This paper explores Edward Said's participation in the Association of Arab American University Graduates (AAUG), an organization formed in Ann Arbor, Michigan, in the wake of the Six Day War, and for which Said served as Vice President in the 1970s. Describing itself as "an educational, cultural organization whose purpose is the dissemination of information," the AAUG produced materials "expressive of the Arab point of view." Many of the publications of the AAUG are considered to be foundational texts in Arab American studies. While much has been written about Edward Said's oeuvre in relation to postcolonial and literary studies, little is known about his connection to Arab American activism and scholarly production. Using the archives of the AAUG --including correspondence, position papers, memos and the journal Arab Studies Quarterly -- this paper argues that the AAUG served as an incubator for Edward Said's theories, later developed in the books, The Question of Palestine, and Orientalism. It therefore seeks to draw out the connections between Saidian postcolonial theory and Arab American subjectivity.