

U.S. CENTER FOR
CITIZEN DIPLOMACY



2008 Arab & American Business Fellowship Creates Two-Way Diplomacy

Expanded Program Also Sends Americans to Arab World

The 2008 AABF Program took place this month, wrapping up with both Arab and American Fellows sharing their experiences in Dubai this week before returning to their home countries. The program was expanded this year to include 12 Arab Fellows as well as a reciprocal exchange for 10 American Fellows. Pictured at right is Iowa State Senator Daryl Beall visiting with four of the Arab Fellows in the governor's office in the state capitol.



- [View more photos](#) of the fellows' activities during the program
- [View USCCD intern Matt Clark's blog](#) entries as he followed four fellows during their week in Iowa
- [Find out more](#) about this unique pilot program

In the coming weeks, the U.S. Center will announce a multi-media section of its web site that will showcase additional highlights and video clips from the 2008 expanded pilot program.

The AABF program is a partnership between the [U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy, Business for Diplomatic Action](#) in NY, the [National US-Arab Chamber of Commerce](#) in DC, and [Young Arab Leaders](#) in Dubai.

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Election '08

***Exercise your Right:
Vote on Tuesday, November 4!***

For a last minute review of how the presidential candidates view citizen diplomacy & America's role in the world - go to our [Election Page](#).

Presidential Initiative on Citizen Diplomacy

The U.S. Center has announced a Presidential Initiative on Citizen Diplomacy to be presented to the new

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administration.

Ann Schodde, Director of the U.S. Center, and **Advisory Council** member **Aaron Williams** recently spoke to *Voice of America* about the initiative - [click here to read the full story](#).

Tune in!

Ann Schodde, Executive Director of the U.S. Center, will be interviewed on Iowa Public Radio on Nov. 6 from 12-1pm. Ann will be joined in the interview by **USCCD board** members **Harriet Fulbright** and **Ambassador Mark Johnson**.

Spotlight on Organizations: Sister Cities International



Sister Cities International (SCI) is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network that strives to build global cooperation at the municipal level, by developing partnerships between U.S. cities, counties, and states and similar jurisdictions in other nations. Once a partnership is set up, SCI helps with sustainability by providing resources and tools for city officials and citizens to experience and explore other cultures through long-term community partnerships.

As part of their mission, Sister Cities International designs and hosts trips to various countries during the year for the purpose of strengthening current and developing new sister city partnerships as well as learning more about the culture and people of the country. One such program is the [Partnership and Peace Travel program](#), currently embarking on a trip to South Africa. The tours are open to interested citizens - you do not need to be an active member of a sister city program to sign up. Click on the link above to view a sample itinerary.

To explore how your community can become a member of SCI and locate a sister city partner, [click here](#).

Ann Geiger, a state coordinator for SCI, also serves on the [Board of Directors of the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy](#). Patrick Madden, President of Sister Cities International, was part of the [Leadership Forum on Citizen Diplomacy](#). Thank you both for your ongoing contributions to citizen diplomacy!

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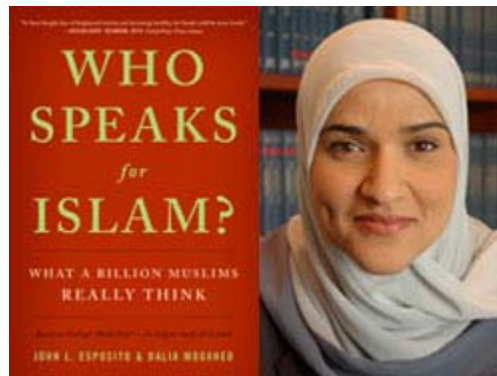
WANTED: Citizen Diplomacy Stories

GET INVOLVED · SHARE YOUR STORY

If you used the U.S. Center web site to find an opportunity to get involved as a citizen diplomat, we would like to hear from you! Share your story by completing the [short survey](#) available on our web site. We may feature you in an upcoming newsletter!

Missoula, Montana Added to *Who Speaks for Islam?* Forum Schedule

A new date has been added to the schedule for the [Who Speaks for Islam? forum](#), featuring author and speaker [Dalia Mogahed](#), Senior Analyst and Executive Director of the Gallup Center for Muslim Studies. The forum will be presented in Missoula, Montana on March 17, 2009.



The Missoula forum will be the fifth in this series which is traveling around the country. Other upcoming dates and locations for the program are: November 17, 2008 in Naples, FL and January 27, 2009 in Springfield, IL.

Advisory Member Dologuele Visits Iowa

President Anicet G. Dologuele of Congo, visited Iowa this month to attend the World Food Prize conference and events. The U.S. Center hosted a dinner on October 15 in honor of Mr. Dologuele (at right in photo) and to welcome Anicet and his Chief of Staff, Oscar Ngole (at left in photo) to Des Moines, the headquarters of the U.S. Center.

Earlier this year, Mr. Dologuele was the first member to join the newly formed [International Advisory Council](#) to the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy.



US Center Interns: Where are they now?

Andrew Northup, former intern at the U.S. Center, turned up in Iowa this week. After graduating from Central College in the spring, he moved to Washington, D.C. and is now a Staff Assistant for Congressman Leonard Boswell. He is currently on special assignment until November 6, hard at work at the

Democratic Campaign Headquarters in Des Moines.
Welcome back, Andrew!

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