the Arabic Region,' designed by Dr. Abbas Shiblaq. Problems faced by children in societies in which paternity determines citizenship, the particular difficulties of Palestinian refugees in Egypt, and the efforts by civil society, governmental and international bodies to confront the issue of statelessness were discussed.

Refugee and Reproductive Health in Cairo Workshop

Anita Fábos and Liz Coker brought together anthropologists and health care workers from Egyptian universities and NGOs to consider reproductive health issues in urban refugee populations. Consultant Dr. Sandra D. Lane (project director 'Healthy Start,' Syracuse, NY, and associate professor of medical anthropology at SUNY—Syracuse) led discussions, as an agenda for future collaboration was mapped out.

Conference of the Working Group on the Reconstruction of War-Torn Communities

The Working Group on the Reconstruction of War-Torn Communities involves collaboration of researchers from AUC, Helwan University (Cairo), the Population Council/MEAwards and the Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA). Focusing on the Middle East and Eastern and Southern Africa, a three-day workshop sought to identify key issues. Scholars from Canada, Egypt, Germany, Iran, Lebanon, Netherlands, Pakistan, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the Sudan, the United Kingdom and the USA presented papers. FMRS provided financial support for participants from South Africa and the Sudan to attend the conference.

Intergovernmental Organizations Seminars

In collaboration with the Social Research Center, Cherine Derbala (FMRS research associate) organized a series of seminars that examined the responses of international organizations to the needs of refugees and other forced migrants. In addition, descriptive and critical academic literature on each organization was collected and catalogued as part of the FMRS library collection. Participants included:

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Mr. Jose Pires, Regional Director, IOM

International Labor Organization (ILO)

Mr. Willem Van Eekelen, Labor Specialist, Egypt

United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)

Dr. Lex Takkenburg, Senior Legal Advisor, Syria

United Nations Fund for Children (UNICEF)

Dr. Leila Bisharat, Country Representative, Egypt

UN Development Programme (UNDP)

Mr. Edmund Cain, Country Coordinator, Egypt

Guardians of Chaos: 50 years of UN, by Michael Ignatieff

Documentary film on Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali as Secretary General of United Nations

Panel Discussion: Dr. Leila Bisharat, UNICEF, and Mr. Willem Van Eekelen, ILO

World Food Program (WFP)

Dr. Carlos Scaramello, Humanitarian Assistance Advisor, Rome

The Arab League

Ambassador Kamal Said, Head of Palestinian Affairs

United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM)

Marguerite Garling, Representative in Kenya

World Health Organization (WHO)

Dr. Abdel Aziz Saleh, Deputy Regional Director, Egypt

United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)

Mr. Vincent Cochetel, Legal Advisor, Egypt

Lecture Series



'The Elusive Peace in the Middle East'

Dr. Walid Kazziha, Professor of Political Science, AUC; Dr. Abdel Moneim Said, Deputy Director of Al-Ahram Center for Strategic Studies, and Mr. Khader Shkirat, Palestinian LAW Society. Co-sponsored with the Office of Public Relations.

'Forum for Sierra Leonean Refugees'

Dr. Cecil Blake, Department of Communication Studies, University of Nebraska

'Refugees and Responsibility'

Co-sponsored by the Office of Equal Employment and Affirmative Action

'Truth or Dare: The Asylum Seeker's Nightmare'

Justice Geoffrey Care, Chair, International Association of Refugee Law Judges. Co-sponsored with the Department of Political Science

'Contract Slavery: Female Sri Lankan Domestic Labor in Lebanon'

Dr. Ray Jureidini, Associate Professor, American University in Beirut
Nayla Mourkabel, Behavioral and Social Sciences, American University in Beirut

'Multiculturalism and Cultural Sensitivity: Promoting a Multicultural Society'

H. E. Celso de Souza, Brazilian Ambassador to Egypt. Co-sponsored with the Office of Equal Employment and Affirmative Action

'Displaced Categories: Anomaly, Difference and the New World Order'

Dr. Seteney Shami, Program Director, Social Science Research Council

'The Culture of Humanitarian Assistance'

Dr. Mark Walkup, Bureau of Population, Migration and Refugees, US Department of State

'Economic and Social Rights of Refugees'

Ms. Gina Bekker, Instructor, Department of Political Science.

