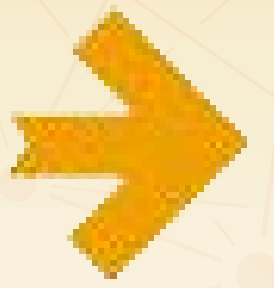


CONNECT ARAB AMERICA



EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT

FEBRUARY 1-5, 2021



**Arab
AMERICA**
FOUNDATION

About

Connect Arab America: Empowerment Summit

The Arab America Foundation celebrates Arab American heritage and identity with discussions from exciting speakers in public service, cultural institutions, business innovators, influencers, and performances by exciting artists from the U.S. and abroad at this year's first annual Connect Arab America: Empowerment Summit, February 1-5, 2021. The primary purpose of the conference is to connect, educate, and empower young Arab Americans by bringing inspiring and successful Arab Americans to the discussion table.

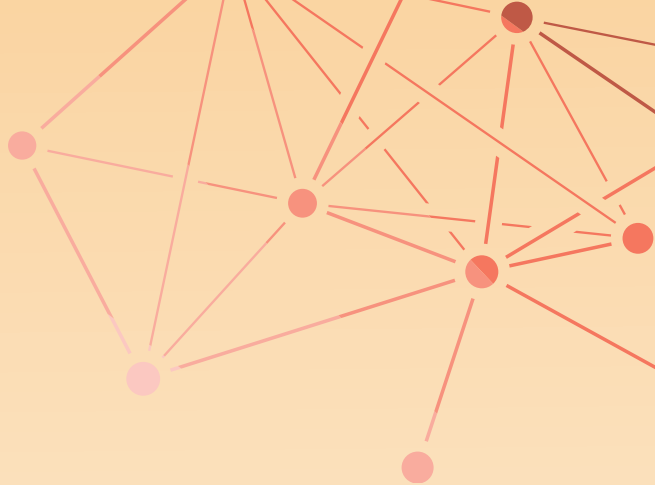
The Connect Arab America: Empowerment Summit will run virtually on Zoom, February 1-5, 2021 Monday-Friday, from 7-8 pm ET with networking to follow each evening from 8-8:30 pm.

JOIN US AS WE HIGHLIGHT MANY OF ARAB AMERICA'S FINEST REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL BE JOINING US FOR THIS UNIQUE SERIES OF EVENTS HIGHLIGHTING ARAB AMERICAN IDENTITY."

— WARREN DAVID,
CO-FOUNDER — ARAB AMERICA FOUNDATION | PRESIDENT — ARAB AMERICA.



Day 1



Connecting with Public Officials

Monday, February 1, 2021

Though we're a marginalized community, Arab Americans are becoming more active politically in municipal, regional, state, and all levels of politics. This panel will meet some of the public officials that are making a difference in their respective communities.



GHIDA FAKHRY
Program Presenter,
TRT World



FAYROUZ SAAD
Executive Director of Global
Michigan,
State of Michigan



RASHIDA TLAIB
U.S. Representative (13th
District), MI



MIKE KHADER
City Council President, Yonkers (NY)



