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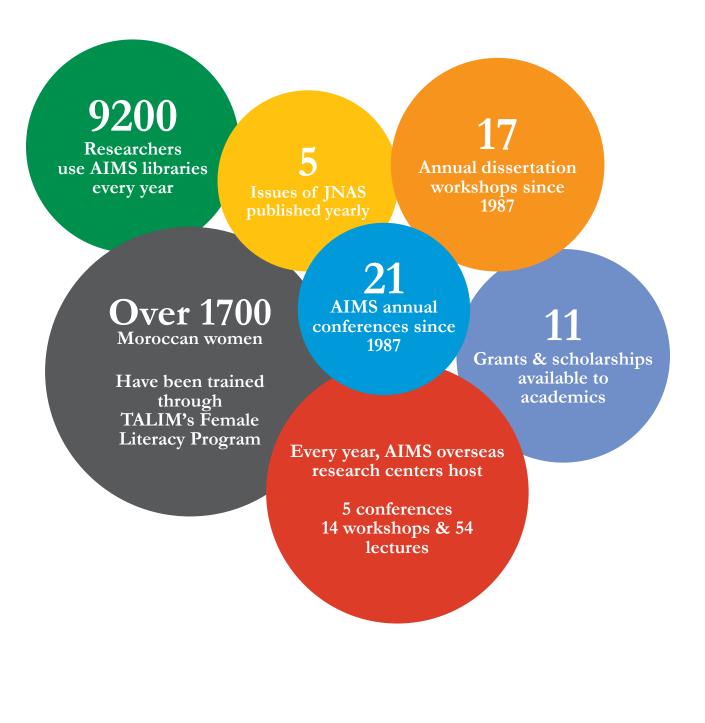
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AIMS PROGRAMS & HISTORY

The American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS) was founded in 1984 to promote the systematic study of North Africa among interested scholars, specialists, students, and other professionals concerned with the region. AIMS publishes the Journal of North African Studies (Taylor & Francis Group), sponsors annual academic conferences in North Africa, provides funding support for scholars to undertake research in the region, maintains overseas research centers in Tunis & Sidi Bou Said (CEMAT), Oran & Algiers (CEMA) and Tangier (TALIM), organizes a yearly dissertation-writing workshop for students in the United States, and provides other professional resources and opportunities to its members. Since 2011, AIMS's mis-sion has expanded to strengthen scholarship in North Africa and work with Maghribi civil society.

AIMS is a member of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), which is housed at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC. Founded in 1981, CAORC is a private not-forprofit federation of 27 independent overseas research centers that promote advanced research, particularly in the humanities and social sciences, with a focus on the conservation and recording of cultural heritage and the understanding and interpretation of modern societies. AIMS is the only CAORC affiliate that administers three overseas centers, covering an entire region.



AIMS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

2017 AIMS Conference *Making Space in the Maghrib* Djerba, Tunisia

July 8-9, 2017

The 30th Annual AIMS Conference was successfully organized in Djerba, Tunisia. Conference organizers Elizabeth Bishop, Jacob Mundy and Brock Cutler designed an interdisciplinary workshop that invited participants to engage with notions of space in research projects spanning from municipal politics, natural resources and labor to gender. Because of the intellectual direction of the workshop, the conference was moved to the island of Djerba in southern Tunisia, representing the first time an AIMS Conference in Tunisia has taken place outside the capital. The time in Djerba allowed for a productive, stimulating, and constructive discussion among participants and observers. In addition to the traditional presentation and discussion format, a documentary screening was including, which focused on water and environment in Southern Morocco by Chouette Films and was followed by a discussion with the filmmaker. Our colleagues from the Tunis Office of Harvard University's Center for Middle East Studies in Tunisia, CEMATaffiliated scholars working in Djerba, the ORC Directors from TALIM and CEMA, as well as the acting CAORC Executive Director Rick Spees joined us during the many sessions and discussions. The conference was made possible by colleagues at AIMS in North Africa and the US, our Board of Directors, and CAORC.



AIMS GRANTS



Long- & Short-Term Grants for U.S. Citizens

Long- and short-term grants for primary research conducted in the Maghrib are available to American graduate students enrolled in M.A. or Ph.D. programs, independent scholars, and faculty. Short-Term Research Grants support projects from one to three months for a maximum of \$6,000. Long-Term Research Grants fund projects beyond three months and award a maximum of \$15,000.

