In this talk Professor Davis will discuss contemporary experiences of diaspora and memory emerging from the current uprising and violence in Syria. She will explore how those displaced conceive of their own communal and personal histories within and beyond nation-state identifications. She’ll discuss three cases -- Syriac Christians, Palestinians living in Syria, and young men without identity documents -- that highlight the issues they face and that reveal the role that memory plays in displacement and survival.

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