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Space Exploration Expert Visits Jerusalem and West Bank



On February 1, the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem hosted Dr. Martin Collins, a Curator at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.. Dr. Collins engaged Palestinian students in a lecture at America House in Jerusalem and via video conference to the American Corner in Gaza.

In addition to his public speaking engagements, Dr. Collins visited Al Quds University in Abu Deis and Al Nayzak Institute in Ramallah sharing his expertise to help support the development of science museums in the West Bank.

During his lectures, Dr. Collins presented historical photographs and highlighted the worldwide implications of the space race. Dr. Collins also told audiences about the gold audio record that was included on Voyager - the unmanned spacecraft the U.S. launched in 1999, now traveling deep in space - which carries [recorded messages](#) in all the languages. The message in Arabic says: "People of the stars, we wish one day to meet you."

For more information on the Smithsonian Institute visit: <http://www.si.edu/>



America House in Jerusalem

is pleased to invite you to the following upcoming programs in Jerusalem

A Musical Evening to Remember!

February 12, 2012, 6:00 PM



Join America House and the Magnificat Institute in Jerusalem for an enchanted musical evening featuring a mix of classical and spiritual music with special guest and U.S. Arts Envoy Nicole Taylor, Soprano, accompanied by Daniel Ernst and Magnificat students. Admission is free!

St. Saviour's Monastery Auditorium
(New Gate, Terra Sancta, Jerusalem)

To learn more about Nicole Taylor's work, please visit: <http://www.nicole-taylor.com/>

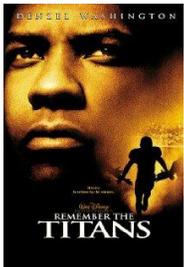
Also Coming Up in February!

Focus on the U.S. Presidential Election System:

Digital Video Conference on Arab-American Participation in the Presidential Election Process

Black History Month Film Screening and Lecture:

Remember the Titans

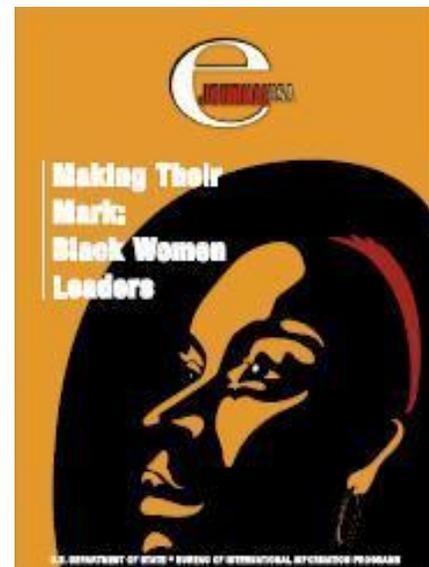


In the southern U.S., two racially segregated high schools are closed and all of the students sent to T.C. Williams High School under federal mandate to integrate. The year is seen through the eyes of the football team. Based on the actual events of 1971, the team becomes the unifying symbol for the community as the boys and the adults learn to depend on and trust each other.

To be added to America House's mailing list, please e-mail JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov
America House is the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem's cultural center in East Jerusalem and was established in 2010.

[eJournal USA: Making Their Mark: Black Women Leaders](#)

In February 1926, historian Carter G. Woodson, the son of former slaves, initiated Negro History Week to encourage African Americans to study their own history. Fifty years later, as the United States celebrated its bicentennial in 1976, President Gerald Ford urged all Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history” and designated February as Black History Month. Since then, Americans of all races have explored the history and contributions of African Americans during the month of February. In 2012, the theme of Black History Month is Black Women in American Culture and History. *Read the stories of African-American women in history and see the profiles of Contemporary African-American Women in this edition of e-Journal USA.*



For this issue of e-journal in PDF Format [click here](#)

On Tuesday, February 14, 2012 10:30 EST (17:30 local time) the U.S. Department of State will hold a webchat [Discussing Black History Month with Judge Ann C. Williams](#)

Click the link and participate!



