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*Welcome to our newsletter KITE, from
the Sarah Lawrence Coalition for Palestine.*

*KITE is open to contributions from within and beyond our
Sarah Lawrence community. If you or someone you know would
like to contribute—an event announcement, an event report,
an opinion piece, a response to something we've published,
a quote, a poem—please send to sl.fs.jpalestine@proton.me.*

Copy deadline is Sundays at noon. Thank you.

5 Questions

We've had the honor of printing responses to these 5 questions from SL alums Sarah Ihmoud, Kathy Engel, Megan G, Miller Oberman, Randall Wallace, & Deborah Augustin, as well as from two current faculty members. We'd like to open our community-wide dialogue to anyone else who might be willing to answer them, whether by name or anonymously. As above, reach us at sl.fs.jpalestine@proton.me.

Here are the questions:

- 1 Can you say a little about your connection to Sarah Lawrence?
- 2 Can you say a little about what your life has been like since October of 2023?
- 3 Something the Sarah Lawrence administration has said consistently since the fall of 2023: the rights of Zionists must be respected. Can you say a little about what that means to you?
- 4 What's the role of a college or university in a time of genocide?
- 5 What are the values of Sarah Lawrence that you respect?



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*STUDENTS FOR
JUSTICE IN
PALESTINE*

SAFETY & SURVEILLANCE ON CAMPUS

*WEEKLY GENERAL
MEETING*

THU. 9/24 6:30 pm library pillow room



DID YOU KNOW?

- Did you know that 3 Sarah Lawrence students were suspended last May for their participation in a political protest last January?
- Did you know that because merit scholarships are permanently cancelled after a suspension, these suspensions amount to expulsions?
- Did you know that 1 of those 3 students received a campus award which was rescinded without explanation?
- Did you know that 8 Sarah Lawrence seniors received disciplinary sanctions last May for participating in political protest last January?
- Did you know that 4 of those seniors were barred from senior week celebrations?
- Did you know that one brown Muslim senior was singled out and barred from commencement and from campus on commencement day?
- Did you know that 9 of the 20 students who faced disciplinary hearings for political protest were students of color?
- Did you know that the investigation and hearings process was outsourced to a controversial consulting firm called Grand River Solutions?
- Would you like to be part of a campus conversation about this? Email SLCseriousquestions@proton.me



Hisham Awartani, Tahseen Aliahmad, and Kennan Abdalhamid

Since our last newsletter:

- ***Monday September 21*** Vermont man found guilty in Burlington shooting of three Palestinian college students in November 2023: Hisham Awartani, Tahseen Aliahmad, and Kennan Abdalhamid. [BurlingtonFreePress](#)

Charges dropped against Stanford students over pro-Palestine protest. Students faced prison terms and thousands of dollars in restitution over campus protest against Israel's war on Gaza: "People still very much care about Palestine but I think they are afraid, and reasonably so, because of everything that's happened with the escalation of repression over the past two years. It takes victories like this one to encourage people to turn their beliefs into action." [Guardian](#)

• **Tuesday September 22** Amnesty International and ACLU [issue](#) 287-page [report](#), "Colleges Adopted 'Systemic Suppression' of Protesters" : "Universities have punitively enforced campus policies through internal disciplinary or code of conduct processes against students, faculty, and staff for campus-related Palestine advocacy. Hundreds of students have faced sanctions such as campus bans, suspensions, and expulsions for alleged code of conduct violations or disciplinary charges related to their participation in pro-Palestinian demonstrations. These punishments can impose severe and life-long consequences and profoundly disrupt students' lives and academic careers."

