



President's Message

Greetings.

First of all, and following the elections that were held earlier this year—see below for details—I would like to welcome **Parvaneh Pourshariati, our new President-elect**; as well as the following **new members of the Board of Directors, Vahe Boyajian, Snjezana Buzov, Stephen Dale, and Sunil Sharma**. I also want to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Board members, Shahzad Bashir, Roya Fazaeli, and Mirjam Künkler, for their contributions.

I am happy to inform you that the ASPS Conference originally scheduled for Hyderabad last January has been rescheduled to take place at Mawlana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) in the historic city of Hyderabad, January 4-8, 2011. Our hosting team in Hyderabad, led by Prof. Salma Farooqui of MANUU, is hard at work preparing for the event in Hyderabad itself, while the members of our conference committee, consisting of Said Arjomand, Habib Borjian, Jo-Ann Gross, and Parvaneh Pourshariati, are busy finalizing the panels. I would also like to thank Houchang Chehabi and Pardis Minuchehr for their involvement in preparing the program.

Meanwhile, we have secured generous subventions from the Iran Heritage Foundation and the Roshan Center for Persian Studies at the University of Maryland, College Park, and are anticipating further funding from the Indian Cultural Council. Our fifth biennial conference promises to become an exciting event. You should plan to arrive on January 4th, when registration and an opening reception will take place in the evening. Panels will meet the following three days, January 5, 6, and 7. We hope to offer an optional excursion to nearby Golconda on January 8. ASPS will provide four nights of accommodation, food and excursions during the conference days.

Also, those who require an official letter of invitation in order to get funding from their home institutions, please ask me, and I will be happy to send one.

I would finally like to invite all of you to attend the ASPS business meeting at the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) conference in Washington D.C. on Dec. 1, 3-4 p.m. (see below for more details.)

With best wishes,

Rudi Mathee

President ASPS

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ASPS Conference

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE ASPS BIENNIAL CONVENTION 2012

The ASPS is pleased to announce that its fifth Biennial International Conference will be held from January 4th to the 8th, 2012 in the ancient city of Hyderabad, India. The Mawlana Azad National Urdu University will be functioning as our host in Hyderabad. We have an exciting conference planned and we look forward to seeing all colleagues who have confirmed their participation. At the moment we can still accommodate a *limited* number of additional participants. If you wish to join us in this important gathering of the scholars of the Persianate world, please forward your abstracts to the Program Committee, c/o of Parvaneh Pourshariati (pourshariati.1@osu.edu), **no later than October 20th.**

For the convenience of members attending the conference, Ranin Kazemi has kindly put together a list of sample flight itineraries from various cities including sample prices:

Itineraries of Flights to Hyderabad, India (HYD), Departure on 1/1/12 or 1/2/12 and Return on 1/9/12 or 1/10/12

<i>City</i>	<i>Approximate Cost</i>	<i>Airlines</i>	<i>Connection/s</i>	<i>Departure</i>	<i>Arrival</i>	<i>Duration</i>
NYC (JFK)	\$1384.00	Qatar Airways	Doha	Evening	Early Morning	17h 35m
Chicago (ORD)	\$1495.00	Air India	New Delhi	Afternoon	Early Evening	18h 00m
Los Angeles (LAX)	\$1554.00	Virgin Atlantic, Emirates	London, Dubai	Evening	Early Evening	33h 20m
London (LGW)	\$774.00	Emirates	Dubai	Morning	Early Morning	11h 35m
Paris (CDG)	\$892.00	Oman Air	Muscat	Early Afternoon	Morning	11h 20m
Berlin (TXL)	\$1045.00	Qatar Airways	Doha	Late Morning	Early Morning	11h 05m
Istanbul (IST)	\$796.00	Qatar Airways	Doha	Early Afternoon	Early Morning	10h 55m
Yerevan (EVN)	\$1724.00	Air France, Kingfisher Air	Paris, Bengaluru	Morning	Morning	43h 55m
Tehran (IKA)	\$638.00	Emirates, Kingfisher Air, Air India	Dubai, Mumbai	Morning	Morning	22h 00m
Kabul (KBL)	\$863.00	Air India, Kingfisher Air	New Delhi	Afternoon	Evening	7h 05m
Dushanbe (DYU)	\$1721.00	China Southern, Air India	Urumqi, Guangzhou, New Delhi	Early Morning	Morning	30h 45m
Islamabad (ISB)	\$1038.00	Qatar Airways	Doha	Early Morning	Early Morning	22h 45m
Karachi (KHI)	\$590.00	Emirates, Kingfisher Air	Doha, Bengaluru	Afternoon	Morning	16h 40m
New Delhi (DEL)	\$148.00	Kingfisher Air	N/A	Afternoon	Afternoon	2h 00m

