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Cultural Experiences

By Rasha Salib, Jordan, 2011-2013

My name is Rasha Salib. I am a Jordanian Fulbright student currently enrolled in the Masters of Arts in Clinical Psychology program at Pepperdine University with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy. Let me start my story by saying that I am extremely enthusiastic and honored to be writing an article about my experiences thus far here in the United States, the land of promise and opportunity. As a child, and later as an adult, I have always dreamt of pursuing my education in the United States. Now, my dream has finally turned into a reality.

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

Moroccan Cinema at UCSB

By Ouidyane El Ouardoui, Morocco, 2009-2013

This year has been very productive for me. I have presented pieces of my research in two different conferences, one in Honolulu, Hawaii, and the other in Tucson, Arizona. I have also started engaging in event planning. I co-organized screenings of international films at the graduate housing at San Clemente in Santa Barbara, California, in the spring of 2011. I was in charge of providing the films, which were mostly Egyptian, as well as advertising for the event.

More importantly, I organized a visit to the University of Santa Barbara for one of my former Moroccan professors, Najib Bounahai, who was also my advisor during my Master's program back in Kenitra. The aim of the visit, which also occurred in the spring of 2011, was to deliver a presentation on "Moroccan Cinema and the Political Reform." I worked on this seminar event for six months. The most challenging part was ensuring sponsorship from different university offices. I first contacted the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center (IHC) and provided them with the professor's CV and a detailed outline of the event. After receiving the IHC's approval to co-sponsor the event, I contacted the Film and Media Studies, Global Studies and Religious Studies departments as well as the Multicultural Center.

Please check out the rest of Ouidyane's article on [State Alumni!](#)

Connecticut Swan

By Iman Al-Salihi, Iraq, 2010-2012



This summer I worked with Shakespeare on the Sound, a theatrical company that produces Shakespearean plays with 21st century music and dance. The company's two performances of *Much Ado About Nothing* took place in Rowayton and Greenwich, Connecticut. We used parks in those two cities to put on the show with an eighteen wheeler as the stage. It blew my mind.

Please check out the rest of Iman's article on [State Alumni!](#)



Announcements

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