"In some instances, universities explicitly changed their policies in ways that seemed to deliberately target pro-Palestine demonstrations. Many universities that had never objected when students camped out on campus to buy sports tickets or napped in libraries created policies prohibiting tents and sleeping on campus after pro-Palestine encampments were established at colleges and universities across the country in spring 2024. Many colleges and universities adopted new restrictions on campus speech and protest, especially at the outset of the 2024–2025 academic year, including rules that banned the installation of tents, prohibited protests in certain public parts of campus, restricted the use of amplified sound, banned chalking on campus sidewalks, mandated the university's prior approval for demonstrations, and prohibited students from hanging banners or flags outside dorm windows. If institutions allow certain activities and items, such as voice amplification, tents, lawn chairs, or blankets, at other campus events, they should not impose restrictions these actions and items for pro-Palestinian protesters simply because of the content of their protest." [Amnesty](#)

• **Wednesday September 23** Why Al-Aqsa Flood Happened: Ilan Pappé Revisits October 2023: "As in 1948, so too in 2023, Israel was looking for a pretext to advance its impossible vision of a de-Arabized Palestine. 'It is a miracle,' exclaimed Ben-Gurion when he watched hundreds of thousands of Palestinians 'flee' from Palestine, even as he was the architect of this ethnic cleansing. 'It is a miracle,' cried Orit Strock, a minister in Netanyahu's government, referring to the historical opportunity to commit genocide against the Gazans.

"'The drowned cannot get wet' is a famous Arab proverb and encapsulates the Palestinian dilemma, which can be clearly seen from the vantage point of 2026. Any armed attempt by Hamas to end the siege and the occupation was used as a pretext by Israel to intensify its policies of elimination. The alternative of succumbing to the reality of siege, attempted by the Palestinian Authority in Ramallah, resulted in incremental ethnic cleansing and one pogrom after another, carried out by the settlers with the complicity of the Israeli army.

"I wonder how many people outside Palestine can fully appreciate this dilemma, one that pushed young teenagers in West Bank refugee camps into confrontations with the Israeli army that they knew they could not win, preferring this to being continually abused, wounded, and killed by an occupying army.

"It is the inhuman dilemma that the Zionist project of elimination imposes on the Palestinians, and it is

just another manifestation of their plight ever since the Zionist settlers arrived in Palestine in the late nineteenth century." [PalestineChronicle](#)

