

## MOHAMMED ABU-NIMER

### PERSONAL BACKGROUND

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### EDUCATION

YEAR	INSTITUTE	SUBJECT	DEGREE	
1989-1993	George Mason University	Conflict Resolution	Ph.D.	Fairfax, VA
1984-1987	Hebrew University	Education	Master	Jerusalem
1981-1984	Hebrew University	Sociology and Edu.	Bachelor	Jerusalem
1983-1984	Neve Shalom School	Facilitation training	Certificate	Jerusalem

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1997-present **Assistant Professor**, School of International Service (SIS), International Peace and Conflict Resolution, American University, Washington DC.
- 1997-present **Associate Faculty**, Conflict Transformation Program, Summer Institute, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA.
- 2003-present **Visiting Professor**, United Nations University, Costa Rica
- 1993-1997 **Assistant Professor in Sociology**, Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- 1996-1997 **Associate Faculty**, Conflict Resolution Program, McGregor School of Antioch University, Yellow Spring, Ohio.

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2000- present **Director of Peacebuilding and Development Institute**, School of International Service, American University.
- 1997-present **Director of The Conflict Resolution Skills Institutes**, School of International Service, International Peace and Conflict Resolution Program, American University.
- 2002- Present **Director and Founder of Salam: Peacebuilding and Justice Institute**
- 1995-1997 **Director of the Conflict Resolution Resource Center**, Guilford College, Greensboro, NC.
- 1995 **Coordinator of the Peace and Conflict Studies**, Guilford College.
- 1989-1992 **Research Assistant**, Center for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University, VA.
- 1992-1993 **Curriculum Developer (with Macro International)**, Silver Spring, MD.
- 1987-1989 **Program Coordinator:** Arab-Jewish Relations in Arab Schools, Van Leer Institution, Jerusalem.
- 1984-1988 **Senior Counselor and Trainer**, Institute for Arab-Jewish Education for Co-Existence.

### HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

## MOHAMMED ABU-NIMER

- 2005 Morton Deutsch Award 2005, from the Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence, Division 48 of the American Psychological Association, for contribution to the field of peacebuilding and conflict resolution.
- 2004 Faculty Research Award for summer 2004, for interfaith project in the Middle East.
- 2004 Principle investigator for Cypriots Youth Community Leadership and Peace. AMIDEAST (Summer Peacebuilding and Development, American University).
- 2004 Awarded as the principle investigator a research grant on School for Peace, Neveshalom/Wahat Al Salam, Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat Al Salam Switzerland.
- 2003 Outstanding Teaching Award in Full Time Appointment for 2002-2003
- 2003 Nominated for University Faculty Award for Outstanding Full Time Appointment
- 2003 Teaching Excellence Award, American Political Science Association.
- 2002-2003 Visiting Fellowship at the Joan B. Kroc Institute, Notre Dame University.
- 2001-2003 Principle investigator for a grant provided by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Citizen Exchange office (USA), on: Uneasy Partners: Amalgamating Human Rights and Peace in Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.
- 2001-2002 United States Institute for Peace (USIP). Solicited. A research grant on Peacebuilding and Islam.
- 1999-2000 Visiting Research Fellow, Harry Truman Institute for the Advancement of Peace.
- 2001 American University, Faculty Development Funds, Developed new course on Reconciliation, Summer 2001.
- 2000 SIS, Faculty Development Funds, Field Research on Conflict Resolution and Culture.
- 1995-97 Annual Kenan Grant for Faculty Development, Guilford College, NC
- 1996 Fellowship from the American Research Center in Egypt, New York, 1996-97.
- 1991 Dissertation Grant, The Ford Foundation: The Middle East Division of Individual Grants, New York, 1991-93.
- 1991 A "Peace Scholar" Award-USIP (United States Institute for Peace), Washington, D.C, September 1991-September 1992.
- 1990 Graduate Fellowship, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, 1990-1992.
- 1989 Fellowship from USIFE (United States-Israel Foundation for Education), Tel-Aviv, July 1989-July 1991.
- 1987 Cum Laude, Hebrew University

## MAJOR PUBLICATIONS:

### DISSERTATION

Conflict Resolution Between Arabs and Jews in Israel: A Study of Six Intervention Models, George Mason University, VA, May 1993.

