

Saturday night: 7:00-9:00 LANIGAN 101 HAIDER HAMZA  
LIVING LIKE A REFUGEE: The plight of Iraqi refugees in Syria

### Biography for Haider Hamza:

Twenty-four year old Iraqi journalist Haider Hamza lived through the 2003 US-led invasion of his country with his family near Babylon, south of Baghdad.

Being the son of a diplomat, Haider was born in Germany and grew up in East Africa and Europe. When he turned twelve, he moved back with his family to their hometown, Baghdad. Haider finished high school in Iraq and graduated from Baghdad University in 2006. One year later, he won a Fulbright scholarship and moved to the United States to obtain a master's degree in global



security and conflict resolution.

When he was a teenager, Haider worked with the Iraqi Ministry of Information, talking to visiting dignitaries and foreign reporters. A few days after the end of major combat operations in 2003, he decided to join the mainstream media covering the world's focus on news of his country. At the age of nineteen he worked as a TV producer and photo editor for some of the world largest news agencies and networks including Reuters, ABC News and others.

While in Iraq, Haider covered all the major events that took place in his country and witnessed their formation. These events include, live coverage of all 40 trial sessions of his former president Saddam Hussein from inside the courtroom, witnessing the killing of Saddam's sons, the bombing of the holy shrines in Samara, the elections and referendum, establishment of his country's new governments and political

cabinet, the killing of al Qaeda leader, Abu Mussab al Zarqawi and the daily sectarian violence. For months, Haider was embedded with U.S. military units covering combat operations throughout Iraq. He also covered the perspective of Iraqi armed resistance as a freelance journalist to learn more about their mindset, goals and who they really are.

As life became more and more dangerous in Iraq, Haider was arrested, shot at, and held captive. He also lost several friends and family. Haider wanted to stay in his home country but he also wanted to live. Haider says, "At some point I realized that it is more important to live for a cause than to die for one."

Soon after he left Iraq, his family received death threats for sending their son to America. They fled overnight to a refugee camp where most of them are still living after losing their jobs, home and many relatives and friends. New to America and wanting to understand what the American people felt about their country's involvement in Iraq, Haider decided to travel across the US to talk to people about the war. He drove through 35 states setting up a mobile booth with a sign that says "Talk to an Iraqi."

Haider said, "I always wondered, what do people in American know of what is happening and do they feel responsible...did this war change their lives at all, since it has for sure changed ours dramatically." Part of Haider's journey was aired on NPR and Showtime's "This American Life".

Haider's powerful and fascinating lecture includes poignant and touching film clips from his road trip in America, a slide of photos he took of post-war Iraq, thoughts on the conflict in his country, the presence of US troops there, his personal struggle to heal the wounds of oppression and commitment today to raise awareness among the young people and send messages of peace and reconciliation. Haider has been committed to helping Iraqi widows and orphans who were displaced by violence. Through his family and a network of friends, he hands out 50% of his earnings as a speaker to those in urgent and imminent need.



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**Change will not come if  
we wait for some other  
person or some other  
time. We are the ones  
we've been waiting for.  
We are the change that  
we seek.**

Barack Obama

**FRIDAY NOV 6<sup>TH</sup>  
SATURDAY NOV 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**Presentations, demonstrations, posters and films**

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## Hart Hall Global Awareness Conference Schedule

### Friday Evening

Friday	5:00	6:00	Basement	Hart Hall	Opening Reception
Friday	5:00	6:00	Basement	Juan Lamanna	Afro Cuban Music In Theory & Practice
Friday	6:00	7:30	Cooper		Dinner
Friday	7:30	8:30	Basement	Rhonda Mandel	Welcoming Talk
Friday	8:45	10:30	Basement	Documentary	The Day After Peace

### Saturday All Day

Saturday	9:00	5:00	Lobby	Hart Hall	Information Table
Saturday	9:00	5:00	Lobby	Oswego Has Heart	Clothing Drive For Displaced Iraqis
Saturday	9:00	5:00	Lobby	Oswego Has Heart	School Supply Drive For Beninese
Saturday	9:00	5:00	Lobby	Oswego Has Heart	Supply Drive For Iraqi Children
Saturday	9:00	5:00	Lobby	Oswego Has Heart	Quackies For Iraqis
Saturday	9:00	5:00	Lobby	Study Abroad	Study Abroad Display

### Saturday Morning

#### Presentations in The Basement

Saturday 10:00 10:55 Yamuna Sangarasivam, Ampalavanar Nanthakumar, Alex Thevaranjan

