UPCOMING EVENTS

September 5-8, 2014
David Dumke, Director of PMBF Program
Topic: American Experience in Saudi Arabia
Location: Asheville, North Carolina

September 18, 2014
Dr. Larry Rubin, Author of Islam in the Balance: Ideational Threats in Arab Politics
Media Event, Community Meetings
Location: University of Central Florida

September 22-23, 2014
Dr. Ebada Sarhan, President of Future University, Egypt
Media Event, Community Meetings
Location: University of Central Florida

October 2014
Hollings Center & PMBF Conference
Topic: High and Dry: Addressing the Middle East Water Challenge
Location: Washington, D.C.

FEATURED SPEAKER
Dr. Larry Rubin

Lawrence Rubin is an assistant professor in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at the Georgia Institute of Technology and a faculty affiliate of the Center for International Strategy, Technology, and Policy. His research interests include Middle East politics and international security with a specific focus on Islam and politics, Arab foreign policies and nuclear proliferation. He has conducted research in Morocco, Egypt, Israel, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen.


For his complete biography, please visit our website by clicking here.
The PMBF Program is proud to announce the newest publication of “Water and the Middle East” by Middle East expert and former congressional advisor Howard Diamond. The publication, written as a memo to congress, explains many of the intricate problems countries in the Middle East region face regarding water resources. This publication is part of the ongoing PMBF water initiative. The PMBF program is committed to research that is solution oriented and has lasting impact. To view this publication or find out more about this exciting initiative, please click here.

The Hollings Center for International Dialogue and the PMBF Program recently published a report entitled “High and Dry: Addressing the Middle East Water Challenge.” A product of the conference co-sponsored by the PMBF Program and the Hollings Center last May in Istanbul, Turkey, the report summarizes discussions and offers recommendations for the public and private sector. The conference featured over 30 experts and is part of the PMBF Program’s water initiative. To view this report, please click here.

For additional publications and reports, please visit our website by clicking here.
MIDDLE EAST LUNCHEON SERIES

The PMBF Program is pleased to partner with the Middle Eastern Studies Program at UCF in sponsoring the Middle East Luncheon series. As student involvement is one of the cornerstones of the PMBF Program, our newest undertaking, the Middle East Luncheon Series, is one way students who would like to discuss ideas and news, or simply learn more about the Middle East region, can come together to explore these topics. Beginning this month the PMBF Program along with the Middle Eastern Studies Program, will host our first Luncheon Series on September 23, 2014 from 12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m. These discussions will be facilitated by experts in the Middle East region. We invite students to bring their lunch, their ideas and a fresh mind to converse on topics that are relevant to the region today. If you are interested in attending please RSVP by September 20, 2014 to:

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THE ARAMCO EXPERIENCE
An Oral History Project

The Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd Program continues to film the American Experience in Saudi Arabia series. This oral history project explores the American experience in the Eastern Province, focusing primarily on individuals now residing in Florida who previously worked for Saudi Aramco. The goal of this project is to record the experiences of individuals who lived and worked in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during times of profound social, economic and political change. A final edited version of these interviews will be compiled into a documentary-style video.