

Who Said That?

“Dialogue is not a reward or validation; it is a means to begin the process of reconciliation and pave the way for future constructive relationships.”

- A. Dennis Ross
- B. Mary Ellen McNish
- C. W.E.B. DuBois
- D. Pope Benedict XVI

Click [here](#) to email us with your response. Everyone submitting the correct answer will be entered in a drawing to win an original piece of Iranian artwork. Responses must be received by June 15th! ☞

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Pathways' Goals & Vision:

- ☞ **To build trust** by consistently expressing a respect for and sincere interest in a culture and people different from our own.
- ☞ **To create goodwill** and understanding among an expanding number of people in both Iran and the United States.
- ☞ **To empower participants** and give them the tools to maximize their ability to have an impact within their own natural spheres of influence.

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Meet Our Featured Interns: *David, Sarah, Kristen & Fatima*

David Gafron Savage



David received his MA in American Studies and Cultural Anthropology from the Freie Universität in Berlin, Germany, in 2008. Here in New Haven David volunteers as a facilitator and is involved in community organizing. At Pathways, David hopes to learn how to apply his facilitation skills in an intercultural context and gather experience in the nonprofit sector.

So far David has contributed to the Pathways mission by researching corporate sponsors in Connecticut and updating the address database. David is a huge fan of the NPR show RadioLab and has always wanted to be a marine biologist, which he hopes he will be - somehow - in another life. ☞

Sarah Jacobson



Sarah graduated from Tufts University in 2008 with a degree in English and Fine Arts. At Pathways she has been researching and attempting to implement arts-based dialogue in ways that fit with Pathways' mission, as well as helping out with other random tasks that come her way.

Sarah also works as a Youth Advisor at a reform synagogue in Westport, CT. This September she will be working as a fellow at Buxton Initiative in Washington, DC, where she will promote intercultural and interfaith dialogue. ☞

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*We create opportunities for face to face dialogue
between ordinary citizens of Iran and the US.*

Iranian Films

In the mood for something different this month? Check out this list, available on Netflix or at most video rental places.

If you're in the mood for...

... A sweet family flick, try *Children of Heaven*

... Stand-up comedy, try *The Axis of Evil Comedy Tour* (available online for Netflix subscribers)

... Crying your eyes out, try *Turtles Can Fly*

... Comic absurdity, try *Maxx*

... Breathtaking cinematography, try *Gabbeh*

... Something profound, short, and sweet, try *Two Solutions for One Problem* (4 minutes)

... Watching a memorable but short (and clean) clip with your coworkers, try *The Slap* (3 minutes)

Meet Our Featured Interns (cont. from Page 1)

Kristen McGuire

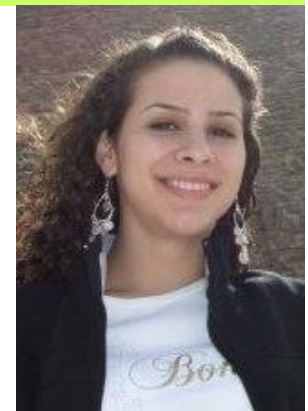


Kristen graduated from Quinnipiac University in May 2008 with BAs in both History and Political Science, as well as a minor in International Studies. She plans to attend Boston University in the fall in pursuit of a Masters in International Relations and Communications. Kristen's career objective is to work in event/conference planning for an international governmental or non-profit organization. In addition to her internship with Pathways, Kristen works as the Assistant Dean of Admissions at Hofstra University, which allows her to maintain involvement in higher education.

Since Kristen began with Pathways she has been predominantly putting together weekly news summaries covering the following areas: Domestic Iran, the Iranian Economy and Iran-West Relations.

A little known fact about Kristen is that she is a HUGE New York Giants fan, and because football season heads into the holiday season, Kristen often finds herself watching the game while baking cookies (which she considers her true talent!) ☺

Fatima Negaran



Fatima received her BA in Political Science and Middle Eastern Studies from Rutgers University. So far in her internship with Pathways, she has generated an Iranian Film Directory (geared toward non-Iranians) which includes plot summaries and general information about each film. Like Kristen (above), Fatima has also been writing weekly news summaries from Iranian news sites. By writing these news summaries she has been able to keep up with recent events and Iran's relations with the rest of the world.

Fatima notes, "Given that I am half-Iranian and have an interest in intercultural communication, I truly enjoy being a part of the Pathways team." Fatima's short-term goals are to get work experience in the nonprofit world, travel to gain knowledge of various peoples and cultures, and obtain her Master's degree. Her long-term goals are to work for the State Department and work internationally in conflict resolution or diplomacy.

Besides being an intern at Pathways, Fatima works full time at a non-profit organization in New York City called *Seeds of Peace*, which aims to reconcile conflicts around the world, particularly the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. An interesting fact about Fatima is that she is fluent in five languages and hopes to learn two more. ☺

Announcing Camp Ayandeh 2009

Camp Ayandeh is a leadership camp for Iranian-American high school students, taking place at Duquette Academy from June 28 - July 5, 2009. The curriculum of Camp Ayandeh gives students the opportunity to reflect upon what it means to be a hyphenated Iranian, and strives to engage campers by exploring their culture and identity as they develop into our community's future leaders. To learn more and to apply, please click [here](#). Some sponsorships are available. Camp Ayandeh is hosted by [Iranian Alliances Across Borders](#), whose mission is to address issues of the Iranian diaspora community while raising a awareness of the Iranian community, promoting leadership, and connecting Iranians across borders. ☺

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