

# HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK



## "From The Heart Land to The Holy Land – History and Medicine"

**When:** January 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

**Where:** 1110A Medical Education and Research Facility (MERF)

**Dinner and Dessert** (Baklava) will be provided following the presentation!

When you think of the Middle East, a few things come to mind - an area of conflict, religion, and oil, to name a few. To many others it is an area which evokes curiosity. This talk is designed to give an overview of the strategic importance of the Middle East in term of history, geography, politics, religions, languages, and natural resources. Dr. Harb will discuss the Middle East in general and the Holy Land in specific from the time of prehistory until the current day. He will explore the historical roots of the conflict and the importance of Jerusalem as the capital of the three monotheistic faiths. He will briefly explore the US financial commitment to the region and explain why every American should get engaged in the discussion about shaping US policy in the Middle East. Furthermore, Dr. Harb will discuss health care systems in the Palestinian Territories emphasizing accessibility, quality of care, and human rights concerns. He will share personal accounts of working and living in the area. He will also explore the UN role in the region. Finally, Dr. Harb will take you on a pictorial tour of the Holy Land from Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, to Jericho and Petra with images of the Dead Sea.



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