

### Sama Alshaibi

vs. Him

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# On the Archetype of Imperial Eminence

Sama Alshaibi begins a journey that bluntly identifies and questions the stance of the masculine sex. Chiefly characterized by sexuality and strength, men are an objectively ingrown adulthood designed by social dominance depending on the culture it is bred in. Man has been a term referencing the entire human race, a function granted by the Word of God talking down to His creation, a word that references all cultures, whether a proto-Germanic persona, a German love, an Indian forefather, a Gothic one-liness, a mathematical thought, or even simply a Latin term to give a "hand". The derivatives require a wealth of understanding into the depth of what it is to confirm the act of encountering masculinities, as opposed to just reading about them.

It is here where Alshaibi compliments the understanding of "him" to her cultural history. "Him" in the geographical context of the Middle East, a region she comes from, was displaced from, and continues to return to, re-identifying her positioning amidst the motions of social conformity and imitation. Addressing the archetypes of masculinities and patriarchies as the individual and the institution, there are the models of the Empire, of the Ruler himself, of the Father, the Lover, the Brother, and even of the Son. Alshaibi ultimately uses these archetypes to formulate the nation, the imperial, the collective and the state, while in the works' individuality. Alshaibi alludes to the patterns of common behaviors in eastern culture by looking at the individual case from her perspective. The behaviors we are brought up with, familiar to, and trained to adapt are also the behaviors that represent the female as protagonist to the male dilemma – an encounter occurs where dueling forces meet, and spaces of anxiety are created, spaces of conflict arise, and the behaviors designed to conform society's rules become questioned when the society dominated by male power, are policed, oppressed, and built on social constructs designed in the past.

So where does control and domination come from? Man was created, and then his Eve was created from the like nature to complete him, to dwell with him in love and inhabit the earth making nations and tribes. And it is from here that control and domination are allowed to become a source of construction, as it is by the nature of man to develop, grow, build, protect and supply what it is they construct against any force that seeks to destroy them, from the forces of nature to the battles with their own kind. Man has survived time due to his fighting nature, and not his passivity. Alshaibi treasures the value of man's presence, steering away from any interests towards the clamor

of global feminism, she juxtaposes herself with man only to challenge his strengths and bring out his worth in society. Like a commemoration, vs. Him adopts a welcoming force to the values of bearing a child, the adolescent vitality, the breaking of innocence into the political truths of endurance, the female advocate as partner and duty, and then the man as defender, commander and terminator to change.

Starting with vs. The Empire, a remake of the Roman Empire occupying a white box in a refabricated space with a playing theatre inside of it, comes a contemporary battle. In the form of a boxing match, Alshaibi wears her robe, getting ready to face dominance and control. A contemporary fight occurs, under the colors of a pan-Arab flag, bringing the recycling of colonial monuments revisited by the opposition. Alshaibi begins her confrontation with history.

In vs. The Ruler, two sculptures occupy the space: two thrones, both shaped with ultimate virility and ultimate authority as the male seat is owned by the ruler, while the female seat is owned by the people. The one voice versus the collective bringing on an audio encounter of speech. The speech is an experience of poetry, vocalized by a single male voice who recites towards delusion, fury and condemnation. Alshaibi collects her material from speeches that occurred since November 2010 by the leaders of autocracy; a rise before the up rise. While the female voice occupies the seated reverberations of Twitter and Facebook accounts, where an artist's personal network addressing the cyberspace world, was a link to a regional fire against the singular vilification.

vs. The Lover shows the stages in a woman's relationship with a man within a contemporary regional faction: The Suitor, The Believer, The Provider, The Betrayer and finally The Closer.

The Suitor is subjected by a polygraph test. Alshaibi casually studies and charts decisions to the results coming out of the strains of her counter engagement. Roses are strewn around the floor, disconcerted in utmost vulnerability, yet there. In the same set-up, comes the lover or the closer, who intimately attends, but also diverts the passion into smaller elements of mundane reservations: nail polish, a hookah pipe, and a small vase of roses controllably placed on a table-top covered with a kuffiyeh motif, suggests the banality of prohibition, convinced and proceeding. To those taboos, come false constructions that force us to lie to ourselves, and to each other. They are birthed from social pressures, social oppressions, social conformity,

power, domination and control. Shaming and dishonoring not only the betrayer, but also s/he who the betrayer is associated to or represents, bringing on shame and dishonor to the 'group'. Be it the family, circle of friends or association, Eastern cultures are reared and cultivated to take positions in life. Disciplined and cultivated, reliable and questionable, the betrayer will do whatever he can get away with.

