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OCCUPATION:

Visual Artist working in the fields of Painting, Drawing and Documentary Filmmaking

EDUCATION:

1983 M.F.A. in Painting and Drawing, University of Houston, Houston, Texas

1979 B.A. in Art, C.U.N.Y., Baccalaureate Program, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York

DOCUMENTARY FILMS COMPLETED:

. WOUNDS OF THE HEART: AN ARTIST AND HER NATION
Documentary 52 minutes. SittingCrow Productions. Released April 2009.

. THE PRESENCE OF ABSENCE IN THE RUINS OF KAFR BIR'IM

Documentary. 60 minutes. SittingCrow Productions. Released November 2007.

DOCUMENTARY FILMS IN PROGRESS:

. FORGOTTEN SURVIVORS: MEMORIES OF A FADING GENERATION

Documentary. SittingCrow Productions. Anticipated completion TBA.

. A POET'S ÉYE: THE PHOTOGRAPHIC WORK OF RÛLA HALAWANI

Documentary. SittingCrow Productions. Anticipated completion TBA.

. DESIRE AND REISTANCE IN CONTEMPORARY PALESTINIAN ART

Documentary. SittingCrow Productions. Anticipated completion TBA.

THE AESTHETICS OF RESISTANCE IN PALESTINIAN FOLKLORIC DANCE

Documentary. SittingCrow Productions. Anticipated completion TBA.

VIDEO ARCHIVES:

FORGOTTEN SURVIVORS: ARCHIVE OF INTERVIEWS I CONDUCTED WITH SURVIVORS OF THE ETHNIC CLEANSING OF PALESTINE.

http://www.sittingcrowproductions.com/Archive FS.html

ARCHIVE OF INTERVIEWS I CONDUCTED WITH PALESTINIAN ARTISTS.

http://www.sittingcrowproductions.com/Archive_AI.html

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS OF PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS:

2011 LANDSCAPES OF DESIRE

Mosaic Rooms Gallery. A.M. Qattan Foundation. London, United Kingdom.

2011 LANDSCAPES OF DESIRE: DRAWINGS BY JOHN HALAKA

Paltel Virtual Gallery of Palestinian Art. Berzeit University. West Bank, Palestine.

2010 LANDSCAPES OF DESIRE: DRAWINGS BY JOHN HALAKA Student Life Pavilion Gallery. University of San Diego. California.

2009 LANDSCAPES OF DESIRE: DRAWINGS BY JOHN HALAKA The Jerusalem Fund Gallery. Washington, D.C.

2006 FEATURED ARTIST

Paltel Virtual Gallery of Palestinian Art. Berzeit University. West Bank, Palestine.

2002 RELICS: MEDITATIONS ON DECAY & RENEWAL Taylor Library Gallery. San Diego, California.

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS OF PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS (continued):

2000 WHISPERS & ECHOES: RECENT PAINTINGS BY JOHN HALAKA

Founders Gallery, University of San Diego, California.

- 1997 WITNESS: DRAWINGS AND PAINTINGS BY JOHN HALAKA Spruce Street Forum, San Diego, California
- 1995 Designed stage sets for Bertold Brecht's DRUMS IN THE NIGHT. University of San Diego.
- 1993 MEMORIES AND MEMORIALS: INSTALLATIONS BY JOHN HALAKA AND GADI GOFBARG Founders Gallery, University of San Diego, California.

 FORGOTTEN SURVIVORS: PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS BY JOHN HALAKA The Price Center, University of California, San Diego.
- 1992 Designed the stage sets for the production of FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY: A LITTLE DANCE OF DEATH by Odon Von Horvath. University of San Diego.
- 1991 JOHN HALAKA, PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS" Founders Gallery, University of San Diego, California.
- 1990 JOHN HALAKA: SELECTED WORKS 1983-1988 The C.G. Jung Educational Center of Houston.
- 1989 JOHN HALAKA: ENCAUSTIC PAINTINGS Graham Gallery, Houston, Texas.
- 1988 JOHN HALAKA: DRAWINGS Graham Gallery, Houston, Texas.
- 1986 JOHN HALAKA: 'PRELUDE TO A PACIFIST REVOLUTION Graham Gallery, Houston, Texas.
- 1985 JOHN HALAKA: ENCAUSTIC PAINTINGS Graham Gallery, Houston, Texas.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

2011 . BREACHING THE WALL.

