

Our Team



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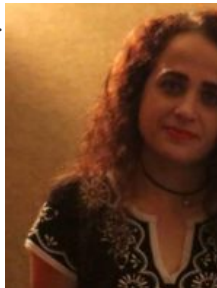
Claudia Kozman, PhD. Research Director Assistant professor of Multimedia Journalism in the Department of Communication Arts. Her research primarily focuses on news content, with particular attention to news values, sourcing, framing, and intermedia issue transfer in Arab media.



Sarah Mallat, MA Digital Squad Instructor of media studies and affiliated researcher at the Lebanese American University and the American University of Beirut. As an educator, she specializes in digital and media literacy.



Samer Beyhum, BA Digital Squad Lebanese-Canadian award winning filmmaker, LAU alumnus and Co-founder of 99media.org. Samer has over 20 years of experience in all aspects of production and post-production, on a technical and creative level.



Annie Tabakian, MA Received her B.A in communication arts from the Lebanese American University and M.A in film and video studies from Université Saint-Esprit De Kaslik. Annie is described as a technology devotee, cinephile, Beatles-fan, and a social media freak.



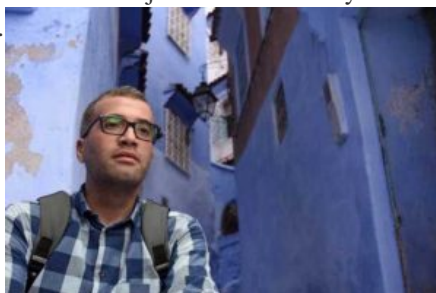
George Chdid Theater Technician Senior Theater Technician at the Department of Communication Arts in the Lebanese American University. George constructs and compliments sets for all major productions held in indoor theaters and outdoor stages.



Fouad Anka Theater Technician Senior Theater Technician at the Department of Communication Arts in the Lebanese American University. Fouad operates light and sound equipment, along with video/film projectors.



Rana Tabbara Website editor / Digital Squad A student perusing her B.A in multimedia journalism at the Lebanese American University. Rana received the Highest GPA award in multimedia journalism for the year 2018, along with the Best Community Service award and a Project Fund award from LAU.



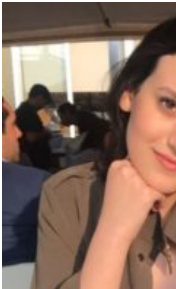
Mohammad Gameel Digital Squad Received his M.A. in journalism and mass communication from the American University in Cairo, where he continues to work as a journalism instructor. Currently, Mohammad is pursuing his second M.A. in middle eastern studies.



Ahmad Karakira Digital Squad A student pursuing his B.A in multimedia journalism at the Lebanese American University. Ahmad is currently working with Daraj media in a sports focused program and wishes to continue his M.A. in that field.



Sohail Dahdal Digital Squad A professor of media at the American University of Sharjah. Sohail is an award winning documentary filmmaker. He has 25 years of experience in creating films and interactive digital stories for Australian media organizations.



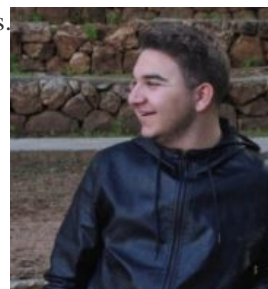
Noura Fayad Digital Squad A student pursuing her B.A. in communication at the Lebanese American University. In her high school years, Noura was a speaker at the THIMUN Qatar and the Qatar Leadership Conference for two consecutive years.



Lynn el Jbeily Photographer A senior at the Lebanese American University, majoring in tv/film and minoring in performing arts. Lynn is studying classical chant at the Lebanese National Conservatory. She is currently working on a documentary for the IWSAW about Julinda Abou Nassar.



Joey Badr Technical Stage Director A television and film student minoring in advertising and PR at the Lebanese American University. Joey underwent many internships in production houses and production departments at television stations.



Rawad Taha PR and Events Student of political science and multimedia journalism at the Lebanese American University. Rawad aspires throughout his career to change something in the political sphere in Lebanon. Besides that he is also a part-time weather forecaster and an aerial photographer.



Dima Fayyad PR and Events A student majoring in communication at the Lebanese American University, with a minor in PR and advertising. Dima worked as a Tele-Marketing Executive Part Timer at InfoPro, where she was responsible of renewing magazine subscriptions.



Rawane Itani PR and Events A student pursuing her B.A. in communication at the Lebanese American University. During her first year, Rawane worked on 'Maram,' a successful campaign among LAU students. Rawane is passionate for playing the guitar and singing; she performs occasionally on events.



Manal Makkieh PR and Events A social work student at the Lebanese American University. Manal works as a Public Relations Officer at the Model Arab League, a research assistant at the Challenge program, and a Field Work Staff at Forcier Consulting. She is currently publishing her first book



Jad Fawaz Social Media A student at the Lebanese American University in Beirut. Jad is currently pursuing an undergraduate degree in economics, and a minor in multimedia journalism and political science & international affairs.