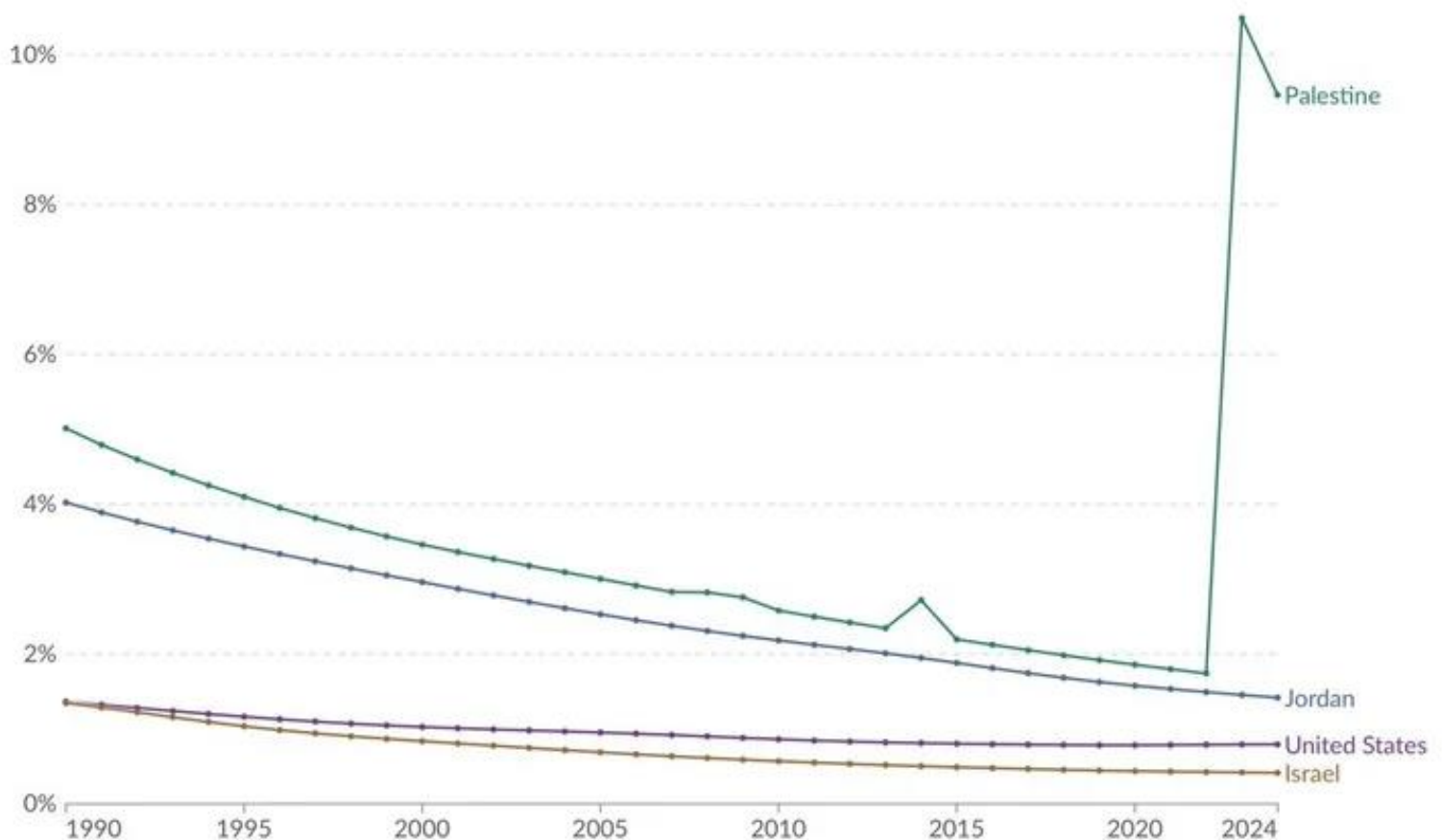
Colleges Adopted 'Systemic Suppression' of Protesters, New Investigation Shows: Drawing on records, media reports and surveys, the ACLU and Amnesty International USA break down how colleges have "disproportionately" violated the rights of pro-Palestinian students. [InsideHigherEd](#)

"Today, September 23rd, marks the birthday of my brother, Dr. Refaat Al-areer, may God have mercy on him. Speak of him in words; don't hold back, he deserves more than that 🕯️ He was a doctor, a poet, an angel, a brother, and a friend." [Adel Rafiq Alareer](#)

Youth mortality rate

Our World
in Data

Estimated share of children who die before age 15. A rate of 1% means one death for every 100 live births.



Data source: United Nations Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (2025)

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• *Thursday September 24* Benjamin Netanyahu, under an arrest warrant for war crimes from the International Criminal Court, flies through the airspace of 4 ICC member countries—Greece, Italy, France, and Canada—to address the United Nations General Assembly. [Mahmoud Khalil](#): "Most in the hall do not respect him. They walk out when he rises, or sit as if attendance were punishment. Palestinian state recognitions, ICC Gaza warrants, and American coolness have turned the trip into an open political trial. Israel is no longer a state the United Nations hears. It is a pariah. Its prime minister addresses vacant chairs."

"As Haaretz wrote, the address will not conceal the wreckage of his long rule, nor what Gaza exposed, nor his breach of an Emirati warning that might have spared the region. Israel has paid for his survival with its standing. The podium of power has become a mirror of indictment. He climbs not to persuade nations but to address himself—before the hall shuts its doors as hotels, old allies, and Abu Dhabi did the day he betrayed land and statehood and asked the world to applaud the catastrophe."

Former UN human rights official [Craig Mokhiber](#): "This violent psychopath cannot hide behind Trump's skirts forever. He (and his collaborators) must be captured and brought to justice. And the UN must finally act to isolate the regime and hold it accountable."