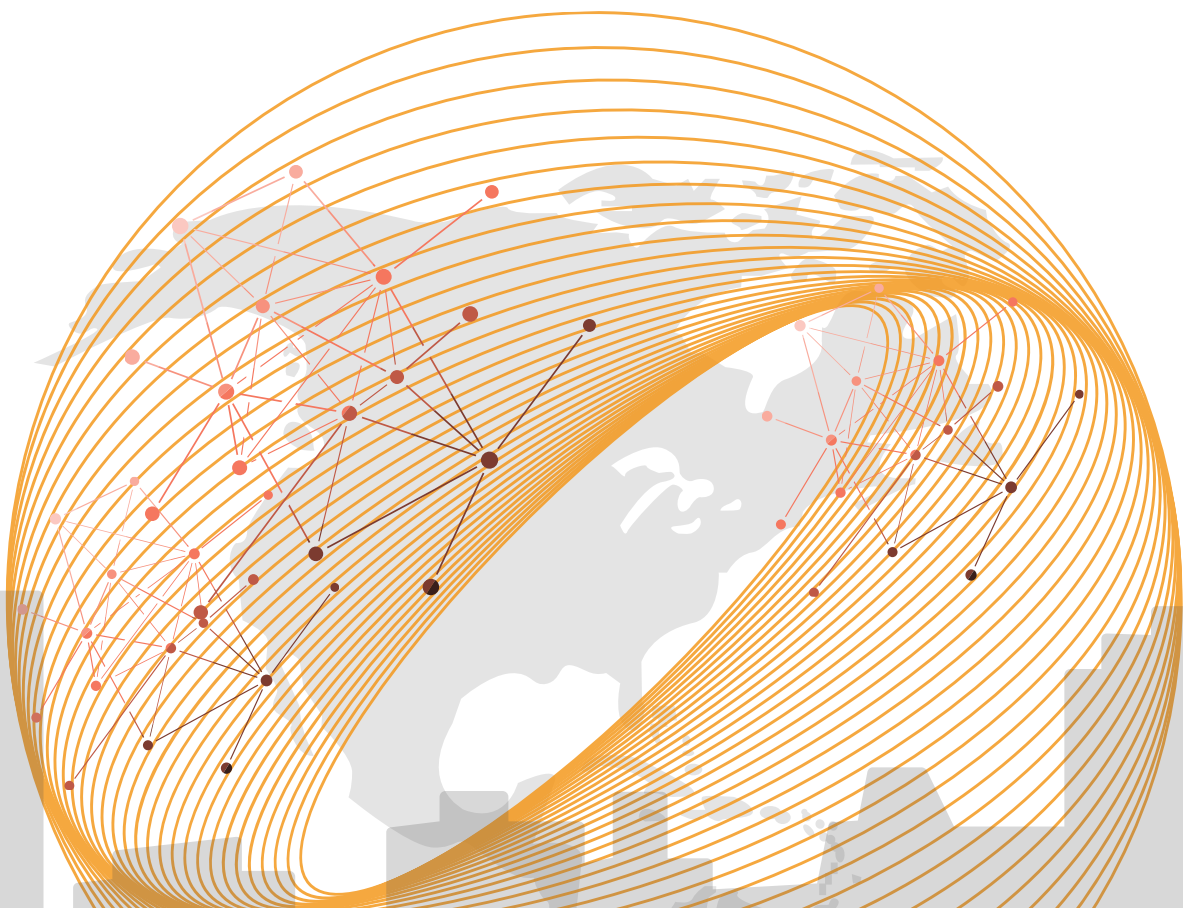
ANDRE SAYEGH
City Mayor, Patterson (NJ)



ABRAHAM AIYASH
House of Representatives (MI)



SAM RASOUL
House of Delegates (VA)



Day 2

Connecting with Cultural Institutions

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

Outreach is important in edifying and promoting Arab culture and identity. Join us as we talk with leaders of major Arab cultural institutions in the U.S. who are making an impact on the Arab American narrative.



KATE SEELYE

VP Arts & Culture,
Middle East Institute (MEI)



