*Brazilian Artist Gui Mohallem Visits LERC* Tuesday 19 June, 2012, LERC, NDU Reported by Maritta Sislian, LERC Staff

Mr. Gui Mohallem is a Brazlian artist of Lebanese origin. He graduated from the Film School at the University of São Paulo in 2004 and specialized in cinematography. He has participated in several exhibitions and has been granted several prizes. The most recent prizes include: *Conrado Wessel Award*, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in fine arts, São Paulo, Brazil and Descubrimientos PHE, selected for portfolio review, Madrid, Spain.

Mr. Mohallem's professional work has been valued and appreciated in many press articles. His series "*Welcome Home*" is going to become a book which will be available starting September 2012. The 160-page bilingual book will include forty five images of the series, along with three different texts .This independent project was funded through the sales of specially edited 200 prints of one image of the series.



From Left to Right: Mrs. Lilianne Haddad, Mr. Roberto Khatlab, Ms. Guita Hourani and Mr. Gui Mohallem (June 2012)

Mr. Mouhallem visited LERC during his journey to discover his father's migration story from the village of Fekeh in the Bekaa. His discoveries will be the subject of a documentary for his father's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.