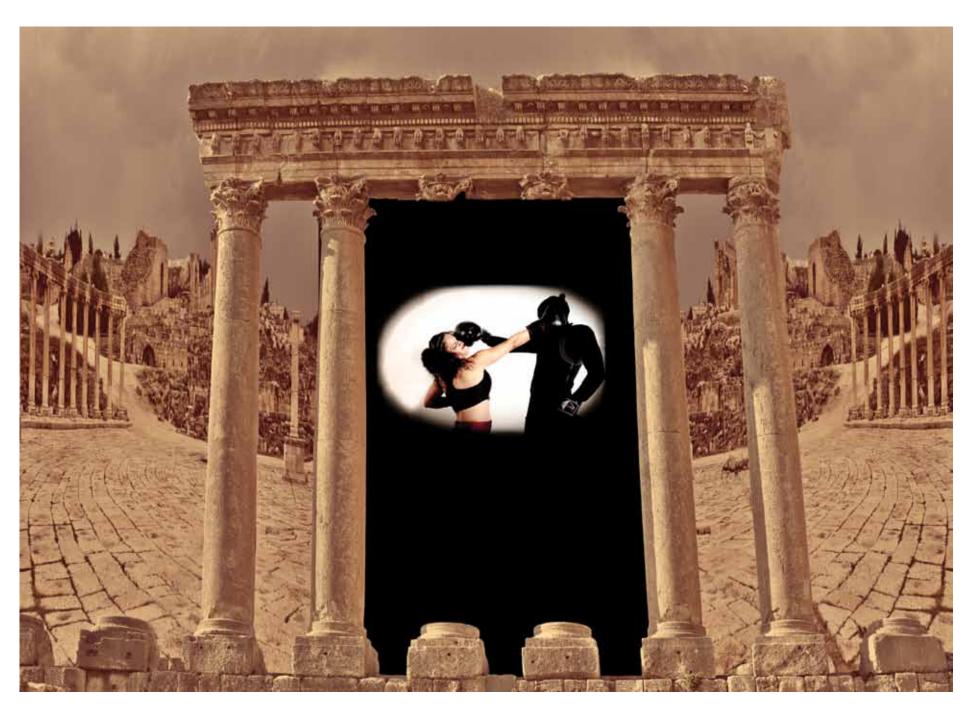
Materializing into the virile strengths of what roles 'man' plays in his household, culture, autocracy or democracy, do we face the question of segments: 'Man' as system and not 'man' as gender. Man as creation and not man as annihilation. He is the judge that magistrates, but also the judge who is judged upon. He is the brother and son, who transits from boyhood into puberty, adolescence materialized into responsibility. Alshaibi visually projects this particular moving image with a fast car going round in circles, on that same spot, grounded on earth, confirmed as the car flees from and returns to that same dimension. Juxtaposed up against an image of a female protagonist as she approaches the image closer, and then goes further away, she disappears through a veil in elevation. Her domestication allows for her disappearance, however her placement beside him also defines the position she wishes to take beside his presence.

Finishing with vs. The Son and vs. The Father, Alshaibi presents the Madonna and Child, rocking a lullaby of permanent moments that cherish the born. A descendent bearer to the family name and heir to the throne, the son is the gift of life and merit to the family. He occupies what his father bears him in a matter of substance, a father who is conditioned to serve as protector of strength and honor. But does he? The child occupies the labor of his mother and the importance of her attention with his crucial presence, but also is defined by the fabrications that could reserve his demolition once flourished and empowered by his acknowledged capacities.

vs. Him empowers man and mankind. It empowers and advocates the male strengths according to his female counterparts. It is not only about him, but also very much about her: Her presence, her strengths, and her belonging in the fulfillment of the 'Other'. The fulfillment of the Dasein and his temporality, the godliness of his force that exists despite the weakness of his permanence assured only by her. vs. Him is a stand in front of her, not the feminist, but the protagonist; the bearer, the apprehension and the belonged. She is the captured actress in the orient's King Kong, who after

overcoming her fears becomes the lover, the protector and survivor. *vs. Him* is a beautiful amalgam of all that can be held accountable through a woman's eyes about the 'him'. And in my humble female opinion, 'him' is a crucial and honorable emblem to the archetypes of magnificence that can only glow with the everlasting presence of 'her'.

