

NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Professor Irene Gendzier has resigned from the Board of Directors of MESA. Her successor will be appointed by the Board in accordance with the Bylaws. Professor Gendzier's letter of resignation will appear in the May Bulletin.

VISITING SCHOLAR FROM THE MIDDLE EAST

The Middle East Studies Association has received a grant from the Ford Foundation to bring five visiting scholars each year to spend three to six weeks visiting Middle East centers and programs in the United States and Canada. Professor Mohamed Talbi of Tunis has accepted the invitation for the spring, his curriculum vita is below. Any inquiries concerning visits should be directed to the MESA Secretariat, New York University, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, Washington Square, New York, N.Y. 10003.

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Docteur-es-Lettres (History), Sorbonne, Paris 1968.
Professeur à la Faculte des Lettres, University of Tunis
Dean of Faculte des Lettres of the University of Tunis, 1966-1971.
Director of the Dept of History at the Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Economiques et Sociales (CERES), 1973-
Director of Cahiers de Tunisie, 1969.
President of L'Association Tunisienne des Historiens Universitaires, 1976-

Publications:

al-Mukhassas d'Ibn Sida, Etude et Index, Tunis, 1956.
K. al-Hawadith wa-l-bida de Turtushi, (ed.) critique, Tunis, 1959.
L'Emirat Aghlabide, histoire politique, 800-909, Paris, 1967.
Les biographies Aghlabides extraites des Madarik de Iyad, Tunis, 1968.
Ibn Khaldun et l'histoire, Tunis, 1973.
Histoire de la Tunisie, Le Moyen Age (joint author), Tunis, 1965.

Suggested Topics: Umayyad policy towards the Maghreb
The Emancipation of the Maghreb from Oriental Rule
The theological polemic of Ifriqiya in the 9th C.
Agriculture in Ifriqiya in the 9th C.

Professor Talbi will be visiting from March 14th to April 25. He will lecture in English.

The following new members have joined MESA since May 1976. In some cases, former student members have become Regular members or Fellows. Student members are urged to contact the MESA secretariat upon receiving their Ph.D., so that their membership category can be updated. Any member may have his membership category revised by filling out a new application form available from the MESA Secretariat.

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Alexandre Bennigsen, Ecole des Hautes etudes en Sciences Sociales, University of Chicago
Jacinto Bosch-Villa, History, University of Granada
Afaf Mahfouz El-Kosheri, Cultural Attache, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Washington, D.C.

Wallace M. Erwin, Arabic, Georgetown University
Hani Faris, Political Science, Kuwait University
Badi G. Foster, Public and Community Service, University of
Massachusetts
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Paul Jabber, Political Science, University of California at Los
Angeles
Cigdem Kagitcibasi, Social Psychology, Bogazici University
Baruch Kanael, Religion, Haverford College
Edwin David Lawson, Psychology, State University of New York at
Fredonia
Ali Mohammadi, Institute for Communication Studies, Tehran, Iran
Ishaq Yacoub Qutub, Sociology and Social Work, University of
Kuwait
André Raymond, History, Universite de Provence
Mohammed Rumaihi, Sociology Department, Kuwait University
Dan A. V. Segre, Political Science, Haifa University
Donald E. Sexton, Economics, Columbia University
David S. Thomas, History, Rhode Island College

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Lois Conchita Grant Beck, Anthropology, University of Utah
Carolyn D. Gifford, Women's Ministry Team, Northwestern University
Ronald D. Griffin, Rochester City School District
Ron Hadian, Politics, Santa Monica College
Leonard M. Helfgott, History, Western Washington State College
Stuart A. Hollis, Pascack Hills High School
Turgut Isiksal, Director of Conservation, The General Directorate
of Archives of the Prime Minister, Istanbul
Colin Ross Mackinnon, American Institute of Iranian Studies, Tehran
Ylana N. Miller, History, Rutgers University
Wilbert D. Tress, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Maryland
Nancy Kay Walton, State Documents Librarian, University of Maryland
Jerome B. Weiner, History, Old Dominion University
Dunning S. Wilson, Near East Bibliographer, University of California
at Los Angeles

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Planning, Kuwait
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John W. Lambert, Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of
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Judith Herschlag Muffs, Director of Research and Curriculum,
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith
Carol A. Oman, Assistant Treasurer, Chase Manhattan Bank
Hamilton A. Twitchell, Consultant, Stanford Research Institute,
Arlington, Virginia
John Frederick Williamson, International Officer, First National
Bank of Boston

Students

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Mozell Anderson, NELL, New York University
Umar Faruq Abdullah, NELC, University of Chicago
N. Salem Babikian, History, Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill
Johanna E. L. Barrett, Middle East studies, Mount Holyoke
Floria Behbin, Economics, McGill
Leon Benbaruk, Islamic Studies, McGill
Anne H. Betteridge, Anthropology, University of Chicago
Gary Alan Campbell, University of Minnesota
Nan A. Canter, Political Science, Columbia University
Sister Ann Coffey, History, Columbia University
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Yusuf Nuristani, Oriental studies, Arizona
Mary Ellen Page, Literature, University of Pennsylvania
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Edward S. Rosenbaum, Political Science, Columbia University
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