



# AIMS

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## *Letter from the President*

**M**any of you will recall that at the November 2009 Board meeting in Boston we solved a dilemma facing me: how to resign the presidency of AIMS in light of my new job as director of Fulbright in Rabat. Something about being both the president of AIMS and the director of Fulbright Morocco. Emily Gottreich graciously accepted the role of “incoming president” and I was happy to become the “outgoing president” of AIMS. And so it is, and Emily will assume her full role as President of the organization this November. Tasks have shifted from me to her, and they have landed in good hands.

I first met Emily at the AIMS Conference of 2004, which she ably co-organized with Daniel Schroeter. Emily first became Vice-President and did a good deal of the hard work of AIMS, namely managing the grants programs.

Handing out money is not easy, and that has been something that Emily has done superbly. This year, the American grant program received 63 applications and 18 were selected; almost all of these awardees have accepted their AIMS grant. The Maghrebi grant program has become more competitive. In 2010, we received 52 applications and were able to award 11 grants. In all of this, Emily has had a great deal of help: Aomar Boum, incoming AIMS VP, Allen Fromherz and Tad Park served on the American grants committee; Azzedine Layachi, as he has for many years, headed up the Maghrebi committee and was assisted by Greg White and Yahia Zoubir. Indeed, Azzedine has now concluded a second successful grants writing workshop in Tunis, in conjunction with our partner there, MERC, the Middle East Research Competition. AIMS makes a profound difference in the life of North African scholars, not only

through our summer grants program, but now through support to attend MESA through the annual Zartman Award.

But to return to my subject, the transition of the presidency from me to Emily Gottreich. Events have moved quickly in the last few months, and I think it’s safe to say that Emily will come to the San Diego Board meeting as a full-fledged President. I am pleased that this process has been smooth and I am gratified to know that the Institute is in such capable hands.

As my role winds down and I look back at the last three years, there are many people to thank. Ken Perkins and Kerry Adams top the list but all of you—the members—are to be thanked for your support and your profound interest in the organization. From my perch in Rabat, the future of AIMS on the ground and at home looks bright.

-James Miller

*Thank You!*

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# CEMAT Quarterly REPORT

January–March 2010

**Laurence Michalak, CEMAT Acting Director**

## Summer Arabic Training: The Coming 2010 Program

Since the 2009 results in Tunis were so impressive, in 2010 CAORC has placed Dr. Shiri in charge of Arabic training for all six of the summer teaching sites--Tangier, Tunis, Cairo, Alexandria, Amman, and Oman. There will be a coordinator at each site, and Dr. Shiri will provide overall direction. Based in Tunis, she will keep in touch with the programs and travel if and as needed. Her Coordinator for the Tunisia site is Mr. Jason Vivrette, who works with her during the academic year in the Arabic teaching program at the University of California at Berkeley.

On January 30 and 31 Dr. Shiri participated in CAORC's workshop in Washington DC to begin planning for the six Arabic programs. This was followed by a CLS workshop in which all the Critical Language Programs participated. CAORC did not get the contract for the all the critical languages this year, so the workshop included other language training organizations besides CAORC.

In Summer 2010 Tunis will receive 30 students (compared with 32 in 2009, 30 in 2008, 30 in 2007, and 15 in 2006). A change is that there will be no beginning classes at any of the six Arabic training sites. Some of us have recommended this change for a long time. In most university programs there is a high drop-out rate from first to second year, and so second year students are likely to have a higher level of commitment than beginners. In the past Tunis received all beginners, but in 2010 we will receive intermediate students and the other five sites will receive intermediate and advanced students.

With only minor differences, the TAP5 basic design remains essentially the same as my TAP4 design from last year. The students will arrive on Thursday, June 3 and have a short orientation June 3-4-5. On Sunday, June 6 the students move in with Tunisian families and live with them for the next eight weeks, taking their breakfasts and dinners with the families. We will use many of the same families as last year, making changes in a few cases and, as was the case last year, we will try to match up the individual students with appropriate families. We will again use the SIT teaching facility in Sidi Bou Said, which has three classrooms plus a large meeting room, lounge, main office, a kitchen and two bathrooms. We are also renting an apartment adjacent to SIT to provide additional classroom and tutoring space.

As in 2009, there will again be a cultural studies program of lectures, activities and excursions, integrated with language teaching. In 2010 the excursions will be limited to seven days total (last year there were ten days of excursions). Bisma Soudani will be in charge of cultural studies and I meet with her for planning the cultural program later this week (April 8).

## March 26-28 Workshop for Arabic Teachers in Sidi Bou Said

In late March Sonia Shiri conducted Arabic teacher workshops in Tangier and Tunis. After her arrival she spent much of Thursday, March 25 at CEMAT discussing the summer program. She then conducted a week-end workshop on March 26-27-28 for the Tunisian teachers who will be working in the Summer 2010 Arabic program. After a welcome meeting and dinner on March 26, the teachers met for two days at the SIT headquarters in Sidi Bou Said, which is where they will be teaching this summer. Participants were: Bisma Soudani, Houda Zaibi, Noura Bellali, Najla Abbes, Khalil Derbal, Amjet Sarsout, Wajih Hammami, Tamim Aattallah, Sofiene Jarraya, Sofiene Addala, Ines Ghallab, Abdessalam Choura, Imen Mhiri, and Nesrine Baccara. Jason Vivrette, who will assist Dr. Shiri as Coordinator, also attended. I attended the program for Friday evening and part of Sunday.