Aida Eltorie Director, Finding Projects Cairo, September 2011



vs. The Empire
2011
video projection on digital photograph
printed on canvas
edition of 3
137 x 191cm

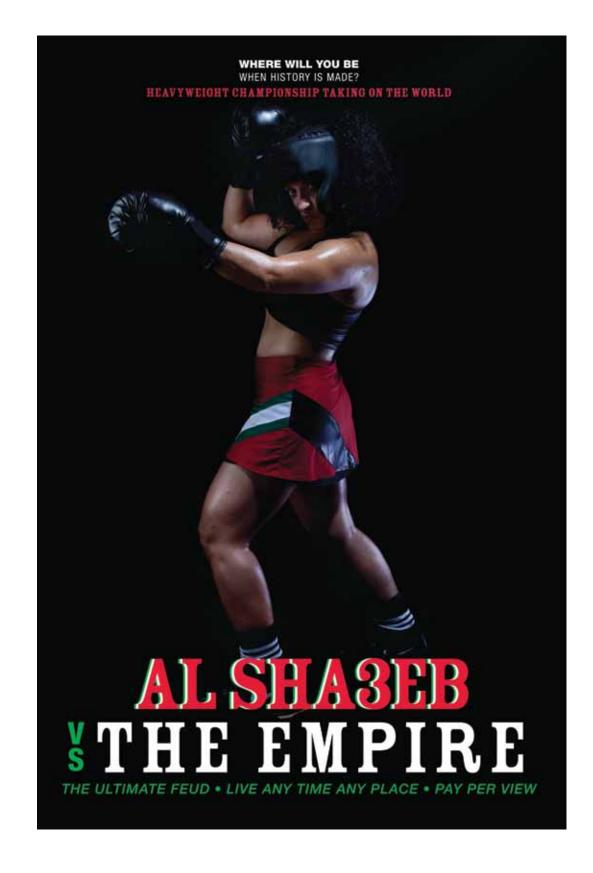




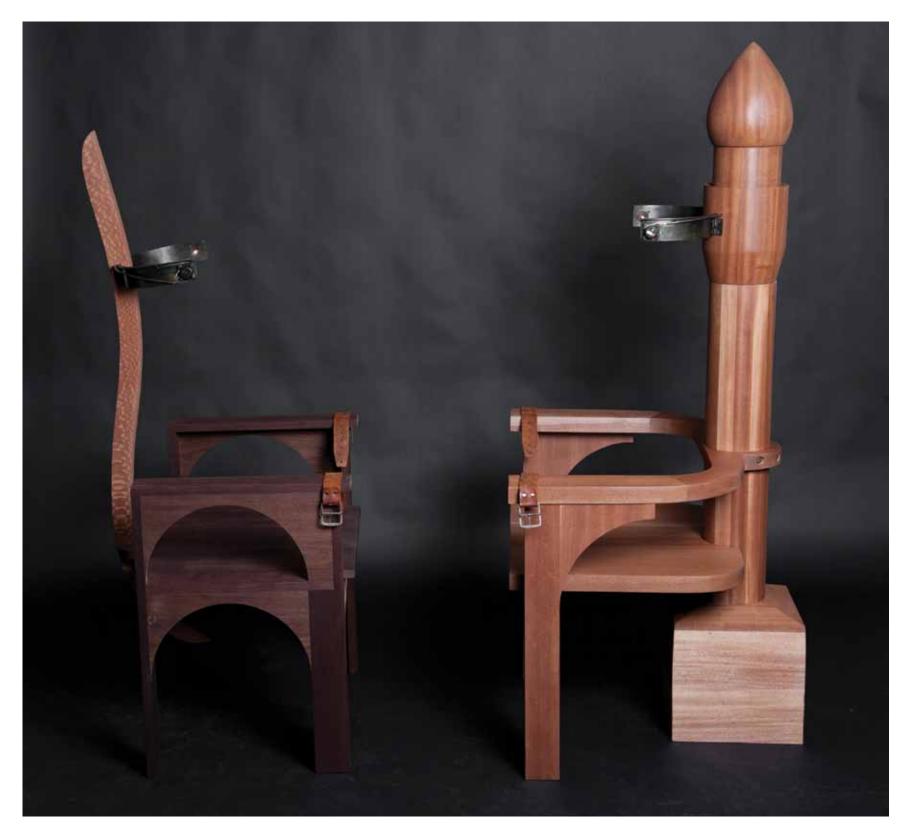
vs. The Empire 2011 (video still)



vs. The Empire 2011 (video still)



