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Cal Poly to Hold Public Lecture Feb. 28 on Middle East Conflict

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Hastings College of the Law Professor George Bisharat will talk on “From Apartheid to Democracy: Transforming Israel/Palestine into State of All Citizens” from 6:10 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, in Philips Hall in the Performing Arts Center at Cal Poly.

Bisharat has lived, studied and traveled throughout the Middle East and North Africa, with extended stays in Beirut, Tunis, Cairo and the Israeli-occupied West Bank. He authored a book about his study of the impact of Israeli occupation on the Palestinian legal profession of the West Bank, titled “Palestinian Lawyers and Israeli Rule: Law and Disorder in the West Bank,” published by the University of Texas Press in 1989.

In recent years, Bisharat has consulted with the Palestinian Legislative Council over the structure of the Palestinian judiciary, reforms in criminal procedure, and other aspects of legal development. He writes frequently about law and politics in the Middle East.

He earned a B.A. in anthropology from UC Berkeley in 1975, an M.A. in history from Georgetown University in 1979, and a Ph.D. in anthropology and Middle East studies from Harvard University in 1987. He graduated cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1983.

His talk is sponsored by the Cal Poly History Department. It is free and open to the public. For more information, call 756-2068

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