"I was arrested protesting Netanyahu's New York visit. Here's why we took a stand." Darializa Avila Chevalier [Guardian](#)

Noura Erakat, "Exit and Exception": "When, in January, a journalist asked Trump if he wanted the Board to replace the UN, he [replied](#), 'It might.' It does not, therefore, seem extreme to suggest that the UN, in passing Resolution 2803, created its own potential competitor: a body that not only seeks to bypass it but may ultimately seek to be one of its alternatives."

"Israel's mode of supremacist survivalism, predicated on the denial of Palestinian humanity and the presumed superiority of Jewish life, remains the most pressing front in this struggle. If the final blow to a fallible global order was dealt in Palestine, then any attempt at its restoration must begin there as well." [BostonReview](#)

• **Friday September 25** The UN has expanded its list of companies linked to Israeli settlements, bringing the total to over 200 firms. [DeclassifiedUK](#)

[New York Times](#) confirms *Haaretz* report that Benjamin Netanyahu was secretly warned before Oct. 7, 2023 by the Emirati president that Hamas planned a major attack.

"Why the fuck do we need Ilan Pappé to 'reveal' the reasons behind October 7 when Hamas has literally published it over two years ago in "Our Narrative—Operation Al-Aqsa Flood"? [FalastinFlip](#)

Two hours ago, Israel carried out a terror strike near a cemetery in al-Zawaydah, central Gaza. A young man named Ibrahim Mohsen was killed. It's been reported he was visiting his brother's grave. Ibrahim is the fifth sibling to be killed by Israel. [Mosab Abu Toha](#)

• **Saturday September 26** On the *same day* the Cornell Seven drugged and raped Jane Doe, Cornell banned four students (including the President of Cornell [@jvplive](#)) from campus for three years for nonviolent, pro-Palestine protests. The same [@Cornell](#) officials let the rapists off with apology essays. [Nick](#)

12-year-old Mohammad al-Shakhriti who israel shot and killed in Mawasi Rafah an hour ago. [Mosab Abu Toha](#)

Peter Baker: "The *New York Times* has made some mistakes over its 175-year history. Says who? Says the New York Times. The great Adam Nagourney recounts some of the paper's most bruising screwups—and its commitment to correcting the record when we do get it wrong."

[Laila Al-Arian](#): "Wild to not include the infamous 'Screams without Words,' which was thoroughly debunked by a number of journalists and condemned by journalism professors."

Mexico's Defense Minister says 80% of the weapons seized from drug cartels are of U.S. origin, while the remaining 20% are from Israel. [XGlobal](#)

• *Sunday September 27* When the *New York Times* quoted Democrat pollster John Anzalone lavishing praise on Rahm Emanuel, it mighta been helpful for the *NYT* to disclose to readers that Emanuel has paid Anzalone's firm a lot of money. [David Sirota](#)

An israeli Apache helicopter has attacked a Lebanese rapid response ambulance crew in the town of Mayfadoun in southern Lebanon today. [Sarah Wilkinson](#)

Israel shot and killed 17-year-old Tareq Kamel al-Masri in the middle of Khan Younis. [Mosab Abu Toha](#)

Israel imposes week-long closure of the occupied West Bank to celebrate the holiday of Sukkot. [MiddleEastMonitor](#)

Israeli bombardment killed 4 more Palestinian civilians today in Gaza. [Mustafa Barghouti](#)

• [March 27, 2025 letter from the House Committee on Education & Workforce to 5 colleges: Pomona, Bowdoin, Northwestern, Barnard, & Sarah Lawrence.](#)

• [June 11, 2025 letter from the House Committee to Sarah Lawrence](#)

• [August 5 lawsuit](#) filed by 10 Sarah Lawrence students & one faculty member against the College & the House Committee, to prevent shared attempts to equate anti-Zionism & anti-Semitism & to interfere with pro-Palestine anti-genocide protest.