### Journal Editor

## MOHAMMED ABU-NIMER

2001- present. Cofounder and Co editor of Journal of Peace building and Development  
Volume 1. No. 1 and 2, 2003                      Volume 2, No. 3 2006  
Volume 2. No. 1 and 2, 2004                      Volume 3. No. 1 and 2, 2006

### BOOKS

Modern Islamic Thought: Dynamic, Not Static. (Eds.) Said Abdul Aziz, Mohammed Abu-Nimer, and Meena Sharify-Funk. New York. Routledge Press. 2006.  
Interfaith Peacebuilding and Dialogue in the Middle East: From Sacred to Political. Mohammed Abu-Nimer, Amal Khoury, and Emily Welty (under review by USIP).  
Nonviolence and Peacebuilding in Islamic: Theory and Practice. Gainesville, FL.: University Press of Florida, 2003.  
Positive Approaches for Peace. (Eds.) Cynthia Sampson. Mohammed Abu-Nimer. Claudia Liebler. Washington DC: PACT publications, 2003.  
Reconciliation, Coexistence, and Justice: Theory and Practice. (Ed.) New York: Rowman & Little Field, 2001.  
Traditions and Transitions in Israel Studies: (Books on Israel, Volume 6), edited by Laura Zittrain Eisenberg, Neil Caplan, Naomi B. Sokoloff and Mohammed Abu-Nimer. 2002.  
Dialogue, Conflict Resolution and Change: Arab-Jewish Encounters in Israel, SUNY Press, Spring 1999

### ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS:

“We make Friends with Our Enemies.” Yale Israel Journal, Special Issue on Israel Palestine Elections, 2006  
“Religion, Dialogue, and Nonviolence Actions in Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.” *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society* Vol. 17, No. 3 (Spring 2004).  
“Change Through Dialogue: The Case of Arab-Jewish Encounters in Israel.” Journal of Social Issues (Special Issue on: Improving Arab-Jewish Relations in Israel: Theory and Practice in Coexistence Education Programs, 60 (2) 2004.  
“Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue in the Second Intifada: between Despair and Hope.” *Global Dialogue.* vol. 4, no. 3, summer 2002, 130-1143.  
“Another Voice Against the War” The Arab World Geographer Vol. 4, no.2, 2001 (pp. 15-18).  
“Conflict Resolution, Culture, and Religion: Toward a Training Model of Interreligious Peacebuilding.” Journal of Peace Research, Vol. 38, No. 6, 2000, pp. 685-704.  
“A Framework for Nonviolence and Peacebuilding in Islam.” Journal of Law and Religion. (Vol. 15 no1 and 2, 2001).  
“Peace-Building in Postsettlement: Challenges for Israeli and Palestinian Peace Education. Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology, Vol. 6 No. 1, 2000 (1-21).  
“Conflict Resolution Training in The Middle East: Lessons To Be Learned. International Negotiation: A Journal of Theory and Practice, Special Issue on International Training of Conflict Resolution, 3:99-116, 1998.  
“Conflict Resolution and Islam: Some Conceptual Questions”. Peace and Change, Vol. 21, January,

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1996 (22-40).

“Conflict Resolution Approaches: Western and Middle Eastern Lessons and Possibilities.” American Journal of Economics and Sociology, Vol. 55, No. 1. January, 1996 (pp.35-52).

### ARTICLES IN EDITED BOOKS

“Bridging Conflict Resolution and Human Rights: Promises and Challenges.” In: Human Rights and Conflict Resolution . (Eds.). Julie Mertus and Jeff Helsing (Eds.) Washington DC: USIP April 2006.

“Nonviolent Action in Israel and Palestine: A Growing Force.” In: Bridging the Divide: Peacebuilding in Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. (Eds.). Edy Kaufman, Walid Salem, and Juliette Verhoeven. New York: Lynne Rienner, 2006.

