

Professor Mazin Qumsiyeh



Mazin Qumsiyeh PhD (Texas Tech University); MSc (University of Connecticut); BSc (University of Jordan) teaches and conducts research at Bethlehem and Bir Zeit universities in Palestine. He is director of the Palestine Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability at Bethlehem University and the Palestine Museum of Natural History (see <https://www.palestinature.org>).

Professor Qumsiyeh will be the guest of the Oxford-Ramallah Friendship Association in autumn 2017 and will give talks in Oxford and elsewhere in the UK on environmental protection and human rights in Palestine. This follows a well-received speaking tour of the USA in June 2017, which included a presentation at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History in Washington DC.

Mazin grew up in Beit Sahour, near Bethlehem. After many years in academia in the USA, where he served on the faculties of Tennessee, Duke, and Yale Universities, he returned to Palestine in 2008. Besides his academic work he is passionate about public education on ecology and the environment, and about human rights, which are intrinsic to the philosophy of the Palestine Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability. His team has studied decline in biodiversity, the cytogenetics of animals and humans in Palestine, and the genotoxic impact of Israeli settlements. His weekly email blog on issues ranging from human rights to environmental conservation reaches tens of thousands. In 2011, he received the Social Courage Award from the Peace and Justice Studies Association and the Gandhi King Conference in Memphis, Tennessee.

Past and present roles include serving on boards of:

- The Palestinian Centre for Rapprochement Between People
- The Al-Rowwad Children's Theatre Centre in Aida Refugee Camp
- Bethlehem Children's Museum
- The Technology Transfer Association
- The Palestinian Higher Council for Innovation and Excellence
- The American Board of Medical Genetics, 1993-present

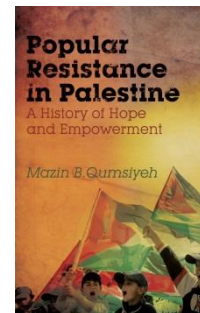
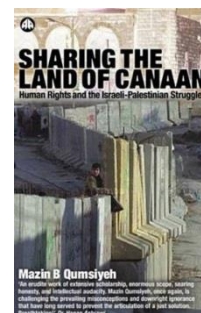
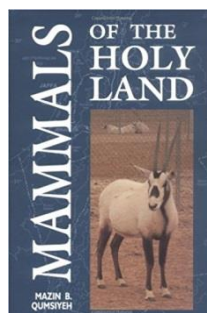
Professor Qumsiyeh has published extensively on topics ranging from biodiversity to cancer, as well as over 200 refereed articles on social science, history, and environmental justice. His books include:

Mammals of the Holy Land (Texas Tech Press, 1996)

Sharing the Land of Canaan: human rights and the Israeli/Palestinian Struggle (Pluto Press, London and Stirling, Virginia, 2004) (English, Spanish, and German)

Popular Resistance in Palestine: A history of Hope and Empowerment (Pluto Press, London, 2010) (Arabic, English, French, forthcoming in Italian)

His book on activism is e-published on his website (<http://qumsiyeh.org>).



Professor Qumsiyeh will be in the UK from 23 October to 3 November 2017

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