Jerusalem Fund Gallery. Washington, D.C.

2010 . AN IDEA CALLED TOMORROW

California African American Museum. Los Angeles, CA

2009 . AN IDEA CALLED TOMORROW

California African American Museum. Los Angeles, CA

- . WISHES / UMNIAT
 - 10th Street Theater Gallery. San Diego, CA
- . DEPORTATION NATION

Centro Cultural De La Raza. San Diego, CA

. VISUAL ARTS FACUTLY EXHIBITION

University of San Diego. Institute of Peace & Justice Galleries.

2008 . ENACTING EMANCIPATION

A Space Gallery. Toronto, Canada.

. INVITATIONAL EXHIBITION

Al-Mahatta Gallery. Ramallah, Palestine. Co-directed and produced a large community based mural at the *Edward Said National Conservatory of Music*. Birzeit, Palestine.

- . 60 YEARS
 - ARC Gallery. Chicago, Illinois.
- . EVERY WALL MUST FALL

Pomegranate Gallery. New York, New York.

- 2007 . INTERNAL EXILE
 - SOMARTS. San Francisco, California.
- . RE-COVERY: 26 ARTISTS RE-IMAGINE 26 BOOKS
 - Art Around Books Gallery. San Diego, California.
- . MADE IN PALESTINE
 - Embassy of Venezuela. Washington D.C.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS (Continued):

2007 . PIECE PROCESS IV: AFTER LEBANON

Hartnett Gallery. University of Rochester. New York.

. PIECE PROCESS IV

Walters Cultural Arts Center. Hillsboro, Oregon.

. PIECE PROCESS IV

Portland Art Center. Portland, Oregon.

2006 . DISPLACED

Al-Hoash Gallery Of Palestinian Art. Jerusalem.

. MADE IN PALESTINE

Al Jisser Gallery. New York.

2005 . *ART MATTERS*

Berkeley Arts Center. Berkeley, California.

. MADE IN PALESTINE

T.W. Wood Gallery. Vermont College, Montpellier, Vermont.

. PIECE PROCESS 3

Gavilan College. Gilroy, California.

. IN / VISIBLE: CONTEMPORARY ART BY ARAB AMERICAN ARTISTS

Arab American National Museum. Dearborn, Michigan.

. MADE IN PALESTINE

SOMARTS. San Francisco, California.

. FOUR MURALS FOR PALESTINE

Co-directed and produced three murals at the Rafah Community Health Center, Rafah, Gaza Strip, Palestine, and one mural on the apartheid wall separating the Amer Residence from their village. Mas'Ha, West Bank, Palestine.

SEVEN SAN DIEGO ARTISTS. Point Loma Library Gallery.

2004 . THE ALTARS PROJECT

Taylor Library Gallery. San Diego, California.

. PARALLEL VISIONS

Organized in conjunction with the premier of the play "Remains." ARK Arts Center. San Diego, California.

2003 . MADE IN PALESTINE

An international exhibition organized by the Ineri Foundation at the STATION MUSEUM. Houston, Texas.

. VISUAL ARTS FACULTY EXHIBITION

Founders Gallery, University of San Diego, California.

2002 . THIRD ANNUAL DRAWING EXHIBITION

Taylor Library Gallery. San Diego, California.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBITION

Athenaeum Music & Art Library. La Jolla, California.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

1991-Present	Professor of Visual Arts
	The University of San Diego, Department Art
2007-2008	University of San Diego University Professor. Highest teaching/research award
	bestowed annually on a faculty member
1994-1997	Coordinator of Visual Arts Program, University of San Diego
1990-1991	The Glassell School of Art, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
	Instructor, Department of Painting & Drawing
1983-1991	The School for the Performing and Visual Arts, Houston, Texas
	Instructor, Department of Visual Arts
Nov. 1990	East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas, Visiting Artist, Department of Art
1988-1990	North Harris County College, East Campus, Instructor, Department of Visual Arts
1986-1988	The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Department of Art History and Education
	Coordinator of workshops for "Evening for Educators" program.
1980-1983	The University of Houston, Department of Fine Arts, Teaching Fellow