A BRIEF PROFILE OF MANUU ASPS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE HOST INSTITUTION

The Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU) was established in 1998 as a Central University at Hyderabad. This special initiative taken by the Indian government was primarily meant to provide opportunities in higher education at a national level to Urdu learners and speakers. MANUU's vision to provide access to quality education through Urdu as the medium of instruction serves as a road map to fulfil its mission of empowering the socially, economically and linguistically disadvantaged sections of society. The university offers dual modes of education both through regular and distance streams. It has 6 Schools of Study divided into 14 teaching departments, 2 Directorates and 6 special Centres. The various programmes on offer through regular and distance mode range from Ph.D, M.Phil, Masters, Under Graduate, Diploma and Certificate level. Further, MANUU has established its Polytechnic Colleges and ITIs through which vocational education is imparted at headquarters and in certain regions. Colleges of Teacher Education, Model Schools and Regional Centres spread across India give the university a pan Indian character. There are several schemes run by the university that provide special coaching for competitive examinations. Despite striving to promote its aim of social justice by educating the Urdu speaking population in India which comprises a sizeable number and has its own special requirements, the University's vision for the Twenty-First Century is not just local, rooted in the regional communities but is global in its scope of networks of intellectual contact. The university is more an intellectual space, underpinned by cutting edge instructional technologies, values, ideas and academic pursuits along with a good well developed campus infrastructure.

Brief Profile of Host Committee

Prof. Mohd Suleman Siddiqi an eminent scholar of Islamic Studies has varied academic and administrative experience. He was not only the former Vice Chancellor of Osmania University but also has held additional charge of Vice Chancellor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad and was I/C Vice-Chancellor of the Telangana University, Nizamabad, and Mahatma Gandhi University, Nalgonda. He is also the founder registrar of the Maulana Azad National Urdu University. He is well traveled the world in connection with several paper presentations at national and international conferences and high level delegations.

Prof. Husain Yasin Siddiqui is presently Honorary Advisor to the Vice Chancellor of Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad. He served as the head of the Department of Social Work at Jamia Millia Islamia University in New Delhi, India. He was also a consultant to the United Nations International Drug Control Program, and the IPEC International Labor Office. He is considered an international expert on social welfare and social development in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. He has been a Fulbrighter and an eminent academic with a specialization on the Muslim perspective of social development and women's issues.

Prof. Amina Kishore a senior faculty of the Department of English at the Aligarh Muslim University has held the position of Principal at the prestigious Women's College of Aligarh Muslim University for several years. She later joined the Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad as Head of the Dept of English and also became the Dean of Languages, Literature and Indology from where she retired recently. An eminent academic as well as an endearing academic administrator she held several positions of eminence in both universities throughout her academic career.

Dr. Salma Farooqui is an Associate Professor of History at the Directorate of Distance Education, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad. Her resolve to look at the past afresh with a questioning mind has led to several research publications which include three books and several papers. Her presentation of papers at many national and international seminars and conferences include one at the University of Cambridge, U.K, UCSB and New York University's off-shore campus in Florence. She was also selected for the Study of the United States Institutes Program on Religious Pluralism hosted by the University of California, Santa Barbara, U.S.A.

Announcements

MEMBER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In September 2011, three panels were held on **“New Sources in Safavid Studies” at the 7th European Conference of Iranian Studies at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland.** These focused on adab & governance, orthodoxy & ethnicity, and socio-economic history. These panels will be supplemented by a second section of pre-organized panels in August 2012 during the 9th Biennial I.S.I.S. Conference in Istanbul, Turkey. These panels will focus on new sources for the study of advice literature (akhlaq) as well as aesthetics in the Safavid period.

Peter B. Golden's *Central Asia in World History* (Oxford-New York: Oxford University Press) appeared in 2011. He has also retired from the directorship of the Middle Eastern Studies Program at Rutgers University.

