



# AIMS

American Institute for Maghrib Studies

## Newsletter

### *Letter from the President*

While most of us find ourselves breathing a sigh of relief in the late spring and early summer as we close the books on another academic year – the last final graded, the last committee report submitted, and, for some, the last comprehensive completed – this is precisely the time that AIMS’ overseas research centers are entering their busiest season. This year, in addition to the Tangier Summer Arabic Language Program (TSALP), which begins its eleventh year of operation, the Tunisian Arabic Program (TAP) is underway at CEMAT for its first year. By serving quite distinct constituencies, the two programs enable AIMS to provide critical language training across the spectrum of skill levels. TSALP’s advanced students are honing the facility and proficiency required for thesis, dissertation, and post-graduate research in the field, while TAP participants are building on their initial instruction in the language and, in many instances, having their first “hands-on” experience of living and working in an Arab cultural milieu. I am looking forward to seeing both TSALP and TAP in operation and meeting the students enrolled in them when I visit Tangier and Tunis this summer.

“The Worlds of Ibn Khaldoun,” this year’s conference theme, commemorates the six hundredth anniversary of the great Maghrebi sage’s death. The diligent work of Ron Messier, of Vanderbilt University, over the course of more than a year – he, Jim Miller, and I first began roughing out the shape of such an event in Jim’s La Marsa kitchen following last year’s conference in Tunis – has produced a rich set of six sessions, with just under thirty papers, presented by Moroccan, Algerian, Tunisian, and American scholars. We are especially pleased that, in this anniversary year of numerous conferences on Ibn Khaldoun in the Arab world, Europe, and North America, such a distinguished array of scholars has chosen to analyze his importance and influence in the context of the annual AIMS conference.

My last stop in North Africa will be in Algeria, for meetings with CEMA director Bobby Parks and the growing number of our Algerian interlocutors who share our objective of implanting CEMA in that country’s scholarly landscape. Since arriving in Algeria in February, Bobby has shown a dogged determination and incredible resiliency, working tirelessly to move CEMA from the realm of ambition into that of reality. At this juncture, all of us involved would, I think, acknowledge the lacunae in our appreciation of the logistical and bureaucratic challenges that would face us as we set CEMA in motion. Accordingly, we have learned a great deal from Bobby’s experiences in the past several months. More importantly, we are making real progress and CEMA is gradually acquiring that critical product attribute – name recognition – within the Algerian scholarly community and the community of American scholars who study the country.

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Perhaps the best indicator of the strong health of AIMS can be seen in the most recent round of AIMS grants. They are more numerous than in recent years, revealing both a heightened interest in our field and the high quality of the projects proposed. Similarly, the number of grants for Maghribi scholars is also up, underscoring AIMS' commitment to the promotion of exchanges within the region among our Maghribi colleagues.

I'll close by looking forward to the annual AIMS meeting, which will be held in Boston on Saturday, November 18 in conjunction with the meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA). All members are invited to attend the Business Meeting. MESA panels are scheduled for November 19-21 and among them will be several AIMS-sponsored sessions. I look forward to seeing many AIMS members there, following what I hope will be for all of us a summer combining rest and relaxation with productivity in our various endeavors.

-Ken Perkins  
June 2006

## AIMS Grants 2006

**AIMS sponsors an annual grants competition for US scholars interested in conducting research in North Africa. AIMS offers long-term grants for up to nine months of field work, and short-term grants for up to three months in the field. This year, we are pleased to report a record number of applicants. Not only were the applicants numerous, but the quality of the scholarship was exceptionally high. Congratulations to our 2006 Grantees.**

### AIMS Short Term Grantees

**Amy Aisen** *A Tale of Two Successions: The Making of Ottoman Tunisia* University of California, Berkeley, History, PhD Candidate CEMAT  
**Maribea Woodington Barnes** *An Analysis of Contemporary Moroccan Art Forms* Ohio State University, Art, PhD Candidate TALM  
**Emily Burnham** *The Ends of the Earth* New York University, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, PhD Candidate TALM  
**Julia Clancy-Smith** *Mediterranean Odysseys: Migrants and Migration to 19th Century North Africa* University of Arizona, History, Professor CEMAT  
**Adam Guerin** *Policing the Protectorate: Transforming Systems of Law and Order in French-dominated Morocco, 1912-1940* UC-Irvine, History, PhD Candidate TALM  
**Deborah Kapchan** *Translating Art and Ideology in Morocco* New York University, Performance Studies/Anthropology, Associate Professor TALM  
**Shara Lange** *The Way North* University of Texas-Austin, Art, MFA Candidate TALM  
**Fadoua Loudiy** *The Rhetoric of Reconciliation and Political Transition in Morocco* Duquesne University, Communications, PhD Candidate TALM  
**Carol Malt** *Museums, Women and Social Change in the Western Maghrib* University of West Florida, Museology/Women's Studies, Adjunct Professor Multi-Country  
**Laurence Michalak** *Weekly Markets in Contemporary Tunisian* University of California Berkeley, Anthropology, Associate Scientist CEMAT  
**Jeffery Ruoff** *The Carthage Film Festival* Dartmouth College, Film and Television, Assistant Professor CEMAT  
**Athena Trakadas** *Marine Resource Exploitation in Roman Mauretania Tingitana* University of Southampton, Archaeology, PhD Candidate TALM  
**Amy Young** *Global Rights, Local Families: Challenges of the Moroccan Women's Rights Movement* Yale University, Middle East Studies/Anthro Post-Doctoral Associate TALM