LECTURES, PANELS & WORKSHOPS I PRESENTED & CONFERENCES I ORGANIZED:

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May 2011	. Presented a lecture about my drawings, paintings, documentary films and video archives at the Mosaic Rooms Gallery. London, U.K. The lecture was in conjunction with my exhibition
M 1. 2011	"Landscapes of Desire".
March 2011	."Artists Intervene in the Realities of War". Presentation on panel discussion as part of DIWAN 2011. Conference organized by Arab-American National Museum and presented at the City
	University of New York graduate Center.
Oct 2010	Discussion of my drawings from the series "Landscapes of Desire" at the University of San
	Diego. The lecture was presented in conjunction with my exhibition at USD.
Jan 2010	. Discussion of my drawings from the series "Landscapes of Desire" at the California African-
	American Museum. Part of the exhibition "An Idea Called Tomorrow."
Sept 2009	. Screening and discussion of my film "Wounds of the Heart: An Artist and Her Nations." Part of the conference "Bearing Exquisite Witness". Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. San Diego.
July 2009	. Screening and discussion of my film "Wounds of the Heart: An Artist and Her Nations."
	Al Hoash Gallery for Palestinian Art. Jerusalem, Palestine.
April 2009	. "Post-Colonialism in Palestine & Post-Zionism in Israel". Presentation at the conference
	"World System Analysis: The Challenges of the 21st Century." University of San Diego.
	. Presentation at the Jerusalem Fund Gallery. Discussion of with curator Robyn Smith regarding my work. Organized in conjunction with the exhibit "Landscapes of Desire".
Jan. 2009	"Walls of Desire and Denial in Israel/Palestine & U.S./Mexico" Presentation as part of a panel
Julii 2009	discussion held in conjunction with the exhibit "Deportation Nation." Centro Cultural De La Raza.
	San Diego.
Oct. 2008	"From Childhood Through Martyrdom. Reflections on life and Death in Palestine." Presented at
	Professor Bahar Davary's "Comparative Ethics" class for the Peace and Justice Masters Program.
0 2000	University of San Diego,
Oct. 2008	. Screening and discussion of my film "The Presence of Absence in the Ruins of Kafr Bir'im."
July 2008	University of California, Berkeley Participated in a panel discussion organized in conjunction with the exhibition "Enacting"
July 2000	Emancipation." At A Space Gallery, Toronto, Canada.
May 2008	. "The Artist as Witness." Presentation as part of an artist panel in conjunction with the exhibition
•	"60 YEARS". ARC Gallery, Chicago, Illinois.
April 2008	. "The Role of the Artist in Politically Stressed Communities." Presentation
	to students and faculty at the Otis College of Art.
	."The Artist as Public Servant. "Presentation at the 10th Continuums of Service Conference.
	Portland Oregon Screening and discussion of my film "The Presence of Absence in the Ruins of Kafr Bir'im."
	Alwan for the Arts. New York, New York.
	Screening and discussion of my film "The Presence of Absence in the Ruins of Kafr Bir'im."
	Ethical Culture Society of Essex County. Maplewood, New Jersey.
	. "Guerilla Filmmaking". Screening of my film "The Presence of Absence in the Ruins of Kafr
	Bir'im" and discussion of the political potential of independently made documentary films.
Feb. 2008	Screening and discussion of my film "The Presence of Absence in the Ruins of Kafr Bir'im."
M 2007	At Al-Awda: Palestinian Right of Return Center. Carlsbad, CA
May 2007	. "Creative Strategies of Resistance." Lecture presented at the "Al-Awda, Palestinian Right of Return" annual conference.
April 2007	. Presented two lectures at a conference entitled "DIWAN" held at the Arab-American National
P 2007	Museum. The first paper was titled "Outsiders on the Inside" and the second paper was "From
	Dialogue to Action."
July 2006	. Developed and presented a weeklong drawing workshop on Mapping and Identity to Palestinian
	artists. Al-Hoash Gallery of Palestinian Art. Jerusalem.
July 2006	. Presented a lecture entitled 'Desire and Resistance" in which I discussed the evolution of my
	creative work. Al-Hoash Gallery of Palestinian Art. Jerusalem.