Borjian, Maryam & Borjian, Habib (2011). Plights of Persian in the Modernization Era. In Joshua Fishman and Ofelia Garcia (eds.), *Handbook of Language and Ethnic Identity: The Success-Failure Continuum in Language and Ethnic Identity Efforts (Volume 2)* (pp. 254-67). New York: Oxford University Press.

Borjian, Maryam (2011). The Rise and Fall of a Partnership: The British Council and the Islamic Republic of Iran (2001-2009). *Journal of Iranian Studies*, 44/4: 541-62.

Rudi Mathee, coedited, with Jorge Flores, *Portugal, the Persian Gulf and Safavid Persia* (Leuven: Peeters, in association with the Freer Gallery of Art and the Arthur Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Institution and Iran Heritage Foundation, 2011). His contributed the introduction as well as “Distant Allies: Diplomatic Relations between Portugal and Iran in the Reign of Shah Tahmasb 1524-1576,” to the volume.

Ron Sela, Associate Professor of Central Asian History at Indiana University, has published the book *The Legendary Biographies of Tamerlane: Islam and Heroic Apocrypha in Central Asia*, Cambridge University Press (in the series Cambridge Studies in Islamic Civilization), which appeared in April, 2011.

John Perry (University of Chicago, Emeritus) will be spending two months during January to March 2012 at Jawaharlal Institute of Advanced Studies, Delhi, as a Visiting Fellow. His research project involves tracing connections between Muslim and Zoroastrian lexicographers of Persian from the ninth century onward.

Since August 2010 **Parvaneh Pourshariati** has joined the Editorial Board of the Foundation for Iranian Studies' quarterly Persian Journal, *Iran Nameh*.

Her recent publications include, a monograph-length study on

“The *Akbbār al-Timāl* of Abū Ḥanīfa Dīnawarī: A *Shu‘ūbī* Treatise on Late Antique Iran,” which appeared in R. Gyselen (éd.),

Sources for the History of Sasanian and post-Sasanian Iran (collection *Res Orientales* XIX), Bures-sur-Yvette, 2010, p. 201-289. The work includes the translation of important sections of Dinawari's *opus*;

and

“The Parthians and the Production of the Canonical *Shāhnāmas*: Of Pahlavī, Pahlavānī and the Pahlav,” in Börm, Henning/Wiesehöfer, Josef (eds.): *Commutatio et Contentio. Studies in the Late Roman, Sasanian, and Early Islamic Near East in Memory of Ze’ev Rubin*, Düsseldorf 2010, pp. 347-392. A Persian translation of this article appeared as “*Shāhnāme* va Pārtiyān: Bāzkāvī-ye Pahlav, Pahlavī and Pahlavānī,” in *Irān Nāme*, vol. 26, tomes I & II, 1390.

Pourshariati was invited to present her work on “Iranian Jewry in Late Antiquity: Patterns of Settlement and Political Relationships,” at the University of Toronto on April 8th 2011, a paper titled, “The Parthians and the Production of the Canonical *Shāhnāme* (or Book of Kings),” at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, on May 16 2011, her work on “Iranian Jewry in Late Antiquity: New Vistas” in *Late Sasanian and Early Islamic Iraq*, at the University of Oxford on May 14, 2011 and, finally, “Introducing a Parthian Mithraic Literary Corpus,” in the conference on *The Representation of the Divine in Greek and Roman Religion* at the University of Athens in Greece on June 2011.

ASPS at MESA

ASPS will be holding its annual Board and Business meetings at Washington D.C. Marriott Wardman Park Hotel

Board meeting, Dec. 1, 2-3pm, Johnson (M)

Business meeting, Dec. 1, 3-4pm, Truman (M)

<http://www.mesa.arizona.edu/annual-meeting/meetings.html>

and

ASPS will be sponsoring three panels this year. The first two belong to a series of panels on Late Antique Iranian Studies initiated by **Parvaneh Pourshariati** in 2009:

Appropriating the Sasanian Legacy: From Central Asia to Iberia

Chair: Sarah Bown-Savant (Agha-Khan University)
Organizer: Ghazzal Dabiri (Columbia University)
Presenters:

Merce Viladrich (University of Barcelona), On the transfer of Late Antique Iranian taxation practices to the Iberian Peninsula through early Umayyad fiscal organization

Abolala Soudavar, (Independent Scholar), From India to the Nile: A lasting rhetorical slogan

Jennifer London (Tufts University), The Abbasid ‘Circle of Justice’: Re-reading Ibn al-Muqaffa’s *Risala fi’l-Sahaba*.