### AIMS Long term Grantees

**Patrick F. Collins** *Algerian Islam and the State(s): Colonialism, Nationalism and Post-colonialism, 1926-1978* University of Chicago, History, PhD Candidate CEMA  
**Susan Schaefer Davis** *Catching Up: Characteristics and Needs of the Rural Population Surrounding the New Tangier Mediterranean Port* Anthropology, Independent TALM  
**Thomas DeGeorges** *A Bitter Homecoming: Algerian Veterans of World War I and World War II* Harvard University, History, PhD Candidate CEMA  
**Tara Deubel** *Oral Poetry and Social Memory in Sahrawi Communities of Morocco and Mauritania* University of Arizona, Anthropology, PhD Candidate Multi-Country  
**Allen Fromherz** *The Rise of the Almohads: Locating and Interpreting Early Almohad Sites* St Andrews University, Islamic Studies, PhD Candidate TALM  
**Patricia Goldsworthy** *Commodification of the Colonial Image: Photography in Morocco, 1900-1930* University of California-Irvine, History PhD Candidate TALM  
**Jocelyn Hendrickson** *The Jurisdiction of Orthodoxy: Islamic Law and Muslim Minorities in Medieval Spain* Emory University, Religion, PhD Candidate Multi-Country  
**Carrie Konold** *Contesting Secularisms: Citizenship, Religion and Democracy in Algeria and Senegal* University of Michigan, Political Science, PhD Candidate CEMA  
**David Mednicoff** *Rules of Law and Contemporary Arab Politics* University of Mass-Amherst, Law, Public Policy and Political Science, Assistant Professor Multi-Country  
**Ronald Messier** *The Search for Medieval Aghmat* Vanderbilt University, History, Senior Lecturer TALM  
**Christine Nutter** *Psychiatry, Childrearing, and Shifting Conceptions of the Moroccan Child* University of Chicago, Psychological Anthropology, PhD Candidate TALM  
**A.M. Spiegel** *The Politics of Youth: Islam, Democratization and the State in Morocco* Oxford University, Middle Eastern Studies, PhD Candidate TALM  
**Jonathan Wyrzten** *Contesting, Constructing and Mobilizing the Nation in Morocco (1930-1939)* Georgetown University, History, PhD Candidate TALM *Travel Award*

2007-8 grant applications are on the web at [AIMSNorthAfrica.org](http://AIMSNorthAfrica.org). New Deadline is December 1, 2006



**New deadline DEC 1, 2006**

The American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS) announces its annual Grants Program covering the academic year beginning June 2007. The program offers grants to US scholars interested in conducting research on North African in any Maghrebi country, specifically Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Libya, or Mauritania. AIMS sponsors three Overseas Research Centers in the region and all AIMS grants are categorized by where research will be conducted.

**TALM Research Grants:** The Tangier American Legation Museum (TALM) is the AIMS Overseas Research Center in Morocco and welcomes proposals for research conducted anywhere in Morocco.

**CEMAT Research Grants:** To encourage the tradition of American scholarship and research in Tunisia, CEMAT, the American Research Center in Tunis, welcomes applications for a limited number of fellowships for Tunisian research.

**CEMA Research Grants:** To encourage research in Algeria, the AIMS newly established Overseas Research Center in Oran welcomes applicants for a limited number of fellowships.

Research Grants are available for scholars interested in conducting research in Libya or Mauritania or conducting **multi-country research** in any combination of North African countries. If you plan multi-country research with countries outside the Maghrib, consider applying for a CAORC multi-country grant ([caorc.org](http://caorc.org)). AIMS does not fund research outside North Africa.

All categories of AIMS grants offer both long and short-term research awards:

**Short term Research Grants:** AIMS awards short term grants for one to three-months for up to \$6,000. These awards may also be used in combination with grants from other sources for projects of longer duration.

**Long-Term Research Grants:** AIMS offers awards with a maximum of \$15,000 each for projects of three to nine months in duration. In accordance with an agreement with major funding agencies, applicants may not accept multiple grants concurrently for the same project. In the event a grantee declines an AIMS award to accept another grant, AIMS will provide a small allowance for supplementary research expenses.

Graduate students currently enrolled in an M.A. or Ph.D. program, independent scholars, and faculty in all disciplines are eligible to apply. All applicants must be U.S. citizens at the time of application. Recipients of AIMS awards in either of the two previous funding cycles are ineligible to apply. Funds must be expended by May 2008. Applicants must be members of AIMS at the time of application. For membership and grant information contact AIMS Executive Office at [aimscmes@u.arizona.edu](mailto:aimscmes@u.arizona.edu) or go to: [AIMSNorthAfrica.org](http://AIMSNorthAfrica.org)

Applications must include the following:

- A completed grant application cover sheet: Go to: [AIMSNorthAfrica.org](http://AIMSNorthAfrica.org)
- Proposal or research design of no more than 1,500 words
- A proposed itinerary with approximate dates
- Budget (from all sources)
- Vitae, including indication of language proficiency and institutional affiliation
- Letters of recommendation from two referees, including the candidate's dissertation advisor, or simply, in the case of applicants holding a Ph.D., the names of two persons who may be contacted for references
- One page summary of the proposed research in either French or Arabic.

**The postmark deadline for applications is December 1, 2006.** The application should be arranged in the order of the list above. **An original application and four copies (five complete applications total)** should be sent to:

**AIMS at Center for Middle Eastern Studies  
Marshall Bldg, Room 477  
845 North Park Ave  
University of Arizona  
Tucson AZ 85721-0158**

Awards will be announced in April. Grantees are advised that it can take up to six months to obtain the necessary research clearances and also that air travel from the U.S. must be on a U.S. carrier. Grantees must carry current insurance that includes MedEvac.

\*These awards are made possible through grants from U.S. Department of State.



**C E M A T**

## **CEMAT Bi-annual Report**

### **Fulbright Islamic Civilization Conference in April:**

CEMAT hosted the annual conference for holders of the Fulbright Islamic Civilization grant at the Hotel Sidi Bou Said on April 26 – 30. Nearly all grant holders were able to attend, and so 30 young scholars representing 18 different countries ranging from Bangladesh and Indonesia to the Netherlands to Senegal and Nigeria gathered in Tunisia for a few days in the heart of an abundant spring. The conference was sponsored by the International Institute of Education (I.I.E.) in New York, which manages the grant program for the State Department.