Alsha3eb vs. The Empire
2011
lightbox
edition of 3
75 x 50 x 10cm

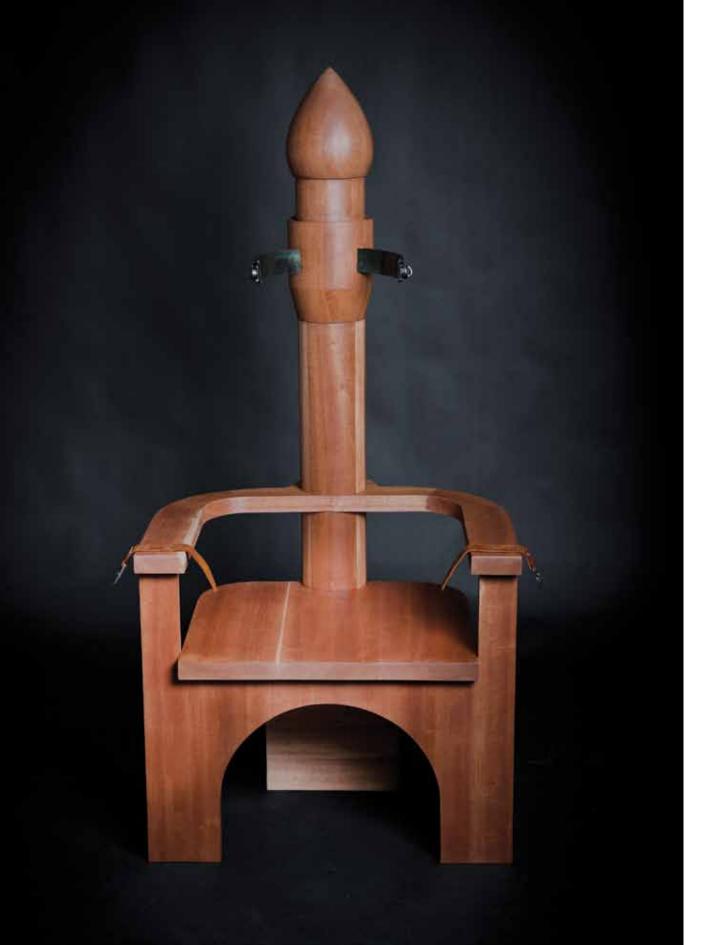


vs. The Ruler
2011
installation, sapele wood,
tropical walnut wood, leather,
multi media and audio
variable dimensions





vs. The Ruler
2011
tropical walnut wood, leather, multi media and audio
150 x 69 x 58cm





vs. The Ruler
2011
sapele wood,leather, multi media and audio
160 x 62 x 54cm







vs. The Father: Between Us
2011
video screen embedded in custom made box (looped)
(video still)
47 x 43 x 6cm















vs. The Brother
2011
video screen embedded in custom made box (4 minutes)
(video stills)
48 x 48 x 6cm



vs. The Brother 1
2011
pigment archival print on cotton rag
edition of 4 + 2AP
51 x 76cm



vs. The Brother 2
2011
pigment archival print on cotton rag
edition of 4 + 2AP
51 x 76cm



vs. The Brother 3
2011
pigment archival print on cotton rag
edition of 4 + 2AP
51 x 76cm



