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SUNO Professor Represents the United States in Prestigious State Department Speaker Program in Egypt

NEW ORLEANS, LA — Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) proudly announces that Dr. Haitham Eid, Professor of Museum Studies, recently represented the United States in a distinguished engagement through the U.S. Department of State Speaker Program. This highly selective initiative brings leading American experts to international audiences to foster cross-cultural dialogue, innovation, and collaboration.

During his visit to Egypt, Dr. Eid delivered a series of lectures and workshops hosted by prominent institutions, including the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), the American Center in Cairo, and Ain Shams University. His sessions centered on museum innovation, cultural heritage preservation, and community engagement, attracting museum professionals, scholars, and students from across the region.

In addition to his speaking engagements, Dr. Eid conducted professional visits to the newly inaugurated Grand Egyptian Museum—the largest archaeological museum in the world—as well as the Egyptian Museum in Tahrir and other cultural institutions. These visits allowed for meaningful exchanges with Egyptian curators and museum leaders on global best practices in preservation and interpretation.

His program, coordinated by the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, garnered extensive media attention, underscoring the significance of his contributions to the international museum community.

“It was an honor to represent both the United States and Southern University at New Orleans in this important global initiative,” said Dr. Eid. “This experience provided an invaluable opportunity to connect with colleagues in Egypt, explore new approaches to museum practice, and share SUNO’s commitment to inclusive, community-centered innovation.”

SUNO’s Museum Studies Program, the only program of its kind in the state of Louisiana, is nationally recognized for preparing students to lead in the fields of museum management, curation, and cultural preservation. Under the guidance of faculty like Dr. Eid, the program emphasizes community engagement, experiential learning, and the stewardship of African American and diasporic heritage—empowering graduates to become changemakers in the global museum landscape.

Dr. Eid’s participation exemplifies SUNO’s expanding role in global scholarship and cultural diplomacy, reinforcing the university’s mission of academic excellence, leadership, and international engagement.



About Southern University at New Orleans:

Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO), founded in 1956, is a public historically black university committed to providing quality educational opportunities for the diverse populations of the Greater New Orleans region. As part of the Southern University System, SUNO offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary for personal and professional success.

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