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A LOST LEVANT: A REPORTER'S REFLECTIONS ON LEBANON, PALESTINE, & IRAQ

Tuesday, April 14th, 2009

Harvard Law School, Austin Hall

Refreshments: 6:45 pm

Program: 7:15 to 9:00 pm

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Anthony Shadid is presently the Middle East correspondent for the Washington Post. Previous to his current position, he served with the Boston Globe. Since September 11, 2001, he has reported from most countries in the Middle East, including Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Israel and Palestine, where he was wounded in the back while covering fighting in 2002 in the West Bank. In March 2003, before the U.S. invasion, he traveled to Iraq, his third visit there. He remained in Baghdad during the invasion, the fall of Saddam Hussein and the war's aftermath. In 2005, he moved to Beirut, from where he covered the rest of the Arab world. He was in Iraq this past winter to cover provincial elections.

Shadid was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for International Reporting in 2007 for his coverage of the Lebanese-Israeli war a year earlier. In 2004, he won the Pulitzer Prize for his dispatches from Iraq. In 2003, Shadid was awarded the George Polk Award for foreign reporting for a series of dispatches from the Middle East during his tenure at the Boston Globe. In 1997, Shadid was awarded a citation by the Overseas Press Club for his work on "Islam's Challenge." The four-part series, published by the AP in December 1996, formed the basis of his book, *Legacy of the Prophet: Despots, Democrats and the New Politics of Islam*, published by Westview Press in December 2000. His second book, *Night Drums Near: Iraq's People in the Shadow of America's War*, was published in September 2005 by Henry Holt. He is currently at work on a third book, still untitled, set in his family's ancestral village in southern Lebanon. Shadid is a native of Oklahoma City, and a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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The Series honors the legacy of the late Dr. Evelyn Abdalah Menconi, known for introducing Arab cultural traditions to the public and highlighting achievements of gifted Arab-Americans.

For program information, please call 781-648-1245.