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Letter from the President

I write this letter as the mood of protest that culminated in the Arab Spring appears to be making its way to American cities and university campuses, including my own, where strikes and “occupy Berkeley” activities have caused the cancellation of today’s classes. UC Berkeley students are protesting the tuition hikes and decreased services brought about by dramatic cuts in the state budget. Things are not much different on the federal level. The country’s various Title VI Centers for Middle Eastern Studies, which many AIMS members call their institutional home, have suffered similar budget woes. The shortfall is being reflected in reduced programming, including on our region. Nor has AIMS itself been spared in the economic downturn. Sadly, our Maghribi grants program, which for ten years has provided funding for scholars from one North African country to pursue research in another, was recently eliminated. This program was entirely funded by the US Department of Education’s American Overseas Research Grant that was eliminated, and it is unclear if it will be reinstated. Fortunately, AIMS is still able to support the travel of North African scholars to the US, either through CEMAT’s American Studies Grant program for Tunisian scholars, or through the I. William Zartman grant which pays for a North African scholar to give a paper at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA). Inter-Maghrib research has proven invaluable for building strong networks of scholars that transcend what are sometimes fraught political borders, and thus will remain a high priority for AIMS as we seek alternative sources of funding.

But the news is not all grim! Many new and potentially worthwhile opportunities for AIMS have appeared in the wake of the political transitions in the region. We are carefully weighing each new project that is presented to us to ensure that we continue to meet our mandate of promoting the study of the Maghrib and fostering ties between American and North African scholars, particularly in the humanities and social sciences. This year, we have begun to formalize some of our main initiatives through the formation of seven distinct committees. All committees are happy to accept new members, so please contact the chairs if you are interested in joining:

*** Saharan Studies Committee (Chairs: Aomar Boum and Robert Parks).**

Working closely with the Saharan Studies Association (SSA), a sub-group of the African Studies Association, and our sister-center, the West African Research Association

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(WARA), the Saharan studies committee is helping to promote Saharan studies in the US and abroad. Toward these ends, we have recently drafted a Memorandum of Understanding between AIMS and Dar SiHamd in Sidi Ifni, Morocco, outlining areas of future collaboration related to water issues, cultural conservation, and ethnographic and archival research in the Sahara. An AIMS intern will soon be placed at Dar SiHamd to help these projects along. AIMS and WARA have recently proposed a new research fellowship for our joint “Saharan Crossroads” project, which links Saharan studies across geographic, political and multi-disciplinary divides. If funded, we hope to provide short-term funding for scholars conducting research at CEMA, Dar Si-Hamd and/or WARC in Dakar beginning next year.

*** Digitization and Translation Committee (Chair: Allan Fromherz)**

AIMS has long supported the digitization of libraries and library catalogues through the Digital Libraries for International Research (DLIR) program. AIMS has also co-sponsored workshops and sent representatives to programs concerning digitizing libraries in Africa through the efforts of the Fulbright Alumni for Science and Technology (FAST). AIMS recognizes the urgent need to digitize materials throughout the region and make them accessible online. Closely intersecting with these efforts is the translation of scholarly materials from Arabic to English (and vice versa) and their dissemination.

*** Libya Committee (Chair: Dirk Vandewalle)**

The Libya committee has been reconvened after a watchful hiatus. It currently has several proposals in the works to assist in the reestablishment of normal academic life in Libya. AIMS’ long term vision for Libya remains to open an actual center in Tripoli or Benghazi one day, but until the political (and economic) situation stabilizes, we will continue to identify new partners in Libya and support our Libyan colleagues any way we can. AIMS representatives will be making several trips to Libya in the coming months, and we may attempt to hold a conference on “the Future of Research in Libya” in the spring.

*** Cultural Heritage Committee (Chair: Kerry Adams)**

This committee will focus on expanding AIMS activities in the area of Art, Archaeology, and Cultural preservation. In Tunisia, CEMAT is exploring the possibility of partnering with the Cotsen Institute on a major dig at Carthage, while a part-time intern has been hired to research current archaeological, preservation, and museum projects. In Morocco, AIMS has become affiliated with the Atlas Cultural Foundation, an NGO which is renovating ancient igherms (traditional fortified granaries) and turning them into cultural centers with libraries to serve rural communities. AIMS’ affiliate center in Morocco, the Tangier American Legation Institute for Moroccan Studies (TALIM) functions primarily as a museum, and also has a strong relationship with the Tangier Medina Foundation which works to preserve sites in the Tangier medina. TALIM thus provides an extremely promising setting for an internship program in Museum Studies, something AIMS will pursue in the near future. This committee’s mandate is to try to weave these various threads together to form a more cohesive program that may inspire future funding.

*** Curriculum and Academic Outreach Committee (Co-Chairs: Robert Parks and Emily Gottreich)**

AIMS is at the beginning stages of setting up an online repository for North Africa-related curricula, course outlines, bibliographies, and information about programs for graduate study and internships. The committee’s agenda has been advanced through CEMA’s implementation of online interactive forums and through the recent establishment of H-Maghrib (see page 13).

*** Program Evaluation (Chair: Shana Cohen)**

This committee is working on creating statistical analyses for AIMS programs, to help determine how we might be able to better quantify the successes of our programs.

*** Conference Committee (Chair: Angel Foster)**

Following on the great success of the 2011 AIMS conference in Tunis, conference director Angel Foster is helping to establish a clear protocol for future conference organizers to follow, including information on host institutions, budget, field trips, etc.

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This past summer marked the end of Tom DeGeorges' tenure as director of CEMAT and the beginning of Laryssa Chomiak's. Laryssa took over CEMAT at a moment that could not have been more challenging, but she has clearly risen to the occasion. Laryssa's solid training as a political scientist specializing in Tunisia, as well as her professionalism and enthusiasm for the position, have served her (and in turn AIMS) extremely well during her first months with us. We look forward to a bright future for CEMAT in post-revolutionary Tunisia.

As always, AIMS will be an active participant at the upcoming annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA). AIMS members will be presenting their work on dozens of panels, some focused on the Maghrib and others with a more transregional agenda. Of particular note are the AIMS' panels on the Jasmine revolution and Algeria at fifty (see below) We will also host a reception celebrating 25 years of CEMAT and five years of CEMA, to be held at the Lebanese Taverna from 6:30-8:30 pm on Dec 1. You are cordially invited to join the party.

-Emily Benichou Gottreich

AIMS at MESA

2011 Annual Business Meeting for all AIMS members and potential members!

DEC 1, 2:00pm-4:00pm, Wilson Room B, Wardman Park Marriott Washington DC

AIMS Sponsored Panels:

Algeria at Fifty: Reflections and Refractions

Created by Phillip Naylor

AIMS participants include: John Entelis, Robert Parks, Azzedine Layachi, and Yahia Zoubir

Friday, 12/02/11 4:30pm

The Spark Felt Round the World: The Tunisian Revolution, Causes and Prospects

Created by Silvia Marsans-Sakly

AIMS participants include: John Entelis, Thomas DeGeorges, Julia Clancy-Smith, and Sonia S'hiri

Saturday, 12/03/11 11:00am

Tunis Metropolitan

Created by Laryssa Chomiak

AIMS participants include: Angel Foster, Kyle Liston, Jessica Gertschultz, Daniel Coslett, Rodney Collins and Asma Nouria (winner of an Aramex grant, friend of CEMAT)

Sunday, 12/04/11 1:30pm

A list of AIMS presenters is available on the AIMS website under AIMS at MESA.