See also:

- [White House Honors African Americans Bringing Change](#)
- [Association for the Study of African American Life](#)
- [Black History Month Honors Legacy of Struggle and Triumph](#)
- [National Museum of African American History and Culture For English Language Learners](#)
- [African-American Sumayya Ali a Rising Opera Star](#)

[شهر تاريخ السود يكرم التركة التراثية للكفاح والانتصار](#)

[الفنانة الأفريقية الأميركية سمية علي نجمة صاعدة في فن الأوبرا](#)

Secretary Clinton Remarks in Munich on the Role of Women in Peace And Security



Secretary Clinton: "We recognize that when we think about peacemaking, which is, after all, one of the critical tasks of any of us in international security, that something is missing. And that is women. There are not enough women at the table, not enough women's voices being heard. And when the Security Council passed Resolution 1325, we tried to make a very clear statement, that women are still largely shut out of the negotiations that seek to end conflicts, even though women and children are the primary victims of 21st century conflict."

خطاب وزيرة الخارجية كلينتون بميونخ حول دور المرأة في السلام والأمن

وددت أن أركز انتباهنا على مجال ذي أهمية حاسمة بدأنا نحقق بعض التقدم فيه وإن لم يكن كافياً وهو إصدار قرار مجلس الأمن الدولي التاريخي رقم 1325. ونحن نسلم -- حينما نفكر بصنع السلام الذي بالنتيجة هو أحد المهام البالغة الأهمية لأي منا في الأمن الدولي -- أن شيئاً ما غائب وهو العنصر النسائي. إذ لا يوجد ما يكفي من نساء على بساط البحث ولا يوجد ما يكفي من أصوات نسائية تلاقي آذاناً صاغية. وحينما أصدر مجلس الأمن القرار 1325 حاولنا أن نبعث برسالة واضحة جداً وهي أن النساء ما زلن مستبعدات وإلى حد بعيد من المفاوضات التي ترمي إلى إنهاء النزاعات رغم أن النساء والأطفال هم الضحايا الرئيسيون في صراعات القرن الحادي والعشرين.

[2012 Election Cycle Begins Now](#)



For American Citizens!

Be an active voter! Start thinking about your participation in the U.S. 2012 elections today!

The Consular Section staff at the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is ready to assist with completing your Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) -- the form you need to complete this year to participate in the 2012 elections as an overseas absentee voter. Our purpose is to inform and educate you about your voting rights, to ensure you are able to exercise your right to participate in elections for federal offices (president, vice president, senator, and representative), and to assist you with voting in state or local elections, if allowed by your state.

Join us today for a [WEBCAST: Analyzing the U.S. Election Primary Season](#)

The program, hosted by U.S. Embassy London is entitled "Tracking the 2012 U.S. Elections", and will feature Thomas Mann, a Senior Fellow in Governance Studies at the Brookings Institution. A noted congressional scholar, Mann writes and speaks widely on issues related to campaigns, elections, campaign finance reform, and the effectiveness of Congress.

This video webcast will be in English.



See Also: [Romney Win in First Republican Race in West Fails to Shrink Field](#)

FACT SHEET: Harnessing Innovation for Global Development

President Obama's Global Development Policy, released in Fall 2010, calls for investments in game-changing innovation to accelerate progress toward development goals in health, food security, climate change, energy and environmental sustainability, and broad-based economic growth. Focusing on innovation utilizes the U.S. comparative advantages in research and innovation, making our efforts more effective and efficient.

Today, government and private sector leaders gathered at the White House to highlight progress in answering President Obama's call to use science, technology and innovation to promote global development. At this event, several new public and private sector efforts were announced that will:

Harness the energy, idealism, and expertise of university students and faculty to generate, implement, and evaluate new solutions to critical development challenges;

Make the greatest use of scientific breakthroughs by expediting commercialization of inventions for humanitarian purposes and rewarding companies that use their patented technologies to solve societal challenges; and

Leverage advances in Internet and communication technologies to accelerate research and scale innovations — such as financial services for the unbanked — faster, further, and more efficiently.

"A core part of my global development strategy is harnessing the creativity and innovation of all sectors of our society to make progress that none of us can achieve alone," said President Obama. "The new collaborations we're launching today will help save lives from hunger and disease, lift people from poverty and reaffirm America's enduring commitment to the dignity and potential of every human being."

[الولايات المتحدة تسخر الابتكار في سبيل التنمية العالمية](#)

On February 8 2012, the White House hosted a video chat with Dr. Rajiv Shah, Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Gayle Smith, Special Assistant to the President & Senior Director of the National Security Council, and Tom Kalil, Deputy Director for Policy, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy & Senior Advisor for Science, Technology, and Innovation of the National Economic Council. They answered questions from [Whitehouse.gov](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) on the role of science, technology and innovation in global development. The conversation covered the importance of innovation in foreign aid in the current budget environment, the role of partnerships with universities both domestic and abroad, and how innovation can aid our food security programs all around the world.