## AIMS-MERC Workshop Set for 21-23 May

The second MERC-AIMS workshop for North African scholars on research design and proposal writing will take place 21-23 May, postponed from mid-October 2009. There will be 20 participants from the Arab World and Turkey (4 each from Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia, 3 from Egypt, 2 from Lebanon, and one each from Jordan, Palestine, Turkey and Syria). Half the scholars will be from MERC and half from AIMS. Abdelwahab Ben Hafaiedh of MERC and Azzedine Layachi of AIMS are the organizers. There will be presentations by 5 resource persons—Angel Foster, Azzedine Layachi, Chokri El Fidha, Laurence Michalak and Abdellatif Hermassi; they will discuss proposal writing, budgeting, finding funding sources, literature reviewing, qualitative interviewing and research ethics. There will also be four group workshop meetings to discuss the grant proposals of the participants and to work on grant writing. (The workshop was a success and the program will be featured in the Fall Newsletter.)

## CEMAT-sponsored Events so far in 2010

- January 18, 2010. Jocelyne Cesari (Harvard), lecture at CEMAT on "Comparing Muslims in Europe and the USA."
- January 19, 2010. Jocelyne Cesari (Harvard), lecture at the Diocesan Library on "Des causes réelles de la radicalization des musulmans en Occident."

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- February 8, 2010. Richard Fraenkel (Agriculture specialist and former AID officer), lecture at CEMAT on "New Sources of Finance and Farming, Tunisia and Globally."
- February 10, 2010. Deborah Healey (University of Oregon), lecture at CEMAT on "Synchronizing Language Pedagogy and Language Software."
- March 23, 2010. Meeting of CEMAT Scholars.

### SIT lectures at CEMAT

- February 12: **Hamadi Redissi** on the Arab World and Political Systems
- February 19: **Raja Bousseadra** on Women and Gender in Tunisian Culture
- March 12: **Hamadi Redissi** on Islam and Modernity
- March 19: **Asma Nouira** on State and Islam in Tunisia
- April 2: **Imed Ben Ammar** on Youth and Education in Tunisia
- April 27: **Eugene Rogan** (Oxford), lecture at CEMAT on "Arab History between the Machrek and Maghrib."
- April 28: **Eugene Rogan**, lecture at the History Department, 9 Avril Campus of the University of Tunis, on the impact of World War I on the Arab world and the Ottomans.
- April 29 or May 6: Panel of Tunisian grantees in American Studies from Summer-Fall 2009.
- mid-May: **Ould Eidda Ahmed Mouloud** seminar on Mauritania and its place in the Maghrib.

### CEMAT's collection of North African Films

Many users of the CEMAT Library are not aware that CEMAT has a large collection of Tunisian and Algerian films. We obtained the Algerian films in a swap with Bobby Parks at CEMAT, and we are working on acquiring Moroccan films. Some undergraduates in study abroad programs in Tunis have used the CEMAT film collection as the basis for term papers. The films are listed on the CEMAT website, but the list is out of date. We hope to improve and extend our film catalog, store the films in a glass cabinet, and publicize their availability to be checked out and used by CEMAT scholars.

### Interns at CEMAT

CEMAT received 8 interns during the quarter:

- **Dylan Boye** of Oregon State University worked at Beit Bannani and IBLA for

a month in January and February, and received TD 900 for housing, TD 300 for accommodations, and TD 500 for stipend.

- **Jenna Smith** of Oregon State University worked at Beit Bannani and IBLA for a month in January and February, and received TD 900 for housing, TD 300 for accommodations, and TD 500 for stipend
- **Dambian Bangali** worked at CEMAT on newspaper files for 2 months in January-February-March and received TD 300/month for stipend
- **Yusuf Dridi** worked at CEMAT, Beit Bannani and IBLA for a 2 months in January-February-March and received a total of TD 750 for stipend.
- **Miriem Ouled Dhaou** worked at CEMAT, Beit Bannani and IBLA for a 2 months in January-February-March and received a total of TD 750 for stipend.
- **Nihel Jaafar** worked at Beit Bannani and IBLA for 1 month in January-February-March and received TD 500 for stipend.
- **Dhaou Bsisa** worked at Beit Bannani and IBLA for 1 month in February-March and received TD 250 for stipend.
- **Radhia Bakroo** is working at Beit Bannani (8-16 February), IBLA (17 Feb-1 April) and CEMAT (2 April-8 May) as an English language intern from the University of Zaghouan, for TD 200/month.
- **Michele Justice**, Regional Director of Global Internships at Oregon State University will be visiting Tunisia in April 18-21 to explore possibilities of placing interns in Tunisia with AMIDEAST and possibly CEMAT. Karim Hamdy developed a Competency Test for Tunisians who wish to become interns at CEMAT; we will keep the test in the file under "Interns" for anyone who would like to make use of it.

### Researchers at CEMAT January-March 2010

During the first quarter of 2010, the following advanced scholars were associated with CEMAT. The scholars marked with a double asterisk (\*\*) are new additions to the list since the last quarterly report.

- **Zach Bloomfield** spent 2008-9 doing Fulbright research on youth, education and unemployment, then stayed on in Tunis to work for the African Bank beginning in mid-2009. bloomfieldz@gmail.com.
- **Cody Case** (BA/MA U. of Washington) arrived in October 2009 with a Fulbright grant to study contemporary Tunisian music; he is taking oud lessons and studying and composing music, codyc7@gmail.com.