Carla Richa Social Media A multimedia journalism student at the Lebanese American University pursuing a minor in advertising and public relations. With a huge interest in art and fashion, she has been writing articles concerning those topics.



Maria Al Khoury Social Media A student majoring in multimedia journalism at the Lebanese American University. Maria assists in various events in the Department of Communication Arts. She is working as a social media assistant in MDLAB 2018.



Fatima Mahmoud Press Team / Social Media A multimedia journalism graduate from the Lebanese American University. Fatima works as a content researcher and a social media manager at Daraj.com. She is also a correspondent at Annahar English and an Assistant Editor at LAU's Connections Magazine.



Sally Farhat Press Team / Social Media A student majoring in multimedia journalism and communication at the Lebanese American University. Sally is currently NAYA's Editor and a Correspondent at Annahar English. She is also the Assistant Editor of LAU's Connections Magazine.



Mira Matar Press Team / Social Media A multimedia journalism graduate, currently pursuing her master's degree in international affairs at the Lebanese American University. She writes for MTV's website and is a social media manager at the Institute for Social Justice and Conflict Resolution.



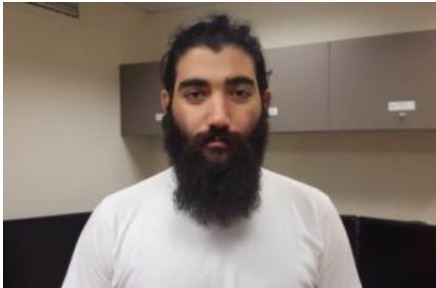
Kafa Khalil Press Team A multimedia journalism graduated from the Lebanese American University. During her study, Kafa interned at Annahar for two consecutive months. She is also a winner of a Volunteering award at LAU.



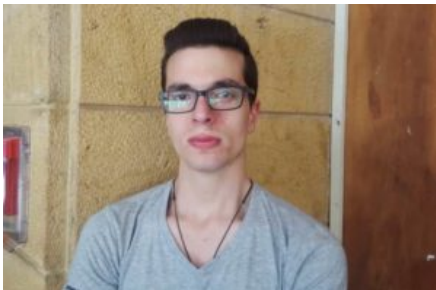
Yasmine Darwish Production Team Just completed her first year in Business Management at the Lebanese American University, she is also minoring in audiovisual production. Yasmine volunteers as a photographer for various NGOs and will be the camera operator for the MDLAB 2018 Media Team.



Karim Fayad Production Team Once a computer science major, Karim switched to TV and film to pursue his passion. Karim aspires to tell impactful stories in beautiful ways and will be directing the Livestream team at MDLAB 2018.



Kourken Papazian Production Team Kourken is an aspiring director of photography. He is majoring in TV and film at the Lebanese American University. Kourken won international awards and will be capturing beautiful moments in video for the MDLAB 2018 Media Team.



Sami Shukayr Production Team Sami Shukayr just completed his second year at the Lebanese American University. He is majoring in TV and film, and will be capturing beautiful moments in video for the MDLAB 2018 Media Team.



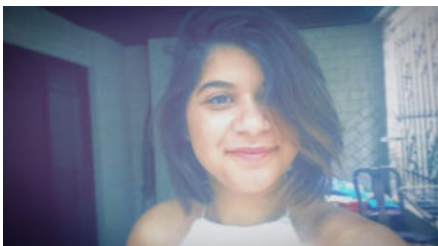
Nadim Karanouh Production Team Nadim is an aspiring filmmaker who just completed his second year at the Lebanese American University. He is majoring in TV and film and will be a member of the Livestream team at MDLAB 2018.



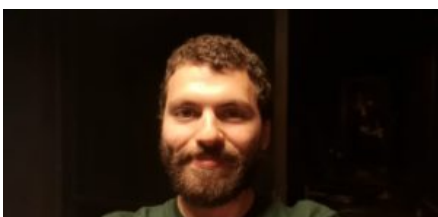
Jad Bou Assi Production Team Jad is an aspiring filmmaker who just completed his second year at the Lebanese American University. He is majoring in TV and film and will be in charge of lighting and rigging for MDLAB 2018 Media Team.



Melissa Samaha Production Team Melissa just completed her first year at LAU majoring in TV and Film. She is interested in the sound field and will be the sound recording technician for the MDLAB 2018's Media Team.



Noha Miari Production Team Noha Miari is a senior student at LAU majoring in TV and Film. She will be a member of the Livestream team at MDLAB 2018.



Mohamad Tarek MajdoubProduction TeamMohamad Tarek is an aspiring filmmaker who believes that life is told through stories, whether they be true or fiction. Already a holder of a Bachelor's degree in Physics from the University of Mcgill, he is now starting his second year majoring in TV and Film at LAU. Tarek will be the interviewer for the MDLAB 2018's Media Team.