
"I can't stress enough how important working at ISMI has been to me and how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to do so."—Michael



"I felt like I was providing something tangible, accurate, and necessary for students and educators interested in Israel."—Shayna



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CASE FOR SUPPORT



"I spent two summers at ISMI and could not have asked for a more enriching, educational, and worthwhile internship. . . . My success professionally today is due in large part to the skills I acquired during my time at ISMI. Dr. Stein and the ISMI staff were far more than my bosses or colleagues—they were, and still are, my teachers and mentors."—Rebecca

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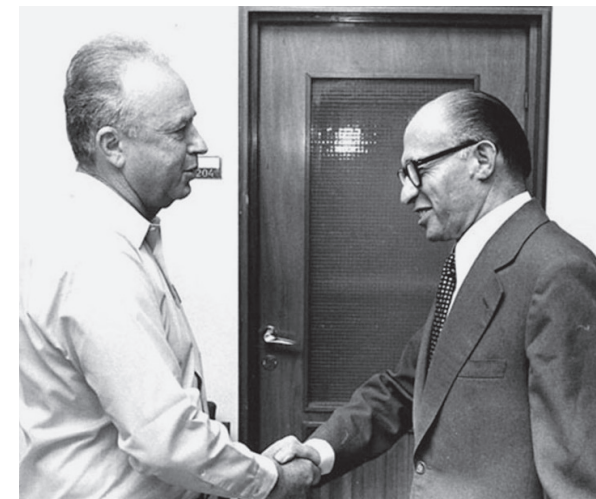
DR. KENNETH W. STEIN



Since 1977, Professor Kenneth W. Stein has taught Middle Eastern history, political science, and Israel studies at Emory University, where he holds a joint appointment in the Department of History and the Department of Political Science. Dr. Stein has been at the center of developing Emory's International Study Center (1979) and the Middle East Research Program (1992) in addition to ISMI (1998). Stein's scholarship and teaching focus on areas such as American foreign policy toward the Middle East, the modern Arab world, Arab-Israeli conflict, and modern Israel.

Stein has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the Jewish National Fund's prestigious Etz Chaim Award for Service in 2012. At Emory University, his honors include the Williams Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching (1995), the Marion V. Creekmore Award for internationalizing Emory College's curriculum (2001), and the Cuttino Medal for lifelong mentoring of Emory students (2009).

As one of the most notable scholars in the study of modern Israel, Dr. Stein provides expert analyses on issues that relate to Israel and the Middle East. During his tenure, he has given countless presentations to various Jewish community organizations in Atlanta and across the country relating to Israel, the modern Middle East, and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Dr. Stein's involvement allows Emory Hillel, the local Jewish Federation and congregations, and national Jewish organizations—such as BBYO, Hillel International, the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish National Fund, as well as a host of Jewish educators and clergy—to have an able and willing resource to call upon for Israel education and enrichment.



ISMI BACKGROUND

In 1998, Professor Kenneth W. Stein established the Emory Institute for the Study of Modern Israel (ISMI). Housed within Emory College of Arts and Sciences, ISMI is an interdisciplinary unit dedicated to fostering a deep understanding of modern Israel at Emory and beyond. The first and oldest academic institute of its kind in the United States, ISMI remains a national leader in the study of modern Israel. The programs, staff, and visiting scholars at ISMI form a collective effort to demonstrate Israel's critical role in preserving stability in the Middle East and enhancing American strategic interests there.

IMPACT ON CAMPUS

Over the years, ISMI has provided innovative opportunities for students, faculty, and community members to engage in scholarship and dialogue related to Israel and the Middle East. Dr. Stein has spearheaded many unique engagements for ISMI, including its robust and highly sought internship program and its dynamic course instruction on modern Israel and the Arab-Israeli conflict. Emory and ISMI also have benefitted from partnerships with top Israeli scholars. These visiting Israeli scholars have taught 35 courses at Emory, enriching the fabric of the university and providing unique academic perspectives to hundreds of Emory students in numerous fields of study.

OPPORTUNITY

The Institute for the Study of Modern Israel is poised to deepen awareness and understanding of modern Israel and the Middle East. Dr. Stein's work has forged key relationships on Emory's campus and in Israel, and it has provided invaluable experiences and opportunities for students, ISMI, and the greater community. Emory College of Arts and Sciences wishes to honor Dr. Stein for his contributions to scholarship, mentoring, and teaching and to expand support for ISMI's programs, ensuring future generations have a vibrant connection to Israel studies.

"Working at ISMI has made me realize that I have only just begun to scratch the surface of Israel's lush history and perplexing future. This realization has ignited a hunger within me to seek further knowledge on this subject."—Daniel