The conference began with a day-long excursion to Kairouan, during which grantees were introduced to the history of the Arab Islamic advance into the Maghreb through a visit to the Mosque of Ibn Oqba, a tour of the medina and its souks, the Mosque of Sidi Sahbi, and the Raqqada Museum of Islamic history. The heart of the conference, however, was in two days of meetings, Friday and Saturday, during which the grantees presented their topics and laid out the nature of their research. The array of topics and ideas was dazzling. The Dome of the Rock, Allyson Crossley's research focus in Jerusalem, we learned, is a "talking building," a building whose structure and inscriptions reveal its history and the intentions of those who built it. "Always take sweets and a photo album of home," advised Roland McKay to those interested in interviewing Shi'a shaykh-s of Lebanon. We learned from Kevin Fogg that the Minangkabau of western Sumatra, the world's most numerous matrilineal people, successfully integrated their customs with a Muslim identity to forge a strong nationalist rejection of colonial Dutch policies and become leaders of the Indonesian nationalist struggle. Maren Milligan spoke of "multiple fluid identities" in modern Nigeria and informed us that religious factors are beginning to overshadow ethnic factors in Africa's most populous country, and that this may be the case in Kano in the Islamic North, where she is beginning her dissertation fieldwork. Another Ph.D. candidate, Mona Attia from the University of Washington, described how new "sites and spaces" of sadaqa are emerging in Cairo and how the unique geography and culture of the country play roles in social services in Egypt generally -- a factor overlooked by the neo-liberal economic model normally invoked by foreign and contemporary Egyptian economists alike.

And so it went, through two days of oddly stormy weather at the end of April. In addition to the intellectually challenging presentations by the grantees, the conference was attended by representatives of the Fulbright offices in Rabat and Cairo; Mary Kirk and Jermaine Jones came from the I.I.E. home office, and Ambassador William Hudson addressed the group at its opening. With PAO Dr. Pat Kabra in attendance, Ambassador Hudson spoke of the strong historical ties that bind Tunisia and the USA and of his hopes for better mutual understanding through programs such as this. Later that same day, professors Hamadi Redissi and Asma Nouira spoke to the group on their AIMS-sponsored research

on the letters of Ibn Wahhab to Islamic leaders throughout the Islamic world in the early 1800s, and of the refutations to his entreaties. Ambassador & Mrs. Hudson hosted a reception at the Residence honoring the grantees and allowing a broad cross section of guests to meet the scholars.

This was the second annual Fulbright Islamic Civ conference hosted by CEMAT and it was followed by a three-day optional excursion to the South. 20 grantees and Jermaine Jones, accompanied by CEMAT Assistant Director Riadh Saadaoui, had a great time seeing the sights from Sbeitla to Tozeur, Douz and Djerba and onward to El Djem before arriving back in Tunisia and onward travel to return home to their research.

**MERC, the Middle East Research Competition, comes to Tunis:** MERC has moved to Tunis. Established by the Ford Foundation's Cairo Office in 1986 as a research competition in international relations and comparative politics to serve scholars residing in the Arab countries and Turkey, MERC has broadened over the years to encompass all the social sciences and has helped shape the development of hundreds of grant recipients located in both Cairo and Beirut. Indeed, MERC has begun to shape the nature of social science in the Middle East & North Africa.

In the summer of 2005 Ford Cairo issued a request for proposals to institutions throughout the Middle East and North Africa to take on the responsibility of hosting MERC. MERC has had headquarters in both Cairo and Beirut, and moves here from the University of Cairo. CERES, the Tunisian social science research institute, the Centre de Recherche économique et sociale, wrote the winning proposal and received final official notification that it will be the home of MERC in early May.

CERES, founded shortly after Tunisian independence and long a partner of CEMAT, has taken up the challenge of becoming the social science hub of the Middle East & North Africa with vigor. To help simplify the international financial needs of MERC, difficult for CERES as a State agency, CERES has linked with CEMAT to manage MERC's financial and supervisory. On February 8, CEMAT and CERES entered into a formal agreement to manage MERC jointly, with the financial management of MERC under CEMAT supervision. On February 23, Ms. Emma Playfair, Director of Ford Foundation, Cairo, visited CEMAT and on March 26, CEMAT Director Miller and Assistant Director Saadaoui held meetings with Ford Foundation officials in their offices in Cairo. By the end of March, the program had begun to take concrete form in Tunis, with CERES opening a MERC office within its facilities and the first research competition underway. A Scientific Committee to review research proposals is being organized and the Advisory Board, on which the Director of CEMAT holds a permanent seat, will meet at an early date.

MERC holds two research competitions per year, following research perspectives established by the MERC office and its Scientific & Advisory boards.

MERC will mean that CEMAT will be dealing with a much broader web of social scientists, and dealing with them on a variety of levels – shaping research proposals, vetting research proposals, assisting funded research projects, organizing conferences for the researchers, and undoubtedly in many ways that at present are still unknown.

**\* TAP\* Tunisia Arabic Program:** The National Strategic Language Initiative, announced by President Bush on January 5, has had immediate consequences for CEMAT and many of the affiliates, including TALM. Contacted by CAORC on January 23, CEMAT responded positively to the news that an Arabic language program sponsored by the State Department's Office of Educational & Cultural Affairs would be on tap for Summer 2006. As the details unfolded in the following weeks, CEMAT and AIMS found that the NSLI had broader consequences, defining writing a federal sub-grant for a program in intensive beginning Arabic that will be funded for two initial years, with expectation for renewal. CEMAT is hosting 16 undergraduate and graduate students for six weeks, May 21 – July 01, this year. Using the basic techniques of the "Middlebury Method," the students are studying Modern Standard Arabic and will complete learn the alphabet, do the Foreign Service Institute "Tunisian Arabic Made Easy," manual, and hope to complete 14 chapters of Al-kitaab. The students' learning environment is enhanced by employing two different instructors, morning and afternoon, and enlisting the services of a Fulbright Junior Fellow, Sarah Epstein, to act as their "language coach." Moreover, former Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Brahim Taleb is the students' 24/7 guide, living and working with them at CEMAT, at the Hotel Carlton, and on the road. In the meantime, the program involves three weekends of travel, numerous cultural enrichment lectures from various Tunisian, resident American, and visiting American scholars. The program involves a homestay weekend and a happy relationship has emerged with Amideast-Tunis over arrangements for that and other aspects of the students' stay.

