

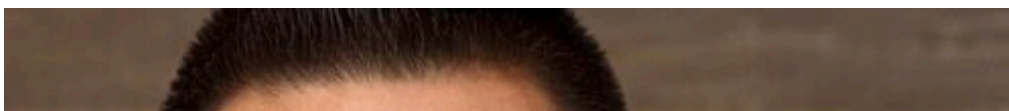
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## Growing the SRCC Family!

We are delighted to welcome Gordon Chow and Nawar Nemeh to the Silk Road Cultural Center team. Please join us in giving them a warm welcome!

### **Gordon Chow Project Coordinator**

Gordon joins us as Project Coordinator, bringing invaluable support to our ongoing artmaking projects. A longtime friend of the company, Gordon has been collaborating with us as an actor since 2003, and we're excited to now work with him in this new capacity.





*As an Asian American actor here in Chicago, Silk Road Cultural Center has always felt like an artistic home. It's where I continue to learn, experiment, and grow as an artist. For that, I am always grateful.*

*In my new role, I hope to be an advocate for other actors. Making sure they feel safe, are heard, and, of course, have fun. Think of me as your new best friend. There are lots of exciting new projects on the horizon, and I can't wait for Silk Road to share them with Chicago and beyond.*

**Nawar Nemeh**  
**Social Media & Marketing Manager,**  
**Polycultural Institute**

Nawar Nemeh steps into the role of Social Media & Marketing Manager for Polycultural Institute. With extensive new media and marketing experience and a track record of success, Nawar also served as a member of Polycultural Institute's Advisory Council, making him a perfect fit for this position.



*I'm beyond thrilled to be working with Polycultural Institute - and to be part of the larger Silk Road Cultural Center community!*

*Polycultural thinking is a powerful paradigm for viewing my own life - as someone who grew up between divided cultures, religions, and nation states. I'm especially excited to be working on promoting the Rebuilding Syria collection, which holds so much personal meaning to me.*

*With my new role as the Social Media & Marketing Coordinator, I'd be remiss if I didn't ask you to please subscribe to the [Substack here](#) and share our episodes as widely as you can with our community!*

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**Rebuilding Syria Part 3:  
In Defense Of The Mosaic**



What does it mean to rebuild a country without erasing its ethnic and religious DNA?

In Part 3 of Evolve’s *Rebuilding Syria* collection, host Jamil Khoury explores the powerful metaphor of the Syrian mosaic—a symbol of coexistence, complexity, and contested meanings. Through vivid reflections, he unpacks Syria’s rich patchwork of ethnic and religious communities—how they’ve been portrayed, politicized, and preserved across centuries.

But the mosaic isn’t just a symbol of beauty—it’s also a battleground of interpretation. While some celebrate it as proof of pluralism, others view it as a colonial tool that fractures unity.

This episode invites listeners to see not just the shards—but the artistry—in a country often viewed only through the lens of conflict.

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