

RoundTable Biographies



Omar Fattal, MD, MPH, LebmASH Board Member

Dr. Fattal is a 1999 graduate of the American University of Beirut (AUB) Medical School. He also holds a Master's Degree in Public Health from AUB. He completed his residency in Psychiatry at the Cleveland Clinic in 2005. Dr. Fattal is currently the associate director of inpatient psychiatry and the Unit Chief of the Latino Inpatient Psychiatry Unit at Bellevue Hospital in New York. He is also a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at New York University (NYU). Dr. Fattal is a member of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA). He is a founder and the immediate past president of the Lebanese Medical Association for Sexual Health (LebmASH).



Mostafa El Nakib, MD, MPH

Dr Mostafa El Nakib graduate from AUB with a specialty in Family medicine and a master degree in public health. He holds a fellowship in HIV program management from the University of California at Santa Cruz. He joined WHO as the Manager of the National AIDS program working for the MOPH since 1998 till now. He represented Lebanon in all National, Regional and International high level meetings on HIV including UNGASS. Member of the IAS, and president of the ARAG, he is associated with several national committees including the prison health and other committees, he developed with his partners the first OST program in Lebanon and is responsible for the development of the successive NSP's and ART national guidelines. Secretary of the United Nations Joint UN Theme on HIV, he is responsible for the development and execution of the EMR 1 grant of the GFTAM. He is the author and coauthor of several articles on HIV.

الأستاذة نرمين السباعي

محامية وباحثة قانونية في مجال حقوق الانسان والحريات العامة. تركز أعمالها حول حماية الفئات المهمشة اجتماعياً وإقتصادياً وتلك المعرضة للتمييز. مستشارة قانونية للعديد من الجمعيات غير الحكومية المحلية والدولية وتتعاون معها حول قضايا مناصرة حقوق اللاجئين/اللجئات، والعمال المهاجرين/العاملات المهاجرات، والمثليين/المثليات، والثانئين/الثانويات والمتحولين والمتحولات جنسياً، والمرأة والاطفال. أعدت دراسات وأوراق حول الحق بالوصول الى المعلومة، وفعالية عمل المجلس النيابي ودوره التشريعي والرقابي، والحق بالصحة ولا سيما الصحة الجنسية والاتجابية، والاستجابة لفيروس نقص المناعة البشري وحماية المتعاشين/ات، والاطر القانونية لتعزيز حماية المسنين/ات. لها عدة مقالات حول مناهضة التعذيب، والاحتجاز التعسفي، وحرية الرأي والتعبير، واستقلالية القضاء، وحقوق الاطفال المتبنين بشكل غير شرعي وأولئك المفصولين قسراً عن أسرهم البيولوجية، وذوي الاحتياجات الخاصة، والبيئة، وحماية المستهلك. ناشطة في مجال الاصلاح السياسي والانتخابي من خلال عدد من المجموعات والحركات المحلية.



حائزة على إجازة في الحقوق من الجامعة اللبنانية ودراسات عليا في القانون الخاص. وحاضرة أيضاً على كالموريبوس في إدارة الاعمال من الجامعة الأميركية في بيروت.



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Nesrine Rizk, MD

Dr. Nesrine Rizk is an Instructor of Clinical Medicine, subspecialty Infectious Diseases, in the Department of Internal Medicine of the American University of Beirut.

She graduated from the AUB with a degree in Medicine in 2001 and completed specialty training in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases at the Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio with additional fellowship training in HIV/AIDS Medicine. Dr. Rizk was the Program Director of the HIV program at the Yale-affiliated Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center in New Haven, CT and a member of the Yale AIDS Program and an active medical staff at Yale New Haven Medical Center.

Dr. Rizk joined the medical group practice of the ID Division of the AUB in July 2012 and has been active in clinical and educational activities as well as research projects. Dr Rizk is a passionate advocate of People Living with HIV and AIDS. She is experienced in the treatment and management of the HIV infection. Her experience also covers the management of metabolic and oncologic complications in this field. She has continued to provide the same medical care to the patients in Lebanon. Dr Rizk holds the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) Infectious Diseases certification. She is also a member of the American Academy of HIV Medicine (AAHIVM) and a certified HIV Expert.



Attorney Layal Sakr

Ms. Sakr studied law at the St Joseph University. She ran as a candidate for the presidency of the student's board, and therefore discovered politics. She thus became a liberal, refusing any commitment to any political party. Her Masters studies focused on affairs and capital markets, due to an interest in understanding economics, a major component of injustice. This degree helped her find a well-known law

office to start her training. After 8 years of working in the field, she established her own law office. Ms. Sakr strongly believes that the law, when well amended and used, would establish equity and

fight corruption. For those particular purposes, she was a member of the delegation of Lebanese NGOs that visited The Hague for the special tribunal for Lebanon (STL), a visit to monitor the international criminal courts. She has also conducted workshops and seminars covering women's empowerment (for development), youth empowerment and entrepreneurship in social business (beyond reform and development), the rights of refugees (IRC legal training).



Nadia Badran, MSW, President of Social Workers' Syndicate in Lebanon

Ms Nadia Badran is a PHD student, got her Master degree in Counseling and BS in Social work. She is the President of the Social Workers' Syndicate in Lebanon. She is a Program Manager at SIDC a health care association based in Beirut-Lebanon. For the past 20 years, she has been actively engaged at national, regional and international levels in the field of HIV/AIDS HIV/Sexual Health/ Hep B and C/ Harm

Reduction, prevention, treatment, capacity building, researches, empowering of KPs and advocacy for the rights of KPs communities including PLHIV. She initiated the outreach program addressing Key Populations, she started the support groups for PLHIV in Lebanon. She organized and implemented regional program and training workshop in the MENA program addressing various stakeholders including media representatives, religious leaders and police. She is one of the focal points for Harm



Tarek Al Koussaifi, MCI, RN, LebMASH Board Member

Mr. Koussaifi has a BS degree in nursing, and a specialty in wound care and tissue integrity. Since 2009 has been active with several NGOs in Lebanon, and a couple abroad in LGBTIQ+ health, especially in HIV/AIDS. Over the past decade, has given HIV/AIDS testing, education, counselling, initiated/moderated support groups for people living with HIV, and taken further studies and research about the pandemic.