- **Laryssa Chomiak** (PhD cand, Politics, U. of Maryland) was in Tunisia 9/08 to 6/09 and is back in 2010 for comparative research on civic politics and public space. laryssa.chomiak@gmail.com.
- **\*\*Laura Clauson** (BA Art History, McGill, 1995), accompanied by her husband Eamonn Gearon, is studying plastic waste recycling in the Third World. lauraclauson@hotmail.com.
- **Christen Farr** (BA USC '08) arrived in 10/08 for Arabic study, followed by Fulbright research on women's employment and development issues, including micro-credit. christen.farr@gmail.com.
- **\*\*Eamonn Gearon** (B.Th. U. of Southampton 1992, M.A. SOAS, N/MES) accompanied by his wife Laura Clauson, is studying Arabic and working on multiple book and journalism projects. eagearon@gmail.com.
- **Jessica Gerschultz** (PhD cand. Art History, Emory U), arrived in April 2009 on with a dissertation grant for research on gender, identity and modern art in Tunisia. jgersch@emory.edu.
- **Matthew Hendren** came in 9/08 with his wife Rebekah Dillon and their son Holden on a Fulbright grant to study environmental planning and urban agriculture, Mjh225@cornell.edu, dicogno@gmail.com.
- **Scott Johnson** is a former Peace Corps Volunteer, married to a Tunisian; he has spent over 30 years in Tunisia and is a scholar of development and banking. scottking49@yahoo.com.
- **Kyle Liston** (Indiana U. PhD cand in History) and his companion Sun are here for 2009-11 on a Fulbright grant for language study and research on Italo-Tunisian interaction during the Protectorate, kliston@indiana.edu.
- **Nadia Mamelouk** recently finished her PhD (University of Virginia) on the Tunisian women's journal Leila (1936-41) and is now doing independent research on women and gender in Tunisia. Nmamelouk@gmail.com.
- **Ruth Marcus** (MA American U. in Cairo) is here on a 2009-10 Fulbright grant to study art and nationalism in Tunisia. ruth.marcus@gmail.com.
- **Larry Michalak** (PhD anthro, UC/Berkeley) came to Tunis 3-5/2010 for a tourism conference, the AIMS-MERC workshop, and weekly market research. otis@berkeley.edu.



- **Cristina Mouratides-Mediouni** (PhD Cand. Deakin University, Victoria Australia), has lived in Tunisia 14 years, and is studying "Masculinity and Reading in Tunisia." [cmou@deakin.du.au](mailto:cmou@deakin.du.au).
- **Sonia Shiri** (Head of Arabic Studies at UC/Berkeley) is directing Arabic programs during Summer 2010 in Tunisia, Egypt, Morocco, Oman and Jordan. [shiri@berkeley.edu](mailto:shiri@berkeley.edu).
- **Jason Vivrette** (PhD candidate in Comp Lit, UC/Berkeley) works with Dr. Shiri to coordinate the Summer 2010 Arabic program in Tunisia.. [vivrette@berkeley.edu](mailto:vivrette@berkeley.edu)
- **Laura Thompson** (BA anthropology, Georgetown 2008), Fulbright research beginning in Sept 2008 on women in the public sphere, here to June 2010. [laura.anne.thompson@gmail.com](mailto:laura.anne.thompson@gmail.com).
- **Sabra Webber**, Prof. of NES at Ohio State, will arrive in Tunisia April 11 under an AIMS grant to study tale-telling and women's autobiography in the Cap Bon. [webber1@humanities.osu.edu](mailto:webber1@humanities.osu.edu)
- **Mark Willis** is a retired diplomat living in Sidi Daoud and studying US-Tunisian relations in the period 1941-1945. He arrived in 8/2007 for a long-term stay. [willismw@hotmail.com](mailto:willismw@hotmail.com).
- **Dorsey Wisotzki** is an independent scholar accompanied by his family for Arabic study in Tunisia from 5/08 to 5/10. [dgwiz1@hotmail.com](mailto:dgwiz1@hotmail.com).

### Visitors to CEMAT

Based on our guest book, in the first quarter of 2010, CEMAT received 335 visitors, including 143 researchers. The researchers were from: Tunisia (110), USA (17), Algeria (11), Sweden (1), Britain (1), Australia (1), Ireland (1) and Holland (1). ☺

## AIMS 2010 Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop Report

Amanda Rogers, Emory University

Emory University in Atlanta had the honor of hosting this year's annual AIMS graduate student dissertation workshop. We had an amazing group of students from a variety of disciplines and at different phases in the degree process. Fields represented included Islamic studies, the history of medicine, Francophone studies, political science and child development, among others.

Events included a roundtable discussion on the new job market in the current economic climate, tips for grant writing, post-doctoral opportunities, and writing strategies. Georgia State professor of history and AIMS board member Allen Fromherz delivered the keynote, speaking about his experience with Berber languages in addition to his focus on Almoravid North African history. Jocelyn Hendrickson, former AIMS grantee and Whitman College professor of religion, along with Naima Hachad, who recently earned her PhD in the Department of French and Italian, hosted a roundtable discussion on opportunities in the job market and professional development. Devin Stewart, professor of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies at Emory, commented on attendees' submissions and spoke about opportunities for furthering language study.

Many thanks to our dedicated faculty mentors for their time and advice, as well as to our participants, whose insightful criticism and helpful feedback made the workshop a success. We look forward to working with you all in the future!

*Sincere thanks to Amanda for all her hard work and congratulations on her Fulbright-Hays!*

## 2010 Maghrebi Grantees

The Maghrib Grants program was established in 2001 and serves several purposes. It promotes inter-Maghribi research interaction by supporting field work in a North African country other than that of the applicant, and it makes Maghreb researchers use our research center and discover what they offer; it also promotes interaction with other AIMS grantees from the United States on research visit to centers.