2016-2017 Short-Term Grantees

Abadeer, Caroline, Rethinking Urban Informality: Political and Social Life in Casablanca Slums PhD Candidate, Stanford University

Admiral, Rosemary, Intimate Knowledge: Women's Worlds of Learning in the Premodern Islamic West PhD Candidate, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Barouti, Tina, Moroccan Modernism: A History of L'Institut National des Beaux-Arts Tétouan PhD Candidate, Boston University

Bedward, Moyagaye, Histories of Absence: Former Slave Communities in the Moroccan National Liberation Movement PhD Candidate, Rutgers – New Brunswick

Boudraa, Nabil, Algeria on Screen: The Films of Merzak Allouache Associate Professor, Oregon State University

Graham, Franklin C., [We share the same tent but live in different houses] Architectural resilience in Mauritania Lecturer, Santa Clara University

Halliwell, John Clifford, A History of Debt in Pre-Modern Morocco PhD Candidate, Columbia University

Kigar, Samuel B., Islamic Land: Political Theologies of Territory in Modern Morocco, 1930-1990 PhD Candidate, Duke University Lotito, Nicholas, *Military Responses to Popular Uprisings: Tunisia in Comparative Perspective* PhD Candidate, Columbia University

Norton, Rosa, Enduring Exile: Belonging, Space and Practice in the Aftermath of Expulsion PhD Candidate, University of California, Berkeley

Rominger, Christopher, Imagined Places and Fragmented Spaces: Tunisian Migration and Experiencing Difference during WWI PhD Candidate, City University of New York, Graduate Center

Sayeed, Asma, Mapping Muslim Education: Texts and Textual Practices of Islamic Higher Education Associate Professor, University of California, Los Angeles

Schine, Rachel, *Tunisian Jewry and the Printing Press: Viewing the* Sīra Sha'biyya *Texts Through their Judeo-Arabic Legacy* PhD Candidate, University of Chicago

Schumann, Matthew, Mapping the Tamgrūt Manuscripts: Knowledge Transmission at the Nā**ş**iriyya Zāwiya (11th–12th / 17th–18th Centuries) PhD Candidate, Princeton University

AIMS GRANTS



2016-2017 Long-Term Grantees

Berman, Chantal, Bread, Freedom: Protest and Social Policy in Tunisia and Morocco PhD Candidate, Princeton University

Castonquay, Andrea Lee, *Keeping the Faith: Maliki* fuqahā', the Almoravid Dynasty and the Sunnization of North Africa c. 1000-1150CE PhD Candidate, University of Notre Dame

2017-2018 Short-Term Grantees

Alexandra Blackman, Religious Endowments and Property Rights in Tunisia PhD Candidate, Stanford University

Jose Ciro Martinez, *The Politics of Bread: Food and Welfare in Contemporary Morocco* PhD Candidate, University of Cambridge

2017-2018 Long-Term Grantees

Max Ajl, The Politics of Price Setting: Farmers, Industrialists, the State, and Market-Making in Modern Tunisia PhD Candidate, Cornell University

Audi G. Bajalia, *Waiting at the Border: Language, Labor, and Infrastructure in Northern Morocco* PhD Candidate, Columbia University

Stephanie Love, Living among the martyrs: Semiotics, post-colonial narratives, and public commemoration of the war dead in contemporary Algeria PhD Candidate, City University of New York, Graduate Center

Caitlyn Olson, Islamic Philosophy in the Maghrib: The Case of Muhammad b. Yusuf al-Sanuse (d. 1490) PhD Candidate, Harvard University

Nadia Sariahmed, Battles of Algiers: Popular Islamic Politics during and after the Anticolonial Struggle PhD Candidate, Columbia University

Paraska Tolan-Szkilnik, Poetics of Panafrican Power: Creating Cultural Panafricanism in the Maghreb PhD Candidate, University of Pennsylvania



Lectures at CEMA

AIMS PRIZES

Mark Tessler

Graduate Student Paper Prize

The Mark Tessler Graduate Student Paper Prize is awarded to a graduate student who has present an outstanding research paper on the Maghrib. The recipient is chosen from the AIMS Graduate Student Awards Ceremony of the Annual Meeting of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA). The award is named in honor of Professor Mark Tessler in recognition of his long-standing commitment to the study of the Maghrib and his sustained efforts to prepare graduate students for work in the region.

2016 Tessler Prize Winner

Hemza Boudersa, Higher College for Teacher Training, Algeria Frantz Fanon's Revolutionary Intellectualism; Fanonism' and its Relevance to the Algerian/African Post-Colonial Intellectual Discourse

2017 Tessler Prize Winner

Jocelyn Frelier, University of Michigan Surrogacy: Temporary Familial Bonds and the Bondage of Origins in Laroni's Une année chez les Français





AIMS PRIZES

The L. Carl Brown AIMS Book Prize in North African Studies

The L. Carl Brown AIMS Book Prize in North African Studies was established in 2013 in honor of the innovative intellectual achievements in the area of North African studies of L. Carl Brown, Garrett Professor in Foreign Affairs and Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. The Prize is an annual award in recognition of outstanding books in the field of North African studies.