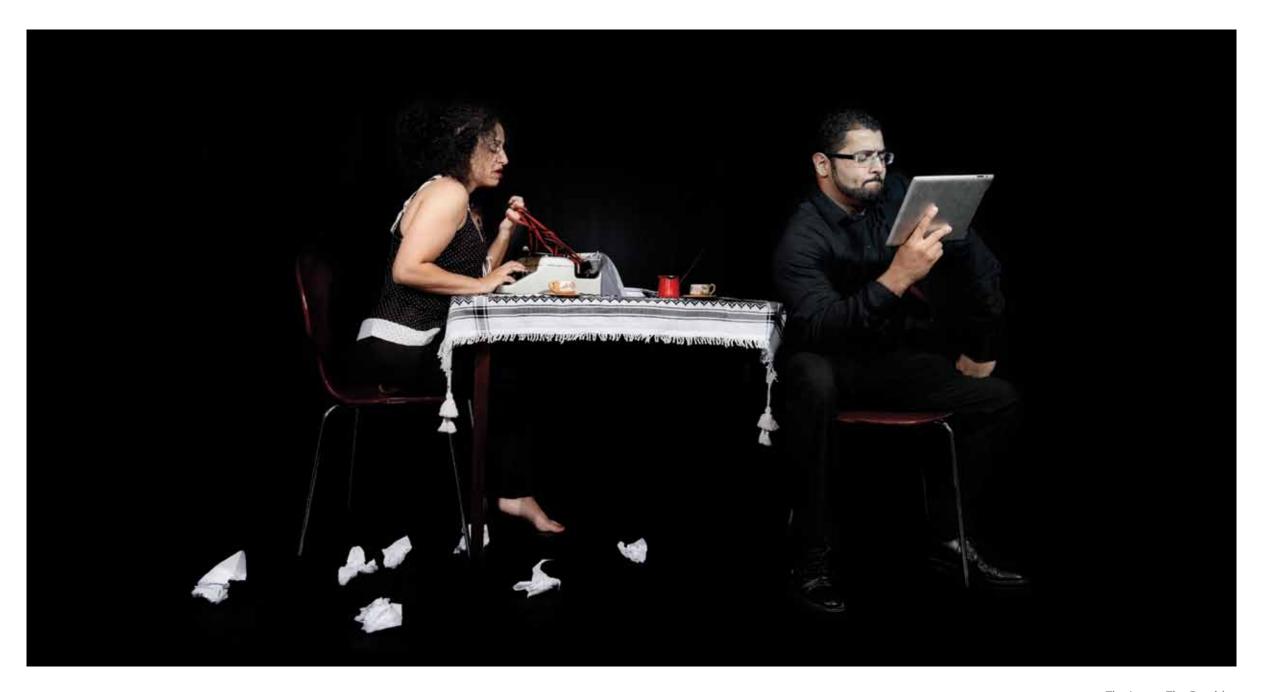
vs. The Brother 4
2011
pigment archival print on cotton rag
edition of 4 + 2AP
51 x 76cm



vs. The Lover: The Suitor 2011 pigment archival print on cotton rag edition of 4 + 2AP 56 x 107cm



vs. The Lover: The Believer
2011
pigment archival print on cotton rag
edition of 4 + 2AP
56 x 107cm



vs. The Lover: The Provider
2011
pigment archival print on cotton rag
edition of 4 + 2AP
56 x 107cm



vs. The Lover: The Betrayer
2011
pigment archival print on cotton rag
edition of 4 + 2AP
56 x 107cm



vs. The Lover: The Closer 2011 pigment archival print on cotton rag edition of 4 + 2AP 56 x 107cm



vs. The Son
2011
video screen embedded in custom made box (looped)
(video still)
66 x 46 x 8cm

vs. The Son 2011 (detail) 66 x 46 x 8cm



### biography

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### Education

2002 University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, MFA,
 Photography, Video and Media Arts
 Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, BA,
 Photography

### **Solo Exhibitions**

vs. Him. Lawrie Shabibi, Dubai, UAE 2011 End of September, Selma Feriani Gallery, London, UK 2011 Zero Sum Game, Selma Feriani Gallery, London, UK 2010 Between Two Rivers, Al-Hoash Gallery, Jerusalem, Palestine FLIGHT, Lycoming College of Art Gallery, PA, USA Between Two Rivers, Al-Kahf Gallery, Bethlehem, Palestine 2009 SUMOUD (steadfastness), Hoffmaster Gallery at Lawrence University, Appleton, USA My Apartheid Vacation (The Project Room), Zero Station, 2006 Portland, USA Women, War, and Peace; Feminist Interventions in a Time of 2005 Conflict, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame Where do the Birds Fly After the Last Sky? El Centro de 2004 Formación de la Cooperación Española, Antigua, Guatemala Zaman: I Remember, La Fabrica Arte Contemporaneo, 2003 Guatemala City, Guatemala

