

My name is Jess Ghannam and I am a professor of psychiatry and global health sciences at the University of California San Francisco. My academic areas of work focus on the health consequences of war, occupation, and displacement on communities in the MENA region, where I have worked for over 25 years. I have worked in Palestine and in Gaza building community mental health clinics and programs for children exposed to generational trauma and travel there frequently. I am also the faculty director of our Scholars at Risk Program where we bring scholars from around the world whose scholarship may be in jeopardy because of political and social unrest. My interest and intention to become a delegate is based on my commitment to academic freedom, especially for faculty from marginalized communities. My hope is to represent faculty that may not feel safe to advocate for themselves. In protecting their freedom to engage in academic work, I believe we are all better protected.