



Tracing the Footsteps of Khalil Gibran

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Guest Name: Walid Jawad; member of IIP's Digital Outreach Team



Kahlil Gibran (Public domain photo)

Overview: Khalil Gibran is a renowned author and poet who accomplished the rare feat of writing inspirational works in two languages. After coming to America as a boy more than a century ago he grew into a writer who blended the influences of two cultures into works since published in numerous languages.

Walid Jawad undertook a journey to follow Gibran's path from his arrival at Ellis Island to his boyhood in Boston and his later years as a writer in New York. Walid has now turned this experience into a nine part Arabic language video series.

Participants will be shown excerpts of the videos and then Mr. Jawad will be happy to respond to questions about the making of the video and about his discovery of Gibran's American experience. He can accept questions in either Arabic or English.

Guest Biography: Mr. Jawad is a senior analyst with the Digital Outreach Team in the State Department's Bureau of International Information programs. As a part of the DOT Mr. Jawad engages online with Arabic speaking audiences to discuss U.S. policies and society. Mr. Jawad previously worked as a journalist for several television channels.

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