• [March 17, 2026](#) House Committee

releases [report](#), with [Appendix](#) including the names of Sarah Lawrence staff and FSJP faculty in partially redacted emails turned over to the Committee by the College, without a subpoena.

• FROM THE FACULTY & STAFF •

- MONTHLY ZOOM MEETINGS •

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if only tenured academics had a fraction of the courage & solidarity of macklemore, finneas, aaron rowe, lukas graham and beoga (not to mention of their own students) then universities could have been a bulwark against fascism— instead of an engine of its execution

Fundraiser of the week

Dear compassionate souls,

My name is [Adel Al-Areer](#), and I send this heartfelt appeal with a heavy heart, seeking your help in our dire hour of need. Some of you may remember my brother Refaat Al-Areer, a well known writer and professor, who was killed in an Israeli airstrike on December 6. Before he was killed, Refaat wrote:

"If I must die,
you must live,
to tell my story"

All of our existence has been ravaged by the relentless onslaught of the ongoing war. In addition to losing Refaat, we also lost three other siblings, and five nieces/nephews. And then, on April 26, an Israeli airstrike killed Refaat's daughter, her husband and their newborn baby in their home. My family and I were plunged once again into devastating grief.

Once a sanctuary of love and warmth, our home now lies in ruins. Displaced, we cling to the hope of a better future for our family. While we struggle to bring that future about, we are so grateful for you in helping us to survive.

Your donations support my family of six, which includes myself, my wife, and our four children.

With profound gratitude and unwavering faith in the inherent goodness of humanity,

Adel Al-Areer

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As we grieve in ways that contend with the connections across colonial violences—from the bullet in Hisham's spine to the genocidal conditions waged against our people in Gaza everyday we enact decolonial love, endure and transgress the borders set up by the colonial cult of death, from Israel to the US and beyond.

Devin G. Atallah

assistant professor of psychology at the University of Massachusetts, Boston

Hisham Awartani

student at Brown University and survivor of a near-fatal attack against his body and life

Devin G. Atallah & Hisham Awartani for the *Journal of Palestine Studies*. Vol 53. No.1
Embodying Homeland: Palestinian Grief and the Perseverance of Beauty in a Time of Genocide

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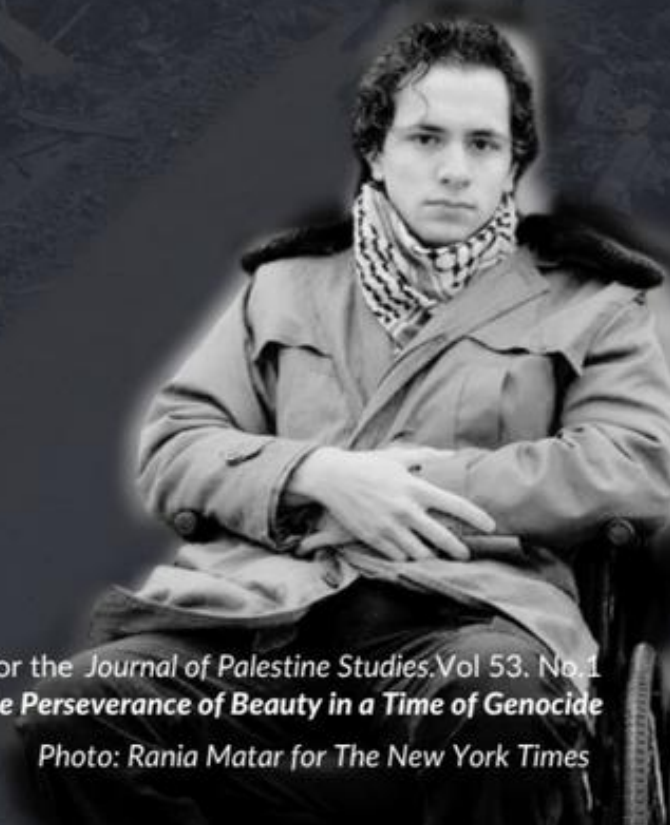