Celebrate with AIMS at MESA !

AIMS is hosting a reception on Dec 1st from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Lebanese Taverna Restaurant (2641 Connecticut Ave NW, down the hill from the Wardman Park).

Come meet our overseas staff and celebrate anniversaries!

CEMAT is 25 and CEMA turns 5!

The Jeanne Jeffers M'rad Awardees will be announced.



AIMS Graduate Student Dissertation Workshops

AIMS was given the opportunity to partner with several institutional members who wrote into their Title VI grant proposals co-sponsorship with our annual dissertation workshop. We are pleased to be able to report that all four institutional members that wrote AIMS into their grants received the Title VI funds for the next four years! The GSA Dissertation Workshop rotation is as follows:

University of California Los Angeles Center for Near Eastern Studies, 2012

Yale University Center for Middle Eastern Studies, 2013

University of California Berkeley Center for Middle Eastern Studies, 2014

AIMS seeks a new Graduate Student (GSA) President, whose main duty is to coordinate the dissertation workshop. Graduate students of any discipline with research interests related to the Maghrib are encouraged to apply. AIMS and UCLA staff will assist you in setting up the workshop which is slated for May 2012.

The GSA is a volunteer position, but if funds are available, AIMS will provide a stipend to the President to attend the MESA meeting to report on the workshop.

If you are interested in becoming an AIMS Graduate Student Association President and running the workshop, please contact Kerry Adams at AIMSCMES@email.arizona.edu.

Mark Tessler Student Paper Prize

Students who have presented a paper at any conference throughout the calendar year should apply for the Mark Tessler Student Paper Prize of \$750.

Deadline is Dec 31st.

Congratulations!

Mark Tessler Prize Winners

-it's a tie!

Joomi Lee, University of Texas, *The Urban Politics of the Bouregreg Project: Monarchical politics of Morocco and the Mobilization of Salé*

Lawrence McMahon, Georgetown University, *Woman, Man and Nationality of the Algerian Reformist 'Ulama'*

JNAS

Last year, for *The Journal of North African Studies'* 15th Anniversary, Routledge and the Editors of the journal produced an online commemorative volume of key research published in the journal over the last fifteen years. You can access this journal through the AIMS website, or directly from the publisher at:
www.tandf.co.uk/journals/access/fnas.pdf.

The Journal of North African Studies (JNAS) serves as the scholarly publication of the American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS) and the Centre of North African Studies (CNAS) at the University of Cambridge in Britain. When the Journal began fifteen years ago there was no regular, peer-reviewed academic journal in English concentrating on North Africa. The result was that scholars had to compete with their more numerous colleagues specializing in Middle Eastern Studies for the opportunity to publish their work. The success of the JNAS to date is a testament to the need that it has sought to satisfy, particularly as scholars from the North African region increasingly fill its pages.



AIMS FELLOWSHIPS 2012

The American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS) announces its annual Grants Program for the academic year beginning in May 2012. The program offers grants to US scholars interested in conducting research on North Africa in any Maghrib country, specifically Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Libya, and/or Mauritania. AIMS sponsors three Overseas Research Centers in the region in Oran, Tunis and Tangier and has other institutional affiliations that support AIMS scholars. AIMS only funds primary research conducted in the Maghrib.

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. Priority for these grants will be given to senior scholars who have a finite project and can demonstrate plans to have the results published or disseminated quickly. Students are also eligible to apply and pre-dissertation projects will be considered.

Long-Term Research Grants: AIMS offers awards with a maximum of \$15,000 for projects over three months' duration up to nine months. In accordance with agreements 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 may provide a small allowance for supplementary research expenses. Some privately funded grants are exempt from this rule.

Priorities: In 2012, priority for long-term grants include proposals relating to 1) Cultural Heritage and 2) Saharan Studies with research conducted at the following institutes: Tangier American Legation Institute for Moroccan Studies (TALIM), the AIMS Overseas Research Center in Morocco, also functions as a museum with strong ties to the Tangier Medina Foundation; Dar SiHamd based in Sidi Ifni, Morocco, supports ethnographic and archival research related to the indigenous populations in the anti-atlas mountains and southern desert; the AIMS Overseas Research Center in Algeria, CEMA, maintains an extensive collection of rare books related to Saharan Studies.

Eligibility: 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 2013. Applicants must be members of AIMS in good standing at the time of application. For membership and grant information contact AIMS Executive Office at aimscmes@email.arizona.edu or go to: AIMSNorthAfrica.org.

Requirements: All AIMS Grantees are required to present their research at one of the AIMS Overseas Research Centers or affiliated centers, currently CEMA in Oran, Algeria; CEMAT in Tunis, Dar SiHamd in Sidi Ifni, Morocco; TALIM in Tangier, Morocco. Research conducted in Libya or Mauritania can be presented at any AIMS affiliated center or a US-based institution. AIMS Grantees must also submit a written report within one month of completing their fieldwork.

Applications must include the following:

- A completed grant application cover sheet: Go to: <http://www.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 current institutional affiliation
- One page summary of the proposed research in either French or Arabic
- Letters of recommendation from two referees, including the candidate's dissertation advisor, or in the case of applicants holding a Ph.D., the names of two persons who may be contacted for references

The deadline for applications is December 31st. The application should be arranged in the order of the list above and sent by email to AIMSCMES@email.arizona.edu. Please check for updates at www.aimsnorthafrica.org.

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. These awards are made possible through grants from the U.S. Department of State Education and Cultural Affairs and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC.org)

**Jeanne Jeffers Mrad
Student Travel Awards
to MESA**

Daniel Coslett,
University of Washington, Architectural History
(Re)branding a (Post)colonial Streetscape: Tunis' Avenue Bourguiba
P2777: Tunis Metropolitan Sunday 12/04 11:30

Gretchen Head,
University of Pennsylvania, Near Eastern Languages
al-Tuh?m? al-Wazz?n?'s al-Z?wiyah and the Roots of Modern Moroccan Narrative
P2803-12103: Thursday 12/01 5:00pm

Joomi Lee
UT Austin, Geography and the Environment (honorable mention and AIMS Mark Tessler Awardee 2010)
Urban politics of the Bouregreg project: the integration of Rabat-Salé and Morocco's monarchical state
P2889-12586): Friday 12/02 8:30am

Kyle Liston,
Indiana University - Bloomington, History
Beneath the Cosmopolitan Air: Toward a New Urban Social History of Tunis under the Protectorate
P2777: Tunis Metropolitan: Sunday 12/04 1:30pm

