

The Middle East in Transition
2015 Choices Leadership Institute
July 13-17, 2015

Watson Institute for International Studies, 111 Thayer St.

All sessions take place in the McKinney Room, 3rd floor of the Watson Institute, unless otherwise noted.

Monday, July 13th

- 2:00 - 2:45 *Opening Reception*: Introductions and Logistics
(Watson Institute Library, 3rd floor)
Susan Graseck, Director, Choices Program
Mimi Stephens, Professional Development Director, Choices Program
Kathie Magiera, Administrative Manager, Choices Program
- 3:00 - 4:30 *The Making and Unmaking of the Middle East Map: 100 Years of Contestation and Negotiation*
Faiz Ahmed, Assistant Professor of History, Brown University
- 4:30 *Welcome to Brown University*
Karen Sibley, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives/Dean, School of Professional Studies, Brown University
- 4:45 - 5:30 *So You Think You Know Choices? An Introduction to the Choices Program*
Mimi Stephens and Participants
- 5:30 *Group Dinner*
(Watson Institute Library, 3rd floor)
- 6:30 Shuttle departs to hotel
- Optional*: Informal gathering on Thayer Street

Tuesday, July 14th

6:00 - 8:30 Breakfast buffet at hotel

8:15 & 8:30 Shuttle departs for Thayer Street

8:45 - 10:15 *Understanding Israel – Palestine Negotiations and Their Impact on U.S. Foreign Policy*

Sarah Tobin, Associate Director of Middle East Studies and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Brown University

10:30 - 12:00 *What is at Stake in Iran?*

Jo-Anne Hart, Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs, Watson Institute, Brown University

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch on your own

1:00 - 2:30 *The Middle East Unit: Strategies for Using the Unit in the Classroom*

Stephens and Participants

2:45 - 4:15 *Still Through Dark Glasses?: Obama and the Middle East*

Linda B. Miller, Adjunct Professor of International Studies, Brown University

Debrief: Bringing it Back to the Classroom

5:00 Shuttle departs to hotel

Optional: Role play prep meetings and individual Action Plan meeting time

Wednesday, July 15th

Walk over to the School of Professional Studies,
200 Dyer St, Room 101

6:00 - 8:30 Breakfast buffet at hotel

9:00 - 10:30 *Understanding Egypt since 2011*
Ian Straughn, Joukowsky Family Middle East Studies Librarian; Adjunct
Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Brown University

10:45 - 12:00 *Conducting Choices Outreach Through the Teaching Fellows Program*
Stephens

12:00 - 1:15 Group lunch and informal discussion
Social Studies Education in Australia

1:30 - 2:45 *Conducting Choices Outreach (Continued)*
Stephens and Participants

3:00 - 4:30 *Understanding the Syria Conflict*
Peter Krause, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Boston College

Debrief: Bringing it Back to the Classroom

Optional: Time for small group work on Choices presentation or Role Play prep.

Thursday, July 16th

- 6:00 - 8:30 Breakfast buffet at hotel
- 8:30 & 8:45 Shuttle departs for Thayer Street
- 9:00 - 10:30 *Turkey's Role in U.S. Policy Towards the Middle East*
Stephen Kinzer, Visiting Professor, Brown University
- 10:45 - 12:00 *Behind the Scenes at Choices: Creating Curriculum and Getting the Word Out*
Andy Blackadar, Curriculum Director
Susannah Bechtel, Curriculum Writer
Tanya Waldburger, Video and New Media Producer
Jillian Turbitt, Marketing and Communications Specialist
Danielle Johnstone, Program Associate
- 12:00 - 1:15 Lunch on own
(Deadline for placing an order with Kathie for print units.)
- 1:30 - 3:00 *Russia's Role in U.S. Policy Towards the Middle*
Nikolas Gvosdev, Professor, Naval War College, and Visiting Associate
Professor, International Relations Program, Brown University
- 3:15 - 4:15 *Presenting a Choices Workshop*
Participant small groups
- Debrief: Bringing it Back to the Classroom*
- Group Photo in Watson courtyard**

Shuttle On Call

Optional: Small group work for the Options Role Play; individual Action Plan meetings.

Visit to Trinity Brew House on your own, 186 Fountain Street.

Friday, July 17th

- 6:00 - 8:00 Breakfast buffet at hotel
- 7:30 & 7:45 Shuttle departs for Thayer Street. Storage area for luggage open at Watson.
- 8:15 Announcements and final travel plans
- 8:30 - 10:00 *Teaching About Islam in the Era of ISIS*
Caner Dagli, Associate Professor of Religious Studies,
College of the Holy Cross
- 10:15 - 11:45 *Options Role Play and Option 5: Common Core Strategies*
Amy Howland, *Choices Teaching Fellow*
Teacher, Academy of the Pacific Rim High School, MA
- 11:45 - 12:45 Group lunch, *New Initiatives at Choices*
Susan Graseck
- 1:00 - 2:30 *Arab Spring: Four Years On*
Barbara Petzen, Independent Scholar, Middle East Connections
- Debrief: Bringing it Back to the Classroom*
- 2:45 *Putting the ACTION in your Action Plan*
Evaluations exchanged for *Certificates of Completion*
- 3:00 Institute ends. Shuttle on call.