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My Fulbright Pre-Academic Program in Massachusetts

**By: Jyhene Kebsi, Tunisia,
St. Thomas, Saint Paul, 2010-2012**



I have really enjoyed the pre-academic program at the International Language Institute of Massachusetts. Indeed, attending the program has enabled me to meet students from all over the world and to interact with Fulbrighters from Colombia, Ukraine, Chad, Nigeria, Afghanistan and Burkina Faso. This enriching multicultural environment has deepened my awareness of the world's cultural diversity. In order to transmit my belief in the importance of differences and varieties, I gave a presentation discussing dialogue across religions and civilizations. Its aim was to enhance students' awareness of the possibility of a harmonious coexistence between people having different religious beliefs. Being a champion of dialogue across civilizations and global mutual understanding, I wanted this

presentation to be the first step of my involvement in the student community in the U.S. It is worth revealing that the merits of my stay in Massachusetts are not confined to the cultural and humanitarian levels.

Please check out the rest of Jyhene's article and other current student updates on [State Alumni!](#)

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My Experience as a Fulbright Student

By: Yasmin Snounu, Gaza, 2009-2011

My experience here in the United States has been such a unique and exceptional one: starting from the first month in the pre- academic program at UC- Davis in California, continuing with my participation in different conferences and events organized by U.S. universities in various states, and ending with residing in Michigan for my graduate studies at Eastern Michigan University (EMU). I met many international and American students with whom I keep strong relationships despite the fact that everyone was finalized at different universities. The Fulbright scholarship is a great opportunity for my personal and academic life, as it continues to shape my professional identity and make my experience at Eastern Michigan University very valuable and unique. I am really thankful that I have such wonderful professors, whose experience in education is very rich and incredibly impressive. Every day I learn something new and now I see things from a wider scope. Learning and teaching the English language is more than words, expressions and sentences to use for communication; it is a lifestyle, a set of accumulated knowledge and cultural diversity.



Please check out the rest of Yasmin's article and other current student updates on [State Alumni!](#)

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Fulbright Alumnus Learns Lessons in

Peacebuilding

By: Fadi Rabieh, West Bank, 2006-2008

Fulbright alumnus Fadi Rabieh participated in a training course entitled “Capacity Building in Local Organizations” from June 14 to 18, 2010 at the Summer Peacebuilding Institute at Eastern Mennonite University in Virginia as a Fulbright Alumni Development Grant recipient. The course is aimed at providing participants with theories, tools, and frameworks in order to develop their organizational understanding and capacity. The activities throughout the course varied from simulations, lectures, presentations, and discussions. The course also included students from various countries and cultures, which added to the diversity and richness of the discussions.

Please check out the rest of Fadi’s story and other alumni updates on [State Alumni!](#)

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STATE ALUMNI is the official website for more than 1,000,000 alumni of exchange programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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