Victoria Phaneauf
University of Arizona, Anthropology
Negotiating Culture, Performing Identities: French-North African, Pied-Noir and Harki Associations in France
P2890: Friday 12/02 2:00pm

Karen Rignall
University of Kentucky, Cultural Anthropology
Land, Livelihoods, and Renewing a Sense of Place in Pre-Saharan Morocco
P2729: Friday 12/04 4:30

Join us on Dec 1 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Lebanese Taverna Restaurant
(2641 Connecticut Ave NW)
as we honor our Jeanne Jeffers M'rad Awardees and celebrate our centers' anniversaries!
CEMAT is 25 and CEMA is 5!
All members, families and friends welcome. Come meet our overseas staff and learn more about our programs as we celebrate!
Appetizers and Refreshments
bar is no-host

Jeanne Jeffers M'rad Award

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 Jeffers Mrad Graduate Student Travel Awards. AIMS invites 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 MESA. Paper themes must concern North African studies and all disciplines are welcome. Awards vary and can be up to \$500. Deadline is August 31.

More information is at AIMSNorthAfrica.org

Congratulations!

AIMS announces a new institutional member, the Atlas Cultural Foundation.

ACF brings together diverse non-profits that are conducting multi-disciplinary work in the region. Cloe Erickson gave a paper at the AIMS conference on Public Health. She is a wonderful resource for anyone interested in conducting work in the region. AIMS anticipates future collaborations.

Students effect change in a remote region of Morocco's Atlas Mountains

By: Cloe Medina Erickson, President, Atlas Cultural Foundation

Every spring and summer, in a remote corner of Morocco's Atlas Mountains a small group of American university students affect change in the lives of locals, and perhaps more importantly themselves.

"Our new awareness of their culture will indirectly impact the community when we bring what we have learned and perhaps change other preconceptions. Our career paths have changed, maybe to help this or similar communities in the future," reflected Heidi Rogers a 2010 and 2011 program participant and student of architecture at Montana State University.

The students are participants in Morocco: Sustainable Community Development, an international service learning program that provides students in the fields of architecture, education, and health the opportunity to participate in ongoing project planning, implementation, and management in the rural communities of the Zawiya Ahansal region in the Central High Atlas Mountains of Morocco. The program is accredited through Montana State University (MSU) and is partnered with the Atlas Cultural Foundation (ACF), a non-profit organization with the mission of helping underserved Moroccans, especially women and children, improve their quality of life through locally determined development projects. ACF's work focuses on three initiatives: cultural preservation, community education and literacy, and rural health.

For the past three years the program has catered to architecture students interested in a non-traditional career path. Students' work has benefited ACF's Igherm Restoration Project, which is restoring historic fortified granaries and saint's houses in this remote valley, through the compilation of drawings and photographs of these buildings. These drawings are then used to create restoration plans and budgets that ACF submits to the Moroccan Ministry of Culture for funding.

"By assisting the Atlas Cultural Foundation (ACF), we furthered their work. In addition to doing drawings I felt like we were diplomats for ACF, increasing awareness of projects and our culture," said Rogers, who is now a member of ACF's advisory board.

The foundation of the program is a real world experience of living, working, and learning in a rural Moroccan village. Students engage in meaningful, community-identified work; are immersed in an intercultural living environment in which they engage in cross-cultural dialogue; observe, study, and participate in the host culture; work with faculty and professional mentors; and generally engage in a variety of formal and informal intercultural exchanges. These experiences are then reflected upon in direct and indirect methods with peers, leaders, or cultural informants.

"This program gives students a firsthand opportunity to focus on how their ability to solve multi-faceted abstract issues can change an isolated region," said Bill Rea, licensed architect and Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Architecture at MSU.

The program offers a five-week international experience for graduate and undergraduate students to travel to rural Morocco accompanied by Montana State University faculty and live and work in a small community. The student work directly benefits the Igherm Restoration Project, the Community Education and Literacy Program, and the Community Health and Midwife Training Program. Students will work on the restoration of traditional buildings, assist with community development projects, conduct needs assessments of the local communities, interact with local and regional governmental and community officials, and complete their own special projects, in addition to living and learning with the local community.

"The reward of seeing this work succeed in a small community gives students the confidence to apply themselves to problems beyond buildings or their specific field of study," said Rea.

Rea has been the program's main faculty member since its inception and has been instrumental in providing students with a unique perspective on their future career as architects.

"The most general view of architecture is one of producing buildings," said Rea. "But the reality is that architecture has to consider so much more; abstract issues of space, light and human interaction to name a few but more importantly society and improving the human condition."

In 2012 the program is expanding to include students from the fields of health and education. This expansion is a direct result of past years' successes, acceptance from and collaboration with the local community, and exceptionally high quality of work from the students.

"I think this international service learning program is unique due to the immersive experience with community development programs and strategic partnerships. Not only is this program engaged in the best practices of educational and health development, but the students are also exposed to strategic partnerships at multiple levels, from the grass-

roots community associations to the national level with the Ministries of Education and Health,” said Dr. Genevieve Chabot, the program’s health and education faculty.

In 2012, health and education students will have the opportunity to work with ACF and their education partner the Iqra Fund to help develop and implement programming across multiple social and health sectors including the Community Health and Midwife Training Program and Community Education and Literacy Program. In addition to serving as program faculty, Chabot is the founder of the Iqra Fund.

“Students are able to participate in the practitioner-based programming with the Iqra Fund and ACF while also experiencing immersive and theoretical and applied best practices to community development through strategic partnerships.”

Measuring program effectiveness is difficult and takes time, especially in a program that is working on goals and projects that take years to come to fruition. Each year the students build on the previous years’ student work and the curriculum is adjusted to best fill the current needs of ACF and its partners. However, the program has seen return students each year, which speaks highly of the profound learning experience and intimate relationship the students are developing with locals.

“The whole experience truly changed my life,” said Jaron



ancient inghrem before and after renovation

Mickolio, a 2009 and 2010 participant. “In fact it was so moving, interesting, and addicting that I had to do it a second time. It planted a seed, and has changed the way I look at everything.”

For more information about applying to the program or offering the opportunity to your students please send an email to medina@atlas-cultural-foundation.org or visit www.atlas-cultural-foundation.org/study-abroad/.

-Cloe Erickson

Introducing the Atlas Cultural Foundation

The mission of the Atlas Cultural Foundation (ACF) is to help underserved Moroccans, especially women and children, improve their quality of life through locally determined development projects.

ACF, a non-profit organization, works in Morocco’s remote Atlas Mountains and is solely focused on development in the region of Zawiya Ahansal. Working with a holistic, integrated approach to development ACF understands that community needs cannot be solved in isolation because they are all interrelated. ACF facilitates successful projects by focusing on the needs of the entire region and matching experienced partners, local, international or governmental, with community needs. Start-up resources, training and knowledge are provided for long-term, sustainable impact.

