



Newsletter

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Sustainable Israeli-Palestinian Projects

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Upcoming Events

Eastern Mediterranean International School (EMIS)

Three EMIS alumni currently living in Colorado will speak about their experiences at a unique high school near Tel Aviv for Israelis, Palestinians, and International Students.

Sunday, December 2, 3pm - 4:30pm

Location TBD - we will send out an announcement

[Click here for more information about EMIS](#)

Meet Dr. Akram Amro

Palestinian Environmental Visionary and founder of the Environmental Education Center in Idhna

Sunday, April 28 - SAVE THE DATE

Time and location TBD

Project Updates - October 2018

SIPP is launching *Environmentally Sustainable Projects, an Initiative of SIPP* (ESP) for SIPP's environmental work. We are formalizing our grant program for ESP projects.



Amro's work, the local community near Hebron has slowly begun to recognize the hazards associated with open burning and the importance of environmental sustainability. SIPP's grant will help Dr. Amro build on his work providing environmental education, resources, and workshops for students and adults.

ESP's first grant is being awarded to the Green Land Society for Health and Development (GLSHD) for its Environmental Education Center (EEC) located in Idhna (near Hebron). The EEC was founded and is managed by Dr. Akram Amro to increase environmental education in the West Bank. Dr. Amro, a professor of physiotherapy at Al-Quds University, has been working on environmental education and reducing electronic waste in the West Bank for the past eight years. Through Dr.

SIPP is inspired by Dr. Amro's work and looks forward to partnering with him through this grant. SIPP is bringing him to Colorado this coming April for an intensive week of meetings with US environmental professionals. For more information on Dr. Amro's work in the West Bank, see this article in [E-Scrap News](#) (a trade publication).

International Conference at Tel Aviv University

Peter and Beth Ornstein (SIPP's President and Secretary) will be attending [The 1st International conference on Innovations in Conflict Resolution and Mediation](#) in Tel Aviv in November 2018. While in Israel, they will be checking in with our regional partners, strengthening existing relationships, and nurturing new partnerships. Follow them on [SIPP's Facebook page](#).

Meet Our Board Member: Roberta Spivak

SIPP is excited to introduce board member Roberta Spivak. Roberta joined the SIPP Board this past January. She has an M.A. in Middle Eastern politics, and lived intermittently in Israel through the 1980's and 90's. Apart from her work at SIPP,

Roberta works for The One Earth Future Foundation (OEF) in Broomfield, Colorado. This organization works to understand and address the root causes of war. In her time with the OEF, Roberta has co-authored a book on maritime piracy, has written essays for OEF's ThinkPeace blog, and is currently



organizing a discussion series on peace and security at United Nations headquarters in New York and Geneva. Roberta also has a love for film-making. During the 1990's, her film "Murder Over Easy" played on Ithaca Public Access TV.

Roberta wanted to join SIPP because she likes our technical approach to peace-building. "Rather than tackling peace head on, which is so laced with emotions, SIPP focuses on technical environmental issues that are vital to both Israelis and Palestinians," says Roberta. She's looking forward to supporting Israeli and Palestinian peace-builders through SIPP.

Meet Our CU Intern: Bailey Wakefield



Fall 2018 Intern

This semester, Bailey Wakefield is joining SIPP's team through the University of Colorado's Jewish Studies Internship Program. Bailey is a freshman majoring in International Affairs and minoring in Arabic. She is assisting SIPP with publicity and in making connections with student groups on the CU Boulder campus. In her free time, Bailey enjoys playing tennis, hiking, and working on her photography skills. She also plans on going to Israel this summer through Hillel's Birthright program at CU.

Bailey joined SIPP because of her interest in learning about nonpartisan ways to peacefully address the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and looks forward to seeing what SIPP accomplishes in the future.

End-Of-Year Donations

Please think of SIPP as you consider your end-of-year charity contributions. If you are unable to make a monetary donation, please consider donating airline miles as we can use them to bring people such as Dr. Amro to the United States or send American experts to the region.

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