2016 L. Carl Brown Book Prize Winner

The Last Civilized Place: Sijilmasa and Its Saharan Destiny Ronald A. Messier and James A. Miller (U. Texas Press)

Drawing on archaeological discoveries and historical accounts, this book tells the lively story of Morocco's legendary golden city and its pivotal role in medieval

transcontinental trade, the spread of Islam, and the rise of several ruling dynasties.

2016 Honorable Mention

Black Morocco: A History of Slavery, Race, and Islam (Cambridge U. Press) Chouki El Hamel

The book chronicles the experiences, identity and achievements of enslaved black people in Morocco from the sixteenth century to the beginning of the twentieth century.

2017 L. Carl Brown Book Prize Winner

The Lost Paradise: Andalusi Music in Urban North Africa (U. Chicago Press) Jonathan Glasser

Glasser explores the close connection between the paradox of patrimony and the questions of embodiment, genealogy, secrecy, and social class that have long been central to Andalusi musical practice







Filming in Tangier



AIMS TRAVEL AWARDS

AIMS at MESA: The Jeanne Jeffers Mrad Graduate Student Travel Award

The Jeanne Jeffers Mrad Graduate Student Travel Award is offered to graduate students working on North Africa whose papers have been accepted for presentation at MESA. The travel grant ranges from \$300 to \$500, for domestic travel to the conference. Graduate students from all nationalities and disciplines may apply, provided that they are members of AIMS at the time of their application. The Award is named in honor of Jeanne Jeffers Mrad in recognition of her long service to AIMS and her encouragement and support of graduate students in her capacity as CEMAT Director from 1986 to 2001.



2016 Jeanne Jeffers Mrad Travel Awards

Max Ajl, Cornell University Technical Aid to Big Wheat: The Green Revolution in Tunisia

Isabella Alexander, Emory University Waiting to Burn: Spanish-Maghribi Relations and the Management of Contemporary Economic Migrations

Daniel E. Coslett, University of Washington Antiquity: Afterlife in the Built Environments of Postcolonial Tunis

Rebecca Gruskin, Stanford University Phosphates: Local Dissidence and Global Agriculture in Gafsa, Tunisia, 1890s-1970s Veronica Menaldi, University of Minnesota Prophesizing the Future Iberian/North African Relations: A Case Study of One Set of Understudied 16th Century Iberian pliegos Karem Said, Stanford University The Popular Politics of Sociality in Low-Income Internet Use in Tunis, Tunisia

Vish Sakthivel, University of Oxford The Algerian MSP: Islamist Relevance and Rethinking the Local

Sarah Weirich, University of Pittsburgh The Coercive Apparatus in Tunisia: Paradigms Lost?



2017 Jeanne Jeffers Mrad Travel Awards

Caroline Abadeer, Stanford University Local Governance and the Authoritarian Egyptian State: Forced Evictions in Cairo's Informal Settlements

Kevin Blankinship, University of Utah *Al-Ma'arrī's Menagerie in the Maghreb*

Giorgia Cantarale, University La Sapienza EU-Tunisia relations after the Arab Spring: Migration Policies, Asylum, and Human Rights Protection

Hicham Chami, Columbia University A Tale of Two Protectorates: Cultural Hegemony in Colonial Morocco and Its Impact on Indigenous Music

Kerry-Ann Cornwall, University of Guelph Transitional Constitutionalism: The Role of International NGOs in Tunisia's Constitution-Making Process

Anny Gaul, Georgetown University Mother Sauces and Civilizing Processes: Writing Cuisine in Egypt and Morocco

M. Tahir Kilavuz, University of Notre Dame Reconfiguring Authoritarianism: Post-Crisis Regime Consolidation in Algeria

Elizabeth Matsushita, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Echoes of the Maghreb: Modernity, Empire, and the Fez Congress of Moroccan Music

M. Tahir Kilavuz, University of Notre Dame Reconfiguring Authoritarianism: Post-Crisis Regime Consolidation in Algeria Elizabeth Matsushita, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Echoes of the Maghreb: Modernity, Empire, and the Fez Congress of Moroccan Music Hafsa Oubou, Northwestern University Moroccan-Belgian Shi'a Muslims in Brussels: Rethinking Religious Practices outside Traditionally Shi'a Center

Kamilia Rahmouni, University of Arizona Between French Assimilationism and Nationalist Communism: The Impact of WWII on Tunisian Jews, Ideological Orientations, 1939-1945