'Rethinking Palestinians Abroad as Diaspora'

Dr. Sari Hanafi, Senior Researcher, Le Centre d'Etudes et de Documentation (CEDEJ) and Director, Shaml Center

'Irregular Migration: Some Insights into a Global Phenomenon'

Mr. Charles Harns, Head, Technical Cooperation Unit, Migration Management Services, International Organization for Migration, Geneva

‘Forced Migration in Central Asia’

Mr. Omar Tarek, FMRS Assistant Administrator, MA. Political Science, AUC

‘45 Years of Refugee Resettlement in the U.S.: Hungarian Reminiscences’

Dr. Julius Gy.Fábos, Professor Emeritus, University of Massachusetts/Amherst, and Professor Barbara Harrell-Bond, Distinguished Adjunct Professor, AUC

‘Who Are The Kurds?’

Screening of documentary ‘Good Kurd, Bad Kurd’ by Journalist Kevin McKieran.

Discussant: Ms. Maggy Zanger, Lecturer, Mass Communications

‘The Biology of Human Starvation: Lessons for the 21st Century’

Dr. C. Jeya Henry, Head of Food Sciences and Nutrition, Oxford Brookes University and Research Fellow, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

‘Repatriation of Ethiopian Refugees From Sudan’

Dr. Fabienne Le Houerou, Historian, CEDEJ, Cairo

‘Muslim Relief NGOs: Humanitarian Assistance and Cultural Diversity’

Mr. Jerome Bellion-Jourdan, French Department, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University

‘The U.S. Resettlement Program: A Practitioner’s Point of View’

Ms. Lori Seymour, Operations Officer, International Organization for Migration, New York Mission

Panel Discussion on Palestine: ‘The Jerusalem Intifada: Gender Dynamics and Palestinian Politics’

Penny Johnson, Women’s Studies Center, Birzeit University, Dr. Rabab Abdulhadi, and Dr. Martina Rieker. Co-sponsored with the Institute for Gender and Women’s Studies and Middle East Studies

‘Victim-Offender Mediation’

Dr. Jukka-Pekka Takala, National Research Institute of Legal Policy, Helsinki, Finland

‘Palestinian Identity: Diasporic, Historic and Contingent Constituents’

Dr. Rashid Khalidi, Professor of History, Center for International Studies, University of Chicago, and Past President, Middle East Studies Association

Other Events

- *FMRS hosted in October a working luncheon at AUC for representatives of UNHCR, the IOM, and the Egyptian government to discuss an agenda for collaboration relating to local refugee issues*
- *On January 29, 2001 Mona Makram Ebeid, Professor of Political Science and former member of Parliament organized a breakfast honoring Prince El Hassan bin Talal of Jordan, President of the Club of Rome and a leading humanitarian advocate for refugee issues*
- *FMRS also hosted the annual meeting and luncheon of the Board of Advisors for the publication Forced Migration Review on April 2, 2001*
- *Through a community outreach program that aims to make the knowledge and resources of the university and FMRS more easily available to the Egyptian community, visiting scholars Mark Walkup and C. Jeya Henry traveled to Suez Canal University to lecture on humanitarian assistance and nutrition to the Faculty of Medicine*

FACULTY & STAFF

2000-2001

Affiliated Faculty

Dr. Rabab Abdulhadi

Assistant Professor of Sociology
Ph. D., Yale University

Dr. Jean Allain

Assistant Professor of Political Science
& Public International Law
Ph.D., University of Geneva

Ms. Gina Bekker

Adjunct Instructor, Political Science
L.L.D., University of Pretoria

Dr. Elizabeth Bishop

Assistant Professor of Political Science
Ph.D., University of Chicago

Dr. Elizabeth Coker

Assistant Professor of Psychology
Ph.D., Case Western Reserve University

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Ph.D., Temple University

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FMRS Catalog Representative

Ms. Martha Plettner

Director, AOC Library Technology Services

Ms. Pat Victorson

Program Administrator

Faculty Activities

Rabab Ibrahim Abdulhadi presented the keynote speech, 'Understanding Global Issues: Women, Health and Development,' at the Yale Center for International and Area Studies Summer Institute. In October she attended the workshop on Palestinian Return Migration in Ramallah where she spoke on 'Palestinian-ness and the New Citizenship,' and later, the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., where she participated in the roundtable 'Politics and Identity.' She also spoke on 'Gender and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: The Politics of Women's Resistance' at the Building Cultures of Peace Lecture Series, Ramapo College, and was discussant and presenter at the Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (Johannesburg). She received FMRS grants to pursue research for publication on 'The Cultures of Resistance and the Post-Colonial State' in Palestine and Lebanon and was an organizer of the FMRS co-sponsored conference on the Reconstruction of War-Torn Communities.

Jean Allain attended the Forced Migration summer school at York University (Toronto) in June 2000 and, with Barbara Harrell-Bond, visited the Canadian government's refugee program as well as NGO's. He also traveled to Uganda and Ghana to learn about refugees in these countries. In December, he attended a seminar on Legal Aid for Refugees in Budapest, Hungary. In January 2001, he delivered a paper entitled, 'Insisting on the Jus Cogens Nature of Non-Refoulement' at the Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration in Johannesburg, South Africa. An expanded version of this paper has been accepted for publication in the International Journal of Refugee Law.