**Abdelli, Raja**, *Herbal Remedies in Medieval Moroccan Society*, Tunisian, Morocco

**Abdelmoula, Wissem**, *Arts of the book in Tunisia and Morocco from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> Century: A Comparative Study of Memory and Materials*, Tunisian, Morocco

**Ammar, Hanène**, *Les Sociétés D'investissement À Capital Variable Au Maghreb Essai D'étude Comparée*, Tunisian, Morocco

**Ben Sassi, Ali Cheib**, *Les Inscriptions Arabe et Turque dans la Medina de Tripoli (Libye) à L'Époque Ottomane (1551-1911): Étude Épigraphique et Historique*, Tunisian, Libya

**Diouny, Samir**, *Semantic Categorization in Bilinguals: The Case of Tunisian Arabic/French*, Moroccan, Tunisia

**Ghodbani, Tarik**, *La Gestion Des Zones Côtières: Une Approche Comparative de l'Algérie et du Maroc*, Algerian, Morocco

**Khaled, Aida**, *Water and the Oasis Communities in Morocco from the 19<sup>th</sup> to Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century: A Historical and Anthropological Approach*, Tunisian, Morocco

**Lagha, Nadia**, *The Legal Framework of Clandestine Migrations in the Maghreb Countries: The Case of Morocco*, Tunisian, Morocco

**Meyine Mohameden**, *Mohamedou, Les Sources Locales de l'Histoire de La Mauritanie: Récits des Pèlerins au XIX<sup>ème</sup> et XX<sup>ème</sup> Siècles*, Mauritanian, Morocco

**Tlemceni, Rachid**, *Assessment and Perspectives of European Policies Toward The Maghrib: The Case of Tunisia*, Algerian, Tunisia

**Zitouni, Mimouna**, *Comparative Study of Linguistic Choices and Practices Among Young Algerian and Moroccan Users of SMS Communication*, Algerian, Morocco ☺

## AIMS AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS 2010-2011



### **The Mark Tessler AIMS Graduate Student Prize Award**

AIMS invites submissions by Graduate Student members of AIMS (The AIMS Graduate Student Association, GSA) of papers for the Mark Tessler AIMS Graduate Student Prize Award. Papers must be complete in written form and must have been delivered before a professional audience at the departmental, university, regional, or national level. The date and name of the professional meeting must be submitted along with the paper itself. The subject of the paper must concern the Maghreb in any of its dimensions and must be in English. The paper will be submitted to the *Journal of North African Studies* for consideration for publication in *JNAS*, the AIMS professional journal, where, if selected, it will be identified as the Mark Tessler Prize Paper. The paper needs to follow *JNAS* publication format, which can be found through the AIMS website, [AIMSNorthAfrica.org](http://AIMSNorthAfrica.org) (link to publication/jnas).

The paper will be juried by two members of the AIMS Board and the award, named for Professor Mark Tessler and in honor of his enduring interest in the Maghreb and his sustained efforts to develop graduate students prepared to work in the field, will be announced at the annual Awards Ceremony at the MESA meeting. The Winner will be notified in the Spring of 2011. The Mark Tessler AIMS Graduate Student Prize Award is a cash prize of \$750.00. **Papers must be submitted by December 31, 2010 for the 2010 award.**

### **AIMS at MESA The I. William Zartman North African Travel Award**

AIMS invites North African scholars who have been selected to present a paper at the annual MESA meeting to apply for a travel award and stipend to the conference. In honor of the many years of his service to the Institute and his affection for the scholars of the Maghreb, the award is named the I. William Zartman Award. Applicants should submit the title and abstract of their selected MESA paper along with a current CV to the AIMS Executive Office by August 31, 2010.

The award is intended for North African scholars living in North Africa. Scholars must be citizens of Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Mauritania, or Libya. If selected, scholars will receive an award to cover up to 1500 dollars in airfare, per diem for the duration of the conference, and MESA conference fees. Awards will be announced in the Fall.

**The annual deadline is August 31<sup>st</sup>.**

### **AIMS Annual Conference The Donna Lee Bowen Graduate Student Travel Award**

AIMS invites US graduate students to apply for a travel grant to attend the annual AIMS conference in North Africa. Students must have been successfully accepted to give a paper at the Annual Conference which will be held June 26, 27, and 28<sup>th</sup>. Applicants must be members of the AIMS Graduate Student Association, the GSA.

In honor of her many years of service to AIMS and her sustained encouragement of American graduate students through her work, the AIMS Graduate Student Travel Award to the AIMS Conference is known as the Donna Lee Bowen Graduate Student Travel Award.

Applicants must be US citizens. The travel award provides roundtrip airfare up to 1500 dollars to the AIMS conference.

### **AIMS at MESA The Jeanne Jeffers M'rad Graduate Student Travel Award**

AIMS invites US graduate students to apply for a travel grant to attend the annual MESA meeting. Students must have been successfully accepted to give a paper at the MESA. Paper themes must concern North African studies and all disciplines are welcome. Applicants must be members of the AIMS Graduate Student Association, the GSA.

In honor of her many years of service to AIMS and her sustained encouragement of American graduate students through her work at CEMAT, the AIMS Graduate Student Travel Awards are known as the Jeanne M'rad Graduate Student Travel Awards.

Send title/abstract of paper and a current CV to the AIMS executive office ([aimscmes@email.arizona.edu](mailto:aimscmes@email.arizona.edu)) by August 31, 2010. Applicants must be members of AIMS at the time of submission. Applicants must be US citizens. AIMS offers awards between \$300 to \$500 to support the cost of domestic travel, per diem and MESA fees.

