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## Palestinian/Israeli conflict to be discussed

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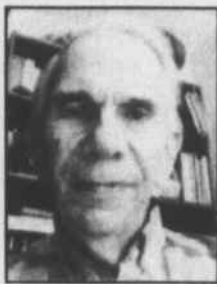
"Palestinian/Israeli Conflict: A Forum for Understanding," a panel discussion that is free and open to the public, will be held on Thursday, Oct. 2 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. in Wait Chapel on the campus of Wake Forest University.

The organizers of the discussion are the Wake Forest University's Office of the Chaplain, the Department of Religion, the Middle East and Asia Studies Program, the Pro Humanitate Institute, the WFU Interfaith Council, the WFU Muslim Student Association, Interfaith Winston-Salem and the Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission. Organizers say the talk will "help unravel the political and religious complexities of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict."

The ongoing turmoil has captured the attention of the American public while eliciting strong emotional reactions on

both sides. Yet, the religious and political underpinnings of the conflict are frequently unknown or misrepresented, say organizers.

The distinguished panel for this event includes: Dr. Michaelle Browers (moderator), co-director of Middle East and South Asia Studies Program/Associate Professor of Politics and International Affairs at WFU; Dr. Dean Franco, co-director of Jewish Studies Minor/Associate Chair/Professor English at WFU; Dr. Annalise Glauz-Todrank, assistant professor of Religion at WFU; Dr. Charles Kennedy, co-director of the Middle East and South Asia Studies Program/professor Politics and International Affairs at WFU; Rabbi Dr. Andrew Ettin of Temple Israel in Salisbury and WFU professor emeritus; and Imam Khalid Griggs, associate chaplain for Muslim Life at WFU and Imam of Community Mosque of Winston-Salem.



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### Irby

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Teach for America, serving first as a corps member and later worked as a special education teacher in Charlotte. She has held other leadership positions within the organization.

Irby will oversee daily regional operations of Teach for America-North Carolina Piedmont Triad which includes building

partnerships with schools, parents and communities, while cultivating private, public and foundation support.

"We're delighted to have Teach for America corps members joining our school district," said Mo Green, superintendent of Guilford County Schools. "Like all GCS educators, corps members believe in the potential of all students, set high expectations and invest

deeply in relationships with students, families, parents and the broader school community."

Teach for America has been partnering with North Carolina school districts for 25 years and the work in this region is made possible by a partnership with Guilford County Schools and support of the Cemala Foundation and Phillips Foundation.

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"Our customers have jobs; they work," she said.

Others suggested the next leader should implement uniform policies and procedures across the agency's three divisions - Income Support, Family and Children and Adult Services - and concentrate on employee retention.

More than one person suggested that a person should be hired who is sensitive to cultural diversity. Though most of the agency's 450 employees are black and a large percentage of its clients are minorities, people of color had largely been missing at the leadership table. That has changed in



McCaskill

recent years, but employees said there is still much room for improvement.

"That's a hot button issue," Terry said. "We are trying to be color-blind and choose the very best, but I don't think it's an issue we can leave off the table with this selection."

Fifty-two people applied for the job by the Sept. 14 deadline, according to Forsyth County Human Resources Director Shontell Robinson, who will winnow the pool by applying the requirements listed in the job description. The board will be charged with dwindling down the applicants that meet the basic requirements. Terry said no concrete hire or start date has been set for the new director.

Nigel Alston, a former DSS Board member, has been pegged as the interim director. The agency has been without a permanent leader since mid-August, when former ED Joe Raymond departed for a similar job in Guilford County.

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