Brady P. Ryan, University of California, Los Angeles Revolution and the Abject in Intisāb Aswad

Daniel J. Williford, University of Michigan Infrastructures of Violence and Zones of Restraint in Colonial Urban Morocco

Maro Youssef, University of Texas at Austin Contesting Elite & State Feminism: A New Generation of Tunisian Feminists



AIMS TRAVEL AWARDS

AIMS at MESA: The I. William Zartman North Africa Travel Award

The I. William Zartman North Africa Travel Award is named in recognition of Professor I. William Zartman, the first President of AIMS and long-time CAORC Board member, for his lasting service to AIMS and his affection for scholars of the Maghrib. The \$1500 travel grant is awarded to scholars from Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Libya whose papers have been selected for presentation at the MESA conference

2017 Zartman Travel Awards

Yasmina Abouzzohour, University of Oxford Commander of the Faithless: Challenging the myth of monarchical religious legitimacy in Morocco

Lana Salman, University of California, Berkeley Expectation as a Mode of Statecraft: 'Municipal encounters' in Post-Revolution Tunisia



I. William Zartmar



ANNUAL DISSERTATION - WRITING WORKSHOP

17th AIMS Dissertation Workshop September 29-30, 2017

This year, Jessica Lambert (Boston University Department of Anthropology, AIMS Graduate Student Association President) organized the 17th AIMS Dissertation Workshop at Boston University on September 29th and 30th. The workshop was generously supported by AIMS and hosted by the Institute for the Study of Muslim Societies and Civilizations at Boston University. Several other departments and centers provided additional financial support for the workshop, including the Boston University Departments of Anthropology and Romance Studies as well as the African Studies Center. Along with Jessica, AIMS board members Allen Fromherz (Georgia State University, AIMS President), Camilo Gomez-Rivas (University of California Santa-Cruz, chair of the AIMS Graduate Student Association Committee), and Diana Wylie (Boston University, AIMS Secretary), selected 8 highly-qualified participants from a pool of almost 30 applicants. The participants came from Anthropology, Religion, Political Science, and History, with topics ranging from decolonization, infrastructure, and sovereignty in Algeria to language, race politics, and identity in present-day Morocco.

This year's keynote address was delivered by Angel Foster (University of Ottawa). On Friday afternoon, she spoke to the workshop participants and Boston University graduate students about emergency contraception in Tunisia. Professor Foster's talk was followed by almost an hour of lively discussion and questions that united the workshop participants' diverse fields of study. For Saturday's presentations, each participant was paired with a faculty discussant who generously volunteered their time and provided thoughtful responses to the participant's written work and presentation. The discussants included Diana Wylie (Boston University), Charles Lindholm (emeritus, Boston University), Odile Cazenave (Boston University), Cynthia Becker (Boston University), Wilfrid Rollman (Boston University), Hugh Roberts (Tufts), David Crawford (Fairfield University), and Ali Akhtar (Bates College).

The faculty discussants offered additional support and feedback during the open discussion portion of each panel, so participants received comments from experts with different regional experience and from a range of disciplines. The participants additionally read each other's papers prior to the workshop and their questions and comments throughout the weekend and during each panel discussion greatly enriched the overall quality of the workshop.

This workshop would not have been possible without the generous backing of AIMS. Board members Allen Fromherz, Diana Wylie, Camilo Gomez-Rivas, and Jonathan Wyrtzen gave helpful guidance at every stage of planning. Terry Ryan provided invaluable support in the organization of the workshop itself. Former AIMS Graduate Student Association Presidents Jessica Newman and David Stenner provided advice and feedback from previous workshops. Throughout the weekend, the faculty discussants enthusiastically took part in panel discussions and group dinners, and their formal comments and informal conversations deepened the connections between the graduate student participants and their future colleagues. Finally, the graduate student participants' thoughtful comments on each other's work, engagement with faculty discussants, and the camaraderie that developed throughout the weekend is a hallmark of this workshop and a key component of AIMS' role in establishing an interdisciplinary cohort of scholars working on North Africa.