Watch the [full video](#)

See the worldwide [White House Google Science Fair](#) (Deadline April 1, 2012)

Also see the story of one of Google Science Fair's judges [Explorer Albert Lin](#)

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[Between the Lines Program](#)

In cooperation with the prestigious International Writing Program (IWP) and Iowa Young Writers Studio (IYWS), ECA's Cultural Programs Division is pleased to announce that the fifth session of Between the Lines (BTL) will take place July 14-28, 2012. This two-week cultural exchange program will host 12 writers ages 16-19 from Arabic-speaking countries in the Middle East and North Africa for a two-week residency at the University of Iowa from July 14-28, 2012.

Deadline: February 13, 2012

[2012 TechWomen Program](#)

The US Consulate General in Jerusalem and Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) is pleased to announce the TechWomen program for 2012, a professional exchange program to support women from the Middle East and North Africa engaged in technology. TechWomen is a high profile program for ECA, and Secretary Clinton herself not only launched the program, but also met with the first group of participants at the Department of State last summer.

Deadline: February 15, 2012

[OneBeat Program](#)

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs & Bang On A Can's Found Sound Nation are pleased to announce **OneBeat**, a cultural exchange program offering professional development opportunities to 50 young emerging - professional musicians and advanced students (ages 19-35) from around the world.

Deadline: February 24, 2012

[2012 TechGirls Program](#)

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem is pleased to announce the inaugural TechGirls program, an educational exchange initiative for approximately 25 teenage girls from select countries and territories in the Middle East and North Africa that complements the TechWomen program. The eligible countries are Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian territories, Tunisia, and Yemen.

Deadline: March 6, 2012

["Doors to Diplomacy" 2012 International Web Project Competition for Middle and High School Students:](#)

The Department of State and the Global SchoolNet Foundation announce the 2012 "Doors to Diplomacy" award competition, recognizing the student-created Global SchoolNet Web projects from around the globe that best teach others about the importance of international affairs and diplomacy. To qualify, middle school and high school students will work in small teams with teacher-coaches. **Projects must be completed by March 15, 2012**, and winners will be announced in May 2012. Every team that enters a project will receive a special "Doors to Diplomacy" certificate recognizing their achievement. Each student member of the two winning teams – one American and one international – will also receive a \$2,000 scholarship and the winning coaches' schools will each receive a \$500 cash award.

Deadline: March 15, 2012.

For a complete description of the competition and information about eligibility and judging criteria, please visit <http://globalschoolnet.org/gsndoors/>. For more information, contact Dr. Yvonne Marie Andres of Global SchoolNet by phone at (760) 635-0001 or by e-mail at diplomacy@globalschoolnet.org or Wanda Ramsey of the Department of State by e-mail at RamseyWC@state.gov.

[USG Department of State Citizen Exchanges Program](#)

The applicants must be citizens of Jordan, Egypt, Israel or the Palestinian Territories, and cannot hold dual US citizenship. Emerging professionals (roughly an age range of 25-40) and would prefer some professional experience and evidence for advancement in their field. A successful applicant will have excellent English skills. The program is fully paid (travel, meals, and lodging) for and includes generous book and cultural entertainment allowances.

Deadline: October 31, 2012.

International and Regional News

[President Obama's Statement on Syria](#)

[بيان للرئيس أوباما حول العنف في سوريا](#)

[Secretary Clinton Remarks on Syria, Egypt at Munich Security Conference](#)

[تصريحات كلينتون حول سوريا ومصر في مؤتمر الأمن في ميونيخ](#)

[U.S. Suspends Embassy Operations in Syria](#)

[الولايات المتحدة تعلق عمل سفارتها في سوريا](#)

[Increased Risk of Syrian Civil War After Failed U.N. Vote](#)

[تزايد مخاطر نشوب حرب أهلية في سوريا بعد فشل التصويت في الأمم المتحدة](#)

[President Obama Orders Stricter Sanctions Against Iran](#)

[أوباما يأمر بفرض عقوبات أشد ضد إيران](#)

[Deputy Secretary of State Nides on Size of U.S. Mission Iraq](#)

[Global Leaders Promote Technology to Advance Sustainable Growth](#)