SALLY HOWELL

Director,
Center for Arab American Studies
University of Michigan-Dearborn



DIANA ABOUALI

Director,
Arab American National Museum



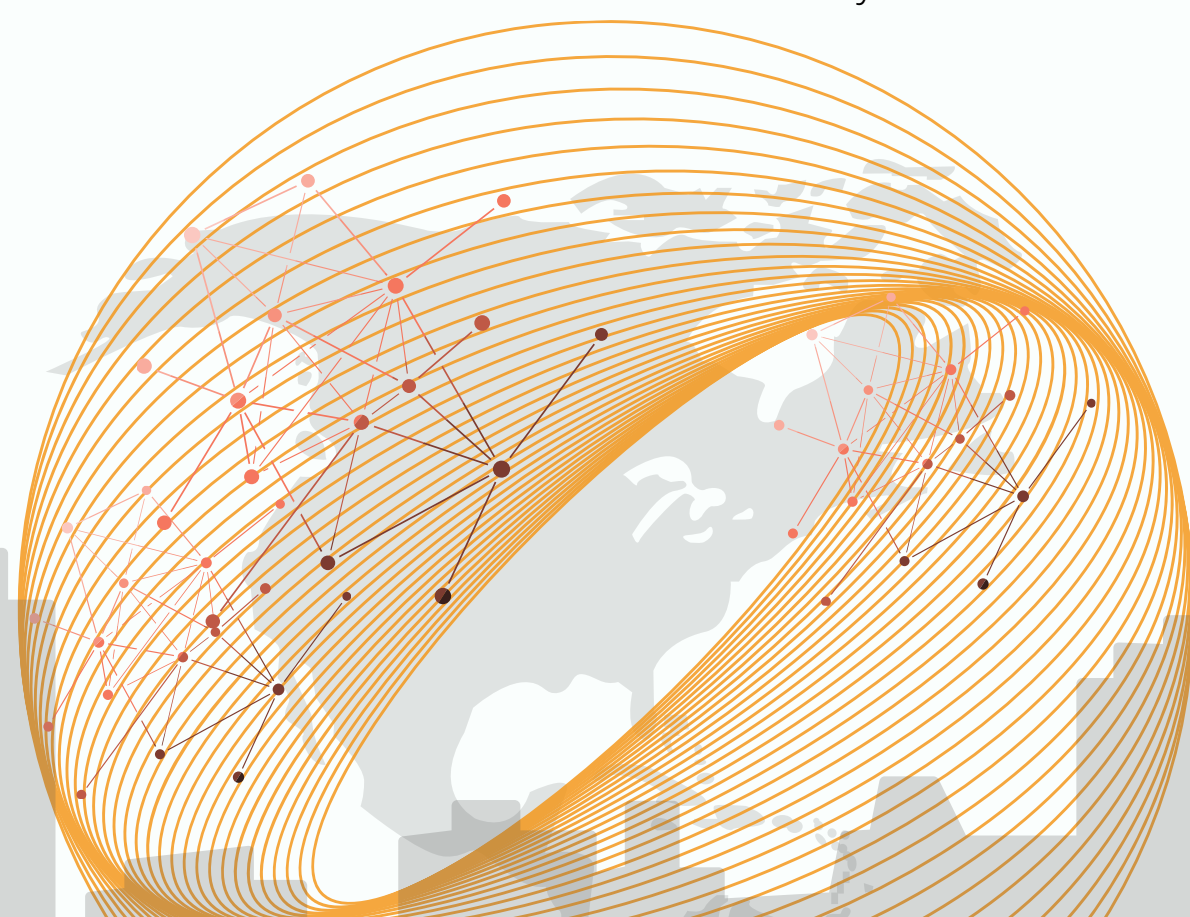
BESHARA DOUMANI

Mahmoud Darwish Chair of Palestinian Studies,
Brown University



AKRAM KHATER

Director of Moise A. Khayrallah Center,
North Carolina State University



Day 3

Connecting with Business Leaders

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

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ABDERRAHIM FOUKARA
Washington D.C. Bureau Chief,
Aljazeera