### **Group Exhibitions**

Baqdadi Mem/Wars, Sama Alshaibi and Dena Al-Adeeb, 2011 Worth Ryder Gallery, Berkley, USA (curator: Anuradha Vikram) *The Changing Room: Arab Reflections on Praxis and Times,* Spazio Qubi in association with Metro Quadro Gallery (Rivoli), Turino, Italy (Curator: Aida Eltorie) Marrakech Art Fair 2, Marrakech, Morocco (Curator: Khadija Hamdi) *Breaking Ranks: Human/Nature*, Headlands Center for the Arts, Sausalito, USA ArtDubai/Selma Feriani Gallery, Dubai, UAE THE VEIL: Visible & Invisible Spaces - A Traveling Art Exhibition at Santa Clara University, de Saisset Museum, California and The Art Museum at the University of Kentucky *The State*, Traffic Gallery, Dubai, UAE (Curator: Rami Farook) 2010 Bringing The War Home, Impressions Gallery, Bradford, UK (Curator: Pippa Oldfield) *Hiwar*, DARB 1718, Cairo, Egypt (Curator: Khadija Hamdi) Bearing Witness: The LightWork Collection, LightWork Gallery, Syracuse, USA War and The Body (in conjunction with War and the Body Conference/Imperial Museum), London, UK, *Hiwar*, Le Violon Bleu, Tunisia (Curator: Khadija Hamdi)

This Is Not A Love Song, The Empty Quarter, Dubai, UAE (Curator, Elie Domit) They Welcomed Us With Flowers, Bastakiya Art Fair, Dubai, UAE (Curator: Asmaa Al-Shabibi) Creative Palestinian Arts, Art Sawa, Dubai, UAE ArtDubai/Selma Feriani Gallery, Dubai, UAE Carrying Across, Asian Arts Initiative, Philadelphia, USA (Curator: Yvonne Lung) THE VEIL: Visible & Invisible Spaces - A Traveling Art Exhibition at California State University, Dominguez Hills; CAS Galleries, Kean University, Union, New Jersey; DePauw University, Richard E. Peeler Art Center JASAD: Sama Alshaibi and Ninar Esber, Mole Vanvitelliana, Adriatic Mediterranean Festival, Ancona, Italy Motherhood and Revolution, Sama Alshaibi and Beth 2009 Krensky, CalArts, Valencia, USA Paris Photo 2009/Selma Feriani Gallery, Carrousel du Louvre, Paris, France (Curator: Catherine Davide) Arab Youth Festival, Rome, Italy Beyond Borders, Rafia Gallery, Damascus, Syria 2009 UA School of Art Biennial Faculty Exhibition, UA Museum of Art, Tucson, USA Incheon Women Artists' Bienniale, Incheon, South Korea *Inside/Outside & Other Oxymoron's*, Levantine Cultural Center Gallery, Los Angeles, USA Stories of Iraqi Artists, Reel Festival Iraq, Edinburgh, Scotland BLOWOUT, Empty Quarter, Dubai, UAE Mapping Palestine, ArtSchool Palestine, ArtDubai 2009, Dubai, UAE Art Dubai 2009/Selma Feriani Gallery, Dubai, UAE Aperture 27,000, Le Violon Bleu, London, UK THE VEIL: Visible & Invisible Spaces - A Traveling Art Exhibition at Alexey von Schlipp Gallery of Art, University of Connecticut at Avery Point, Jan at Indiana University East Art Galleries and Drury University Pool Art Center Galleries 2008 Enfoco Presents: Sama Alshaibi and Myra Greene, Umbrella Arts Gallery, New York City, USA We Make The Road By Walking, Dinnerware Arts Space, Tucson, AZ (with Beth Krensky) Occupied Space 2008 - Art for Palestine, AM Qattan Foundation, London, UK Border Walls, Boltax Gallery, Shelter Island, New York Harmony, Beit-Hagefen, Haifa Centers and Borders: From ABC to XYZ, XYZ Gallery, 798 Art District, Beijing, China THE VEIL: Visible & Invisible Spaces - A Traveling Art Exhibition at Dairy Center for The Arts, Boulder, CO, DePauw University, Peeler Art, University of Arkansas Fine Arts Center Gallery – Fayetteville, and Union Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, USA Secrets, Glass Curtain Gallery, Chicago, USA