2017 AIMS Dissertation Workshop Participants

Andrew Bellisari, Harvard University Switching Tracks: Infrastructure, Independence, and Interdependence Discussant: Hugh Roberts, Tufts University

Ibrahim Mansour, University of California, Santa Barbara Isqāt al-Tadbīr Discussant: Charles Lindholm, Boston University

Kristin Hickman, University of Chicago Race, Class, Hogra: Reimagining Darija as a Public Language Discussant: Cynthia Becker, Boston University

Stephanie Love, CUNY Graduate Center The Life of the Dead: Linguistic Infrastructure, Place Making, and the Signs of War in Post-Colonial Algeria Discussant: David Crawford, Fairfield University Rebecca Moody, Syracuse University Parsing Morocco's Dominant Narratives and Quotidian Norms Discussant: Odile Cazenave, Boston University Nate Grubman, Yale University Class and Party Formation in New Democracies: The Case of Tunisia Discussant: Ali Akhtar, Bates College

Tahir Kilavuz, Notre Dame University Once Allies, Always Allies: How Does Coalition Building Under Authoritariaism Shape Democratic Transitions in the MENA? Discussant: Wilfrid Rollman, Boston University

Caroline Abadeer, Stanford University Local Governance and the Authoritarian State: The Politics of Urban Planning in Morocco Discussant: Diana Wylie, Boston University Department of Information and Library Science



JOURNAL OF NORTH AFRICAN STUDIES



The Journal of North African Studies (JNAS) is a forum for scholars of and from the region. Its contents cover both country-based and regional themes, which range from historical topics to sociological, anthropological, economic, literary, diplomatic, and political studies as well as current affairs. JNAS views North Africa is an important and coherent region of the Mediterranean basin that is linked to West Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, and Europe.

Headed by Co-Editors-in-Chief George Joffé (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London), Phillip Naylor (Marquette University), and Gregory White (Smith College), JNAS is an exceptional peer-reviewed publication for faculty of all ranks, independent scholars, and graduate and undergraduate students. Besides its complement of articles and book reviews (available online), during the past two years JNAS featured 'special issues': "The Aesthetics and Politics of Contemporary Cultural Production in Morocco' (January 2016); 'Maghrebi Artistic and Literary Expressions in the 21st Century' (March 2016); and 'special sections': 'Medias in Morocco' (June 2017); and 'Loss, Displacement and Exile in Algerian Cinema' (December 2017). Five issues were published annually. Beginning in 2019 (volume 24), six issues will appear, illustrating JNAS's growing popular appeal.

JNAS solicits article submissions and book reviews. Its staff especially invites AIMS members' participation. Regarding special section/issue proposals, guest editors are responsible for preparation (including peer review) and publication of their collection in consultation with the editors-in-chief.

Published by Routledge of the Taylor & amp; Francis Group, JNAS uses the ScholarOne digital platform for submissions. Refer to JNAS's homepage: <u>https://www.tandfonline.com/loi/fnas20</u>.

To view volumes 21 (2016) and 22 (2017) see: https://www.tandfonline.com/loi/fnas20?open=23 &year=2018&repitition=0#vol_23_2018

In order to expedite publication, article submissions must follow 'Instructions for authors' on the JNAS homepage: <u>https://www.tandfonline.com/action/</u> <u>authorSubmission?show=instructions&journ</u> <u>alCode=fnas20</u> The editorial staff thanks all AIMS members who have contributed to JNAS. We look forward to your continued support of *your* journal.

BUILDING SCHOLARLY BRIDGES

AIMS works to bring together Maghribi and American scholars of North Africa through several programs, thus encouraging interaction and exchange among a wide range of scholars.



The Sahara Lectures (CEMA)

Since 2011, seven U.S, experts on the Sahara and Sahel region have traveled to Algeria to lecture and exchange ideas on the cultural, economic, and social exchanges and ties linking North Africa, the Sahara, and the Sahel region. Co-organized with the Algerian National Center for Research on Social and Cultural Anthropology (CRASC), 'The Saharan Lectures' builds on the AIMS-West African Research Association Saharan Crossroads Initiative. Lectures in 2016 and 2017 included: "Historical Linguistics in the Sahara," "Political Reform and Social Change in the Sahel," "French Medersas from Tlemcen in Timbuktu," "The Abolition of Slavery in Algeria, 1816-1871," "Beyond Timbuktu: An Intellectual History of Islam in West Africa," "The Saharan Diaspora at the End of Antiquity," and "Linguistic Contact in the Sahara: The Case of Hausa and Tuareg."

Visiting Scholars Lecture Series (CEMA)

Since its opening, CEMA has fostered intellectual collaboration via its regular Visiting Scholars lecture series, allowing American and international scholars in the field an opportunity to present their ongoing research, and to gain valuable feedback from their Algerian peers. Noteworthy lectures in 2016 and 2017 included: "The Vitality of Comics in Algeria," "Arabic Influences in Mexican Literature," "Volubulis: Between Romans, Awraba, and Idris I," "The UDMA Party: A Contribution of the History of Algerian Nationalism," and "Operation Torch: North Africa and the Allied Path to Victory.