The consequences for CEMAT and AIMS are deep. For the first time, CEMAT is serving as a language-training facility. Its offices and staff are preoccupied by the organization and management of a U.S. – student program. Further change lies over the horizon as CEMAT pushes ahead with this and other new programs <http://usinfo.state.gov/gj/Archive/2006/Jan/06-344515.html>

**Conferences at CEMAT:** The winner of 2005's first-ever CEMAT-supported research competition for study in the USA, Ms. Narjess Ben Yedder, gave a talk at CEMAT on February 17th on her work in August 2005 at Davidson College and Charlotte, N.C. entitled "The American Criminal Justice System: Reality vs. Fiction."

Ms. Ben Yedder was the recipient of the CEMAT-CERES-American Center grant-in-aid for a researcher in American Studies. The grant was furnished in part by AIMS and the American Tunisian Association (Washington, D.C.). Ben Yedder contrasted the nature of legal proceedings found in three American writers, Truman Capote, Stuart Schama, and Theodore Drieser, with conditions she found in trials she attended in Charlotte. Ben Yedder, who teaches at the Institut Supérieur des Langues de Nabeul, is a doctoral candidate in the Department of English at University La Manouba.

**CEMAT in Algeria:** CEMAT Director Miller traveled in eastern Algeria January 10-30 in the company of researchers John Herrmann and Annewies van den Hoek in their field work for the study of the "Provenance of Roman Marble" in Algeria. During this period, Miller made contact with museums and museum staff, archaeologists, and representatives of the Ministry of Culture in numerous sites and cities throughout the East. In addition, the

work took the researchers to a variety of quarries in the company of officials of the Division of Mines of the Ministry of Mines and Energy. A profound sense of the cultural heritage of Algeria emerged, numerous contact made, and a clearer picture of the problems and prospects of Algeria and Tunisia's close neighbors emerged.

**CEMA Director in Tunis:** CEMA Director Robert Parks spent February 16-23 in Tunis in consultations with CEMAT and relevant actors in Tunis. Parks framed his visit to Tunis as an introduction to making his initial journey to his new post in Oran. Parks' observations on the management of CEMAT and the perspectives he takes with him to Algeria from Tunis form part of the energetic picture Parks has created in his first weeks at AIMS' newest research facility.

**CEMAT in Cairo:** In the final year of a three-year cycle of cooperation among CEMAT, the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), and the Institut français d'archéologie orientale (IFAO) in Cairo, Director Miller and Assistant Director Saadaoui traveled to Cairo March 19-26 to attend the conference "Power in the Age of the Sultnates" March 23-25. The conference brought together some 20 researchers selected by ARCE, IFAO, and CEMAT to present academic papers on the topic, which was hammered out in the first year, 2004, by the scientific committee, of which Miller has been part. Representing Tunisia were professors of history Abdelhamid Henia (University of Tunis) and Mustapha Tlili (University of Sfax), who presented papers entitled "Notabilisation des élites locales et construction du pouvoir étatique," and "L'Exercice du pouvoir sur les communautés oasiennes de Gafsa," respectively. CEMAT's participation in this joint Franco-American venture was underwritten by CAORC.

**Visitors to CEMAT:** In the first quarter of 2006, CEMAT had 272 person-visits. In the same period, CEMAT was visited by 66 individual researchers from the following countries (number following): Tunisia (34), USA (17), Algeria (6), France (3), Britain (2), Egypt (1), Germany (1), Chad (1)

We encourage you all to come to Tunisia. CEMAT's door is open.  
*-Jim Miller*

### Recent Scholars in Residence at CEMAT

Elizabeth Campbell, PhD Candidate in History at University of Washington  
Rodney Collins, PhD Candidate in Anthropology at Columbia  
Dan Coslett, a 2005 graduate of Davidson College  
Brian Edwards, Assistant Professor of English at Northwestern University  
Sarah Epstein, 2005 Smith graduate  
Pauline Eveillard, 2005 Tufts graduate  
Siri Lamoureux, graduate student in linguistics at University of Oregon  
Jeff Ruoff, Professor of Film Studies at Dartmouth College  
Robert Sands, Fulbright professor, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Charles Sugnet, Professor of English at the University of Minnesota  
Joelle Vitello, Professor of French at Macalester College  
David Wrisley, Assistant Professor, Civilization Sequence Program, AUB



## TALM Director's Bi-annual Report

**Summary:** We hosted thousands of visitors from around the world; assisted researchers from Europe, the U.S. and North Africa; and administered our social outreach program for 150 neighborhood women through literacy classes in Arabic as well as sewing and English classes. Under the direction of Dr. I. William Zartman, president of the Tangier American Legation Museum Society –TALMS) we held our annual two day April Seminars resulting in a port agreement between the port of Baltimore and the new Tangier-Mediterranean port. In June we hosted a three day AIMS Conference on the 14th century philosopher Ibn Khaldoun with presentations by 30 scholars from North Africa and the U.S. We welcomed 19 students to the Museum enrolled in the 13th session of the AIMS-sponsored Tangier summer Arabic language program held at the American School of Tangier.

In addition, the Museum was the setting for a variety of special events including a dinner for 120 Rotary Club delegates from North Africa and Europe in April and a private dinner in honor of the King of Sweden and his wife attended by 30 guests including the Grand Duke and Duchess of Luxembourg. The broad range of our activities is discussed below.