Istvan T. Kristo-Nagy (Exeter University), Iranian Revival after Post Conquest Trauma as Reflected in Ibn al-Muqaffa’s *Oeuvre*

Ghazzal Dabiri (Columbia University), Narrating Legitimacy and Equality in Late Antique Iran

The “Good Religions” of Late Antique Iran” “On the Ground”

Discussant: Chase Robinson (CUNY)

Organizer: Parvaneh Pourshariati (The Ohio State University)

Presenters:

Isabel Toral-Niehoff (Freie Universität Berlin), Late Antique Iran and the Arabs: The case of al-H’ra

Parvaneh Pourshariati (The Ohio State University), *Iranian Jewry in Late Antiquity: New Vistas*

Richard Payne (Mount Holyoke College), *A Christian Critique of the Yasna: Conflicting Conceptions of Religion in Late Antique Iran*

Patricia Crone (Institute for Advanced Study), *The Religious Beliefs of Iranian Mountaineers*

Rebellion and Resistance in the Nineteenth-Century Middle East: Subalterns, Outlaws, and Radicals

Organizer: Ranin Kazemi (Yale University)

Presenters:

Waleed Ziad (Yale University), "The Disturbance at Bareilly": Shared Religious Authority and Collective Action in Pre-Communal Hindustan

Fulya Ozkan (binghamton University), Trabzon-Erzurum-Bayezid Road as a Contested Space: Highway-Robbery (1854-1914)

Ranin Kazemi (Yale University), *Everyday Forms of Subaltern Resistance in Qajar Iran*

Assef Ashraf (Yale University), *Violence and Change in Late Eighteenth Century Iran: The case of Mirza Muhammad Kalantar-i Fars*

Conference and Program Announcements

The second volume of **Analytica Iranica** is issued in Paris in two languages (French and English). This volume has been conducted under the scientific direction of François Ameli, Professor of Law at the University of Paris I and Sciences Po, Vice president of the European Institute of Iranian Studies (IEHEI).

In this issue some aspects of Iranian law and judicial system were analyzed by specialists and researchers.

You can order *Analytica Iranica* through our website : www.analyticairanica.com

Princeton University Symposium on Sufism and Islam in Central Asia
October 21-22, 2011

Woodrow Wilson School - Robertson Hall, Bowl One

Supported by a generous grant from the family of Leon B. Poullada

Sponsored by the Department & Program in Near Eastern Studies

Day One (Friday, October 21):

9:30 am-9:50 am Welcome and Introductions – Muhammad Qasim Zaman (Princeton University), Symposium Chair

9:50 am-10:15 am Opening Address – Devin DeWeese (Indiana University), Symposium Co-Chair

Session I (10:15 am-12:15 pm): Sources and Interpretative Strategies

Shahzad Bashir (Stanford University): "Genre, Narratives, Texts, and Manuscripts: A Heuristic for the Study of Central Asian Sufi Hagiography"

Jo-Ann Gross (The College of New Jersey): "The Biographical Tradition of Muhammad Bashara: Islamic Hagiography in Tajikistan"

Maria E. Subtelny (University of Toronto): "The Oeuvre of Husayn Va'iz Kashifi as a Source for the Study of Sufism in Early 16th-Century Central Asia"

Discussant: Jawid Mojaddedi (Rutgers University)

Session II (2:00 pm-4:00 pm): Sufi Communities and Sources: Realignments from the Russian to the Post-Soviet Period

Kawahara Yayoi (University of Tokyo):
 “Walī-khan’s *jihad* in Marghilan: A
 Consideration on a Makhdumzada Family
 in the Khanate of Khoqand”

Eren Tasar (Washington University in St.
 Louis): “Sufism on the Soviet Stage:
 Holy People and Places in Central Asia’s
 Socio-political Landscape after World War
 II”

Ashirbek Muminov (Institute of Oriental
 Studies, Academy of Sciences of
 Kazakhstan): “Sufi Groups in
 Contemporary Kazakhstan: Competition
 and Connections with Kazakh Islamic
 Society”