Political Transition Lecture Series (CEMAT)

Since 2011, CEMAT has invited international experts on the study of democracy and democratic transitions and Middle Eastern politics to travel to Tunisia and lecture, in conjunction with Tunisian scholars, at universities, scholarly institutes civil society organizations as well as think tanks about the various stages of Tunisia's democratic transition. Topics included: the significance of founding elections after breakdown of authoritarian rule, the role of political Islam in democracy, Tunisia and regional relations with its North African neighbors, Democratic Consolidation, Constitution Drafting in the Arab World, and Pacted Transitions and Democratic Consolidation. Each invited lecturer spoke at CEMAT with a Tunisian professor, at a university or institute in Tunis, and at a university outside of Tunis (Jendouba, Sfax, Kairouan), gave media interviews while some met with the U.S. Ambassador. In 2016, and by invitation of AIMS President Professor John P. Entelis, CEMAT hosted democracy expert Professor Adam Przeworski from New York University at CEMAT, who delivered a talk on Elections as a Mechanism of Conflict Resolution.

Thursday Tunis Talks (CEMAT)

CEMAT's Thursday Tunis Talks (TTTs), an Anglophone lecture-series that has been organized on a regular basis since 2012. TTTs provide a variety of multi-disciplinary lectures by AIMS grantees, scholars in the field, CEMAT Scientific Council members and CEMAT scholars catering to the growing Anglophone community in Tunis. Talks include research presentations, book signings, largescale lectures and lively discussions on current topics concerning Tunisia and the Maghrib.

Lecture Series at TALIM

TALIM invites US scholars doing research in Morocco to Tangier to design presentations on themes of their own choosing. For scholars who cannot trav-el to Tangier, they are invited to contribute short articles on their research to the TALIM Director's Blog. TALIM partners with Tangier-based or visiting institutions to host talks or co-sponsor seminars. Examples of 2014 partners include Tangier University and its King Fahd Translation School, the Associa-tion Mimouna, the Seville-based Council of International Education Ex-changes (CIEE), the Moroccan America Studies Association, the Transatlan-tic Council of the German Marshall Fund, and the organizers of the annual Tangier Book Fair and the "Performing Tangier" Conference. In parallel, TALIM offers tailored lectures to our neighbors in the Medina, the women who are current students or graduates of our literacy program. TALIM organ-izes talks on themes of interest to their daily lives, such as women's health, the environment, and women's legal rights under Morocco's new Moudawana family code.

Languages and Societies in the Maghreb (CEMA)

Launched in 2013, CEMA's Languages and Societies in the Maghrib lecture series is organized by CEMA Associate Director Dr. Karim Ouaras, a sociolinguist himself. The series highlights the latest and most exciting contemporary research on language in the Maghrib. These lec-tures in sociolinguistic, discourse analysis, semiotics, and anthropological linguistics underscore North African linguistic complexity. Noteworthy lectures in 2016 and 2017 included: "The Politics of Multilingualism in Algeria," "Words and Sociological Change in Algeria," and "The Semiot-ics of Contemporary Algerian Poetry."

AIMS Sponsored Panels at MESA

Each year, the AIMS Board meets in conjunction with the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting. The 2013 meeting took place in New Orleans, Louisiana in October. Throughout the MESA meeting, AIMS sponsored a film and three panels. Additionally, there were 8 presentations by recipients of travel awards and 42 AIMS Member Papers, representing the stellar contributions of AIMS members to the field of Middle Eastern Studies.

A Scientific Council Lecture Series: Spaces and Territories in the Maghreb (CEMA)

This multidisciplinary lecture series underscores the role of place, space, and territoriality in the Maghrib, underscoring movements of culture and ideas across space and time. Noteworthy lectures in 2016 and 2017 included: "Spatial and Nominal Categorization in the Algiers Casbah," "Hypotheses on the Invention of a Territory," "Cities and Social Movements in Morocco," "Transnational Commerce and Urban Space in Algeria," and "The State of the Maghrib Union."

Witnesses to the Algerian War of Independence (CEMA)

In early 2015, CEMA partnered with the Algerian National Center for Research in Social and Cultural Anthropology (CRASC) to create a venue from which participants in the Algerian War of Independence could present their experiences, including key events that pushed them to join the national independence struggle, activities during the revolution, and their professional trajectories immediately following independence. In 2016, Ramdane Asselah, founding member of the nationalist underground group, the Organisation Secrete presented "The Memoires of an O.S. Militant."



STRENGTHENING MAGHRIBI SCHOLARSHIP: SKILL-BUILDING & EXCHANGES

One of AIMS' primary objectives is to encourage and strengthen Maghribi scholarship at all levels. Through workshops, training sessions and scholarships, and via student exchange programs, AIMS bolsters the quality and extent of scholarship taking place in North Africa.

