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## UNIVERSITY PARK EVENTS

**Oct 3**

**CGS Brown Bag:** *Holding on to Democratic Leadership in a Time of Changing Policy and Reform: Socially Distributed Leadership Practice Towards Professional Learning in Denmark and the US*  
Dr. Marsha Modeste  
025 Burrowes, 12:15 p.m.

**Oct 6**

Mehndi at the Downtown Festival  
200 Allen Street, 10 a.m.

**Oct 10**

**CGS Brown Bag:** *A Multidimensional Perspective on Word Order Variation in an Ecuadorian Hybrid Language in Contact with Its Input Languages*  
Isabel Deibel  
025 Burrowes, 12:15 p.m.

**Oct 15**

*U.S. Media Coverage of Global Conflict: How Our Windows on the World Get Tinted Red-White-and-Blue*  
Norman Solomon  
Katz Auditorium, 4:30 p.m.

**Oct 16**

**Arabic Film Series:** *Clash*  
Foster Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

**Oct 17**

*Raising Children to Have a Global Mindset*  
Stacie Berdan  
Schlow Library, Downtown State College,  
6:30 p.m.

**Oct 18**

*Global is Everywhere: Essentials for Career Success*  
Stacie Berdan  
Foster Auditorium (Paterno Library), 4:30 p.m.

## The CGS welcomes new (and returning) staff

The Center for Global Studies is excited to begin another academic year of programming for the Penn State and State College community. The fall semester marks an opportunity to welcome new perspectives through the expansion of our staff. Read on to learn more about our graduate assistant and interns for the fall semester.

**Becca DeOrio** is enrolled in an Integrated Undergraduate and Graduate Program pursuing a master's degree in Human Resources and Employment Relations. She intends to graduate in May 2019. Becca received a bachelor's degree in Labor and Employment Relations, with a double minor in Psychology and Human Development and Family Studies in May 2018. Her interests in cultural differences and globalization led her to pursue a graduate assistantship position with the CGS.



**Sarah Hodes** is a senior majoring in International Politics with a concentration in International Relations and minoring in French and History. Sarah became more interested in international cultures after living in Hunan, China for nearly a month, where she first experienced cultural immersion. Since then, Sarah has continued to take part in the global community through involvement in organizations at Penn State and an internship at an international nonprofit in New York.



**Stacy Brehman** is a second semester intern, majoring in International Politics with a concentration in international relations and a minor in Russian Studies. After doing a service trip in Peru, Stacy became passionate about international humanitarian work. She is excited to work with the new team and potentially create an event of her own!





## “City of Ghosts” in Happy Valley

By Sarah Hodes

When asked “where did you get the courage to fight like this,” Alhamza replied, “I simply knew what I was supposed to do.”

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, the Penn State community welcomed Abdalaziz (Aziz) Alhamza, journalist and co-founder of Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently, an organization committed to shedding light on the atrocities occurring in Syria and all over the world. His visit commenced with a student lunch, where he passionately spoke about his experiences and his organization. Students asked Alhamza questions about the power of social media and how students can make an impact in the critical situations arising all over the world.

Following lunch, the documentary “City of Ghosts” was screened in Katz Auditorium with about 175 viewers. The film documented the struggle of journalism in ISIS-occupied Raqqa, Syria, following the lives and work of Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently journalists. The screening was followed by a discussion with film subject, Alhamza. He spoke about being a college student when ISIS took over Raqqa. Alhamza never considered himself politically involved, however, in the spirit of Arab Spring and seeing danger around him, he began to protest.



Alhamza with Dr. Sophia McClennen, CGS director

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He realized the media wasn’t covering any of the gross human rights violations or protests, so he and his friends took action. Alhamza spoke of ISIS media tactics and the situation in Syria from a global perspective. According to Alhamza, major powers did not realize ISIS was a threat until they had grown too big to suppress.

Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently formed in 2014 to inform the international community of the injustices taking place in Raqqa. According to Alhamza, “the main issue is getting people to know about it.” Alhamza and colleagues addressed this issue by recording acts of violence and uploading the videos on their website for public viewing. The footage spread globally, including on major news networks. This act of defiance was incredibly dangerous, causing its members and their families to be targeted by ISIS. Many members fled the country and remain on the move due to ISIS’s global following.

The inspiration sparked by Alhamza’s presentation encourages the audience to carry on his mission and spread awareness of atrocities.







## Journalist Norman Solomon to Lecture on U.S. Media Coverage of Global Conflicts

By Sarah Hodes

The Center for Global Studies will be hosting Norman Solomon, an American journalist, media critic, author, and activist. He will be giving a lecture titled "U.S. Media Coverage of Global Conflict: How Our Windows on the World Get Tinted Red-White-and-Blue" at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 15 at the Lewis Katz Auditorium.



Solomon will be discussing how media outlets based in the United States are responsible for conveying world events to the public and the overt and subtle forms of media bias that pervade the U.S. landscape. He will also be discussing the reliability of U.S. media news reports, images, and analysis, as well as, how coverage of conflicts around the world affect our attitudes toward war and the use of American military.

Solomon is a longtime associate of Fairness & Accuracy In Reporting (FAIR), co-founder of RootsAction.org, and founder and executive director of the Institute for Public Accuracy. His weekly column titled "Media Beat" was nationally syndicated from 1992 to 2009. Solomon has authored a dozen books, including *War Made Easy: How Presidents and Pundits Keep Spinning Us to Death*.

The lecture is free and open to the public. A reception and book signing will follow. Books will be available for purchase.

## International Career Expert to Speak at Penn State, October 18

By Stacy Brehman

The Center for Global Studies is hosting Stacie Berdan, an international careers expert, on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at Penn State and the Schlow Centre Region Library.



Berdan has served as a strategist, coach and counselor to CEOs, politicians, and senior executives around the world, having worked in more than 50 countries. She has authored six books on the intersections between globalization and careers, titled *Go Global, Get Ahead by Going Abroad*, and *A Student Guide to Study Abroad*. Berdan's experience in corporate communications, marketing, public affairs, and cross-cultural consulting is an illuminating example of the variety of careers one can have within the global landscape.

She will be giving a lecture on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Foster Auditorium in the Paterno Library. This lecture is geared towards preparing students in all fields for an international mindset as they explore their career opportunities.

Berdan will also be speaking to the State College community at the Schlow Library on October 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. about the importance of raising globally minded children.

Both events are free and open to the public.

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### Our Mission

Working in collaboration with Penn State's many excellent international initiatives, faculty and students from multiple disciplines, the CGS is dedicated to the growth and support of global studies at Penn State and in the community

### Our Staff

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