**Social Outreach Activity:** TALM, in collaboration with the English art gallery in Tangier, offered a medina resident and literacy class student an art exhibit on January 17. Through the encouragement and support of TALM over several years, this woman has developed her artistic talents. The exhibit was a great success with the sale of more than 35 of her paintings. The English gallery intends to give her a second show at their Marrakech gallery next year.

Moroccan-American Commission for Cultural and Educational Exchange (MACECE) I attended the Plenary Board Meeting of the Moroccan –American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange (the Fulbright Commission) in Rabat. We elected Dr. Mohamed Dahbi, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, President of the Commission, and Dr. Wail Benjelloun, Professor of Neuroscience at the Mohamed V Faculty of Science, Treasurer

At a second meeting I participated in a MACECE binational panel meeting in Rabat to assist in the selection of American Fulbright candidates to Morocco including graduate students, senior lecturers and researchers, and several candidates applying for the Islamic Studies program.

**The annual April Seminars:** Under the direction of TALMS president, Dr. I. William Zartman the sixth session of the April Seminars took place on April 14 and 15. The Seminars benefited from a grant from the Public Affairs Section of the American Embassy in Rabat. As in the past, the King of Morocco, Mohamed VI, agreed to serve as the honorary patron.

This year's theme was "Collaborative Relationships in Public Diplomacy." Speakers for the April 14 seminar were:

--retired career ambassador Thomas Pickering, currently vice president for international relations at Boeing International, gave his views on the nuclear stand-off with Iran, the Iraq war; and Arab-Israeli negotiations;

-- Minister for Social Development, the Family, and Solidarity, Dr. Abderrahim Harouchi who outlined the goals of King Mohamed VI's Human Development Initiative that calls for an allocation of 5 billion dollars for social, educational, and infrastructure improvements in rural areas of Morocco.

--The Director of the UN Office for West Africa and Special Assistant Representative of the UN Secretary General, Mohamed Rhazaoui, who reviewed the history of economic



*Ahmed Rhazaoui, UN Advisor to Kofi Anan with Ambassador Thomas T. Riley, and Boeing senior vice president for International Affairs, Thomas Pickering*

development in Morocco stressing the importance of moving forward with a macro-economic development plan;

--The Chief Executive Officer for the Port of Baltimore, Brooks Royster, who gave a presentation on "Multi-niche Port Developments in a Container Port World"

--The President of the TANMED port, Said Elhadi who commented on the time table for completion of this gigantic port project, the largest development project in Morocco, as well as its impact on the north.

The April 14 seminar culminated in the signature of a port partnership agreement between Baltimore port and the Moroccan TANMED port.

The Public Affairs Section of the American Embassy provided a grant in support of the April Seminars. American Ambassador Thomas T. Riley attended along with Dr. Evelyn Early, head of Public Affairs who is a strong supporter of TALM and the Seminars. The senior governor of Tangier region was present for the opening and Morocco's Minister of Planning sent a delegation from Rabat.

**April Seminar on Historical Preservation:** The second seminar the following day was organized by Hanae Bekkari, President of the Moroccan Tangier Medina Foundation headquartered at the Museum. Several experts explained the historical and commercial significance of the Grand Socco, currently under major renovation. The architect responsible for ongoing renovations in the Grand Socco spoke about his design for preserving the character of the area while making it attractive to tourists. (Historical Note: The Grand Socco was renamed, the Place April 9 Square to commemorate Mohamed V's speech at this location in April 1947 in which he called for an end to the Spanish and French protectorates)

**AIMS Conference on Ibn Khaldun:** We hosted our seventh American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS) conference at TALM, June 8-10, organized this year by Dr. Ron Messier. 30 scholars from North Africa and the U.S. presented papers under the theme "The Worlds of Ibn Khaldun." In addition to administrative support TALM organized a reception and an excursion to Tetouan for the participants. There were six sessions dealing with the following themes:

- I. The World of Ibn Khaldun: paradigms, dichotomies and nuances
- II. Religions, authority, and the law of Ibn Khaldun
- III. Conflicts and tensions in the world of Ibn Khaldun
- IV. Art in the world of Ibn Khaldun
- V. Ibn Khaldun and the Berbers
- VI The World of Ibn Khaldun: an ongoing process

**Orientation Classes for American Students:** In May we hosted students and their teachers (professor Mohamed Ataffi and Jack Parsons) from the College of Charleston, South Carolina for the third year in a row. The classes were held in the rooftop Minzah Room overlooking the Straits of Gibraltar.

### Tangier Summer Arabic Language Program (TSALP)

In mid June, the AIMS Tangier Summer Arabic Language Program (TSALP) got underway at the American School of Tangier under the academic direction of Dr. Driss Cherkaoui, head of Arabic Studies at William and Mary College. This year there were 19 students selected for intermediate and advanced classes. I hosted their visit to the Legation and spoke to them about TALM activities including our Research Library. AIMS Librarian, Yhtimad Bouziane, gave a lecture in Arabic to the students at the American School where classes are held.

AIMS grants for Maghribi scholars: This summer five Maghribi scholar grantees will conduct research in Morocco. TALM administers the grants and provides administrative and library assistance.

-Thor Kuniholm

### Message from CEMA Director

By creating a contiguous network of centers and scholars stretching from Zarzis in the East to the Atlantic Ocean, the arrival of the American Institute for Maghrib Studies' third Overseas Research Center in Oran, the Centre d'Études Maghrébines en Algérie ushers a new era for Americano-Maghrebi academic and intellectual cooperation and exchange.

To date, we've been putting much time and effort into finalizing the new CEMA building. We hope to be fully operational by October. In addition to high speed, wireless Internet connection, we're looking at creative ways of expanding our fledgling Documentation Center. Toward this aim, we're currently negotiating with several Algerian publishing houses, but CEMA also needs AIMS member support. Clem Henry from the University of Texas has already donated several boxes from his personal library, and we're expecting more from other scholars in the near future. Please send your donated materials!

