

From: [Noura Erakat](#)
To: [Dylan Baun](#)
Cc: [John Harfouch](#)
Subject: Re: Conference update
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 12:56:52 PM

Greetings Dylan and John,

Thank you for this update and your generous labor. I am disappointed as you can imagine. Not least because my critique of state violence, particularly in this moment, reflects concerns for all humanity. More, as legal scholar, a scholar of race, and settler colonialism, my work reflects rigorous method and citational practice, which does not seem to be in question here but that is precisely the point - the objection is not to my scholarly rigor but rather seems to be an attack on my character.

I am sorry this is happening and I thank you for pushing back. I will be happy to participate in a conference convened at a later date in May 2024.

Yours,
Noura

On Nov 14, 2023, at 12:25 PM, Dylan Baun <djb0035@uah.edu> wrote:

Hey Noura,

Hope all is well during these incredibly dark days. John and I have been following and really appreciate all your efforts to bring awareness to and end this genocidal war.

We wanted to send an update on the "Palestine and the Global Sixties" conference we were set to hold in March 2024 with university (<https://www.uah.edu/ahs/community-resources/humanities>) and SERMEISS (<https://www.sermeiss.org/>) funds. We have decided to postpone the conference. To be brief, baseless, damaging, and concerning rumors about our conference, particularly as it relates to your participation, spread from the UAH community to the local community and eventually to the state level. While John and I reiterated to our admin your exceptional credibility (which others, like Yoav--see attached email of support from correspondence between John and Yoav--and SERMEISS--see attached board statement, which is not meant to be shared publicly but for our admin--attest to), as well as the diversity of speakers coming, we thought it best to work with our admin at this point and postpone. We also did not want to put you or any of the other conference participants in a vulnerable position while we assessed the impact of community backlash.

It is our understanding that our admin will be in support of a reconvened conference (which we were already considering since October) with the same funding and participants, for a later time, hopefully May 2024. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know. We plan to let all the other conference

participants know in the coming days.

Best,

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he/him/his

STUDENTS--schedule a 30-minute meeting with me at:
<https://calendly.com/djb0035/djb>

Winning Lebanon (Cambridge University Press, 2021) page:
https://www.amazon.com/Winning-Lebanon-Production-Sectarian-1920-1958-dp-110879839X/dp/110879839X/ref=mt_other?_encoding=UTF8&me=&qid=

UAH faculty page: <https://www.uah.edu/ahs/departments/history/faculty-staff/dylan-baun>

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