

Director Hourani and Adjunct Research Associate Sensenig-Dabbous Presented Papers at the Levantine Migrations 1800-2000 Conference in North Carolina, USA

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Director Guita Hourani and Adjunct Associate Researcher Eugene Sensenig-Dabbous presented each a paper at the *Mashriq and the Mahjar: Levantine Migrations 1800-200* which took place at North Carolina State University between April 20-21, 2012.

Following a call for papers by the Khayrallah Program for Lebanese-American Studies at North Carolina State University, the papers of both Director Hourani and Dr. Sensenig-Dabbous were accepted to be delivered at the conference.

Organized to mark the twentieth anniversary of the book of Albert Hourani and Nadim Shehadi, *The Lebanese in the World*, the conference sought to “take stock of recent work on migration from present-day Lebanon to open up fruitful discussion, and to chart paths for future research.”

Twenty five other scholars participated in this scholarly gathering that brought together “scholars working in different disciplines to consider the connections, comparisons, and contrasts between migrants' experiences in different periods and locales,” as well as to “contribute theoretically innovative and empirically grounded papers that might enhance our understanding of the multifaceted process of movement.”

Director Hourani presented a paper entitled “Transnationalism from Above: homeland Political Parties of Lebanon and the Lebanese Diaspora”. In her paper she discussed how Lebanese political parties network and mobilize their constituencies abroad.

Dr. Sensenig-Dabbous’s paper was entitled *Global Suffrage: The Battle for Out-of-Country Voting in Lebanon*, in which he discussed the attempts and obstacles for out-of-country voting in Lebanon.

The papers presented in the conference will be published in a book form.