“Peace Education in a Bilingual and Bi-ethnic School for Palestinians and Jews in Israel: Lessons and Challenges” Ilham Nasser and Mohammed Abu-Nimer . In: Educational Response to Conflict: Systemic issues. Mcmillan Palgrave (Eds). Zvi Bekerman. (Forthcoming 2006)

“Nonviolent Action in Israel Palestine.” In Peace and Conflict Resolution In Israel-Palestine: Success Stories. European Center for Conflict Prevention. 2004. (Also Translated into Italian)

"Pax Americana and the Bush Doctrine in the Middle East: An Arab Post-Iraq War Perspective" in *War and Border Crossings*. (ed.) Peter French Rowman and Littlefield , MD. 2005.

“Federalism in Islam: Principles and Values.” In: Federalism Tool for Conflict Management in multicultural societies with regard to the conflicts in the Middle East Thomas Fleiner. The Institute of Federalism Fribourg, Switzerland. (Forthcoming)

(With Amal Houry) “September 11 and the Palestinian Reaction: No Win.” In Multiple Voices. Notre Dame University. Scott Appleby and Abdul Rasheid Omar (Forthcoming).

“Toward the Theory and Practice of Positive Approaches to Peacebuilding.” In: Positive Approaches for Peace. (Eds.) Cynthia Sampson. Mohammed Abu-Nimer. Claudia Liebler. Washington DC: PACT publications, 2003.

(With Amal Houry and Lynn Kunkle). The Muslim World Reacts to September 11. History Behind The

Headlines. The Origins of Conflicts Worldwide. Vol. 5. (Ed) Nancy Matuzak. New York: Thompson Gale. (pp. 209-244)

“Seeking Justice and Reconciliation through Arab-Jewish Coexistence Encounters in Israel.” In Reconciliation in Global Perspective: Theory and Practice. (Ed.) Alice Akermann. (Washington, DC: USIP, Forthcoming 2004).

“The Miracles of Transformation through Interfaith Dialogue: Are you a Believer?” in: Interfaith Dialogue. (Ed) David Smock. Washington DC.: USIP, 2002.

“Reconciliation and Justice in Arab-Jewish Dialogue in Israel: Potential and Challenges”. Reconciliation, Justice, and Coexistence: Theory and Practice. Mohammed Abu-Nimer (Ed.) New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2001.

“Conflict Resolution in Islamic context.” Conflict Resolution in Islam. Abdul Aziz Said, Nathan Funk and Ayse Kadayifci (Eds.), Lanham and New York: University Press of America, 2001.

“Contrasts in Conflict Management in Cleveland and Palestine.” Traditional Cures For Modern Conflicts: African Conflict “Medicine”. William Zartman (ed.), Boulder, CO.: Lynne Rienners,

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2000.

- Abu-Nimer, M. and Sharoni, Shimon. "The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." Understanding The Contemporary Middle East. (Ed.) Deborah Gerner, Boulder, CO.: Lynne Rienner, (2000 and 2004).
- "Dialogue and National Consensus: Israeli and Palestinian Peace Activists Pre-Madrid Conference: Dilemmas of Israeli and Palestinian Peace Activists." Books on Israel, K. Avruch (Ed.), New York: SUNY Press, 1997.
- "Conflict Resolution Between Arabs and Jews in Israel: A Case of Change and Control." in Education in Divided Societies (Ed.) Peter Lemish, Haifa, Israel, 1996.

### **BOOK REVIEWS AND FORWARDS**

- A Forward for Michelle Le Baron. Bridging Cultural Conflicts. Jossey-Bass, San Francisco 2003.
- Palestinian Citizens in an Ethnic Jewish State: Identities in Conflict. Nadim Rouhana (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1997). A book review for the Journal of Palestinian Studies, Spring 2001.
- A forward for Women and Interethnic Dialogue. Special series on dialogue by International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR). 2001.
- Culture and Conflict Resolution. Kevin Avruch (Washington, DC.: USIP, 1998). A book review for Peace and Change, Vol. 26, No.1, January 2000, 106-108.
- On the Margin: The Arab Population in Israel's Economy, By Aziz Haider (New York St. Martin's Press, 1995) A book review for the Journal of Middle East Studies, Vol. 4. No. 3, 1998.
- Building Peace in the Middle East: Challenges for States and Civil Societies. By Elise Boulding. A book Review in DOMES (Digest of Middle East Studies), Volume 3, No. 2 Spring 1994 (pp. 29-36).

