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Upcoming events at the American University of Beirut

Beirut, Lebanon- 14/03/2013 - The American University of Beirut will be organizing the following events in the coming days:

- **Seminar Series on Food Packaging**

The Department of Nutrition and Food Science is organizing a seminar series on "Food Packaging," sponsored by USAID and ACIDI/VOCA. Topics will include role of packaging in preserving product quality and safety, MAP, sustainability and recycling.

Lecture 1: The Role of Packaging in Maintaining Product Quality and Safety

Date: March 18, 2013

Time: 3:30 - 6:00 pm

Location: West Hall, Auditorium A

This session will explore how packaging materials and containers are used to protect food products from elements such as moisture, oxygen and light. Differences in barrier and product compatibility will be highlighted. Active packaging technologies will be discussed and how they are currently being used to extend product shelf life. Preservation techniques such as modified atmosphere packaging, irradiation and aseptic processing and packaging will be included in the presentation.

Lecture 2: Shelf Life Modeling, Barrier, Migration and Product-Package Interaction

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March 19, 2013

Time: 3:30 - 6:00 pm

Location: West Hall, Auditorium A

Determining the shelf life of food products is a fundamental need to successfully commercialize products. Thus, this session will provide the fundamentals of shelf life modeling and prediction. It will also describe product-package interaction, and the basic to measure barrier to membranes.

Lecture 3: Packaging of fresh produce, Post-harvest handling and Modified Atmosphere Packaging (MAP)

Date: March 20, 2013

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Location: Agricultural Research and Education Center (AREC) in the Bekaa Area

Lecture 4: Sustainability and Recycling

Date: March 21, 2013
Time: 4:30 - 6:00 pm
Location: Agriculture Wing A, Room 310

This session will introduce the basic of sustainability to packaging, the main methodologies to measure environmental indicators, and explain the basic of life cycle assessment. The 5R system to reduce waste will be discussed and examples will be provided of how to improve the environmental footprint of packaging systems.

- **Lecture: 'Arab Workers and the Popular Uprisings of 2011'**

The Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES) and The Issam Fares Institute (IFI) at the American University of Beirut are organizing a lecture by Joel Beinin, Professor of Middle East History at Stanford University, entitled "Arab Workers and the Popular Uprisings of 2011" on Monday, March 18, 2013, at 5:00 pm in College Hall, Auditorium B1.

- **Lecture: Renowned University of Chicago Professor lectures on 'A Capitalism for People'**

The Olayan School of Business at the American University of Beirut and Hawkamah are organizing the Rami Makhzoumi Chair in Corporate Governance Lecture Series, "A Capitalism for People," by Luigi Zingales, Robert C. McCormack Professor of Entrepreneurship and Finance, University of Chicago, Booth School of Business. The lecture will take place on March 18, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Maamari Auditorium, OSB.

- **Lecture: 'Sex Toys and Soldiers: Life in the US Military Sexual Complex'**

The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz Alsaud Center for American Studies and Research (CASAR) at the American University of Beirut is organizing a lecture by Dr. Winddance Twine, UC Santa Barbara entitled: "Sex Toys and Soldiers: Life in the US Military Sexual Complex" on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 6:00 pm in Building 37, Conference Room A.

The screening of the film "The Invisible War" in 2012 introduced civilians to the plight of female and male soldiers who have been treated almost like 'sex toys' - that is sexually abused by their commanding officers and their male peers. In this talk, Winddance will draw on current research on militarism, gender inequality and poverty to provide a critical analysis of the situation of female soldiers serving in the US Armed Forces. Despite recent changes in the US Military Code of Justice and the recent establishment of new Special Victims Units (SUVS) to handle sexual assault cases, the US Armed Services remains a 'gendered organization' that has been structured around specific notions of masculinity and gendered hierarchies. Drawing upon memoirs by female veterans, Department of Defense reports, sociological surveys of female soldiers and feminist theory, she will dissect the challenges that the US Armed Services faces as their increased dependency on women to serve has brought to attention the degree to which sexual violence has become a normative experience for both new recruits and experienced soldiers - that is, exposure to sexual assault has become a condition of employment, a labor condition that has been, until recently, tolerated by the male leadership.

France Winddance Twine is Professor of Sociology and documentary filmmaker at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She is the former deputy editor of *American Sociological Review*, the flagship journal of the American Sociological Association. Twine currently serves as a member of the International editorial boards of *Sociology*, the official journal of the British Sociological Association and the *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*. Twine's research examines the intersections of racial, gender, and class inequalities. Her recent publications include *Girls With Guns: Firearms, Feminism and Militarism* (2012) and *Geographies of Privilege* (2013)

- **Lecture: 'After Babel: Dialogue and Cosmopolis'**

The Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES), and the Political Science and Public Administration and the Arts and Humanities Initiative at the American University of Beirut are organizing a lecture by Fred Dallmayr, Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame, entitled "After Babel: Dialogue and Cosmopolis" on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 5:00 pm in College Hall, Auditorium B1.

- **Lecture: 'The International Circulation of Palestinian Kufiyas'**

The Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES) at the American University of Beirut is organizing a lecture by Ted Swedenberg, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Arkansas, entitled "The International Circulation of Palestinian Kufiyas" on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 5:00 pm in College Hall, Auditorium B1.

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