**The annual deadline is August 31<sup>st</sup>.**

## Donna Lee Bowen Award 2010 Recipients

Named in honor of Donna Lee Bowen's many years of service and her sustained encouragement of American graduate students through her work with AIMS, the travel award provides roundtrip airfare up to \$1500 in reimbursed air travel to the AIMS conference.

### This year's Donna Lee Bowen Award recipients are Holiday Powers and Kendra Salois.



**Holiday Powers** is a graduate student at Cornell University pursuing a Ph.D. in art history, focusing on contemporary African art. Her particular research interest is in modern and contemporary art in Morocco. She is working with the debates surrounding modernism in the immediate post-colonial period from 1956 until about 1978, both in theory and artistic practice.

She is considering visual arts and the exhibition practices that were linked to them, as well as literature and cultural reviews. She will also situate contemporary practice within this lineage. As the young generation of artists has been framed in opposition to this earlier generation, she hopes to link the ideologies and artistic practices.



**Kendra Salois** is a doctoral candidate in Ethnomusicology from the University of California, Berkeley. Her dissertation considers the self-fashioning practices of Moroccan hip hop musickers--musicians, fans, and associated professionals--in the context of the effects of neoliberalizing policies in place in Morocco since the early 1980s. It asks

how musickers' allegiance to hip hop, and membership in hip hop scenes, enables them not only to observe and interpret the impacts of neoliberalization upon their families, livelihoods, and religious practices, but also to fashion responses which express their changing senses of themselves as Muslims and Moroccans. Her research interests include hip hop practices and aesthetics in the Muslim world and the US; the circulation of hip hop and other Afro-diasporic musical genres; neoliberal subjectivities; diasporic space, translocal religious affiliations, and other non-national senses of belonging.

*Congratulations!*

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This year's recipient is **Maisa Taha** for her paper, *The Hijab North of Gibraltar: Moroccan Women as Objects of Civic and Social Transformation*. Maisa Taha was also a 2009-2010 AIMS Grantee.

Honorable mentions, with a cash prize of \$50.00, go to **Laryssa Chomiak** for her paper, *Locating Political Identity in Tunisia: Space, Spectacle & Contestation*; and **Marta Garcia Novo** for her paper, *Malikism and Slavery. Ahmad Baba's Mi,raj al-su,u*.

### Youness Elbousty awarded the Chevalier dans l'ordre des Palmes Académiques

AIMS Grantee Youness Elbousty, Daniel Webster College, has been awarded "Chevalier dans l'ordre des Palmes Académiques," making him a member of an old French Order of Knighthood in the academic field. This order was created by Napoléon in 1808 to honor eminent members of the University of Paris, and it was re-established on 4 October 1955 by President René Coty to extend its honor to eminent scholars around the world for their academic contributions. This honor is one of the world's oldest civil awards. A ceremony will be scheduled for Youness to receive both his medal and diploma, the latter of which is signed by the Prime Minister of France and the Minister of Education.







## AIMS Grants for US Scholars

AIMS Grants for US scholars continues to be at the heart of our programming. Every year, AIMS sponsors a program for US scholars and students conducting research in the Maghreb. Scholars may apply for short-term (less than three months) or long-term (up to nine months) grants. The postmark deadline is always Dec 31<sup>st</sup>.

### 2010-2011 AIMS US Grantees

**Shifa Ali**, *The Tangier Archive Project*, MA Student, Cinematheque de Tanger, Morocco, 2 months, \$3,500.00

**Jamila Bargach**, *Harvesting the Clouds: Fog Collection and Gender Equality in a Berber Village, Morocco*, PhD, Director, Foundation SiHmad Derhem, Morocco, 3 months, \$5,060.00

**Stephen Bensch**, *Mercantile Structures and Moral Strictures in Early North African Trade*, PhD, Professor, Swarthmore College, Morocco/Tunisia, 4 months, \$7,500.00

**Kristin Bratt/Youness Elbousty**, *Language Learning in Southern Morocco: Issues and Obstacles for Berber-Speaking Children in Primary School*, PhD, Assistant Professor/MA, Director, Penn State University/Lynn Public Schools, Morocco, 4 months, \$7,500.00

**Scott Brown**, *Widening the Dialectal Paradigm: A New Text in Tunisian Arabic*, MA Student, University of Arizona, Tunisia, 51 days, \$3,220.00

**Eric Calderwood**, *Spain in North Africa after 1492: A Comparative Study of Oran and Tetouan*, PhD Candidate, Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, Algeria/ Morocco, 10 weeks, \$5,250.00

**Yousef A. Casewit**, *Researching Ibn Barrajan's Extant Manuscripts and Maghribi Readings of Canonical Hadith Collections and the Qur'an in Morocco and Mauritania*, PhD Candidate, Yale University, Morocco/ Mauritania, 9 months, \$15,000.00

**Gary Christopherson**, *Changing Places: Spatial Analysis of the Potters' Quarters and Clay Quarries at Moknine, Tunisia*, PhD, University of Arizona, Tunisia, 1 month, \$3,000.00

**Emily Dabney**, *Forced Labor in the Maghreb*, PhD Candidate, Clark University, Tunisia/ Morocco, 8 months, \$13,500.00

**Abdelmajid Hannoum**, *Harranga of Tangiers: Moroccan Children and Clandestine Migration to Europe*, PhD, Professor, University of Kansas, Morocco, 3 months, \$6,000.00

**John Herrmann & Annewies van den Hoek**, *Scientific and Archaeological Studies on Ancient Marble in Algeria: Conference in Algiers*, PhD, Curator; PhD, Lecturer, Harvard Divinity School (AH), Algeria, 2 weeks, \$2,250.00 – Declined (venue change)