### **GENERAL PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS**

- "Forum for Intercultural Dialogue in Egypt: A Five Years Assessment." A Report compiled for CEOSS (Coptic Evangelical Social Service), 2006.
- "Role of Religion in Peace Processes: Christian and Muslim Interfaith and Peacebuilding Organizations in Balkan and Great Lakes." (With Ayse Kadayfci and Tsjard) report presented to Netherlands Foreign Ministry and Clingendale Institute).
- "Muslim Peace and Interfaith organizations in Balkan and Great Lakes: An Assessment." (with Ayse Kadayfci) Presented to Netherlands Foreign Ministry and Clingendale Institute.
- "Arab Jewish public Library Project: An Evaluation Report". Doroub Center for Leadership and training Galilee, Israel. November, 2005. (with Ilham Nasser)
- Neve Shalom/Wahat Al Salam, School for Peace: An Evaluation Report on Bilingual Education and Peace, 1994-2004) (A Grant administered by Center for Global Peace-SIS, AU), 2005.
- "Ten Years of Seeds of Peace: An Evaluation Report (1993-2005)." (Social Impact Washington DC. 2005).
- "Integrating Peacebuilding and Development in Area Development Program of Sarangani, Mindanao." An Evaluation report for World Vision Foundation, Philippines. 2004.
- "We the Peacemakers: Teach-In to Congress for Middle East Peace." In Tikkon Magazine: A critique of Politics, Culture, and Society. July/August 2004.
- Interfaith Peacebuilding Guide. A Training Manual sponsored by URI: United Religious Initiative.

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- (with Claudia Leibler, Barbara Hartford, and Susana McIlwaine Cynthia Sampson .[www.uri.org](http://www.uri.org))  
“Interfaith Dialogue in Israel-Palestine: Why It matters.” In: *Waging Peace A Two-Part Discussion of Religion-Based Peacemaking*. National Cathedral and USIP. 2003.
- “Tolerance and Pluralism in Palestinian School Text Books.” A report for Israeli Palestinian Center for Research and Information (IPCRI). 2003. (With Salem Awaies).
- “Graduate Peace Education Curriculum.” Designed (with Mary King) a proposed peace education graduate program, United Nations Peace University. Costa Rica. April, 2003.
- “Values of peacebuilding and nonviolence in Islam.” *The American Muslim* (Online Journal) [www.theamericanmuslim.org](http://www.theamericanmuslim.org) 2002.
- “Peacebuilding in Development Context: CRS in Morocco.” A feasibility study, August 2000.
- “Intercommunity and Intracommunity Peacebuilding Projects in Sri Lanka.” A special report for CARE and IMTD, 1999.
- Mohammed Abu-Nimer and Tala’t Kaisi. Introduction to Conflict Resolution, Lebanese Center for Public Policy Studies, 1999 (Arabic). (A manual and edited book: translated and compiled)
- “Peacebuilding and Justice in Islamic Context.” A special paper for Catholic Relief Services, 1999.
- “Muslim, Christian, and Jewish Youth Summer Camp.” A Report on including Muslim youth in interreligious summer camp, for E Pluribus Unum Project, 1999.
- J. Rife, M. Abu-Nimer, And R. Bailey. *Americorps Cross Cultural Education Service System: An Annual Report Program*, Greensboro, NC 1996 and 1997.
- “Non-Western Approaches to Conflict Resolution: Lessons from A Workshop in Gaza.” COPRED Peace Chronicle, Vol. 20, NO. 1, March 1995.
- Conflict Resolution Skills: A Training Manual, Part 1 and 2. Developed for the U.S. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) Under the: Community Partnership Training Program, Silver Spring, Maryland, 1993. (Community Partnership in Office for Substance Abuse and Prevention).
- J. Montville, J. Winkler, A. Marshal, D. Garner, M. Wihelm, M. Abu-Nimer, and H. Merwe. Assessment of Opportunities and Considerations for Palestinian-Israeli Cooperation DAI (Development Alternative Incorporation), Bethesda, Maryland, 1992.
- Abu-Nimer, M. and Robinson Victor. “Who Are these Crazy People who Support Saddam?” Capitol Area Peace Studies Chronicle Vo. 2, No. 8. Jan. 1991.
- Ilham Nasser and Mohammed Abu-Nimer Masuliaty (My Responsibility), The Institute for Education for Co-Existence Between Arabs and Jews in Israel, Jerusalem, 1986. (Arabic)
- Abu-Nimer, M. and Nasser, I., A Handbook For Social Education Activities. (Translated from Hebrew to Arabic) (By: Abraham Himo, 1985),1988.