Discussant: Zvi Ben-Dor Benite (New
 York University)

4:30 pm-5:00 pm First Day Concluding
 Remarks and General Discussion
 Symposium Moderator, Jo-Ann Gross

Day Two (Saturday, October 22):

Session III (9:30 am-12:00 pm): Sufi Communities: Social, Political, and Economic Perspectives

Florian Schwarz (Austrian Academy of
 Sciences): “The Sufi and the City: Sufi
 Communities in 17th-Century Bukhara
 According to the *Thamarat al-mashayikh*”

Allen Frank (Takoma Park, Maryland)
 “The *Tarikh-i Barangani* as a Source on
 Sufi Shaykhs in the Emirate of Bukhara,
 1850-1905”

Sugawara Jun (Tokyo University of
 Foreign Studies): “*Mazars and Waqf*
 Domains in Kāshghar: A Preliminary
 Approach to their Dimensions and
 Distribution in the Early 20th Century”

Robert McChesney (New York University):
 “Keeping it in the Family: Sufi Shrines,
 Dynastic Families, and the State in Early
 Modern Central Asia and Afghanistan”

Discussant: Dina Le Gall (Lehman College,
 City University of New York)

12:00 pm-12:15 pm
 Second Day Concluding Remarks
 Moderator, Jo-Ann Gross

12:15 pm-12:45 pm
 Concluding Remarks and General Discussion
 Michael Cook (Princeton University)

VOLUME XV OF THE ENCYLOPAEDIA IRANICA

Volume XV marks the completion of the articles
 beginning with the letter “J” and the start of
 publication for entries beginning with the letter “K”.
 It features over 213 entries by 151 authors on various
 aspects of Persian culture and history, including a
 series of three articles on Joseph (Hazrat-e Yusof) in
 Persian literature, in Koranic Exegeses, and in Persian
 art; a series of entries on Kanun-e Parvaresh-e Fekri-
 e Kudakan va Nowjavanan, as well as entries on
 Kamal-al-Molk, a most important artist of Perso-
 European style.

The Volume is published by The Encyclopaedia
 Iranica Foundation and distributed by Eisenbrauns
 Inc., www.eisenbrauns.com

THE HISTORY OF BEYHAQI

Abu'l-Faḥr Beyhaqi's celebrated history of the reign
 of Sultan Mas'ud of Ghazna (1030-1041) translated
 with a detailed commentary by C. E. Bosworth and
 revised by Mohsen Ashtiany published in September
 2011 under the auspices of the Center for Iranian
 Studies (Columbia University), the Center for
 Hellenistic Studies (Harvard University), and the Ilex
 Foundation and distributed by Harvard University
 Press in three volumes

www.hup.harvard.edu/:

Vol. I: Introduction and Translation of the Years 421-423 A.H. (1030-1032 A.D.)

Vol. II: Translation of Years 424-432 A.H. (1032-1041 A.D.)

Vol. III: Commentary, Bibliography and Index.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES of IRAN

This hefty volume comprises all the entries published in the *Encyclopaedia Iranica* through 2010, the *Jewish Communities of Iran* represents the most comprehensive collection of research published to date on the life, history, culture, languages, music, literature, and customs of the Jews of Iran, one of the oldest communities of the Jews in the world. The volume is edited by Dr. Houman Sarshar.

The publication of this volume has been made possible by the encouragement and financial support of Mr. Jack Mahfar of Geneva, a Trustee of the Encyclopaedia Iranica Foundation. The Center for Iranian Studies at Columbia University, owes him a great debt of gratitude.

The Volume is published by The Encyclopaedia Iranica Foundation and distributed by Eisenbrauns Inc., www.eisenbrauns.com

The volume will be officially inaugurated at a reception in Los Angeles on the 27th of October at the Sinai Temple.

Clough Center for the Study of Constitutional Democracy

Secularism, Islam, and Democracy

Thursday October 13-14, 2011

Organizers: Ali Banuazizi (Political Science, Islamic Civilizations and Societies) and Intisar Rabb (Law School), Boston College

RSVP by October 7 [Clough Center](http://www.bc.edu/centers/cloughcenter/conferences.html)

<http://www.bc.edu/centers/cloughcenter/conferences.html>

Call for Papers

Hosted by Boston University, the International Qajar Studies Association (IQSA) 12th Annual Conference

Thursday May 24th and Friday May 25th 2012 in Boston Massachusetts.