We still haven't opened our doors to the public, though CEMA has been quite active since my early March arrival. CEMA has visited more than 25 Algerian academic associations, institutions and organizations in order to discuss our goals of intellectual coordination and cooperation. In addition to putting our name on the local radar, we're also working on several short and long-term programs in collaboration with our local-level partners.

Indeed, the "bruit" that CEMA is generating on both sides of the Atlantic divide is beyond everyone's expectations. We've already hosted three American scholars, and expect nine more before November. In total, more than twenty American researchers have been in contact with CEMA to inquire about potential research opportunities. Good news for AIMS, many of these researchers are not current AIMS members but will be soon joining our research community. At the same time CEMA is catalyzing AIM's second mission – promoting Trans-Maghrebi intellectual and academic cooperation. We're expecting two researchers from Al Akhawayn University in just a few weeks, the AIMS Maghreb Grantee program is sending three Algerians to CEMAT and TALM, and our first Maghrebi grantee, Mhamed Malki, from the University of Cadi Ayyad, will be arriving in Algiers and Oran in September.

AIMS institutional support has been fantastic and the local welcome we've received surpasses expectations. In short, we've accomplished much in the last three months, and have every expectation that the positive acceleration will continue.

-Bobby Parks

## AIMS Annual Conference 2006 Program

### LES MONDES D'IBN KHALDÛN

Tanger, le 8, 9, 10 juin 2006

À La Légation Américaine (TALM)

Cérémonie d'ouverture

Bienvenue: Mr. Thor Kuniholm, Directeur du TALM

Bienvenue: Prof. Kenneth Perkins, Président de l'AIMS

Introduction des délégations:

Algérie Prof. Djamel Si-Mohammed

Amérique Prof. Ronald Messier

Maroc Prof. Saïd Ennahid

Tunisie Prof. Mohamed Kerrou

"The Tunis of Ibn Khaldun, le Tunis d'Ibn Khaldûn" Voyage photographique par Ridha Boukrâa et James Miller

I. Les mondes d'Ibn Khaldûn: paradigmes, dichotomies et nuances

Président: Djamel Si-Mohammed, Professeur de Sociologie, Université d'Alger

Ridha Boukrâa, "Le concept khaldûnien de umran/ijtimaa à la lumière du paradigme actuel de la société post-moderne"

Djamel Chabane, "La structure du 'umrân al-alam d'Ibn Khaldûn"

Halima Ferhat, "Le décalage au XIV<sup>e</sup> siècle entre les deux rives de la Méditerranée"

Laroussi Amri, "Le umran: noeud heuristique chez Ibn Khaldûn"

II. Religion, l'autorité et la loi dans le monde d'Ibn Khaldûn

Président: Prof. Mohamed Kerrou, Institut des Etudes Supérieures de Science Sociale, Tunis

Hicham Rguig, "Ibn Khaldûn et l'histoire du peuplement juif au Maroc dans l'Antiquité"

Latifa Mighiss, *al-Sira al-Nabawiyya min khilal Tarikh Ibn Khaldun*

Allen Fromherz, "Messianism and the Mahdi in the World of Ibn Khaldûn and in the World Today"

Boutheina Cheriet, "Personal Status Laws in Muslim Societies: a Gender Reading of Asabiyya"

Stephen Cory, "Breaking the Khaldûnian Cycle? The Rise of Sharifianism as the Basis for Political Legitimacy in Early Modern Morocco"

III. Conflits et tensions dans le monde d'Ibn Khaldûn

Président: Prof. James Miller, Directeur du CEMAT, Tunis

Mohammed Kerrou, "Le monde bédouin et le monde citadin chez Ibn Khaldûn"

Mohamed Bahri *al-Harb fi Muqadimat Ibn Khaldun*

Mohamed Oujamaa, "Ibn Khaldûn et la science coloniale"

Sabah Aouinati, *al-Harb Zaman Ibn Khaldun wa Ataruhu fi Muqadimat Kitab al-Ibar*

IV. L'Art dans le monde d'Ibn Khaldûn

Président: Mr. Robert Parks, Directeur du CEMA, Oran

Carol Malt, "Visual Arts and the Khaldûnian Cycle"

Tareq Kahlaoui, "Physical Geography and Cartography in the Muqaddimah: Ibn Khaldûn's Obedience and Disobedience of the Contemporary Authorships"

Dalila Senhadji Khiat "Oran, une lecture de l'urbain ('umrân hadhari) et du rural ('umrân badaoui) à travers ses lieux de cultes"

Mohsen Bouazizi: *Ibn Khaldun Ra'idan li sociologiat al-lugha*

V. Ibn Khaldûn et les Berbères

Président: Prof. Saïd Ennahid, Al-Akhawayn University

Mohsen Hamli, "Demystifying Ibn Khaldûn's Version of al-Kahena"

Ahmed Saïd, *Ibn Khaldun fi Sus Muqadima fi al-Talaqi wa al-Ta'tir*

Mohamed Nouhi, "Back to Gellner's Model of Muslim Society: City vs. Tribe in the Pre-colonial Western Sahara"

Asmhiri el Mahfoud et Khadija Qamch, *Ibn Khaldun wa al-Tarikh al-Qadim li Bilad al-Amazigh*

VI. Le monde d'Ibn Khaldûn: une œuvre ouverte?

Président: Prof. Ronald Messier, Vanderbilt University

Jack Kalpanian, "Ibn Khaldûn's Influence on Current International Relations Theory"

Diana Wylie, "Decadence on the Cusp of the New Millennium"

Abdallah Cheriet, "Ethics and Politics in the Muslim World in the Light of Ibn Khaldûn's Remarks on Education: Whither Critical Thought" (Présentée par Boutheina Cheriet)

Khalid Chaouch, "Ibn Khaldûn, in Spite of Him."

Abdelkader Zghal, "A quoi sert Ibn Khaldûn aujourd'hui?"