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- “We Make Peace With Our Enemies.” *Al Ahram Weekly*, 16-22, 2006, Issue No. 786;
- “Islam and the West: can interfaith dialogue perform a miracle?”, *Al Arab Online* February 21, 2006; *Search For Common Ground News*, February , 14, 2006;
- “Viewpoint: Let go of CPT peace workers in Iraq!” *Middle East Times*. December 9, 2005.; *Al Quds Newspaper*. December 10, 2005. *Al-Hayat Newspaper*, 12, 10, 2006.

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- "Speak and act before it is too late." *Peace & Conflict Monitor*, United Nation University for Peace (UPEACE-12/15/2005). Also Appeared in Alhayat 12/5/2005; Associate Press; Middle East Times, (12/9/2005 and 12/15/2005); Al Quds Newspaper (12/12/2005); Search For Common Ground News.
- "Nonviolence Values and Principles in Islam." Fellowship Reconciliation Magazine, September-October, 2004
- "Nonviolence is in Sync with Islam" Al-Hayat newspaper (Arabic and English). August 29, 2003. (Also Middle East Times, Spet. 5, 2003)
- "Nonviolent Voices in Israel and Palestine." Policy Brief #9, June 2002. The Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame
- "Genug ist genug!" *Konflikte und Friedensarbeit*, No. 20, July 2002 (German Magazine).
- "Where are all the Moderates?" *Newsday*, April 14, 2002.
- "Islam: el mensaje mal descrito" *La Vanguardia*, December 2001.
- "Another Voice Against the War" *International Studies Association*, Newsletter December 2001.
- "A Time For Change" *Cauxmunique*, December 2001.
- "Otra voz contra la guerra" *La Vanguardia*, No.43, September 22, 2001 (Major Newspaper in Spain- 500,000 Copies Circulation).
- "Attacks Could be Long Term Mistake" *American Weekly*, Vol. 5, no. 5, September 25, 2001
- "Islamic Principles and Values of Peacemaking" *Cantilevers*, Vol. 7, Winter 1999-2000
- "Another Voice Against the War" *International Studies Association*, Newsletter December 2001

## MEDIA (SELECTED LIST OF RADIO, TV, AND NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS)

- Special Interview, Speaking of Faith. WAMU, March 16, 2006  
<http://speakingoffaith.publicradio.org/programs/twonarratives/index.shtml>
- Sri Lanka Daily Mirror Interview, Sri Lanka, March 23, 2006
- Israeli Arabic Radio Show. US Foreign Policy . April 10, 2006
- Interview international Affairs Forum. Online Magazine. (1/10/2005)
- Voice of America, discussed Iraq Constitution, 10, 26, 2005
- Fox News. Israeli-Palestinian Negotiation and Elections, Morning Show, 5/19/ 2005
- Arabia News . Commentator on Palestinian Elections. And Inaugural events January 21, 2005
- Washington Post Interview , Religion Section.
- NPR. WBUR-Boston. On Point, a nationally syndicated public radio program. On Arafat Death. 1104/2004.
- Interview in Peace Work Newspaper. American Peace Teacher: Stop Violation of Dignity, Denial of Basic rights to Restore Harmony. Zamboanga City , Mindanao. June 2, 2004.
- Interview with Journal News. "Arab Professor Speaks for Peace." Hamilton , Cincinnati. October 22, 2004.
- Open University, UK program on Islamic Conflict Resolution. A Multimedia Curriculum.
- Live radio talk show :The Other face/Perspective. Arab Voice in Israel . August 3, 2004; (Elections in USA) November 2, 2004

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Arabic, Hebrew, and English.