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Colloquium Series**

*announce a special Brown Bag  
presentation*

**Monday, October 12, 2009  
12:00-1:30 College of Education  
Conference Room 3237**



**John Ging**  
Director of UNRWA Operations in Gaza  
Speaking on

**“Teaching the Holocaust  
in Gaza”**

John Ging is the Director of UNRWA Operations in Gaza who manages a program, which in 2009 is valued at over \$500 million. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) is a relief and human development agency, providing education, health care, social services and emergency aid to 4.5 million Palestine refugees living in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, the West Bank, as well as the Gaza Strip.

Immediately, prior to joining UNRWA, John worked in the Balkans, most recently as the Chief of Staff of the Institution Building Pillar within the UN Mission in Kosovo. Prior to that he worked for 8 years in Bosnia and Herzegovina where he served as the OSCE's Chief of Staff. The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe played a major role in the creation of a stable, peaceful, and democratic Bosnia and Herzegovina, through promoting democratic values, monitoring and furthering the development of human rights, organizing and supervising elections, as well as implementing arms control and security-building measures. He also oversaw the delivery of humanitarian programmes for emergency relief to over 2 million people made refugees and internally displaced during the civil war in Rwanda.

A lawyer (Barrister-at-Law) by qualification, his educational background spans a number of disciplines; he holds a primary and two post-graduate university degrees completing studies in Law, Sociology and Political Science.

***Open to the University of Maryland Community – light refreshments will be served.***

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