Arab Studies Research Symposium – Student Conference
May 16, 2014 – Memorial Union MU II – 2-9 pm

2-2:15 pm – Welcome
George R. Mangun, Dean Division of Social Sciences
Suad Joseph, Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and Women & Gender Studies

2:15-3 pm – State, Sexuality, and Medicine in Islam
Caity Tremblay: “Family, Islam, and the State”
Weradah Kaiser: “Sexuality in Islam”
Dunia Mardini: “Understanding Illness and Medicine in the Middle East”

3-4:15 pm – (De)Constructing Arabs and Muslims in The New York Times and U.S. Media
Gizem Bazar: “The Middle East and Muslim Women in the U.S. Media Representations 1920-1929”
Lauren Turner: “Muslim Women in Contemporary U.S. Media”

4:15-4:45 pm – Break

4:30-5:45 pm – Class, Combat, Self/Other, and War
Kevin Michael Smith: “Theories of Absence, Geometries of War: Occupied Iraq in the Poetics of Dunya Mikhail.”
Tory Webster: “Exploding bodies: Mingling Selves and New Vulnerabilities in Lebanon”
Sayyeda Zehra Anwer Razvi: “Rank by Rifle: Class-consciousness in the Fiction of Ghassan Kanafani”

5:45-6:30 pm – Displacement, Labor, and Terror
Brandon Rapoza: “A Case Study of Conflict Probability in Palestinian Displacement”
Maheen Ahmed: “Workforce Discrimination towards Muslims, Middle Easterners, and South Asians”

6:30-7:15 pm – Framing Poetry, Cinema, and Language in Arab(ic)
Neda Awwad: “History of Arab Film”
Abire Sabbagh: “Imagery in Arabic Poetry”
Hiba Saeed: “Urdu and Arabic Analysis”

7:15-7:30 pm – Future Planning
7:30-8:15 pm – Dinner – Open to Participants/Attendees

8:15-9 pm – Mahmoud Darwish Poetry
Funded by community members donations under the leadership of Ameer and Mona Al Sawaf.