ACF’s work focuses on three main initiatives: Cultural Preservation, Health, and Education. ACF’s current projects include the Igherm Restoration Project, the Community Health and Midwife Training Program, and the Community Education and Literacy Program.

With strong partnerships, communities are served at a grass-roots level while ACF and local associations maintain a high level of accountability to government agencies, community partners, and development organizations like ACF’s education partner the Iqra Fund (www.iqrafund.org). The Iqra Fund whose mission is to provide underserved women and children opportunities to improve their quality of life through education, partnered with ACF to develop community education and health initiatives for Zawiya Ahansal. Through these partnerships, ACF, Iqra Fund, local associations, and government agencies are able to provide innovative strategies to develop, implement, and monitor programs in a geographically, culturally, and socially isolated region.

ACF along with its president and founder, Cloe Medina Erickson, has been supporting development projects in the Zawiya Ahansal region since 2006. ACF has an official partnership with the Moroccan Ministry of Culture and is currently finalizing formal agreements with the Moroccan Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. It is the first organization to bring government partnerships to local development work in the region. All of ACF’s work is in partnership with the local Moroccan association Amezray SMNID.

www.atlas-cultural-foundation.org



Tangier American Legation Institute for Moroccan Studies

Director's Report

Is it Intermodality or Intermediality? The TALIM Theme of the Quarter.

The “inter” terms above are familiar with those in the logistics world (intermodal transport, where cargoes transfer from ship to truck to train, etc.) and that of theater (where intermediality refers to the interconnectedness of different forms of communication). At TALIM, with its range of heretofore-discrete activities – museum, research center, Arabic literacy and Arabic CLS – the challenge is to make the activities as inter-related as possible.

Partly, this is to make the most of our limited resources, both human and financial. If people can be intermodal, or multifunctional, then their professional lives will be enriched, and the absence of one can be covered by a colleague.

We are far from the intermodal ideal, but to the extent that we can interconnect our programs, we're the richer for it. In a way, that's been the TALIM theme.

TALIM's Two Arabic programs

For years, TALIM's Arabic literacy program for the women of the medina has been quietly churning out newly-literate graduates whose employability – not to speak of their enjoyment of life – is greatly enhanced by the skills that come along with literacy. Though life skills (cooking, sewing, etc.) and foreign language classes are also offered, the basis of the program is literacy in Arabic, starting from ground zero, progressing through up to four years. Many of our women don't want to leave us, so we're accommodating them through “post-graduate” continued learning.

With her years of teaching Arabic literacy, Fatima Benguerch is an asset that TALIM has made available, for the past two summers, to our other Arabic-teaching vocation, the CLS Tangier intensive Arabic program. She is one of the highest-praised speaking partners, and much appreciated by the academic staff. And

she's made a flawless transition from teaching women to whom the written word is a mystery, to American students perfecting their Arabic.

This past summer, the links between TALIM's Arabic literacy program and CLS were reinforced, when groups of CLS students interacted with the women, both in Arabic classroom lessons and in cooking class. This kind of mixing is enriching for both groups, who otherwise would not have had the chance to meet each other. We see great potential for this in ensuing years.

Research Library: a Mine for the Museum

The Legation Museum once gave its nomenclature (it was the “M” and the “S” in TALMS, as in “Tangier Legation Museum Society”) to this institution, with the library and its attendant research sometimes taking a back seat, as if they were two totally separate functions. The epiphany has been to realize just how much they can benefit from each other.

Whether it's “surfing” leather-bound issues of the Tangier Gazette from 1887, or mining JSTOR for historical references to life in Tangier or to the American Legation over its long history, there is a wealth of archival information at TALIM.

Some of this goes onto TALIMblog in the form of posts, to be used later on as the basis for new exhibits in the museum. And the process is circular: blog posts have spurred not only comments from people who lived in Tangier decades ago, but have also resulted in donations of valuable materials for the research library and for museum exhibits.

And this synthesis of library and museum and blog can also spur remote research. An Oxford scholar is using

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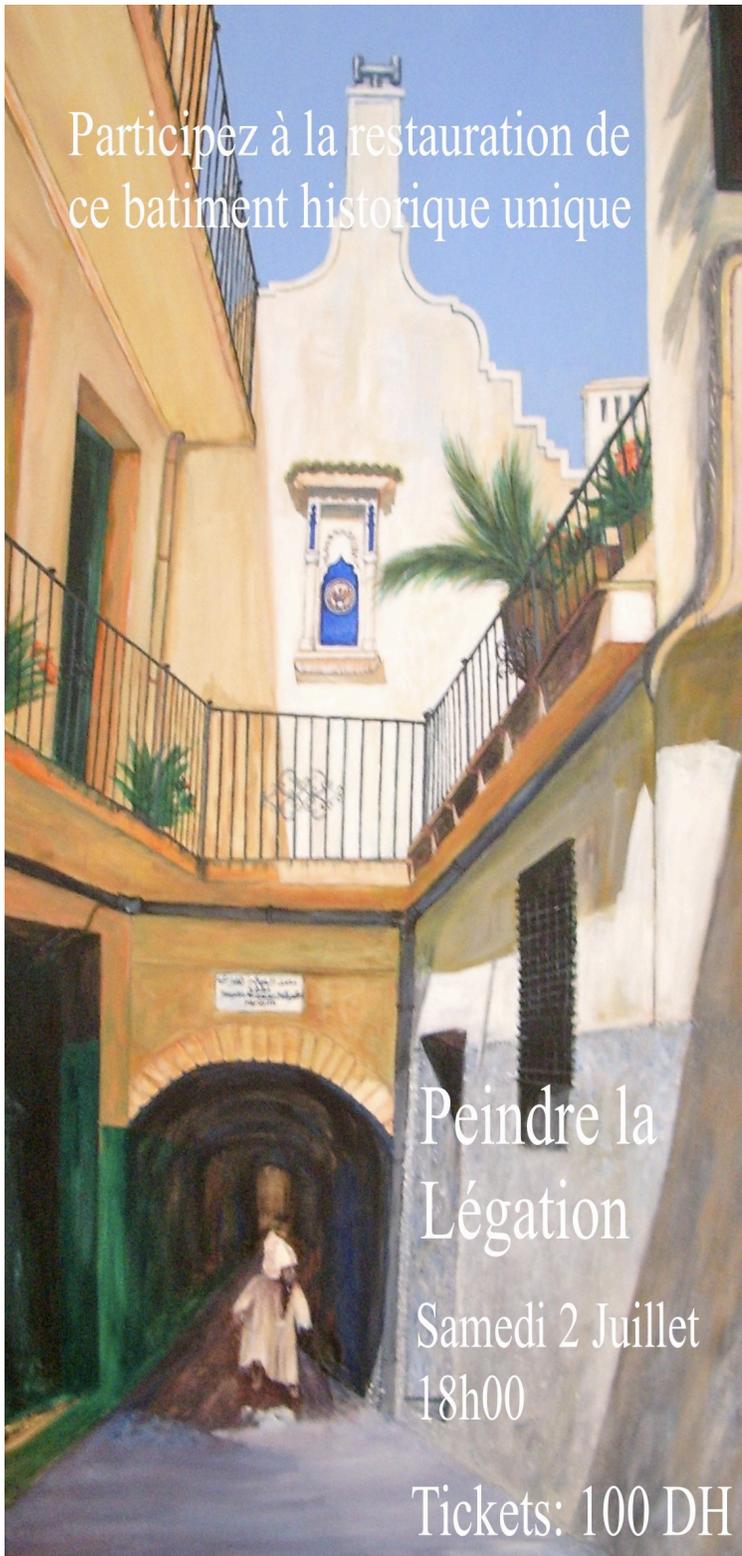
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illustrations of a Tangier US Consul for his dissertation, and the University of Virginia has hired a graduate assistant to mine its holdings of the papers of the American diplomat in charge of the Legation during World War II. He was responsible for saving 1,200 Hungarian Jews thanks to his intervention with the Spanish Protectorate authorities.

