

2021 Conference Program

Friday, September 24th

12:00 - 1:30 EST
**Welcome &
Plenary Panel**

Mona Amer, PhD, Gigi Awad, PhD, Maryam Kia-Keating, PhD
Recognition and Representation for MENA Americans: Research, Practice, and Advocacy Priorities

1:30 - 2:10 EST

Poster Session

2:15 - 3:05 EST
Session One

"I Have to Prove Myself": Exploring MENA International Students' Campus Integration

School Psychology in the Arab World: A Mixed Methods Study Examining Publication Trends and Research Practices of Arab Scholars

Identity, Discrimination, and Belonging: The Arab American Muslim Experience

Vitality and Master Narrative Deviation in Lebanon: Identity Achievement in Social Challenge

3:10 - 4:00 EST
Session Two

Unpacking and Comparing Special Education Legislation across USA, Egypt, Morocco, and Saudi Arabia *

Culturally Responsive Group Intervention for Recently Arrived Muslim Immigrant Youth *

Calling Out and Calling In: Exploring Inter- and Intra-Group Oppression of AA/MENA-Identified Clients, Students and Psychology Practitioners *

Exploring the Unique Meaning of Well-being among Arab Americans and Second Generation Iranian Americans **

4:10 - 5:00 EST
Invited Speaker

Lamise Shawahin, PhD
At the Intersection: Experiences of LGBT MENA Americans

5:00 - 6:00 EST

Social Networking Hour



Paper Presentation (no asterik)
Roundtable Discussion*
Symposium**

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Saturday, September 25th

10:00 - 10:50 EST
Invited Speaker

Lara Sheehi, PsyD

Resisting Atomization in Diaspora Through Decolonial Thought and Praxis

11:00 - 11:50 EST
Session Three

White, or Not Quite? Predicting Arab American Responses to Racial Categorization Forms

MENA Identity: Salma Hayek: Khalil Gibran's The Prophet

Health and Wellness in MENA Communities: Health Disparities and Gaps in Literature

Unresolved Historical Loss, Community Resilience, and Mental Health among Descendants of the Armenian Genocide

12:00 - 12:50 EST
Invited Speaker

Julie Hakim-Larson, PhD

Emotion Socialization and Psychosocial Development in MENA Families

1:00 - 1:50 EST
Session Four

Exploring the Lived Experience of Transmitting Resiliency among Arab Middle Eastern North African (AMENA) Migrants

Exploring Racial Ethnic Socialization in Arabs, Middle Eastern, and North Africans *

MENA American Communities in Mindfulness Research & Practice *

Student Committee Programming: Post-Doc Panel

2:00 - 2:50 EST
Session Five

Demystifying Advocacy: A Discussion on Advocacy for MENA Psychologists and Trainees *

Student Committee Programming: Internship Panel

Student Committee Programming: Mentorship Panel

3:00 - 3:50 EST
Session Six

Diverse Perspectives on Conducting Research on Arab/MENA Populations: Importance, Challenges, Strategies and Future Directions (Panel Discussion)

Student Committee Programming: Live Supervision

4:00 - 4:50 EST
Invited Speaker

Roxanne Moadel-Attie, PhD

The Importance of Being Counted: The Impact of MENA Identity Representation on Psychosocial Well-Being and U.S. Public Policy

4:55 - 5:20 EST

Award Ceremony & Closing Remarks

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Poster Presentations

Can sexual anatomy drawings be a barrier for sexual education? Analyzing missing data patterns in a Muslim women sexual quality of life study

Ebra Elsharnouby, M.A.

Meta-synthesis on the racial and cultural experiences of therapists of MENA descent in clinical practice and training

Fatima Mabrouk, M.S.W. & Maryam Omidj, M.A.

Come as you are: Religiousness as a context for explanatory models and treatment

Elijah Mudryk, B.A. & Laura Johnson, Ph.D.

A qualitative study of the lived experiences of Iranian couples who have migrated to Canada to explore the factors affecting their marital relationships

Fereshteh Rashed, M.A.

Do family and religious support moderate the relationship between discrimination and health outcomes among Middle Eastern and North African Americans?

Pedram Rastegar, B.S. & Amy Peterman, Ph.D.

Implicit bias and negative perceptions of non-Arab Americans toward Arabs: Associations between knowledge, media consumption, social contact, and negative attitudes

Isabella Tomei, B.S. & Tiffany Yip, Ph.D.