

VLK LECTURE ON ISRAEL AND THE MIDDLE EAST



“Gulliver's Troubles: America in a Violent and Dysfunctional Middle East”

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

3:30pm

208 White Hall

Like a modern day Gulliver, America is wandering around a region it still doesn't understand tied up by powers big and small who don't share its interests or values and constrained by its own illusions. If the US cannot transform the region and cannot extricate itself, is there a way forward?

The VLK Lecture on Israel and the Middle East brings to the Emory University campus noted scholars in fields that relate to Israel and the Middle East. Vicki Kaplan Haberman graduated from Emory in 1981. Her family and friends created the lecture series to honor her memory as a dear classmate, caring friend, and wonderful mother and wife. Through her years at Emory College and Tulane Law School, Vicki exhibited unwavering dedication to her beliefs and to her friends and family. She cared about her Jewish roots and became excitedly engaged in Israel.

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Emory Institute for the Study of Modern
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Aaron David Miller

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Miller has written five books, including his most recent, The End of Greatness: Why America Can't Have (and Doesn't Want) Another Great President (Palgrave, 2014) and The Much Too Promised Land: America's Elusive Search for Arab-Israeli Peace (Bantam, 2008). He received his PhD in Middle East and U.S. diplomatic history from the University of Michigan in 1977. His dissertation became his first book, Search for Security Saudi Arabian Oil and American Foreign Policy, 1939-1949 (Chapel Hill, 1980).

Between 1978 and 2003, Miller served at the State Department as an historian, analyst, negotiator, and advisor. There, he helped formulate U.S. policy on the Middle East and the Arab-Israel peace process, most recently as the senior advisor for Arab-Israeli negotiations. He also served as the deputy special Middle East coordinator for Arab-Israeli negotiations, senior member of the State Department's policy planning staff, in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, and in the office of the historian.

Miller is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and formerly served as resident scholar at the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies. From 2006 to 2019, Miller was a public policy scholar; vice president for new initiatives, and director of the Middle East program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Miller is a global affairs analyst for CNN, and contributor to the New York Times, Washington Post, Politico, Foreign Policy, USA Today, and CNN.com.