Fundraising and Renovation: It's All Part of Outreach

The above are all related. But first let's talk about outreach.

Let's see. TALIM has been the subject of mention in July's *Vogue* – ("Richard Alleman's Destination of the Month"); the Spanish brochure of ferry provider FRS; Moroccan TV news for our traditional Ramadan Arab-Andalusian concert; a poem entitled "TALIM" in the *Magazine littéraire du Maroc* (!); and a boxed interview with TALIM director Loftus in the 2011 Morocco Lonely Planet guide.

Of course, we reach out all the time through TALIM-blog, and the power of social networking is clear when we're able to glean otherwise unavailable information through informed comment from readers.

So how are fundraising and renovation related to outreach? Well, it's a bit like "Paint it, and they will come." Renovations to TALIM's 19th century courtyard entrance, paid for in part by our successful "Paint the Legation" art show and fundraiser in July, present a refreshed face to visitors.

More visitors – eventually, we plan, more paying visitors – will mean not only more income, but also more exposure for TALIM's other activities. Already, a socially responsible US tour company has added TALIM to its Spain-Tangier circuit, and among the biggest draws is the chance to interact with the women taking literacy and other classes.

Apart from our fundraiser, TALIM hosted two film-related events in cooperation with the American Embassy's Cultural office. A reception for the director of "The Dressmakers," a documentary on the intersection of the Moroccan textile and fashion business by Shara Lange, an AIMS Grantee, and a showing of "Freedom Riders," on the US civil rights movement, in the presence of the award-winning film maker.

Gerald Loftus, October 10, 2011



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CEMAT Quarterly Activities Report (July 1, 2011-September 30, 2011)

Executive Summary

CEMAT was closed during the month of August, which coincided with Ramadan this year, and re-opened on September 5th, 2011. Previous Director Thomas DeGeorges departed Tunis on August 1st and Incoming Director Laryssa Chomiak assumed responsibilities on August 1st, following a six-week transition period. During the last three months, CEMAT has been renovated and new embassy funding has been secured to prepare for a heavy flow of visitors and scholars in the pre-election period (Constituent Assembly elections are scheduled for October 23rd, 2011). The relationship between the U.S. Embassy and CEMAT is continuously strengthening and the CEMAT Director has been invited to attend weekly staff meetings at the Public Affairs Office for increased collaboration with the embassy and other partners in Tunis. CEMAT will host its first U.S. scholar lecture on October 18th on founding elections with Dr. Jason Brownlee (University of Texas at Austin) and Dr. Asma Noura (University of Tunis), discussed by Dr. Melani Cammett (Brown University). Finally, CEMAT has hired a short-term intern (a Ph.D. candidate in political science from the University of Tunis) to follow major political developments, including political parties, political leaders and major associations. A contact list will be made available for CEMAT scholars and AIMS members who are traveling to Tunis.

Visitor's Report

During this quarter, CEMAT received 68 visits (46 were researchers). Breakdown of researchers by nationality: Tunisia (19), Algeria (1), Morocco (2), Mauritania (1) USA (19), UK (4). The number of visitors decreased during this quarter because CEMAT was closed in the month of August and the academic year in Tunisia began in late September.

CEMAT Activities by Month

JULY 2011

In July, CEMAT officially switched to Tunisian summer office hours (8:30am-2:30pm). Assistant Director Ri-

adh Saadaoui and Accountant Sameh Saadaoui primarily worked with the Critical Language Scholarship program in Sidi Bou Said. Director Thomas DeGeorges and Incoming Director Laryssa Chomiak spent the majority of July at CEMAT working on the Director's Transition. This includes the drafting of a Director's Handbook for future transitions, which will be completed by the end of 2011.

Embassy Funding

Incoming Director Laryssa Chomiak submitted a funding application to the Public Affairs Office (PAO) at the U.S. embassy for a 5-part political science lecture series, organized thematically along the Tunisian political transitions. The goal of the lecture series is to bring regional experts to Tunis and partner them with Tunisian scholars to foster a discussion on Tunisia in a comparative context. Some of the topics discussed will be Founding Elections, Inclusion of Islamist Political Parties in the Political Process, Workers and Resistance, as well as Democratic Consolidation. The embassy approved \$25,000 for the series of lectures and the first lecture will be held on October 18th, with Dr. Jason Brownlee, expert on elections and transitions from authoritarian rule.

Director Thomas DeGeorges and Incoming Director Laryssa Chomiak continued logistical preparations for the 2010-2011 American Studies Grantees, including visa preparations, U.S. university affiliations, and housing.

Conferences/Meetings

Director Thomas DeGeorges and Incoming Director Laryssa Chomiak attended a 2-day closed conference organized by the Tunisian affiliate of the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, attended by major Tunisian political figures including Nejib Chebbi (PDP) and Rachid Ghannouchi (an-Nahda) as well as international experts. CEMAT hosted a dinner with Mark Lynch (Director of Middle East Studies Program and Professor of Political Science at GW) and Juan Cole (Professor of History, University of Michigan). Both Professors Lynch and Cole offered to help with CEMAT outreach in the U.S. via their respective blogs as well as Mark Lynch's contacts in the USG.

AUGUST 2011

During the month of August (this year Ramadan), CEMAT was closed. CEMAT renovations continued and the painting of the building (inside and outside) was completed. After the completion of the summer CLS program on July 29, 2011 Associate Director Riadh Saadaoui removed all CEMAT furniture from the rented space in Sidi Bou Said and moved new desks and other office furniture to CEMAT. Director Laryssa Chomiak traveled to Mongolia to attend the CAORC Director's meeting.

SEPTEMBER 2011

CEMAT renovations have been nearly completed. We purchased new couches, additional furniture, plants, rugs, a welcome table for the entrance, curtains, and began re-

modeling the two bathrooms. In addition, CEMAT staff selected photos of the Jasmine Revolution from our own collection for wall space in the conference room as well as the Director's office.