Our People, Our Land, Our Images travelling exhibition at

Eiteljorg Museum, Indianapolis, Autry National Center, Los Angeles, and AmerInd Foundation, Dragoon, USA *Post Tractatus travelling exhibition* at Sala de Exposiciones Amazonas, Universidad Del Estado De Amazonas UEA, Tabatinga, Brazil, Sala Iquitos, Universidad Nacional de Peru, Estado Loreto, Iquitos, Peru, Sala Janai-IKO (casa De Imagenes En Uitoto), Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Sede Amazonia, Leticia, Colombia and Sala de Exposiciones Orellana, Biblioteca Del Banco de la Republica, Leticia, Colombia

2007 We Make The Road By Walking, Mizel Museum, Denver, USA (with Beth Krensky),

Sultana's Dream, Exit Art, New York City, USA
Centers and Borders, Ningxia Exhibition Center, Yinchaun,
China

Centers and Borders, The Gallery of School of Fine Arts, Yinchaun, China

Pingyao International Photography Festival, Pingyao, China Selection From The Collection, Darat Al Funun, Amman Journey, Nobel Women's Initiative's First International Women's Conference: "Women Redefining Peace in the Middle East & Beyond", Galway, Ireland Our People, Our Land, Our Images, Burke Museum, Seattle, USA

Secrets, The Dairy Center for the Arts, Boulder, USA Bytes: Making Pictures With Ones and Zeros, Dinnerware Contemporary Arts, Tucson, USA

Sama Alshaibi and Rozalinda Borcila, The University of Stellenbosch Art Gallery, Stellenbosch, South Africa Secrets at The Khalil Sakakini Center, Ramallah, Palestine, Al Hoash Contemporary Art Gallery, Jerusalem, The Virtual Gallery at Birzeit, Ramallah, Palestine and The International Center of Bethlehem, Palestine

Religion and Personal Identity, Contemporary Art Gallery, Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, USA Transformations — Photography of the 21st. Century, Center for the Living Arts, Mobile, USA

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Re-interpreting the Middle East Beyond the Historical Stereotype at The Khalil Sakakini Center, Ramallah, Palestine, International Center of Bethlehem, Palestine and The Paltel Virtual Gallery at Birzeit University, Ramallah, Palestine,

Genetic Imprint (The Printmaking Genome Project), Southern Graphics Council Conference, Madison, USA Unveiling: Sama Alshaibi and Joel Seah, The University of Southern Maine

*Martyrs*, *Saints* & *Liars*, Synapse Gallery, Benton Harbor, USA (with Yana Payusova)

Narratives of Land, Peoples and Identities, Al-Kahf Art Gallery, Palestine

Afrofuturism, Soap Factory (juried by the Obsidian Arts),

Minneapolis, USA

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Constructing Identity, College Hall Gallery, Tarrant College, Hurst, TX (Best of Show) Salt of Differences, Susan Arndt Gallery, Denver, USA

Women's History Month Art Exhibition, Women Studies Cottage, Boulder, USA

2004 *Common Wounds*, The International Center of Bethlehem, Bethlehem, Palestine

*Juannio*, Subasta Para el Arte Contemporaneo 2004, Museo De Arte Moderno "Carlos Merida", Guatemala City, Guatemala

*The Discourse of Others*, Salon de Artes Plasticas, Mexico City, Mexico

Visiones del Norte, Academia de San Carlos, Mexico City, Mexico

2003 *BLOOD Lines & Connections*, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver, USA

*SAVVY*, St. Louis Artists' Guild, St. Louis, MO, 2003 (Goueter Missouri Collection Prize for Diatribes)

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- 2010 Artist-in-Residence, Light Work, New York, project
  "Baghdadi Mem/Wars" in collaboration with artist Dena AlAdeeb. January
- 2008 Artist-in-Residence at Darat Al Funun (The Khalid Shoman Foundation), Amman, Jordan
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- 2005 Artist-in Residence / Exhibitor. Project: "Birthright", Shaping Communities in Times of Crisis, Narratives of Land, Peoples and Identities Conference, The International Center of Bethlehem, Palestine, Nov 6-12
- 2004 National Graduate Seminar Fellow, The Photography Institute, Columbia University, New York City, USA

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vs. The Empire:

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vs. The Ruler:

Sound Performer: Joseph Farbrook

vs. The Lover

Performer: Muhammed Abdul Ghani

vs. the Brother

Performers: Joseph Handal and Aurelia Cohen

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