Decolonizing Tamil Nationalism: Self-Determination As An Act Of Love; History Behind The Ethnic Conflict In Sri Lanka; Moving Forward

Saturday 11:05 12:00 Yamuna Sangarasivam, Ream Kidane , Brian Lenzo  
24 Hours In Gaza: Report From An Aid Mission To Palestine

#### Presentations on First Floor

Saturday 11:00 12:00 Lobby Hart Hall Henna Demonstration  
Saturday 11:00 12:00 1st Floor Taejin Jung Samulnori: Percussion Demo

#### Presentations in Hart Classroom

Saturday 10:00 10:55 David Streib Race the Global Illusion  
Saturday 11:05 12:05 Lenuta Giukin Thought For the Future: French Contributions in the (Post)Modern Age

#### Presentations in Cooper Gym

Saturday 11:00 12:00 Shashi Kanbur Tango Lessons

Saturday 12:00 1:00 Cooper Hart Hall World Community Lunch

### Saturday Afternoon

#### Presentations in The Basement

Saturday 1:00 1:55 Ana Cecilia Tafur Shahin Environmental Issues in LA & Spain. Outstanding People in LA & Spain.

Saturday 2:05 3:00 Arvind Diddi Kumbh Mela: Confluence of Humanity  
Saturday 3:10 3:40 Jessica Sinovoi & Jennifer Lynn Judaism 101  
Saturday 3:50 4:20 Kevin Sullivan, Sife Proper Business Ethics In Our Global Environment

Saturday 4:30 5:00 David Vampola  
Cooperation & Competition In World Science: Globalism, Internationalism And Cosmopolitanism

### Presentations on First Floor

Saturday 1:00 2:00 1st Floor Various Poster Session  
Saturday 2:30 4:30 Lobby Hart Hall Henna Demonstration

### Presentations in Hart Classroom

Saturday 1:00 1:30 Alma Hidalgo Organ Trafficking And The Media  
Saturday 1:40 2:10 Yasmen Shalaby Child Abuse In Egypt  
Saturday 2:20 3:00 Paul Romano, Zech Azazi, Nicole Smyth  
Examination of Sudanese Arabic: How Linguistic Study Contributed To Our Global Awareness  
Saturday 3:10 3:45 Samantha Fay German Dada Movement  
Saturday 3:55 4:20 Lauren Sordellini The Invisible Children  
Saturday 4:25 5:00 Geraldine Forbes Human Trafficking

### Presentations on Upper Floors

Saturday 1:30 3:00 2nd Floor Webe Kadima Anti-Diabetic Plants In The Democratic Republic Of Congo: What's Change Got To Do With It?  
Saturday 1:30 3:00 3rd Floor David Streib Ethnic Conflict And Marginalization In Africa: What Can We Learn?  
Saturday 1:30 3:00 4th Floor Mira Ingemann Qigong: Ancient Chinese Healing For The 21st Century  
Saturday 1:30 3:00 5th Floor Jessica Ryan Drum Circle- Global Music  
Saturday 1:30 3:00 6th Floor Students for Global Change Exhibit  
Saturday 1:30 3:00 7th Floor Carl Ackerbauer Exotic Animals  
Saturday 1:30 3:00 8th Floor Cara Levine, Martin Devita Global Protest Art  
Saturday 1:30 3:00 9th Floor Keith Davis Italy Exhibit  
Saturday 3:30 5:00 2nd Floor Kelsey O'Brien, Ben Hope, Josie Rollins, Sarah Linney, Meg Willis Australia And New Zealand  
Saturday 3:30 5:00 3rd Floor Jennie Camenga France  
Saturday 3:30 5:00 4th Floor Mira Ingemann Culture And Traditions Of Bermuda  
Saturday 3:30 5:00 5th Floor Maggie Rivera Salsa Lessons  
Saturday 3:30 5:00 6th Floor Kevin Morgan Ireland  
Saturday 3:30 5:00 7th Floor Reggae Band  
Saturday 3:30 5:00 8th Floor S4GC  
Saturday 3:30 5:00 9th Floor Haider Hamza Iraq Exhibit

### Presentations in Cooper Gym

Saturday 1:00 1:45 Cooper Gym Aikido Aikido  
Saturday 2:00 2:30 Cooper Gym Shaylyn MacCracken Yoga  
Saturday 2:45 3:15 Cooper Gym Ian Mumpton, Jacob Peck  
The Art Of The German Longsword

Saturday 5:00 6:30 Cooper Dinner

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