Visitors/Meetings

CEMAT Director Laryssa Chomiak and Associate Director Riadh Saadaoui met with a number of potential new partners who are currently writing funding applications for MEPI-sponsored programs. We identified areas of partnership and also stressed our expertise in higher education and scholarly exchanges over direct democracy-implementation (i.e. election monitoring).

CEMAT hosted a lunch with Dr. Mark LeVine (UC Irvine and Lund University), Professor Nebiha Jerad (University of Tunis), CEMAT scholar Annette Mullaney (Stanford University) and two Tunisian bloggers. As a result, we will plan a spring round-table on language, symbols and music of the revolution.

CEMAT also hosted a lunch with AIMS board member Michael Willis and CEMAT scholar Laura Thompson, discussing political developments, especially political Islam.

On September 8, 2011, CEMAT hosted a scholar's meeting and CEMAT orientation for Professor Mounir Khalifa's SIT students.

The CEMAT Director and Associate Director were invited by the Public Affairs Office to attend a consultancy meeting with a Peace Corps Assessment Team, a priority area for U.S. Ambassador Gordon Grey. The meeting was followed by a reception at the Ambassador's Residence, which was attended by a number of Tunisian scholars and CEMAT's primary contact at the Ministry of Higher Education. *Update: We are pleased to be able to report that the Peace Corps will be returning to Tunisia!*

Library/Digital Libraries for International Research

The DLIR project has so far been quite successful in Tunisia, despite slowing down after the January 14th Jasmine Revolution. To date, we have catalogued, scanned and uploaded Beit El Bennani's collection of photographs from the Bourguiba-era photographer, Mohamed Bouchoucha. CEMAT has also worked on cataloguing the collection of the White Fathers at IBLA (which was unfortunately partially destroyed by a fire in 2010). Just prior to the revolution, we also established contacts with Faycal Cherif at Manuba University, whose brother possesses a collection of archives related to the town of Enfidha dating from the French protectorate. Despite our interest in cataloguing this collection we encountered the problem of identifying who legally owns archives. Former Director Tom DeGeorges and Associate Director Riadh Saadaoui consulted a lawyer who confirmed that archives generally belong to the Tunisian state, and we would need to get official approval from the Tunisian government to make archival materials available on-line. Our future priorities will thus

focus on identifying privately owned, vulnerably collections (for instance, family collections) that need to be preserved electronically. Over the next year we will research the location of such small and vulnerable collections and contact the legal owners to begin working on preserving their archival materials electronically. Two possibilities include the family-owned private manuscript collections Dar Achour and Naifar Biblioteque in Tunis.

Conceil Scientifique/Research Council

At the advice of our Tunisian colleagues and former Director Jim Miller, Director Laryssa Chomiak and Assistant Director Riadh Saadoui drafted a list of academic disciplines and suggested representatives. The disciplines are Economics/Business, Political Science/Law, Anthropology/Sociology, History/Archeology, Literature, Art/Art History, Medicine/Public Health, Religion/Cultural Studies. The council will meet twice a year for a closed discussion on most crucial scholarly trends in Tunisia, followed by a dinner. The research council's priority is to keep CEMAT abreast of major scholarly developments and trends, while also making regular recommendations for multi-disciplinary scholarly events in Tunisia

-Laryssa Chomiak, Oct 2011

ANNOUNCING H-Maghrif

New Member of H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences Online

H-Maghrif is a moderated e-mail list devoted to the academic study of North Africa, the region that today comprises Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Mauritania, and the Sahara. H-Maghrif welcomes queries, calls, and announcements about all historical periods and thematic issues related to the Maghrif and its diverse populations. H-Maghrif aims to create an international network of interested scholars and organizations through which to share current research and teaching interests and promote cooperation in North African studies.

H-Maghrif is currently co-edited by Emily Benichou Gottreich, University of California, Berkeley; and Aomar Boum, University of Arizona

More information can be found at:
<http://www.h-net.org/~maghrif>

CEMA Report

Robert Parks, CEMA Director

CEMA is celebrating its fifth anniversary as an Overseas Research Center. The Spring Newsletter will be dedicated to highlighting what CEMA has accomplished. Sincere thanks to Dr. Robert Parks, Associate Director Karim Ouaras, and the CEMA staff for all the amazing work they do in Algeria.

CEMA Lectures / La Conférence d'Oran, 01 July – 30 September 2011

- 12 July 2011. "Humanista: Cultures in Communication"
Art Exposition by Ms. Atika Benanteur, Architecture Student, USTO
- 15 September 2011. "The Foggara Enigma: Commerce, Credit, and Agriculture in the Pre-Colonial Touat"
Dr. Judith Scheele, Anthropologist, All Souls' College, University of Oxford
The Saharan Lecture, co-organized by CEMA and CRASC

Ministry of Culture Conference, "Uprisings in the Arab World, Revolts or Revolution?" 28 Sept-2 Oct. 2011
As part of Algeria's annual international book fair, the Ministry of Culture organized a five-day conference on the 'Arab Spring,' titled "Uprisings in the Arab World, Revolts or Revolution?" Conference organizers Dr. Chafik Mesbah and former AIMS board member Prof. Yahia Zoubir invited five AIMS members to participate: Prof. William Quandt, Prof. Stephen Zunes, Prof. John P. Entelis, Prof. Robert Mortimer, and Dr. Helena Cobban. They also invited CEMA Director Robert Parks and CEMAT Director Laryssa Chomiak to talk to participants about AIMS and the activities of their respective centers.

Octobre 61 à 50 ans, The Paris Massacre: Then and Now
On October 27th, Dr. Olivier Harrison and Prof. Laurie Brand from the University of Southern California organized a conference commemorating the 17th of October 1960 Paris Massacre. The conference was jointly held in the United States and in Algeria, at the CRASC. Algerian participants include former leader of the 7th Wilaya and Minister of Human Rights Ali Haroun, Dr. Hassan Remaoun, Prof. Ouarda Siari-

Tengour, and Dr. Amar Mohand-Amer. Logistically, organizing a teleconference between Oran and San Diego was challenging, but very successful. The conference began at 9h00 in San Diego, which was 17h00 in Oran. The Algerian participants attended a CEMA "working-teleconference-dinner" after participating in a roundtable discussion with California based colleagues. CEMA looks forward to more tele-communicated inter-active conferences in the future.

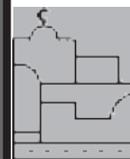
Enduring CEMA-US Embassy Relations: New English Language Program

CEMA has good and enduring relations with the US Embassy through the Public and Cultural Affairs Office. Former PAO Lawrence Randolph and CAO Marrisona Scott were a great team. New PAO Tashawna Bethea is continuing that tradition. She toured CEMA on September 8th, 2011, and asked how the Public and Cultural Affairs Office could help strengthen our activities. Part of the discussion focused on the importance of English language training – CEMA has received hundreds of requests, in the past five years, for language courses. CEMA is happy to announce that the US Embassy has agreed to fund a program to teach local scholars how to read English language texts in



Prof. Si Mohammed Lakhdar Barks, CEMA Director Robert Parks, US Embassy PAO Tashawna Bethea at CEMA.