**Sarah Levin**, *Counter-Narratives and Narrative Encounters of Moroccan Muslims and Jews*, PhD Candidate, University of California, Berkeley, Morocco, 6 months, \$10,500.00

**Paul M. Love, Jr.**, *Considering the Historical Relationship Between the Ibadis of Djerba and the Rustamid Imamate of Tahert (777-910CE)*, PhD Candidate, University of Damascus (Syria), Tunisia, 3.5 months, \$6,500.00

**Jessica Marglin**, *The Legal History of Jewish-Muslim Relations in Morocco, 1792-1912*, PhD Candidate, Princeton University, Morocco, 3 months, \$5,770.00

**Vanessa Paloma**, *Moroccan Women's Music and Gender Identity*, MA, Research Associate, Hadassah Brandeis Institute, Morocco, 10 months, \$15,000.00

**Holiday Powers**, *Creating Art Spaces in Morocco: Art and Contemporary Exhibition Practices*, PhD Candidate, Cornell University, Morocco, 3 months, \$5,400.00

**Amanda Rogers**, *Blood, Skin and the Sacred: Women's Henna Adornment and Moroccan Islam*, PhD Candidate, Emory University, Morocco, 12 months, \$14,370.00– Declined for Fulbright-Hasys.

**Athena Trakadas**, *Oued Loukkos Survey*, PhD, Director, Morocco Maritime Research Group, Center for Maritime Archaeology, University of Southampton, Morocco, 15.5 weeks, \$7,312.50 🐞

*Congratulations!*





# TALIM Quarterly REPORT

January-March 2010

**Thor Kuniholm, TALIM Director**

## January 2010 Visitors

In spite of the heavy rains –or maybe because of the heavy rains—several hundred persons visited the Museum in January maintaining the visitor levels of November and December. We

arranged two group visits for students from the Advanced School of Management of Tangier.

Other visitors of note included: TALIM Treasurer, Stephen E. Eastman and Noel Mamère, a member of the French parliament and mayor of Bègle (Gironde) who expressed his appreciation for “a wonderful visit.”

## Research Library

We continue to serve a wide range of research interests assisting for example, researchers from Taiwan with their study on the culture of the Gibraltar Straits as well as Moroccan scholars from the school of Architecture in Rabat and the Faculty of Letters in Fez.

## February 2010

### A Perdicaris Connection

Lord and Lady Aldenham visited the Legation to view the paintings by Ion Perdicaris. Lady Aldenham is the great great grand daughter of Ellen Varley the wife of Perdicaris who was kidnapped by the North African warlord Raisuli in 1904 sparking an international crisis (resolved when the sultan of Morocco paid the ransom and Perdicaris was released unharmed.)



*Lady Aldenham and her daughter in front of portrait of their relative, Mrs. Perdicaris (Ellen Varley)*

## We'll Miss You Sir Thor Kuniholm!



His Excellency Hassan Mekouar, Morocco's ambassador to the United States, hosted a benefit reception at his home in support of TALIM and conferred on Thor Kuniholm on behalf of his Majesty, King Mohamed VI, the decoration Knight of the Ouissam Alaouite in recognition of his long tenure as Resident Director of TALIM. It was a moving and memorable moment as Thor recalled his long association with Morocco that began more than 40 years ago when he was assigned to the American Consulate General in Casablanca.

*With all best wishes!*

## Visitors

Among the many visitors to the Museum in February were:

- Dr. James Miller, Executive Secretary of the Moroccan American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange (Fulbright). Dr. Miller until recently was president of the American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS) that TALIM represents in Morocco.
- Fulbright grantees Kaitlyn Olsen and Rod Solamani
- AIMS grantee Eric Seline from Tetouan
- Nicolas Guilou, Director of the American Language Center in Tetouan
- Mary Ellen Connell, retired Foreign Service Officer and Research Analyst for Strategic Studies at the Center for Naval Analysis (CNA)
- diplomats from the Dutch and Belgian embassies in Rabat including Herman Boonen, Counselor for International Cooperation who administers an important foreign aid program for Morocco.



*Left to Right: Adriana Valencia, Dr. Sonia Shiri, TALIM Director Kuniholm, Abdelhak Akjeje, and TALIM Assistant Director, Yhtimad Bouziane.*

## New Activity for Community Outreach

TALIM initiated a soccer program for a group of neighborhood children under the supervision of a professional coach.

## March 2010

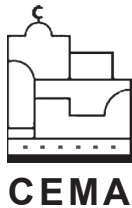
### Arabic Language Workshop

A two day workshop was held at the Legation, March 21-22, for 28 Moroccan teachers who could be involved in the eight week Arabic summer language program in Tangier managed by the American Institute for Moroccan Studies (AIMS). Dr. Sonia Shiri, named by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) to direct critical language programs in six countries across the region, led the pedagogic sessions. She was assisted by Abdelhak Akjeje and Adriana Valencia who will direct respectively the academic and administrative aspects of the program. (The U.S. Department of State provides funding for this program and other critical language programs worldwide. An Arabic language program in Tangier was started in 1993 by AIMS in cooperation with TALIM).

Dr. James Miller, head of the Fulbright programs in Morocco and until recently president of AIMS, honored the group with his attendance at the opening session, providing background on the State Department's Critical Language programs.