Head of Moroccan delegation, Professor Ennahid at the podium. AIMS President Ken Perkins and conference organizer, Ron Messier, seated

## Ottoman Influences in the Maghreb

Abstracts Due Feb 1, 2007

As early as the mid-sixteenth century the Turks established the *wilaya*-s of Algiers, Tunis and Tripoli. Through subsequent centuries, what became known as the Ottoman Empire expanded its political, cultural and religious influence westward through the Mediterranean. This conference will investigate the nature of the Ottoman centuries in the Maghreb. The conference will be an encounter between and across disciplines exploring the relationship between the Ottomans and the Maghreb from its beginnings to its demise.

The conference will investigate Ottoman influences over the Maghreb both from inside the imperial *wilaya*-s and outside them, in the broader geographies to which Ottoman influences spread.

The complexity of the Ottoman West and its connectivity to the Porte continue to challenge scholars today. Multi-disciplinary reflections on the relevance of contemporary notions such as empire, imperial power, metropole, province and borderlands, to the Maghreb are central to the conference's focus. How do the nation-states of today's Maghreb view their Ottoman heritage?

Proposals are invited from scholars working in history, literary and cultural studies, linguistics, sociology, anthropology, art history, architecture, geography, cartography, international relations, and religious studies.

Possible topics for papers include:

- architectural influences and models
- monumentalism and urbanism
- circulation/consumption of goods between "metropole" and "provinces"
- representations of the Ottoman Maghreb (artistic, literary, cartographic)
- Ottoman attempts at expansion
- resistances to Ottoman presence
- limits of Ottoman influence
- borders in the Ottoman Maghreb
- immigrations to and expulsions from the Maghreb
- autonomy and independence in the Maghreb
- Ottoman influences on the languages of the Maghreb
- migrations between the Maghreb *wilaya*-s
- centers of religious practice and learning
- influences on clothing, food and/or other customs
- Ottoman and Spanish conflicts
- literary influences (court or folk)
- reconsideration of the sources for the Ottoman Maghreb
- modern historiography of the Ottoman presence
- reworking of memory of an Ottoman past under French colonialism
- military organization and technology
- financial and administrative structures

The languages of the conference will be English, French, and Arabic.

Dr. David Wrisley, American University of Beirut, Conference Organizer

Proposed titles with an abstract of 250 words must be submitted electronically, either as text in the body of an email or as a readable attachment to [dw04@aub.edu.lb](mailto:dw04@aub.edu.lb) or by **Feb 1, 2007** along with a brief CV (including name, affiliation, and any relevant research). Submission of your abstract will be acknowledged upon receipt. Conference participants will be notified by March 1, 2007. Final drafts will be due May 1. Questions concerning the conference may be addressed to Dr. Wrisley ([dw04@aub.edu.lb](mailto:dw04@aub.edu.lb)) or the AIMS executive office ([aimscmes@email.arizona.edu](mailto:aimscmes@email.arizona.edu)).

## AIMS 9th Annual Dissertation Workshop University of Arizona, Tucson Arizona March 24, 2006

AIMS hosts an annual dissertation workshop for its student members. Young scholars are encouraged to present their research at whatever stage of its development: proposal, prospectus, chapter or article. These are reviewed by peers and select faculty discussants in an informal and encouraging atmosphere. Feedback from these workshops has been universally positive, and we strongly encourage student members to take advantage of this opportunity. AIMS provides partial funding for airfare and per diem. The exact amount varies from year to year.

This year's workshop was held at the University of Arizona on March 24, 2006. Special thanks goes to Becky Schulthies for organizing this event, and our faculty discussants, **Katherine Hoffman** (Northwestern University), **Aomar Boum** (Portland State University), **Thomas Parks** and **Julia Clancy-Smith** (University of Arizona) for their participation.

### Dissertation Workshop Participants

**Amy Aisen**, University of California at Berkeley, Department of History

Chapter: *The Inhabited Palace; the Ruling Houses of Tunis, 1770s-1820s*

**Laryssa Chomiak**, University of Maryland, Department of Government and Politics

Prospectus: *Contesting Authoritarianism From Below: Morocco and Tunisia in Comparative Perspective*

**Nadia Mamelouk**, University of Virginia, Dept. of French Language and Literature

Chapter: *The Production of the Leila Review during the Colonial Period: Publication, Structure, Readership*

**Silvia Marsans-Sakly**, New York University, Department of History/ME Studies

Chapter: *Revolt of 1864 in the Regency of Tunis*

**Christine Nutter**, University of Chicago, Department of Child Development

Prospectus: *Changing Nature of Childhood and Emotional Practices Concerning Children in Morocco*

**Becky Schulthies**, University of Arizona, Linguistic Anthropology

Proposal and Dissertation Outline: *The Social Life of Media Scripts and Interpretive Processes in Moroccan and Lebanese Domestic Discourse*

## **Wanted:** Graduate Student Association President for AIMS Dissertation Workshop 2007

AIMS is looking for a graduate student to volunteer for the position of the AIMS Graduate Student Associate (GSA) president. The main duty of the president is to coordinate the Dissertation Workshop in Spring 2007. The GSA president works closely with the AIMS executive director in dialoguing with the AIMS student membership about their needs and concerns, and getting them involved with AIMS at the annual meeting which is held each year in conjunction with MESA. Past presidents have coordinated volunteer efforts to post a GSA website, hosted gatherings at MESA meetings in order for fellow students and colleagues to meet, and spear-headed information exchanges about finding housing and resources in the field. As the position is voluntary, AIMS does not have any specific requirements that the president must fulfill beyond coordinating the AIMS Dissertation Workshop. AIMS encourages all ideas and efforts the president might find useful in supporting the student membership, and AIMS will provide resources wherever possible. The GSA president is invited to attend the AIMS annual board meeting, this year on Nov 18 in Boston at MESA. If you are interested, please contact Kerry Adams, AIMS executive director at [aimscmes@email.arizona.edu](mailto:aimscmes@email.arizona.edu). *Thank you!*

**Maghrebi Grants for North African Scholars****Due January 31, 2007**

The AIMS Maghrebi Grants continues to be an important part of AIMS' mission to promote the free exchange of ideas among North African and American scholars. Every year, an increasing number of scholars from Maghrebi countries apply for short-term grants to conduct research in a North African country other than their own. These scholars are encouraged to use the AIMS Overseas Research Centers for their research, and to dialogue with colleagues about their work. Many Maghrebi scholars continue their presence with AIMS at conferences and through membership.