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the social sciences. The pilot program will offer three groups of twelve scholars (two for the social sciences, one for the humanities) 36 hours of English language instruction and will be taught by Dr. Si Mohammed Lakhdar Barka, Professor of Comparative Literature at the University of Oran.

US Embassy Chargé d'Affaires Elizabeth Aubin invited the participating AIMS scholars to dinner at the Algiers Sofitel along with Embassy Political and Economic Affairs Officer David Henry, Public Affairs Officer Tashawna Bethea, and Cultural Affairs Officer Marissa Scott. CEMA thanks the Embassy of the United States for its gracious invitation, fine food, and wonderful discussion.

CEMA Visitors, 01 July to 30 September 2011

366 scholars visited CEMA between July 1 and September 30, 2011, close to a hundred more than the same quarter last year. In total, CEMA received 6,149 visits between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011. CEMA registered 3,511 visits in 2009-2010.

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. John Entelis (Fordham University), 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), Mrs. Priscilla H. Roberts, Dr. Michael Suleiman (Kansas State University), Dr. Paul Wehr (University of Colorado), and Dr. I. William Zartman (Johns Hopkins University).

In 2007, Prof. William Quandt donated a significant book and archives collection to CEMA. Part of that collection included the Verbal Proceedings of the 1962-1963 Algerian Constituent Assembly. The documents are very rare and CEMA is extremely pleased to be preserving these materials

To make a donation, and to receive information on how to make reduced rate shipments, please write to contactcema-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 and AIMS thank past, current, and future donors for their valuable contributions.

Researchers Associated with CEMA 01 July – 30 September 2011

- Mr. Luc Chauvin, Political Science, Institut d'Études Politiques - Lyon *French / Swiss Citizen*
"Rap Music, Languages and Identities in Algeria"
- Dr. Laryssa Chomiak, Political Scientist, CEMAT Director
- Dr. Helena Cobban, Writer-Analyst *US/ British Citizen*
- Ms. Muriam Davis, History, New York University
American / British Citizen, AIMS Grantee
"Development and Decolonization: European Integration and the Constantine Plan in Algeria, 1958-1962"
- Ms. Virginia DiGaetano, Political Science, Université de Paris I *American Citizen*
"Parallel Trajectories: Economic and Social Relations Between Algeria and France"
- Dr. Neil Doschi, French Literature, University of Pittsburgh
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"Memories of Liberation: Popular Theater and Independent Algeria"
- Prof. Allison Drew, History, University of Durham
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"Muslim Leftist Nationalist Movements in Colonial Algeria, 1920-1962"
- Prof. John P. Entelis, Political Science, Fordham University
- Ms. Corisande Fenwick, Archaeology, Stanford University
British Citizen
"Landscapes of Power: Fashioning State and Subject in Late Antique and Medieval North Africa, 500-800"
- Ms. Fanny Gillet, Art History, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales *French Citizen*
"The Arts Plastiques in Post-Colonial Algeria: the Origins of Modernity"
- Dr. Alexandra Gueydan, French Literature *US/ French*
"Kaleidoscopic Visions of Algeria(s): Writing at Home and Abroad"
- Prof. Robert Mortimer, Political Scientist, Haverford College *American Citizen*
- Prof. William Quandt, Political Scientist, University of Virginia *American Citizen*
- Dr. Judith Scheele, Anthropology, All Souls' College, University of Oxford *German Citizen*
"The Foggara Enigma: Commerce, Credit, and Agriculture in the Pre-Colonial Touat"
- Dr. Leo Zelig, History, University of London *British Citizen*
"Frantz Fanon and the Algerian Revolution"
- Prof. Yahia Zoubir, Political Scientist, Euromed Business School *American / Algerian Citizen*
- Prof. Stephan Zunes, Political Scientist, University of San Francisco *American Citizen*

Some Former Directors Share Their Thoughts about CEMAT at 25...



25 YEARS OF THE CENTER FOR MAGHREBI STUDIES IN TUNIS

I had the pleasure of directing CEMAT between 2006 and 2009, and again for part of 2010. It was a great job, dealing with new and interesting people each day. Looking back, though, I now realize that these were easy times. After I left, my successor Tom DeGeorges had to deal with the storm of Tunisia's democracy movement. CEMAT's neighborhood was chaos and the office was robbed twice before things calmed down. It is to be hoped that Laryssa Chomiak and her successors will have smoother times.

What can we learn from CEMAT's first 25 years? Here are a few thoughts:

- CEMAT began with the creation of AIMS. At a MESA Meeting in the early 1980s Bill Zartman brought a group of us together to draft the AIMS constitution. CEMAT was AIMS' first center. We owe a lot to Bill and to other early leaders, such as Carl Brown and Georges Sabagh.
- To date, CEMAT has had ten directors. The most important was Jeanne Mrad, who served for over 15 years and essentially invented CEMAT. Second only to Jeanne is Riadh Saadaoui, who has been Acting Director twice and Assistant Director for over ten years, providing CEMAT with invaluable experience and continuity.
- We are fortunate to have a helpful AIMS Secretariat at the University of Arizona, ably run by Kerry Adams

and Terry Ryan, so that AIMS, CAORC, MESA and the three AIMS Centers work together as an effective team.

- CEMAT continues to perform important services for Maghreb scholarship—providing contacts with Tunisian scholars, a congenial meeting place, a library, lectures, seminars, conferences, grants, language training, and other services as well. I wish that CEMAT had been there when I did my own doctoral research in the late 1970s.
- CEMAT is not just for Americans. We also serve scholars from the Maghreb, Europe, Asia, Africa and elsewhere. We should be of service to all of these constituencies, especially to Tunisians. Hopefully we will soon be able to restore AIMS' program of grants to Maghribis, currently suspended because of budget cuts.
- The main role of CEMAT, of which we should never lose sight, is to facilitate scholarship about the Maghrib. A key tool for this is the CEMAT library, whose unique collection, especially of theses, needs to be constantly supplemented and updated.
- The new openness of the Tunisian government makes this a propitious time to bring back the Mixed Commission, a CEMAT advisory board that has been defunct for many years
- We have an excellent relationship with the U.S. Embassy, which supports some of our projects. We should continue to work with the Embassy while at the same time maintaining our independence as a scholarly institution.
- The creation in 1981 of CAORC, an umbrella association of over 20 American Overseas Area Centers, was a real advance. Before CAORC, CEMAT had once lost its funding and nearly had to close down. CAORC brought continuity of federal funding and an articulate voice for area scholarship that had not existed before.
- Unfortunately, today AIMS and CEMAT are again in danger. This is a time of federal deficits and deep budget cuts. More than ever, AIMS needs articulate leadership, an activist membership, and a vigorous and creative search for new sources of funding.

These are heady times for Tunisia and for CEMAT. As I write, Tunisia's first free and meaningful elec-

tion is about to take place in ten days. Through this historic event and beyond, CEMAT will no doubt continue to play a key role in advancing scholarship of Tunisia and of the larger Maghreb.