The Thomas Jefferson Scholarship Program

The Thomas Jefferson Scholarship Program's Undergraduate Program (UGRAD) and Tunisia Community College Program (TCCSP) gives talented Tunisian students the opportunity to study in the United States for one academic year or to receive technical training at an American community college for a year. Through these studies, which include volunteer service and presentations to American students about Tunisian culture, Tunisian students build strong inter-cultural connections with their American peers and receive valuable academic and technical skills, which promote innovation and economic development in their home country. CEMAT, through a sub-grant with the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), supported this important scholarship program with assistance in recruitment and selection of candidates, and is proud to have aided in the selection of 103 finalists from a pool of approximately 865 candidates for the 2014-2015 academic year.

The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Social Science Training Workshop for North African Scholars

Since 2012, the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation has partnered with CEMAT and CEMA to organize social science skill-building seminars and reading workshops for North African scholars working. Led by senior scholars, the seminars have focused on research project development, and honing methodological tools. In 2016, North African students from Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia participated in a two-part workshop, organized by Professors Benjamin Brower (University of Texas at Austin) and Todd Shepard (the Johns Hopkins University), to finalize project proposals for the HFG's Young African Scholars Program.

CEMAT Grants for Graduate Research in U.S.: The Jeanne Jeffers Mrad Memorial Fund

In 2011, the American-Tunisian Association (ATA), a non-profit association based in Washington, D.C., established a special fund to honor Jeanne Jeffers Mrad, the founding director of CEMAT. The fund facilitates travel for Tunisian scholars to the United States for short-term research and conference attendance. CEMAT facilitates the application process and awards are selected on a competitive basis by the ATA Board. Since 2011, ATA has awarded seven grants.



University of Pennsylvania/The Lauder Institute Intensive Arabic Language and Cultural Corporate Program

CEMAT offers various models of intensive Arabic Language Study in Tunisia, building on 8 years of experience in curriculum development, intensive linguistic, cultural, and scholarly emersion. CEMAT has developed an immersion Modern Standard Arabic Language Curriculum along with an intensive cultural and corporate program specifically geared towards the scholarly needs and interests of Wharton Lauder students. The five-week intensive immersion program offered 32 Arabic contact hours, while at the same time practicing Arabic during meetings with members of the members of parliament, emerging business leaders and social entrepreneurs, Tunisian academics and civil society representatives. The program fosters a scholarly environment that expands knowledge about Tunisia and offers cultural and corporate visits where the students have the chance to meet and interact with Tunisian intellectuals. Lauder students explore diverse themes through specialized content courses with the guidance of distinguished Arabic teachers. The program's themes cover the history and internal transformations of political Islam; the post-revolutionary evolution of Tunisian unions; the state of the Tunisian economy; human rights in Tunisia; youth politics and activism. Also, the students experience the Tunisian family culture through host families located in Sidi Bou Said.



AIMS' WORK IN CIVIL SOCIETY

AIMS Director's Symposium (CEMA)

While the bulk of CEMA's activities are co-organized with institutions from the Algerian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, it too works with civil society, and has partnered with a number of local associations dedicated to the memory of the city of Oran. Such was the case with the 2017 AIMS Director's Symposium, Historical Preservation in North Africa, which CEMA organized with the Association Santé Sidi el Houari and the Association Bel Horizon. The symposium brought together sixteen American, Algerian, Moroccan, and Tunisian historical preservation activists and academics to discuss the various pathways, models, constraints and opportunities to historical preservation in the Maghrib.

Medina Women's Arabic Literacy Program (TALIM)

With support from a US Embassy Public Affairs Office grant—whose funds are used in part to support TALIM's literacy instructor and outreach coordinator, and to foster various outreach efforts, especially to youth and under-served communities—50 women from neighborhoods inside the Tangier medina are enrolled in the Legations Medina Womenss Arabic Literacy Program. Private Moroccan donations completely support our STEM English scholarship program for medina public high school students, in partnership with the Tangier American Language Center. 50 students are currently enrolled, with 15 «third generation» scholars having started in September 2018.

