

# Perspectives on Palestine 2017

## Speaker Bios

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### Mark Braverman: *Tipping Point: Politics, Zionism and the Call to the Church*



**Mark Braverman** is a Jewish American with family roots in Jerusalem. He has written and lectured on the theological and interfaith issues related to the search for peace in Israel and Palestine and has been closely involved in the growth of the international church movement for Palestinian rights. In his writing and speaking Mark focuses on the role of religious beliefs and theology in the current discourse and the function of interfaith relations in the current search for just peace. Mark serves on the advisory board of Friends of Sabeel North America and was on the Board of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions-USA from 2007-2011. He is a cofounder of Friends of Tent of Nations North America, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting Palestinian land rights in historic Palestine. In 2011 he was instrumental in the founding of Kairos USA, a movement to unify and mobilize American Christians to take a prophetic stance for a justice for Palestinians.

Mark is the author of *Fatal Embrace: Christians, Jews, and the Search for Peace in the Holy Land* (Beaufort Books, 2011), *A wall in Jerusalem: Hope, healing, and the struggle for peace in Israel and Palestine*, (Jericho Books, 2013), and recent journal articles on the kairos movement and prophetic theology. His writing, blogs, and sermons can be found at [www.markbraverman.org](http://www.markbraverman.org).

### Nathan Stock: *Gaza and the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict*



**Nathan Stock** directed The Carter Center's Israel-Palestine Field Office for three and a half years, until the summer of 2017. He led Carter Center efforts to facilitate the reunification of the Palestinian political system and to assert Palestinian sovereignty via international fora. Stock joined The Carter Center in 2008 as an Assistant Director in the Conflict Resolution Program. He was based in Atlanta, GA, while traveling regularly to the Middle East. He designed and managed programming targeting the Fatah-Hamas conflict, and implemented programming to monitor and advance political solutions to the Syrian civil war.

Prior to joining the Center, Mr. Stock spent two years working to strengthen local civil society organizations in Afghanistan. During the Al-Aqsa Intifada, he lived in the Gaza Strip, working with a Palestinian NGO to design and fundraise for conflict resolution programs targeting the Palestinian community. Mr. Stock is currently based in South Carolina, where he cares for his infant daughter and consults and writes on Israeli-Palestinian affairs. He holds a bachelor's degree in international relations from Colgate University and a master's degree in international peace and conflict resolution from American University's School of International Service.

## Jennifer Bing: *No Way to Treat a Child*



**Jennifer Bing** has worked with AFSC's Palestine-Israel Program since 1989. She directs the Chicago AFSC Middle East Program and works with the Israel-Palestine joint U.S. program. Jennifer coordinates AFSC's education and advocacy work on the campaign Israeli Military Detention: No Way to Treat a Child. In this role, she works closely with faith organizations and human rights groups throughout the U.S.

Her first visit to Israel and Palestine was in 1982, as a college student on the Earlham College Great Lakes program in Jerusalem. She returned later to work at the Ramallah Friends Schools, where she lived for three years during the first Palestinian intifada (uprising). She has since led and participated in delegations to the Middle East, most recently in 2015.

Prior to AFSC, Jennifer worked as a volunteer teacher at the Ramallah Friends School in the West Bank, as a researcher on child rights with Save the Children, and a coordinator of seminars with Gene Sharp and the Program on Nonviolent Sanctions at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University.

Jennifer is a Quaker and an active member of the Quaker Palestine Israel Network.