Liz Coker received a research grant from the Social Research Center to develop a research agenda/proposal to study issues of sexuality, fertility and access to reproductive health care among urban refugees in the Cairo area. Results of this preliminary study were presented at the Washington meeting of the Reproductive Health for Refugees Consortium, 'Conference 2000: Findings on Reproductive Health of Refugees and Displaced Populations.' Since then, she has continued the research with interviews and focus groups among Sudanese refugees seeking health care in Cairo. Dr. Coker, with Dr. Anita Fábos, organized a workshop aimed at increasing collaboration in research and training among persons and institutions involved in providing reproductive health services for refugees in the Cairo area.

Curtis Doebbler taught the FMRS course on international human rights law. In October he attended the conference on Human Rights Education sponsored by the Cairo Institute on Human Rights. In February 2001 he opened the Bidoon Workshop in Egypt with a presentation on issues of statelessness in international law.

Anita Fábos co-taught the FMRS core courses with Barbara Harrell-Bond and was appointed as Director of FMRS in January 2001. She presented papers this year at the workshop on Cities and Citizenship organized by the Social Science Research Council, Bogazici University in Istanbul and at the 7th International Association for Middle East Studies Congress, Berlin, based on her research on citizenship, gender and Sudanese forced migrants in Cairo. She received two research grants (The Population Council/MEAwards and an FMRS faculty grant) for a project entitled "Egyptian Perceptions of Forced Migrants in Cairo: National Identity and Hosting the 'Other'." With Liz Coker, she organized a conference to stimulate research efforts on refugee reproductive health. She has also been named to the advisory board of the *Forced Migration Review*.

Ferial J. Ghazoul has been selected as a member of the International Advisory Board for the Conference on Forced Migration, 'Causes, Consequences and Responses', to be held at the University of Bath in September 2002. The conference will include documentation and analysis of political and cultural representations of forced migration and a comparison of different policy approaches to forced migrations with an assessment of their efficiency. Dr. Ghazoul plans to present a paper entitled 'Palestinians Writing Refuge and Exile.'

Barbara Harrell-Bond served as consultant to the FMRS program. In collaboration with Dr. Anita Fábos she taught the sequential core courses, 'Introduction to Forced Migration and Refugee Studies,' and 'Issues in Forced Migration.' She also served as examiner of a proposal for a course on the anthropology of refugees at the University of East London and is an external examiner of the Refugee Studies Program, at the WITS University in Johannesburg. In May-June 2000 she lectured at Columbia University and spoke at a conference commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the UNHCR, sponsored by Center for Migration Studies, Staten Island. She taught at the Refugee Law Course, York University, Toronto, and with Jean Allain visited Canadian government and NGO offices involved with refugees. Assisted by Pat Victorson, Cherine Derbala, Ahmed Si-Abdalla and Ahmed Refky, she began the compilation of a database of IGOs, NGOs, funders and individuals involved or potentially interested in the problems of refugees and forced migrants in Egypt and the Middle East. In the fall she attended conferences sponsored by the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services and the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, the latter on Human Rights Education. She traveled twice to Beirut this year, attending a conference on Migrant Labor sponsored by Caritas and lecturing at the American University. She also visited NGOs concerned with non-Palestinian refugee issues. In February she attended the conference on 'The Future of Palestinian Refugees under the Current Peace Process,' organized by the Cairo Institute of

Human Rights Studies, the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network and the Moroccan Organization for Human Rights in Rabat, (Morocco), and a workshop on 'Refugee and Displaced Women and Children,' arranged by the Organization for Defending Victims of Violence and Hami Women's NGO, in Tehran (Iran).

In June, in Nairobi, at a Kenya Refugee Consortium/UNIFEM sponsored conference on 'Working for Refugee Rights: The Role of NGOs,' she facilitated two sessions on legal aid work.

It was decided to form an African network on Refugee/IDP protection to be hosted by Makerere University Refugee Law Project.

Enid Hill designed a new masters concentration in International Human Rights Law, which can be taken in conjunction with the FMRS diploma. As co-chair of the FMRS Joint Steering Committee she has overseen the development of a legal assistance and training program and has been the lynchpin of the UEL/AUC partnership in Forced Migration. In May she participated in a conference on law in the Arab world in Washington, D.C.