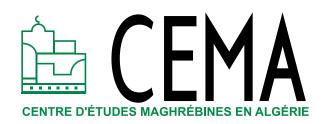






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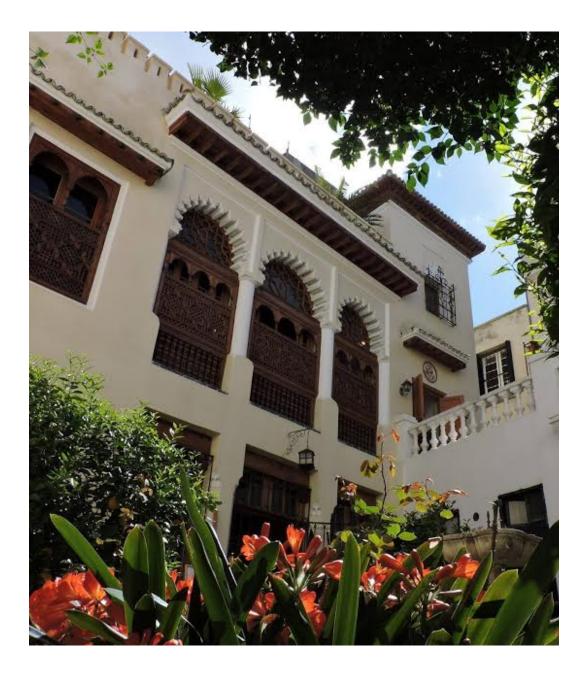
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Checking/Savings	220,081 \$	238,948 \$
Accounts receivable & prepaids	85,602	45,284
Investments	670,289	606,927
Fixed assets	55,803	28,169
Library holdings	208,034	208,034
	Liabilities & equity	
Liabilities	152,450	64,198
Unrestricted Net assets	1,096,026	1,359,142
Net income	8,667	295,978
Total equity	1,087,359	1,063,164
	Income	
Revenue from non-gov't grants	43,463	33,261
Revenue from gov't grants	339,591	376,162
Membership dues	13,205	46,444
Revenue from invesments	63,396	58,683
Revenue from other sources	3,207	30,042
	Expenses by grant	
CAORC	220,081	238,948
AORC	85,602	45,284
MEPI	670,289	606,927
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AIMS	208,034	208,034
IREX	2,474	23,357
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MMPV		26,575
Other		11,410

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Expenses by category			
Grants/Awards given	104,770	172,462	
Salaries & Related	196,555	425,970	
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Aadvertising & Promotion		3,082	
Office Expenses	25,933	33,518	
Information Technology	7,362	7,832	
Rental Expenses	13,083	14,396	
Travel	50,170	72,544	
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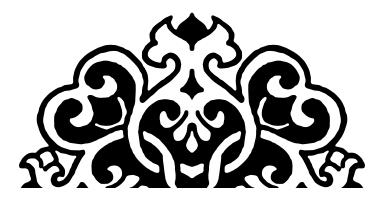
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2016	Mediterranean Crossroads: Spanish-Maghribi in Past in Present	David Stenner and Fadma Aït Mous	May 14-15	Tangier, Morocco
2015	Linking Public Opinion and Political Action	Ellen Lust and Mark Tessler	May 30-31	Tunis, Tunisia
2014	Saharan Crossroads: Views from the Desert Edge	Aomar Boum, Ghislaine Lydon, Sidi Mohamed Mohammedi, Robert P. Parks, Sidi Mohammed Trache and Jennifer Yanco	May 31-June 2	Oran, Algeria
2012	Berber Societies: New Approaches to Space, Time, and Social Process	Katherine Hoffman and Jane Goodman	June 29-July 2	Tunis, Tunisia
2011	Public Health and Health Policy in the Maghrib: Exploring Current Issues and Emerging Priorities	Angel Foster	June 17-20	Tunis, Tunisia
2010	Viewing the Scene: Global & Local in North Africa	James McDougall and Robert P. Parks	June 26-28	Oran, Algeria
2009	Saharan Crossroads: Views from the North	Cynthia Becker and Jennifer Yanco	June 6-8	Tangier, Morocco
2008	Cinema and the Maghrib	Michael Toler and Joelle Vitiello	May 23-26	Tunis, Tunisia
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2006	The Worlds of Ibn Khaldun	Ronald Messier	June 8-10	Tangier, Morocco
2005	The Growth of Cities in the Maghrib Over Time	James Miller	May 26-28	Tunis, Tunisia
2004	Rethinking Jewish Culture and Society Over Time	Emily Gottreich and Daniel Schroeter	June 22-25	Tangier, Morocco
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2002	Oral Maghribi Literature	Aida A. Bamia	May 17-20	Tunis, Tunisia

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2000	How to Prepare North Africans for the 21st Century	Donna Lee Bowen, Gary Garrison, and Jeanne Mrad	June 1-3	Tunis, Tunisia
1999	Sacred Music and Aesthetics in North Africa	Deborah Kapchan and Faouzi Skali	June 3-5	Fes, Morocco
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