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PROFILE

In 2010, Dr. Moise Khayrallah, a member of the Lebanese diasporic community, funded a pilot project which produced a K-12 curriculum, museum exhibit, archive, and PBS documentary about the Lebanese in North Carolina. In 2015, he expanded on this vision endowing the Moise A. Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies at North Carolina State University. Its mission is to produce and disseminate knowledge about the Lebanese Diaspora in the U.S. and around the world and archive this history for future generations.

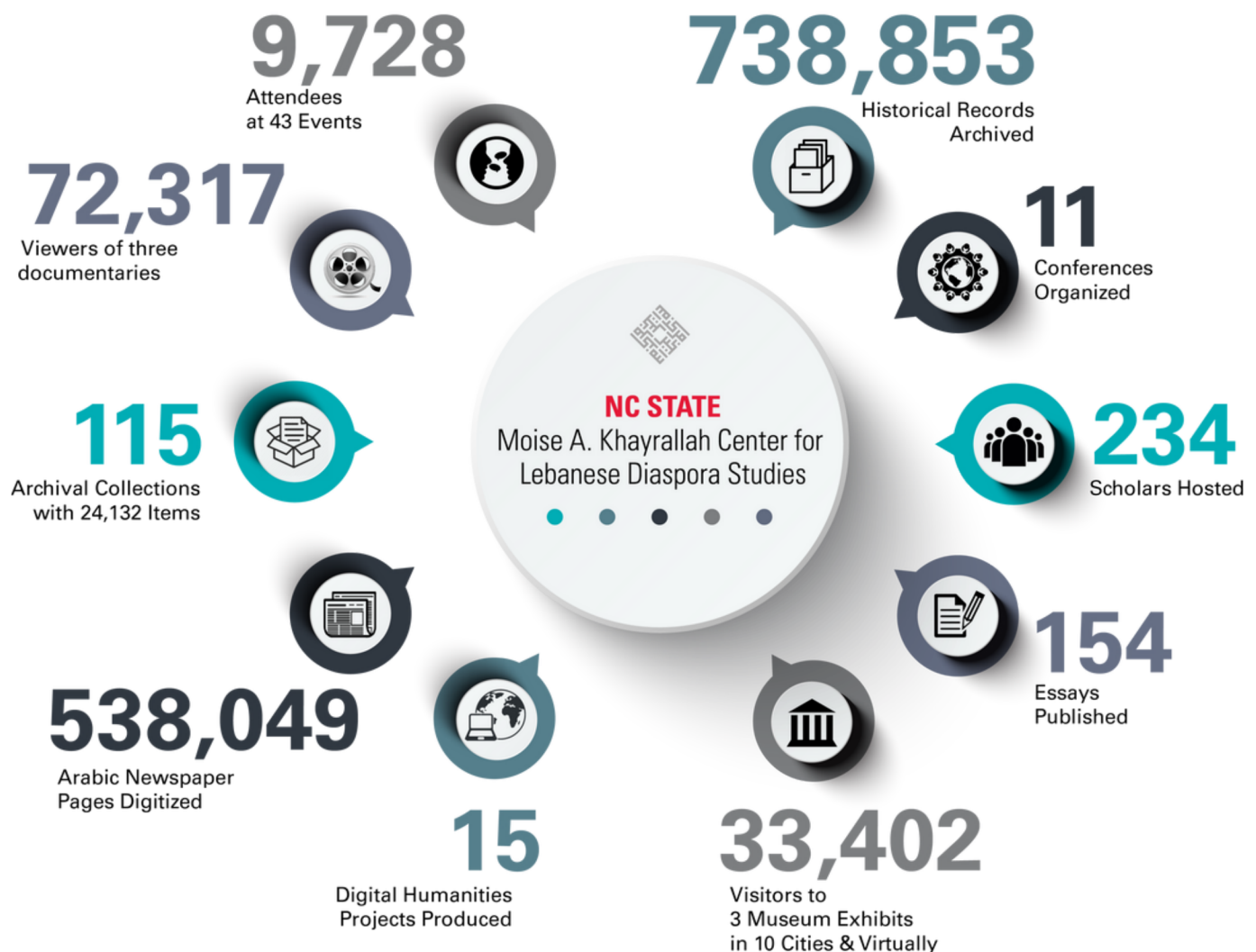
SERVICES

- Research
- Archiving
- Digital Humanities Projects
- Oral Testimonies and interviews
- Conferences
- Documentary and Museum exhibits
- Grants, awards, and scholarships

The Migration of Hanna Gaith

In 2023, the Khayrallah Center was gifted a diary written by Hanna Gaith who came from Yabroud in modern-day Syria and emigrated to Capilla del Monte, Argentina in 1908. In the diary, written in a common 19th century calligraphic style, Hanna narrates his own childhood, education, and political thoughts.

The Khayrallah Center *at* 8 Years



808
Followers



1,827
Followers



17,426
Followers



141
Followers

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PROJECTS

Every year the Khayrallah Center works hard at disseminating information about the history of Arab American migrants. We do that often through digital humanities projects, scholarly awards, documentaries, and more. This year we produced several searchable databases which make research on the history of the Mahjar easier than ever before. Those projects include:

- The Migration of Hanna Gaith
- The Index of Arab American Archives
- The History of Lebanon K-12 Curriculum
- The Arabic Newspaper Search Archive
- The Arab American Labor Project
- Tarikh rv History of Lebanon Webinar Series



The Arab American Labor Project

This project reclaims the hidden stories of the Arab American working class. In so doing invites us to rethink the prevalent narrative of Arab immigration and to move beyond its one-dimensionality to include the richer—and more complicated—diversity of immigrant experiences.

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WHO IS DR. MOISE A. KHAYRALLAH?

Dr. Moise Khayrallah emigrated from Lebanon to North Carolina in 1983 to attend graduate school. He earned his Ph.D. in Psychology from UNC Chapel Hill before he went on to become a biotech entrepreneur who has founded several drug-development companies.

Dr. Khayrallah hopes that the legacy of the center he has created will reach far beyond the Lebanese community.



WHO IS DR. AKRAM KHATER?

Dr. Akram Khater is University Faculty Scholar, Professor of History, and holds the Khayrallah Chair in Diaspora Studies at North Carolina State University where he also serves as the Director of the Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies.

His books include *Inventing Home: Emigration, Gender and the Making of a Lebanese Middle Class, 1861-1921*, and *Embracing the Divine: Passion and Politics in the Christian Middle East*. He has multiple documentaries including *The Romey Lynchings*, which narrates the history of racial violence against early Arab immigrants. In addition, he is the senior curator for several exhibits, the latest of which is *Turath: An Exhibit of Early Arab American Culture*.