

# The path to a Free Palestine

## History, Crisis, & Action

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### History and context of the current crisis

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12 pm - 4:30 pm  
Saturday  
April 13

University United Methodist Church

1120 S Harrison Rd, East Lansing

Registration, Exhibits, Networking, Refreshments starts at 12 pm

Organized by the Lansing Area Peace Education Center and cosponsored by Pax Christi · The Justice and Peace Team/Edgewood Church · The Coalition for a Free Palestine · The Palestine Reading Group · Lansing for Palestine · Code Pink · Hurriya (coalition of over 20 groups at MSU), · Greater Lansing Democratic Socialists of America

Refreshments will be provided

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12 pm to 4:30 pm, Saturday, April 13, 2024

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**Registration (free), Exhibits, Networking, Refreshments : 12 pm to 1 pm.**

Panel Discussion featuring Scholars and Activists: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

- **Dr. Saleem Alabash**, MSU Professor, Department of Advertising + Public Relations, College of Communication Arts & Sciences.
- **Lexis Zeidan**, Lead Organizer and National Spokesperson for the Listen to Michigan Campaign.
- **Dr. Stephen Gasteyer**, MSU Associate Professor, Sociology/Palestine-Israeli Network
- **Alissa Hakim**, Organizer, MSU's Hurriya Coalition, comprised of 20 student groups.

Concurrent Workshops: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

- **Organizing 101: How to Have Difficult Conversations About Palestine** led by **Viviana Castelan Alamillo**, Community Organizer.
- **Social Media for the "Experienced" Activist**: Led by **Kelsey Brianne Hudson**, Community Organizer, Artist and Storyteller.

Keynote Address: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm | Palestine Before/After

**Dr. Salah Hassan**, Associate Professor in the MSU Department of English and Director of Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities Program, and a core faculty member in the Muslim Studies Program. Dr. Hassan teaches courses that focus on the Middle East, anti-colonialism and culture, literatures of empire, and Arab and Muslim American cultural production. He has been an active advocate for campus initiatives, programs, and units that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion.

This presentation uses the before/after motif in photography to explore Palestinian presence in historic Palestine and the transformations wrought by Zionist colonial conquest. The talk examines archival photos of the initial impact of partition on large parts of historic Palestine which is followed by a discussion of Jean Mohr's photos of Palestinians remaking their world in different diasporic locations, and concludes with analysis of the images of Gaza before and after the ongoing Israeli attacks.

**The program is free of charge . Donations are welcome to defray expenses. Family friendly event. If you cannot commit to the entire afternoon, you can attend any part of it that interests you.**