Nancy Peterson engaged in teaching, clinical work and research, as well as being Psychology Unit Head and member of the Joint Steering Committee for FMRS. She was elected Chair of the Faculty Senate for the Academic Year 2001-2002. In the past year, Peterson designed and taught a course for the FMRS Diploma Program entitled 'Psychosocial Issues in Forced Migration.' She also began two research projects. The first project, conducted with FMRS Visiting Fellow Esther Dingemans of the Netherlands, involves assessment of barriers to educational access for Sudanese refugee children living in Cairo. The second project focuses on identity construction for Palestinian young adults living in Egypt. Other activities included participating in a workshop entitled, 'The Refugee Experience' and a conference entitled 'Management of Complex Humanitarian Emergencies: Focus on Women and Children,' the latter in Cleveland, Ohio. During the mid-year break, Peterson traveled to Nepal, where she visited Tibetan refugee camps and conducted a feasibility study for future psychosocial research with Tibetan families. With a faculty development grant from FMRS, she will continue a similar line of investigation during summer 2001, studying psychosocial programming for Tibetan refugees in Dharamsala, India.

Martha Plettner served as FMRS library liaison. As a member of the Oxford Portal Planning Team, a project that is attempting to make all digitized and electronic information concerning Forced Migration and Refugee Studies easily available through a single source, she attended meetings in Oxford in May 2000 and April 2001. She was a presenter at the IASFM Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa (January 2001) and attended the initial meetings in September 2000 of the Advisory Committee for the Database of African Theses and Dissertation project, which is based at the African Association of Universities in Accra, Ghana. She presented a paper entitled 'The Implementation of Arabic Script in the OPAC' at the Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Library Association Conference in November 2000.

Wm. Cyrus Reed is the founding director of FMRS and wrote two multi-year grants to the Ford Foundation and the Andrew Mellon Foundation that provided core funding for FMRS and shepherded the proposal to establish FMRS through the University Senate. He also worked closely with the Population Council to initiate a related project to examine the reconstruction of war-torn societies in Africa and the Middle East. He was instrumental in recruiting Barbara Harrell-Bond as a visiting faculty member to AUC. In addition to his project responsibilities, Reed participated in two panels on forced migration at the annual meetings of the International Studies Association in Chicago, and presented his research on international relations in Africa at the annual meetings of the African Studies Association. His publications included a co-authored chapter in *African Contemporary Record on Egypt*. Dr. Reed is currently on leave from AUC and is serving as the director of the International Trade Division of the Indiana Department of Commerce, where he oversees the operation of the state's overseas offices.

Maggy Zanger has been involved in research on the concept of 'safe havens,' particularly in the Kurdish context, and on perceptions of Palestinian issues communicated in the media. A presenter at the IASFM conference in January 2001, she also introduced a film on the Kurds as part of the FMRS lecture series. She is designing a new course on the role of the media in humanitarian emergencies.



7th Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration

Nine FMRS members participated in the Johannesburg conference in January 2001. Papers were presented by Jean Allain, Maggy Zanger, Martha Plettner and Rabab Abdulhadi. Director Anita Fábos led an AUC panel presentation on forced migration and refugee studies in Cairo. To learn about the refugee situation in South Africa, visits were paid to the University of Witwatersrand, UNCHR regional offices (Pretoria), Soweto, Lindela Detention Center, Home Affairs Refugee Office, University of Capetown Legal Clinic, Lawyers for Human Rights (Pretoria), Trauma Center for Victims of Violence and Torture (Capetown), Southern Migration Project and Robben Island Memorial.

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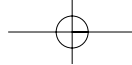
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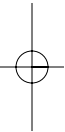
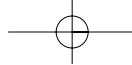
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Looking Ahead

- A short course on 'Refugee and Human Rights Laws (with twenty scholarships available for refugees) is planned for July 2001.
- In August 2001, 'Adapting to a New Environment: The Challenge to Refugee Women' will be offered. The latter course will be organized in collaboration with Ma'an, a Sudanese Women's Support Group.
- FMRS will move to new quarters in September 2001. Sharing these facilities will be the Office of African Studies, the Institute for Gender and Women's Studies, and the new Center for Arab International Studies.
- Ongoing research will continue to address fundamental questions of citizenship, identity and statelessness in addition to urban refugee issues, access and barriers to education, refugee livelihood and refugee rights.
- A more encompassing curriculum that requires courses in refugee law and psychosocial issues will strengthen the diploma program.
- In partnership with the Refugee Studies Program of the University of East London, FMRS is planning a conference on the 'Right of Return'.
- Participation in the Forced Migration Portal Project, organized by the Refugee Studies Center, University of Oxford, will expand the world wide knowledge database in this field to include materials in Arabic.
- Fellowships for students from abroad will offer enriching opportunities for research and practical training.







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