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES (Continued):

March 2006 . Participated in a Panel Discussion organized in conjunction with the exhibit "Made In Palestine." Al Jisser Gallery, New York

Dec. 2005 . California Institute for the Arts. Lecture on my work and the murals I worked on in Palestine during the summer of 2005

Sept. 2005
Aug. 2005
Public Talk given at Gavilan College in conjunction with the exhibit "Piece Process 3"
Public Talk at the Alternative Information Center, discussing the murals painted in Gaza. Ierusalem, Palestine.

. Lecture about the evolution of my artwork presented at the Union of Palestinian Artists' Gallery. Ramallah, Palestine.

May 2005 Lecture given at the symposium "Exploring New Forms and Meanings: The Intersection of Audience, Ideas and Art." The symposium was organized in conjunction with the exhibit "In / Visible: Contemporary Art by Arab American Artists." Arab American national Museum. Dearborn, Michigan.

April 2005 Lecture given at the University of San Francisco in conjunction with the opening of the exhibit "Made In Palestine" at SOMARTS. San Francisco, California

. Public talk given to the "Future Leaders of America Rockefeller Fellows" in conjunction with the opening of the exhibit "Made in Palestine."

Sept. 2002 . Lecture given at the Taylor Library Gallery in conjunction with my exhibit "Relics: Meditations on Decay and Renewal."

Oct. 2001

 Lecture given to the Nevada City Artists and Writers Association. Grass Valley, California.
 Lecture Given at Founders Gallery in conjunction with my exhibit "Whispers & Echoes."
 University of San Diego, San Diego, California

April 1994 . "LIVING WITH DIGNITY/DYING WITH DIGNITY: GAYS AND LESBIANS IN SAN DIEGO SPEAK ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITY." A panel discussion I organized and chaired

Sept-Nov1993 . "THE HOPES AND FEARS OF PALESTINIANS AND ISRAELIS."

A multi-disciplinary symposium I organized that included lectures, panel discussions, a community forum, poetry readings, an art exhibit, and a film series. The events explored the prospects and prerequisites for the peaceful co-existence of Palestinians and Israelis.

March 1993 . "CRITICAL PROBLEMS/CREATIVE SOLUTIONS: PRESERVING THE HUMAN AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT." A multi-disciplinary conference I co-organized that consisted of lectures, panel discussions, musical performance and an interactive art installation. The events explored the environmental crisis from various perspectives.

March 1993 . "ART AND ECOLOGY / ART AS ECOLOGY."

A panel discussion I organized and chaired.

Mar-May 1991 . "THE WAR SHOW: HOUSTON VOICES."

A multi-disciplinary conference I co-organized, that featured Houston based scholars, artists and writers, and included an art exhibit, a series of panel discussions and a series of readings, focusing on the subject of war in general and the Persian Gulf War in particular.

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

2011-2012 . Awarded a Fulbright Research Fellowship to develop video and drawings projects in Lebanon. The projects will explore the personal memories and experiences of Palestinian refugees exiled in Lebanon.

2007-2008 Awarded a University of San Diego project based UNIVERSITY PROFESSORSHIP.
 2007-2010 University of San Diego Internationalization of the Curriculum Travel grants
 1993-2010 UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS

1993 .CALIFORNIA COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES

.THE PRICE FAMILY FUND

I was awarded the two grants listed above to organize a multi-disciplinary symposium entitled "The Hopes and Fears of Palestinians and Israelis"

GRANTS AND AWARDS (continued):

1992 .IRVINE FOUNDATION, FACULTY AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Awarded to carry out a video art project entitled "Bridges of Identity: Arab-Americans Speak

of Their Personal History."

1990 & 91 .NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE ARTS

Teacher of "ARTS 91" award. Teacher of "ARTS 90" award

1986 .DALLAS MUSEUM ARTIST GRANT

1977 .JANE GUGGENHEIM WINSLOW FELLOWSHIP

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Exhibition Catalogue. Arab American National Museum. 2005.

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http://www.universes-in-universe.de/islam/eng/2005/11/invisible/

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 - http://www.motherjones.com/arts/feature/2005/05/palestinian_art.html
- . Dynamic Art Exhibit Reflects Palestinians' Struggle, Love for Their Homeland.

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