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# CEMA Quarterly REPORT

January–March 2010

**Robert Park, CEMA Director**



Left to Right: Dr. Rita el-Khayat, Karim Ouaras and Robert Parks in the CEMA Library. January 27, 2010: La Conférence d'Oran, "Women in the Arab World: Progression Toward a Research Agenda"

## CEMA Lecture Series

- 27 January 2010. "Women in the Arab World: Progression Toward a Research Agenda"  
Dr. Rita el-Khayat, University of Chieti (Italy)  
La Conférence d'Oran co-organized by CEMA and the Fac. of Social Sciences, Univ. of Oran
- 22 February 2010. "Working Day: Rap and Graffiti in Algeria"  
"Mediation in the Music of Anger: Rap, Reggae, Language, and Urban Rebellion"  
Mr. Luc Chavin-Bertrand, Political Science, Institut d'Études Politiques de Lyon  
"Rap Music in Algeria: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"  
Mr. Malik Bourbia, Anthropologist, CRASC / Hip Hop Artist, TOX 31  
"Walls that Speak: I Tag, Therefore I Am"-Mr. Karim Ouaras, Sociolinguist, CEMA  
Working day organized by CEMA
- 16 March 2010. "Islam and Public Debate: A Comparative Study of the Stasi (France) and the Bouchard-Taylor (Quebec) Commissions"  
Dr. Nadia Marzouki, Yale University  
Talk co-organized by CEMA and the Department of Political Science, University of Oran
- 31 March 2010. "Forms of Collective Identity in the Maghreb"  
Dr. Hassan Rachik, Anthropologist, University of Casablanca  
La Conférence d'Oran co-organized by CEMA and the Fac. of Social Sciences, Univ. of Oran

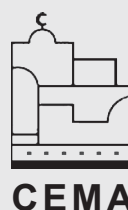
## Upcoming CEMA Lectures / La Conférence d'Oran

- 12 April 2010. "Popular Democracy in Boumediene's Republic: Local Elections and State-Society Negotiations in Kabylia. 1967-1977"  
Dr. Hugh Roberts, Political Scientist, Society of Algerian Studies  
Talk co-organized by CEMA and the Centre for Cultural and Social Anthropological Research
- 25 April 2010. "Working Day: International Economic Organizations and the Maghreb"  
"The Price of No-Maghreb"  
Mr. Francis Ghilès, Analyst, CIDOB-Barcelona (Spain)  
"The European Neighborhood Policy and the Maghreb"  
Dr. Alexander Knipperts, Director of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Algiers  
"The Barcelona Accords Viewed from the Maghreb"  
Dr. Nadjat Zatla, Economist, University of Oran  
Co-organized by CEMA, CIDOB, the Faculty of Economics (University of Oran), and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation-Algiers
- 28 April 2010. "A History of Algerian Music"  
Dr. Abdelmajid Merdaci, Historian, University of Constantine  
La Conférence d'Oran co-organized by CEMA and the Faculty of Social Sciences, Univ. of Oran
- mid-May 2010. "Local Mutations in Mozabi-Ibadite Society"  
Dr. Fatma Oussedik, Sociologist, University of Algiers  
La Conférence d'Oran co-organized by CEMA and the Faculty of Social Sciences, Univ. of Oran

- 02 June 2010. "A Dialogue with Islam: La Topografía de Argel by Antonio de Sosa (1612)"  
Dr. Maria Antonia Garcés, Spanish Literature, Cornell University  
Talk co-organized by CEMA, the Fac. of Architecture (USTO) and the Instituto Cervantes-Oran
- 03 June 2010. "The translator and the translated: El Inca Garcilaso in Europe"  
Dr. Maria Antonia Garcés, Spanish Literature, Cornell University  
Talk co-organized by CEMA, the Institute of Foreign Languages (University of Oran), and the Instituto Cervantes-Oran
- 03 June 2010. "Cervantes and El Inca Garcilaso: Influences and Confluences"  
Dr. Diana de Armas Wilson, Spanish Literature, University of Denver  
Talk co-organized by CEMA, the Institute of Foreign Languages (University of Oran), and the Instituto Cervantes-Oran

## International Researchers Associated with CEMA January–March 2010

- Mr. Nordine Amara, History, Université de Paris I – Sorbonne / IRMC-Tunis  
Algerian Citizen, AIMS Grantee  
"French Consular Views of Algerians Abroad During the Colonial Era"
- Mr. Luc Chavin-Bertrand, Political Science, Institut d'Étude Politique, Lyon  
French Citizen  
"Mediation in the Music of Anger: Rap, Reggae, Language, and Urban Rebellion"
- Dr. Elizabeth Bishop, History, University of Texas at San Marcos  
American Citizen, AIMS Grantee  
"Workers and Industrial Accidents in Colonial Algeria, 1943-1961"
- Mr. Brock Cutler, History, University of California at Irvine  
American Citizen, Boren Fellowship  
"Famine in Colonial Algeria: Environmental Disaster and Colonial Policy, 1840-1880"
- Dr. Rita el-Khayat, Anthropology, University of Chieti (Italy)  
Moroccan Citizen, La Conférence d'Oran  
"Women in the Arab World: Progression Toward a Research Agenda"
- Mr. Dennis Kumetat, Economics, London School of Economics  
German Citizen  
"Renewable Energy Policy in OAPC States"
- Dr. Nadia Marzouki, Political Science, Princeton University  
French Citizen  
"Islam and Public Debate: A Comparative Study of the Stasi (France) and the Bouchard-Taylor (Quebec) Commissions"
- Ms. Naïma Mokhtar, Anthropology, Université de Bordeaux  
French Citizen, CEMA Intern  
"Rehabilitation of Sidi el Houari: The Case of the Pacha Mosque in Oran"
- Ms. Aurelia Perrier, Historian, Georgetown University  
French Citizen  
"Negotiating Sex, Gender and the Home in Colonial Algeria (1830-1914)"