The competition is open to Maghribi citizens who are conducting research for a doctoral dissertation or are post doctoral or senior scholars. The AIMS Research Fellowships for Maghribi Scholars are open to citizens of Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania. Grants are to be used for research in Morocco, Tunisia or Algeria and are open to scholars of business, humanities and the social sciences. Grantees must conduct their research in a country other than their own and explain why travel to another Maghrebi country is necessary for their research. Grantees may be asked to present their findings publically at one of the AIMS Overseas Research Centers. Grants will typically be for 20-45 days, but support for longer stays will be considered. Priority will be given to Maghribi scholars living in North Africa.

Announcements in French and English are available on the AIMS website, AIMSNorthAfrica.org. We count on our membership to help spread the word about our grants and programs, so please take a moment to forward this announcement to your North African colleagues who may be interested in applying. Applications are due January 31 every year

## Mabruk Maghrebi Grantees 2006

Mimoun Aziza, Moroccan <b><i>Les refugies algeriens au Maroc et en Tunisie pendant la guerre d'indépendance d'Algerie</i></b>	CEMAT 30 days
Boucheta Benaini, Algerian <b><i>Risques et conficts sur l'eau au Maghreb: les dimension locales et regionales</i></b>	TALM 90 days
Mohamed Bensalah, Algerian <b><i>Cinema de Maghreb. Bilan et perspectives</i></b>	CEMAT 30 days
Raja El Aoudi, Tunisian <b><i>Les Andalous et les Maurisques dans la societe marocaine medievale</i></b>	TALM 60 days
Abdellatif Ereguigue, Moroccan <b><i>La civilisation carthaginoise entre le local et l'importe</i></b>	CEMAT 45 days
Mohammed Hatmi, Moroccan <b><i>La presse sioniste tunisienne</i></b>	CEMAT 30 days
Mabrouk Jebahi, Tunisian <b><i>Le Tunisiens et la mort depuis la fin du XVIeme siecle jusqu'au debut du Xxeme</i></b>	TALM 20 days
Dalila Khat, Algerian <b><i>La typologie architecturale des eglises edifiees par la France coloniale des 1830</i></b>	TALM 20 days
Mhmmed Malki, Moroccan <b><i>Reconciliation nationale au Maroc et en Algerie</i></b>	CEMA 30 days
Olfa Zarmdini, Tunisian <b><i>La Strategie de communication environnementale au maghreb arabe</i></b>	TALM 30 days

### ***You are invited to the AIMS Annual Business Meeting***

AIMS holds an annual meeting for all members and prospective members. This meeting is held in conjunction with the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) annual meeting, which will be held this year in Boston on November 18-21 at the Boston Marriot Copley Place. At the business meeting, AIMS officers highlight what has just been discussed at the board meeting and a board member is selected and voted upon by the active membership. AIMS board is made up of nine members and the officers. Board members serve three year terms. Two are selected every year from the Institutional Members and one is selected from the membership at large. We hope that you can join us to mingle with colleagues and discuss AIMS news and events. The time and location is posted on the MESA website, [www.mesa.arizona.edu](http://www.mesa.arizona.edu) under Meetings in Conjunction.

Established in 1984, the American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS) is a private, non-profit educational organization that works to facilitate research in North Africa and encourage the free exchange of information between American and North African scholars. In the United States, AIMS serves as the professional association of scholars interested in the region. AIMS sponsors the Journal of North African Studies (JNAS), published by Francis and Taylor provides grants for American and North African scholars interested in conducting research in the Maghrib, hosts an annual conference and dissertation workshop, and supports the Tangier Summer Advanced Arabic Language Program (TSALP) and the Tunisia Arabic Program (TAP). Abroad, AIMS organizes programs in collaboration with scholars and institutions throughout North Africa. As a member of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), AIMS is the only American Overseas Research Center which administers three centers: the Tangier American Legation Museum (TALM) in Morocco, the Centre d'Etudes Maghrébines à Tunis (CEMAT) in Tunisia, and Centre d'Etudes Maghrébines en Algérie (CEMA) in Oran, Algeria.

### Membership

AIMS members receive a subscription to the Journal of North African Studies (four per year), a bi-annual newsletter, and access to the AIMS listserve and roster of members. Only members are eligible to apply for AIMS grants. Membership follows the calendar year, and several categories are available:

Individual \$55	Student \$40
Institutional \$500	Library \$75

### The Journal of North African Studies (JNAS)

JNAS is the first journal to analyse the historic and current affairs of what has become an important and coherent region of the Mediterranean basin which is also linked to the Middle East and Africa. Its contents cover both country-based and regional themes which range from historical topics to sociological, anthropological, economic, diplomatic and other issues. JNAS is published by Taylor and Francis. For online services, including registration for SARA (Scholarly Articles Research Alerting) visit [www.tandf.co.uk](http://www.tandf.co.uk)

Manuscripts for submission should be sent to either:

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### Institutional Members

Institutional members play a particularly important role in the progress and prosperity of AIMS. Institutional members make up two thirds of the AIMS board. Institutional members provide a variety of in-kind services to AIMS administration and help promote AIMS' activities and grants. As institutional members, universities receive three AIMS memberships to distribute to interested faculty and students. AIMS Institutional Members include:

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John Hopkins University	University of Michigan
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