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# SAMI AWAD

DIRECTOR



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## EDUCATION

### HONORARY DOCTORAL DEGREE IN DIVINITY

Chicago Theological Seminary /  
Chicago / 2016

- Delivered keynote at conferral ceremony
- Honorary Doctorate in Divinity.

### M.A. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The American University School  
of International Service /  
Washington, D.C. / 1996

Concentration: Peace and Conflict  
Resolution

### B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE

University of Kansas / Lawrence,  
Kansas / 1993

## SKILLS

- Spearheaded visionary initiatives, program development, and training in nonviolence, leadership, and strategic thinking.

Drawing from a rich family heritage rooted in the principles of peace and justice, I have devoted my professional life to championing these values. As the founder and director of a nonprofit organization for over a quarter of a century, my career is marked by a profound expertise in peacemaking, with a focus on empowering individuals and communities to create a future worth striving for. My comprehensive experience encompasses the development of training programs, leadership coaching, the execution of impactful campaigns, and facilitating the healing of collective trauma in areas plagued by conflict.

I am recognized as a pivotal figure in the realm of nonviolence, transformation, and healing, leveraging my wealth of knowledge and experience to drive meaningful change. My career stands as a beacon of passion, visionary leadership, and unwavering dedication to the mission of building a more harmonious world.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Nonviolence International

May 2024 - Present  
Bethlehem

#### CO-DIRECTOR

- Spearheaded global nonviolence initiatives, utilizing Nonviolence International's esteemed heritage and the NVI Global Tactics Database to promote nonviolent action and global advocacy.
- Orchestrated and directed comprehensive training and coaching programs, emphasizing nonviolence, trauma-informed resilience, and transformative leadership through innovative nonlinear methodologies.
- Strengthened organizational outreach and influence on a global scale.

### Holy Land Trust

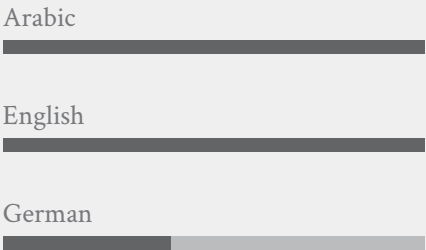
Jun 1998 - Dec 2022  
Bethlehem

#### FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Spearheaded Holy Land Trust as Founder & Executive Director, championing peace, justice, and understanding initiatives.

- Renowned as a principal trainer in cutting-edge, non-linear leadership development methodologies.
- Engaged in researching and facilitating sessions on the healing of collective trauma.
- Globally recognized for conducting transformative leadership and nonviolence workshops and speaking engagements.
- Prominent advocate for Palestinian peace and justice, influencing change on both local and international stages.

## LANGUAGES



**Palestinian Bible Society**  
Sep 1998 - Jun 1999  
Bethlehem

**Radio Bethlehem 2000**  
Jun 1998 - Jun 1999  
Bethlehem

**Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence**  
May 1997 - Jun 1998  
Jerusalem

- Excelled in fundraising, strategic planning, and program developmetn and oversight, driving nonviolent resistance and community empowerment.
- Managed a multicultural team dedicated to fostering dialogue, reconciliation, and sustainable peace in the Holy Land.
- Cultivated partnerships with local and international organizations, advocating for human rights and lasting regional peace.
- Spoke in conferences and condutcing trainings in nonviolence, trauma healing, and leadership globally.

### PROJECT MANAGER

- Led the Bible Museum projec for the Palestinian Bible Society in Bethlehem, managing the intricate design and renovation of a historic building to create a pivotal cultural landmark.
- Curated a diverse array of exhibits and managed extensive collections using modern technology, in order to enhance the museum's reputation as a treasure trove of biblical heritage.
- Desigend educational programs, effectively engaging scholars, tourists, and the local community, and positioning the museum as a hub of cultural and historical enlightenment.
- Championed the museum's mission to foster profound insights into the Bible's enduring impact within the Holy Land.

### CO-OWNER & DIRECTOR

- Led the operations at Radio Bethlehem 2000, a pioneering Palestinian media outlet and a cornerstone of local community engagement.
- Directed a multifaceted team of journalists, DJs, and technicians to deliver compelling programming that informed, entertained, and stimulated listener engagement.
- Championed a diverse array of shows, including hosting my own, to foster a rich platform for news, music, culture, and public discourse.
- Played a key role in establishing the station as a trusted and influential voice in the Bethlehem district, enhancing its social and cultural impact.

### OPERATION'S DIRECTOR

- Led the advancement of nonviolent resistance and social justice initiatives as Operations Director at the Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence.
- Managed daily operations, coordinated programs, and optimized resource allocation to support the organization's mission.

- Fostered collaboration with staff, volunteers, and partners to develop and execute impactful training, workshops, and community outreach.
- Drove strategic planning and project execution, empowering individuals and communities for peaceful activism and advocacy towards regional peace.

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## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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Present

● MEMBER