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Dr. Hassan Rachik, Anthropologist, University of Casablanca  
Moroccan Citizen, La Conférence d'Oran

"Forms of Collective Identity in the Maghreb"

Mrs. Kristy Riggs, History, Columbia University

American Citizen, AIMS Grantee

"Composing Colonialism: A Musical Tour of Colonial Algeria"

Dr. Robert Riggs, History, Franklin and Marshall College

American Citizen

"Cardinal Labrièrie: The White Fathers and Education in Colonial Kabylia"

Ms. Hilary Dale Smith, Library Science, Syracuse University

American Citizen

"Libraries and Information Resources in Algeria"

## Visitors to CEMA

1106 scholars visited CEMA between January 1 and March 31, 2010.

## JSTOR at CEMA

Between 01 January and 31 March 2010, scholars visiting CEMA performed 7011 JSTOR searches and downloaded 1921 articles. Articles on language and literature, politics, and business-economics were the most consulted. Most JSTOR traffic occurs between 9am and 3pm.

## CEMA Documentation Center

We continue to receive donations from the academic community. Past donors include Dr. Benjamin Brower, Dr. Kenneth Brown (Editor of *Méditerranéens*), Dr. Jane Goodman (Indiana University), Dr. Clement Henry (University of Texas), Dr. Mohamed Mebtoul (Université d'Oran), Dr. Robert Mortimer (Haverford College), Dr. Phillip Naylor (Marquette College), Dr. Kenneth Perkins (University of South Carolina), Dr. William Quandt (University of Virginia), Dr. Michael Suleiman (Kansas State University) and Dr. Paul Wehr (University of Colorado).

Donated materials include rare maps, out of print manuscripts, dissertation field notes, journals, as well as the canon of American and international publication on the Maghreb and the Middle East. To make a donation, and to receive information on how to make reduced rate shipments, please write to [contact@cema-northafrica.org](mailto:contact@cema-northafrica.org). Donations can also be made via <http://www.amazon.com>. By clicking on "wish lists" and entering "Centre d'Études Maghrébines en Algérie," future donors can order from a selection of 142 books, which will be sent to CEMA via AIMS.

## CEMA Sahara Collection

CEMA recently acquired a collection of 232 volumes on the Sahara, covering modern-day Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Chad, Niger, and Mali. While most of the volumes are from the middle/late colonial period (1910-1962) and early post-colonial era, several of the books date from the nineteenth century, such as:

- D'Estry. 1841. *Histoire d'Alger. De son Territoire et de ses Habitants, de ses Pirateries, de son Commerce et de ses Guerres, de ses Moeurs et Usages* (Paris: Imprimeurs Libraires).
- Dumas. 1845. *Le Sahara Algérien. Études Géographiques, Statistiques et Historiques sur la Région au Sud des Etablissements Français en Algérie*. (Paris: Fortin, Masson & Cie.).
- Galibert. 1854. *L'Algérie. Ancienne et Moderne. Depuis les Premiers Etablissements des Carthaginois. L'Expédition du Général Randon en 1853*. (Aix en Provence: Éditions de l'Université de Provence).
- Lapointe. 1878. *Les Déserts Africains. Aventures Extraordinaires. D'un Homme, d'un Singe et d'un Éléphant. Illustré de Plus de Cent Dessins par Henry de Montaut*. (Paris: E. Plom & Cie).
- Vuillot. 1895. *L'Exploration du Sahara. Étude Historique et Géographique. Préface du Colonel Prince de Polignac. Ouvrage Accompagné de Quarante-Cinq Cartes-Itinéraires Hors Texte, Douze Plans et Une Carte du Sahara au 1/4.000.000*. (Paris: Augustin Challamel).
- Brosselard. 1896. *Les Deux Missions Flatters au Pays des Touareg Azdjer et Hoggar. Troisième Édition*. (Paris: Jouvot & Cie).

The acquisition is the core of the new CEMA Sahara Collection. Please contact us for a detailed list of the collection. 📖

## Donor Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Cook and Brett Phaneuf visited Tangier for several days. Both men are involved in maritime archaeology and exploration (their website is [www.promare.com](http://www.promare.com)). They offered a donation to the Legation for a project of the Director's choosing. Thanks to their (unsolicited) generosity, we will be able to publish a book of eight essays with photos on aspects of the Legation fine art collection written by Dr. Diana Wylie of Boston University.



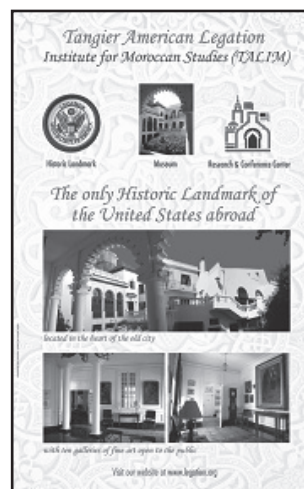
Gregg Cook and his wife with Brett Phaneuf near Jbel Moussa Mountain

Thank you!

AIMS would also like to acknowledge CAORC for their support of *Enchantment*, Dr Wylie's forthcoming book on the Legation and its art collection.

## A Poster for All Seasons

I have designed a poster that I hope will entice visitors to visit TALIM. It is also on sale in the Museum Shop. 📖



## TALIM Welcomes New Director Gerald Loftus

Incoming TALIM Director Gerald Loftus arrives in Tangiers in July, 2010. A formal introduction will follow in the AIMS Fall Newsletter.





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