RAMI KASHOU
CEO, Rami Kashou Brand



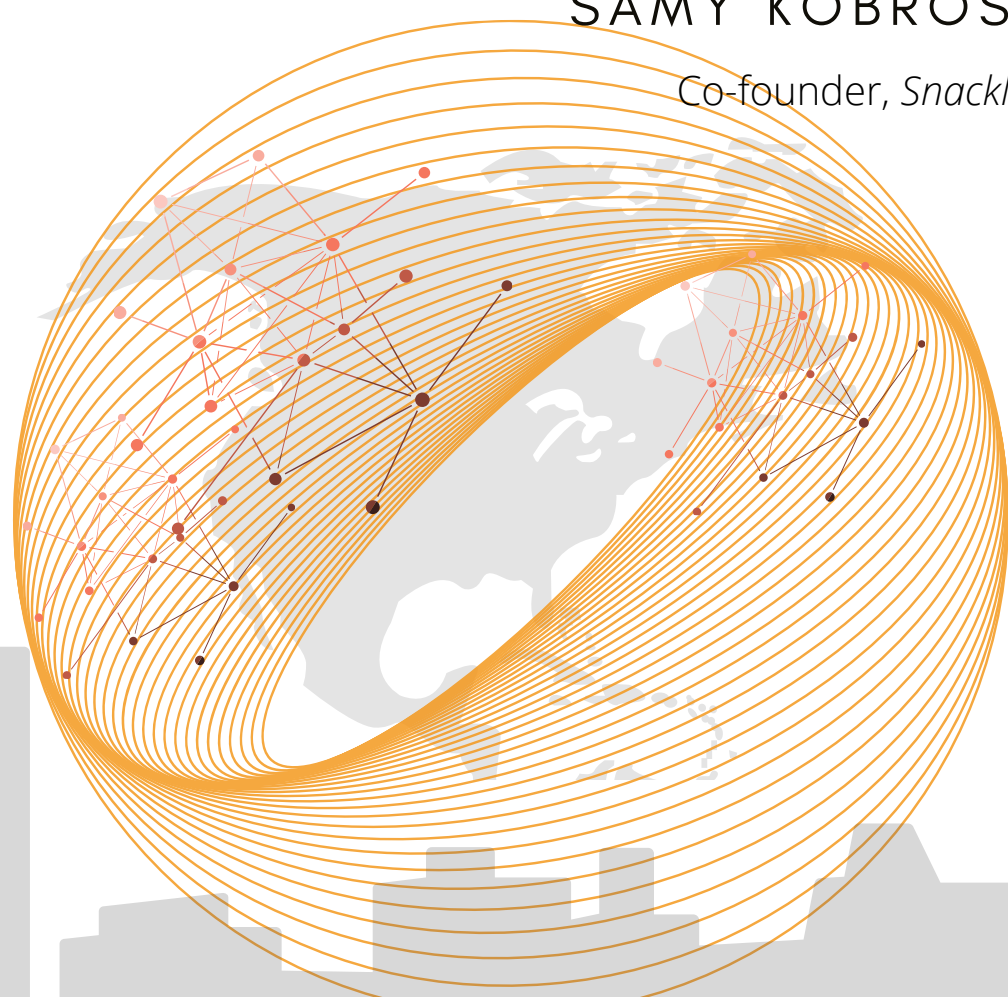
FAROUK SHAMI
Founder, Farouk Systems



SAMY KOBROSLY
Co-founder, *Snacklins*



MANAL SAAB
CEO, Sorensen Gross
Construction Services



Day 4

Connecting with Influencers

Thursday, February 4, 2021

With a new generation comes a new way of keeping in touch with the broader community. As technology has changed, so has the way Arab Americans see themselves in the world. Meet the new generation of change-makers who are using digital social presence through art, food, and entertainment to make their mark on Arab-American society.



FAIZA RAMMUNY
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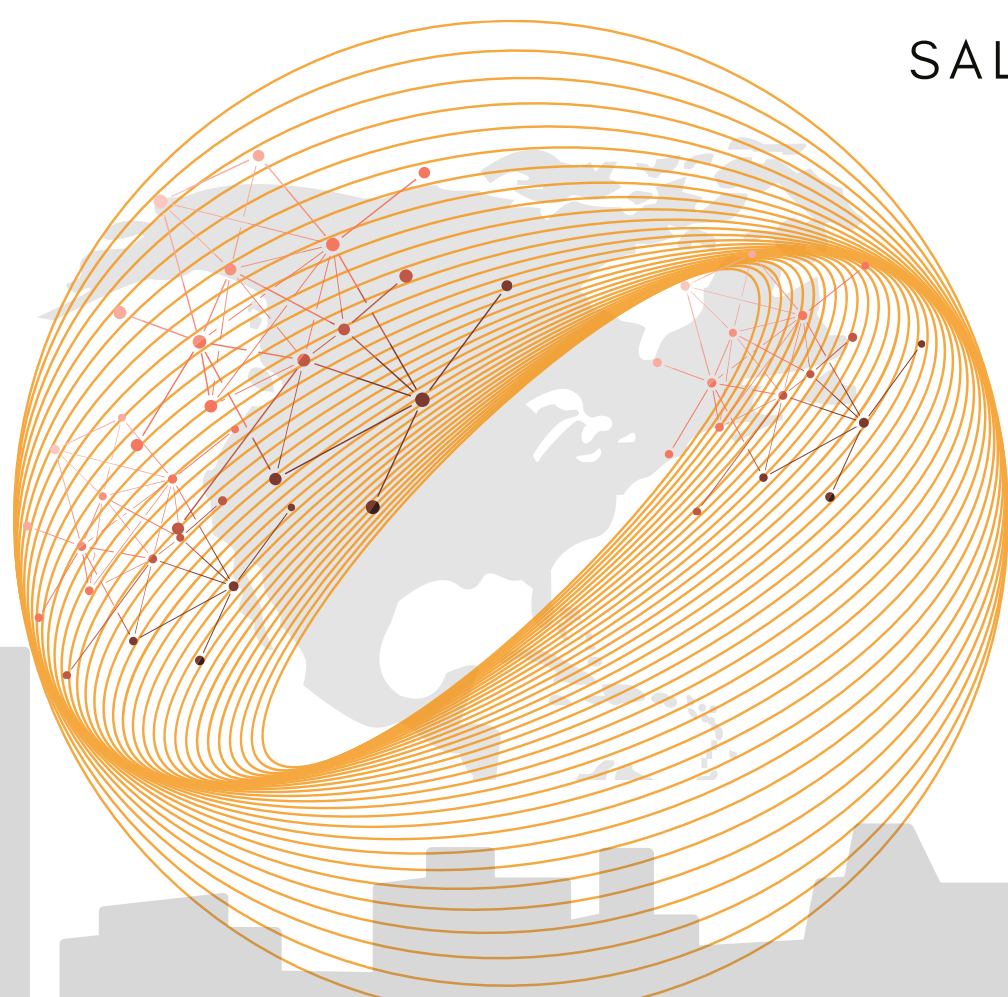
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MAI KAKISH
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SALEM FURRHA & FAMILY
@TheFurrhaFamily



Day 5

Connecting with Our Culture

Friday, February 5, 2021

They're our cultural representatives to the world: actors, musicians, and comedians, proudly representing Arab heritage in their respective fields. Enjoy connecting with our rich, Arab heritage as we talk with inspiring artists.



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AND MORE SPECIAL GUESTS

TO BE ANNOUNCED!

