

LAU IN THE BIG APPLE

The LAU New York Headquarters and Academic Center (LAU NY) has operated as an exceptional platform for global intellectual exchange and cross-cultural conversation. Reflecting LAU's global vision and aspirations, the academic center has hosted initiatives rooted in the liberal arts tradition, reaching out to LAU students and faculty, the Lebanese/Arab diaspora and the broader American community, noticeably raising LAU's North American profile.

The center regularly hosts public events, inviting artists and leading experts on political, social, cultural and economic issues to share their insights and creative talent with our New York constituency. This past year, LAU NY's many events included, but were not limited to, film screenings, book talks, panel discussions on issues in the Middle East and the diaspora, presentations on Lebanese food in New York, the growing wine industry in Lebanon, and the expanding Lebanese olive oil market.

This year, LAU NY hosted the 12th International Conference on Wireless and Mobile Computing, Networking and Communications, bringing together 93 researchers, professors and graduate students from a cross-section of disciplines the world over to discuss the latest trends in wireless and mobile technology.

In fall 2016, LAU NY successfully presented the Syria Resilient series, a sequence of five events dedicated to understanding Syria not as a land of violence, war and tragedy but as part of the fabric of the United States, in its role as the original homeland of 150,000 Syrian Americans. The series included evenings of music and poetry, political discussions, and film screenings.



Book talk by Zaven Kouyoumdjian