



Arab American
National Museum

The Bibliography of
Arab and MENA
American
Studies

SPRING 2026



The Bibliography of Arab and MENA American Studies, a collaboration between the Arab American National Museum (AANM) and the Center for Arab Narratives (CAN), is a guide for researchers who wish to keep up with the latest publications and research trends pertaining to Arab and MENA communities in the United States. The bibliography features published works – including peer-reviewed scholarly articles, books, book chapters, and dissertations – in the fields of history, social sciences, public health, literature, and the arts. Every six months, a list of the latest research from the current year will be published on CAN's website.

Authors:

Andrea Sakleh, MA – Research Specialist

Center for Arab Narratives

Kyle Wynter-Stoner, PhD – Research and Content Manager

Arab American National Museum

Rima Zalghout, MLIS – Librarian

Arab American National Museum

Cover Artwork:

Helen Zughaib's Mishwar 'Al el-'Ayn (A Walk to the Water Fountain), 2004.
AANM Collection 2005.101.02 Gift of the artist.



Arab American
National Museum

History

- Cooper-Davies, C. (2026). An American mosque and the migrating imam: The Shi 'i revival between Lebanon, Iraq, and the USA. *Journal of Global History*, 21(2), 400-420.
- Curtis IV, E. E. (Ed.). (2026). *Arab American public history*. Temple University Press.
- Curtis IV, E. E. Religion and Arab American Studies: A Historiographical Essay. *American Religion* 7(2), 1-22.
- Pennock[AS1] [AS2] [RZ3] , P. (2026) Arab Americans, Palestinian solidarity, and antiracism, 1960s-1980s. In A. Holland & C. J. Lee (Eds.), *Routledge handbook on antiracism in global historical perspective*. Routledge.[KW4]
- Womack, D. F. (2026). Syrian Christians and Arab-Islamic identity: Expressions of belonging in the Ottoman Empire and America. In D. F. Womack, T. Seat, S. J. Boopalan, & C. C.-S. Chow (Eds.), *Disciplinary tensions in world Christianity: Methodology, power dynamics, and the history of religions* (pp. 71–92). Augsburg Fortress.

Literature + Arts

- Bedaiwi, H. (2026). Contesting Arab American identity: Representation post 9/11 in Arab in America. *Journal of Popular Culture*, 59(3), 1-13.
- Belwefi, K. (2026). Homes under siege: Trauma processing and the burden of exile in Hala Alyan's Salt Houses. *Arab Studies Quarterly*, 48(1), 28-47.
- Bouqentar, L. (2026). Nearby, self-critical, ambivalent: Modes of writing Arab queerness. Cultural Studies, *Critical Methodologies*, 26(3), 191-201.
- Gandouz, O. (2026). 'The Gift of a bridge is you can see both sides:' A postcolonial approach to intercultural communication in Leila Buck's In the Crossing. *ATRAS Journal*, 7(1), 258-277.
- Hamed, D. M. (2026). Voicing the diaspora: styling the Arab-American binary through the micro-symbolic textures of macro-ideological meaning in The Inheritance of Exile. *Journal of Humanities and Applied Social Science*, 1-13.
- Kumar, T., & Alharahsheh, A. (2026). Depictions of Arab world in the Arab-American poet Naomi Shihab Nye's select poetry. *Ijaz Arabi Journal of Arabic Learning*, 9(1).
- Mansour, A. (2026). From orientalism to disrupting whiteness: The development of Arab American crime/detective fiction by Diana Abu-Jaber and Laila Lalami. *Transcultural Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, 7(1), 8-23.
- Salam, W. J., & Abu-Shomar, A. (2026). Decolonizing the blue humanities: The Palestinian journey of displacement, expulsion and homelessness in Susan Abulhawa's The Blue Between Sky and Water. *Arab Studies Quarterly*, 48(1), 5-27.

Public Health

- Abdel-Salam, H. M., Hanson, E. N., Delacroix, E., Awwad, R., Resnicow, K., & Marvin, M. (2026). Cancer history and cancer risk communication among Arab–American families: *Perspectives of young Arab–Americans in Michigan*. *Journal of Genetic Counseling*, 35(2), Article e70214.
- Abouhala, S., Abdulle, A., Aziz, G., Hussein, A., Zaniyal, N., Shalabi, I., ... & Abuelezzam, N. N. (2026). “Our voices will get louder”: A qualitative exploration of factors influencing Arab/Middle Eastern North African (MENA) American patient participation in US-based health care and health research. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, 13(1), 418-431.
- Albdour, M. M., Darwiche, A., Jenuwine, E. S., Khalil, D., & Zilioli, S. (2026). Metabolic syndrome among Arab American adolescent-parent dyads: The influence of psychosocial stress. *Journal of Diabetes and Metabolic Disorders*, 25(1), 68.
- Al-Jumaa, I., Sabbagh, G., Abushaban, N., Hulett, D., & de Bocanegra, H. T. (2026). Evaluating the effectiveness of group sessions with pre-recorded presentations on digital and postpartum health literacy among Arab American women. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 30(3), 444-451.
- Alnahari, S., Inoue Terris, V., Salam, L., Abdelhalim, G., & Lee, J. P. (2026). From invisibility to action: Tobacco control research for Arab Americans in the new Middle Eastern/North African ethnic category. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*, 28(1), 184-187.
- Al-Obaidy, R., Najjar, T., Al-Jumaa, I., Chang, J., Waks, A., & Thiel de Bocanegra, H. (2026). Assessing oral health awareness among Arab immigrants & refugees. *Journal of Public Health Dentistry*, 86(1), 144-151.
- Al-Shaer, G. (2026). *Transnational beings: Corner store entrepreneurship of MENA immigrants of the third wave* [Doctoral dissertation, Liberty University]
<https://digitalcommons.liberty.edu/doctoral/8136>
- Arnetz, B. B., Grinstead, A., Thomas, G., Hetherwick, M., Ma, W., Arble, E., ... & Ayoub, R. (2026). The prospective relationship between uptake of earned income tax credit (EITC), financial strain, and health in socio-economically strained families of Arab-American descent. *BMC Public Health*, 26(1), 878.