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For me, this **occupation** exists in the corners of my body connected to the **bullet still lodged in my backbone**, occupying the same intimate space of my spine. If my back is **hope**, then the bullet represents the **horror**. Both stuck together, **in my spine forever.**

—Hisham Awartani
*a survivor of a near-fatal attack
against his body and life*



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Demand immediate release of detained flotilla activists

Wael Naouar, Nabil Channoufi, Ghassan Henchiri, and Ghassan Boughdiri, participants of the Global Sumud Flotilla have been **held without trial in Mornaguia prison**, Tunisia for over six months.

All four are on hunger strike, with Wael Naouar – on day 35 of strike – in critical condition, **facing imminent organ failure.**



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westchesterforpalestine, samirnofal38,
policewatch914, weunited_pueblounido and
lhvdsa

"Your house is now under surveillance."

WESTCHESTER FOR PALESTINE STANDS WITH OUR YONKERS NEIGHBORS WHO WERE TARGETED FOR RAISING THE PALESTINE FLAG

Samir's Nofal family was sent a threatening letter after displaying Palestinian flags outside their home. The letter told them their house was "under surveillance," that they'd be "watched 24/7," invoked federal immigration officials, and said, "If you love Palestine so much, go back."

NO ONE SHOULD BE THREATENED IN THEIR OWN HOME FOR EXPRESSING WHO THEY ARE. SAMIR NOFAL'S FAMILY ARE OUR NEIGHBORS AND THEY DESERVE TO LIVE SAFELY AND OPENLY, JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.



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There are Palestinian-led mutual aid teams that have been operating in Gaza for many years yet people do not push for them like they do the popular outside non-profits where the aid doesn't reach the people in most need and admin salaries are prioritized over families. As a team we are able to provide directly because we purchase the aid internally and through merchants with your donations. That is what has always worked for us to be able to provide for our people since 2018. Please support direct mutual aid in Gaza! Support families campaigns too because that helps with rent and other costs to live. This is what has an impact and saves lives.

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Briahna Joy Gray  @briebriejoy · Jan 31



They didn't protest Ezra Klein hard enough, actually.



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I think I should say, before I start this episode, where I am on the Epstein story. If you forced me to give you my best guess, I think this guy had a lot of powerful friends, and that he was a predator and a pedophile, and those sides of his life were mostly separate.

I don't think there is a list of boldfaced names. The reason I don't think there is a list is that there have been a lot of big law firms hunting for cases here. There is a lot of money to be made in suing anyone connected to Epstein. Very, very powerful firms — to say nothing of media organizations — that are capable of hiring excellent investigators are just not finding much.



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IS NOT
ANTIGEMITISM!

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Comments from our readers

- "Thank you and thank you again for your words. I have been longing to hear your voice and didn't even know it. The fact that you are there at Sarah Lawrence is a source of comfort and my greatest thanks."
- "I read this newsletter every Monday morning. I imagine that it is a major undertaking to put this together. I so appreciate the team for keeping it going through the summer."
- "I'm always glad to receive this. Student and faculty journalists very much on the ball."
- "Finally: just amazing kudos for the work you are all doing at SL and the newsletter, as testament to organizing across groups and standing strong, is so powerful!"
- "amazing amazing work.

keep it up.

so erudite. so clear so human. amazing writing. can't be found anywhere else.

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- "bless you
thank you for your service"
- "KITE is a great publication."
- "We love KITE, and will definitely consider submitting something. Please keep up the good work!"
- "fabulous work, people!"

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Sarah Lawrence & Palestine

KITE is a newsletter from a coalition of Sarah Lawrence groups organizing for Palestine since the fall of 2023: faculty, staff, students, and alumni. We welcome all contributions, responses, and suggestions. You can reach us at sl.fs.jpalestine@proton.me.

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