-Larry Michalak

CEMAT after September 11th...

There are two conditions that shaped my short tenure as Director of CEMAT (2001-2002). First, I stepped into the position right after the retirement of Jeanne Mrad, who had directed the Center from 1986 to 2001, building CEMAT into the institution that it remains today. I was impressed to see what she had done with such a modest center: the relations she had forged, the programs and partnerships she had made. It was inspiring. The other fact is that I arrived in Tunis from my residence in New York City during the last week of September 2001, exactly two weeks after 9/11/2001. I was curious to see what effect such an event was going to have in Tunisia and in the region. But what I found was a muted, almost silent city. In fact, the entire country was in a muted state, generally speaking. Getting research clearance was difficult, and for some topics impossible. Certain topics, certain regions, and political research was limited or produced in an environment of censorship and restriction of practice and thought.

This is the main difference, obviously, from where CEMAT is today. Today it is re-located, not geographically (the CEMAT is still in the same modest location) but has changed in terms of a new mood, a new vibrant discursive and political environment of post-revolution and democratic transition. It is now located in a virtually new country in terms of what people (researchers, journalists, students, civil society activists, university professors, etc) can say, do, look into and write. CEMAT is now in the middle of a transformed and transforming North African city where certainly a lot of history is still to be made. Research will expand with this new openness and facility of access to regions and subjects of inquiry that were previously taboo and off limits.

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I think CEMAT has a wonderful opportunity to offer new tracks of research for scholars from the United States and around the world who are interested in the fascinating developments in Tunisia and the Maghreb. CEMAT has a special role to play and occupies a special place in my life.

-Andrea Khalil

Thank You Riadh

When I think of Riadh Saadaoui, I think of someone brave and true. I think of Riadh as a Tunisian brave and true, and I think of Riadh as someone who holds down a fort and does whatever he can to keep the fort well run, efficient, and growing. He has known the fort for 11 years and has, himself, developed a sense of what the fort needs and how to keep it going. The fort is CEMAT, Riadh is its master, and he knows the way to keep it safe and sound, salim wa 'amin.

When I came to Tunis as Director of CEMAT in 2003, Riadh was my guide. He was my compass and my true north. When we went to lunch together, walked the streets of Tunis together, I was always astounded how many people he knew. Helloing and greeting are part of life in Tunis, but I decided that Riadh must know one in one hundred Tunisians. Maybe he does. When we first went together to the Foreign Ministry, I confessed how inadequate I felt in Arabic. Riadh careened the car into a neighborhood across the street and said, "We don't need somebody perfect in Arabic, we need you." When we went together to visit the University in Gabès, when we went to the souk there for the dried fish powder Riadh's father, Abdelaziz, likes so much, I suddenly had intense waves of pain in my lower back, and could barely move. Riadh got me back to the hotel and then convinced me to go to the pharmacy, where, he said, "Tunisian miracles take place." Minutes later and a shot behind the counter, I was better.

In fact, my life is better because of Riadh Saadaoui. Not only does his name always pop up in Word when I hit "r" and then "i" and then "a," he also reminds me that he is my brother and I am his, too. Riadh for me is the personification of Tunisia, a member of a generation or really, two, younger than I knew in Tunis as a student in the 1960s; now a generation in charge of its own destiny, and in charge of a country re-born.

Riadh comes from a family that mirrors today's Tunisia and its great leap forward in our own time. Riadh's origins are in Ferriana, a tough town that had its own affair with Ben Ali, not to speak of Bourguiba. Riadh's revolution began a long time ago. Somehow all the anger and frustration that is Ferriana got projected into family, school, work – all deep sources of Tunisian values from which Riadh has drawn his life.

CEMAT, AIMS, and CAORC are incredibly rich in the human resources that help run their affairs. I hesitate to say it, but I think it's true: no one among all the people we know in the lives of these organizations has touched us all like Riadh, and for that, we can all be truly thankful.

Thank you, Riadh.

-Jim Miller

AIMS Annual Conference 2011: Public health & health policy in the Maghrib Exploring current issues & emerging priorities

From June 17-June 20, 2011, Dr. Angel M. Foster coordinated the annual AIMS conference in Tunis, bringing together international public health specialists to discuss priorities in health policy and service delivery across North Africa.

The multi-disciplinary conference achieved its two principle aims: (1) it served as a forum for presenting new and original research dedicated to public health and health policy in the Maghrib, (2) it provided an opportunity for scholars, researchers, clinicians, and policy-makers working to advance public health in the Maghrib and build a network allowing for future collaboration on public health challenges, successes, research needs and policy priorities. The conference included more than fifty oral and poster presentations and central topics included sexual and reproductive health, HIV, chronic conditions and diseases, and violence.

A G E N D A

Reception at the Centre d'Études Maghrébines à Tunis (CEMAT)

Photo exhibition on the Tunisian revolution and its aftermath

(note: some photos will also be available at the AIMS at MESA Reception Dec 1 at the Lebanese Taverna Restaurant 6:30-8:30)

Key note address: Hamza Essadem, MD *La médecine en Tunisie*

Panel I: Learning from the past, understanding the present

Jennifer Johnson Onyedum, PhD (United States)

The battle for hearts and bodies: French and Algerian health care policies

during the war for national liberation, 1954-1962

Noureddine Harrouche, PhD (Algeria)

عقاولاو تاناناملانيب ريزاجلا يف في حصل قسايسلا

Ellen Amster, PhD (United States)

Poison, jinn, and the sleeping child: Muslim women's traditional medicine, the law, and public health in French Protectorate Morocco, 1912-1935

Mounaim-Halim El Jalil, PhD (Morocco)

Le 1er jumelage institutionnel : Un projet et une aventure humaine

Richard Parks, JD (United States)

Divide et impera: Public health and urban reform in Tunis during the apogee of the French Protectorate (1881-1940)

Abdelmajid Ben Hamida, MD (Tunisia)

La transition sanitaire en Tunisie (1966 - 2006)

Chair/discussant: Hamza Essadem, MD (Tunisia)

Panel II: Discourses on public health & health policy

Mohamed Mebtoul, PhD, MD (Algeria)

Les enjeux de la prévention sanitaire en Algérie

Aissa Merah (Algeria)

Médiatisation des questions de santé en Algérie : D'un problème public à une politique publique de santé

Donna Lee Bowen, PhD (United States)

Decentralization and health care reform in the Maghrib states: Political pulls and pushes

Nicole Zaleski (United States)

Global viralscapes and HIV/AIDS discourses in Morocco

Chair/discussant: Mohammed Abid, DESS (Morocco)

Panel III: Addressing disparities & meeting the needs of specific populations

Fatima Zohra Benaoum (Algeria)

Les sens attribués au « traitement » médical par les personnes âgées atteintes de

maladies chroniques en Algérie

Sarah Benzineb, MD (Tunisia)

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women: A survey of 1150 women

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