

## Dr. Paul Tabar and Dr. Lama Kabanji of LAU Visit LERC

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The Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) at Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU) welcomed Dr. Paul Tabar, Director of the Institute for Migration Studies (IMS) at the Lebanese-American University (LAU) and his associate, Dr. Lama Kabanji, Researcher at the Centre population et développement (CEPD), Paris, France. Both Dr. Tabar and Dr. Kabanji visited the LERC after meeting with Mr. Simon Abou Jaoudeh, Director of the Alumni Affairs Office at NDU, to disseminate a questionnaire to the NDU Alumni as part of their research project titled, “*International Migration of the Highly Skilled and Academics: A Lebanese Perspective.*”



*Ms. Liliane Haddad, Dr. Lama Kabanji, Dr. Guita Hourani, and Dr. Paul Tabar at the LERC Offices (Feb. 2<sup>h</sup>, 2014)*

Dr. Tabar, who is an Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology Professor at LAU’s Beirut campus, is a renowned researcher in the field of migration. He has published many works and authored and co-authored numerous books and articles, including *Bin Laden in the Suburbs: Criminalizing the Arab Other*, *On Being Lebanese in Australia: Identity, Racism, and the Ethnic Field*, *Arab Communities in Australia*, and *Looking for Respect: Lebanese Immigrant Young Men in Australia*.

Dr. Kabanji, who is a researcher with the CEPD, is currently cooperating with Dr. Tabar and two other researchers on a research project targeting the Lebanese. The objectives of the project are to (a)

study the link between education, employment, and international migration; (b) analyze their recent mobility trends; and (c) understand the mechanisms that encourage students and graduates to migrate.

After being given a brief tour of the Center and its archives, both Dr. Tabarand and Dr. Kabbanji expressed their interest in returning to the Center to benefit from its “treasures” in their work. Dr. Tabar offered to provide the Center with any of his publications that is not currently in the Center’s stock.