

## **Michel Ghanem, another winner of Kozhaya and Nora Akiki Grant**

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### **Jasmin Lilian Diab, LERC**

Mr. Michel Ghanem is completing a three-month internship at the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) at NDU lasting from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2013, after being selected as the winner of the Kozhaya and Nora Akiki Internship Grant. The Internship Grant is a \$1,000 U.S. Dollars grant provided by Mr. Kozhaya Akiki for local Lebanese students to intern at LERC during the transition period between graduating and finding employment.

Mr. Kozhaya Akiki has been a friend of, and believer in, LERC since he first visited the Center.



*Mr. Ghanem and Mr. Kozhaya Akiki*

His annual visits to Lebanon from Tupper Lake in New York with his late wife always included a stopover at LERC. Because of the close connection that Ms. Hourani and the Akiki family share, Mr. Kozhaya Akiki offered to contribute funds to establish a grant for LERC's internship program.

During his internship period, Mr. Ghanem has worked as project and office coordinator and research assistant successfully performing all her duties and responsibilities. His main task was to conduct literature reviews and develop push and pull factors on the influx of the Syrian refugees to Lebanon.

Mr. Ghanem is grateful to the Akiki family for giving her the opportunity to intern at LERC and acquire immense experience from her internship period.