- Browning, L., Oskan, N., Kidess, G. G., Hinchey, L., Saleem, A., Knill, S., ... & Javanbakht, A. (2026). Mental health attitudes and perspectives in Arab American communities: Beliefs associated with stigma, treatment, and the origins of pathology. *Transcultural Psychiatry*, 63(1), 46-55.
- Darwish, S., Ballout, S., Shi, L., Negrón, R., & Cooley, M. E. (2026). Social networks and cultural factors associated with tobacco use among Arab Americans: A cross-sectional study. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*.
- Green, M., Resnicow, K., King, E. J., Tariq, M., Alhawli, A., & Patel, M. (2026). The effects of ethnic identity on discrimination and depression and anxiety in a sample of Arab American adults. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 54(1), Article e70068.
- Humaidan-Zayed, L., Ahmed, H., Adebayo, N., Shawa, T. A., Abdelsalam, M., Britto, J., Issa, L., & Shah, M. (2026). Stakeholder recommendations on IPV screening for Arab Americans in a healthcare setting: A community informed, culturally tailored approach. *Journal of Family Violence*.
- Komsany, A., Al Zoubi, O., Sebaaly, L., Harrison, G., Soroka, O., ElKefi, S., ... & Chebli, P. (2026). Leveraging AI for analysis of digital health information on cancer prevention among Arab youth and adults: Content analysis. *JMIR Infodemiology*, 6, Article e77888.
- Kozachek, C. C., & Btoush, R. (2026). Cervical cancer risk: Sexual and screening behaviors among Middle Eastern college women in the United States. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*, 37(4), 577-588.
- Lee, J. P., Inoue-Terris, V., Salam, L., Abdelhalim, G., Mohrez, H., & Alnahari, S. Commit to quit: essential elements of a novel tobacco intervention for Arab American women. *Health Promotion Practice*.
- Ryan, K. A., Sielaff, M. L., Saleem, D., Richardson, J., Tan, S., Hamasha, R., Nong, P., Kardia, S. L. R., Romanov, V., Hammad, A., & Platt, J. (2026). Community perspectives on health AI: Hopes, concerns and implications for health systems and trustworthy AI. *AI and Ethics*, 6(2), 176.

Social Science

- Ali, A. M., Salihu, E. Y., Abdelwahab, S., Shiyanbola, O., Vivian, E. M., & Chewning, B. (2026). Lesson learned in engaging five culturally and linguistically unique, hard-to-reach US Muslim populations. *Healthcare*, 14(7), 935.
- Atari-Khan, R., Azmat, A., Refaat Elhedk, F., & Han, S. (2026). Validation of the ethnic identity scale with Americans of Arab heritage. *The Counseling Psychologist*, 54(1).
- Bijsterveld, G. (2026). *The Arab lobby in the United States: Voices from the margins* [Master's thesis, Utrecht University]. UU Theses Repository.
- D'Urso, A. S. (2026). What happens when you can't check the box? Categorization threat and public opinion among Middle Eastern and North African Americans. *The American Political Science Review*, 120(2), 599–623.
- Gerald, J. (2026). *The public pedagogy of the master narrative: The stories we tell ourselves about race and language around the world*. Multilingual Matters & Channel View Publications.
- Jabbar, H., & Reczek, R. (2026). The role of eldest sisters within Arab American sibling dynamics. *Journal of Family Studies*, 32(3), 413–433.
- Modaressi, S. L., & DeCuir-Gunby, J. T. (2026). "I felt like I was a virus that nobody wanted to be near:" The counterstories of belonging from Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) American college students. *The Journal of Higher Education*, 1-25.

- Muhsen, Rima. (2026). *The impact of religious behaviors, islamophobia, gender roles, language proficiency, and education levels on mental illness stigma and help-seeking behaviors among Arab women in the U.S.* [Doctoral Dissertation, National Louis University]. Scholarship Repository.
- Numan, H., & Al-Obaidi, J. A. (2026). The cultural politics of nation and migration: Transnationalism among Iraqi Americans. *Contemporary Arab Affairs*, 19(1), 79-102.
- Rabah, M. (2026). Selwa “Lucky” Showker Roosevelt: Druze identity, gender, and diplomacy in the Lebanese-American experience. *The Journal of the Middle East and Africa*, 17(1). 1-19.
- Shakeir, R., & Kaduthodil, J. (2026). *Arab American women, identity, and intersectionality*. Bloomsbury Publishing USA.
- Tomei, I., Abouzied, Z., & Raval, V. (2026). Ethnic-racial socialization in Arab, Middle Eastern, and North African American families. *Marriage & Family Review*, 1-36.