The theme of the conference is "Women in the Qajar Era". Proposals for academic papers related to enhancing the understanding of the lives of women in Iran during the Qajar era (1790s - 1925) are welcome. If you are interested in presenting a paper, please send an abstract (500 words) along with your academic affiliation, a brief academic resume, inclusive of relevant publications, by January 6th to Nahid Mozaffari at nahidmoza@msn.com

XX International Ethnographical Film

Ethnographical Museum

Belgrade, 21-22 October 2011

Iranian Ethnographical Film Days

Sacred Objects, Sacred Bodies, Sacred Lands

In Honour of Parviz Kimiavi

Film Organizer and Curator: Dr. Pedram Khosronejad.

For program details visit: <http://www.etnografskimuzej.rs/e030320.htm>



News from the Journal Editor

Current Issue

Contents of JPS 4.1 (2011)

Special Issue on Fathers and Daughters in Islam

Guest Editors Alyssa Gabbay and Julia Clancy-Smith

Alyssa Gabbay, Foreword

Julia Clancy-Smith, Introduction

Karen Ruffle, May You Learn from Their Model: The Exemplary Father-Daughter Relationship of Mohammad and Fatima in South Asian Shi'ism

Paul E. Walker, The Fatimid Caliph al-'Aziz and His Daughter Sitt al-Mulk: A Case of Delayed but Eventual Succession to Rule by a Woman

Alyssa Gabbay, "In Reality a Man": Sultan Iltutmish and His Daughter, Raziya

Christine Isom-Verhaaren, Süleyman and Mihrimah: The Favorite's Daughter

Afshan Bokhari, Imperial Transgressions and Spiritual Investitures: A Begam's "Ascension" in Seventeenth Century Mughal India

Upcoming Issue

Contents of JPS 4.2 (2011)

Special Issue on the Pamir

Guest Editor Jo-Ann Gross

Symposium: Shrine Traditions, Human Ecology and Identity in the Pamir

Jo-Ann Gross, Introduction

John Mock, Shrine Traditions of Wakhan Afghanistan

Karim-ALY S. Kassam, Ecology of Time: Calendar of the Human Body in the Pamir Mountains

Till Mostowlansky, Paving the Way. Isma'ili Genealogy and Mobility along Tajikistan's Pamir Highway

Aliaa Remtilla, Potentially an "Art Object": Tajik Isma'ilis' Bāteni and Zāheri Engagement with their Imam's Image

Hidayat Rahman, The Genealogical History of the Last Royal Families of Chitral and Yasin: A Preliminary Study

Other Articles

Chad G. Lingwood, "The Qebla of Jāmi is None Other than Tabriz": 'Abd al-Rahmān Jāmi and Naqshbandi Sufism at the Aq Qoyunlu Royal Court

Habib Borjian, The Extinct Dialect of Tajrish: Tabari or Persian?

CERF

**CENTRAL EURASIA
RESEARCH FUND (CERF)
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Deadline January 15, 2012
(Please note revised guidelines)**

CERF grants support original research leading to the publication of a book or monograph concerning Persianate culture by individual scholars from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Northwest China. Grants do not exceed US \$1500 and provide funding for the following: publication costs for a book or monograph, technical equipment necessary for specific research projects, such as computers, printers, scanners, voice recorders, or digital cameras; travel expenses for archival research that will directly result in an original book or monograph. The deadline for receipt of electronic submissions is January 15th of each year. Awards are announced on March 1st. The award period is for one year.

CERF does not support the publication of periodical articles. The publication of previously published works, including translations from English, will be considered only in exceptional circumstances when the applicant can demonstrate a critical need for such a work. Applications for projects based on original archival or field research and those leading to the publication of

previously unpublished manuscripts, lithographs, documentary sources or material culture are strongly encouraged.

Eligibility

A minimum degree equivalent to a B.A. Grantees may only reapply for a CERF Grant after five years from the receipt of a previous CERF award.

Selection

Awards are made once a year. An ASPS evaluation committee reviews applications. Every effort is made to provide regional balance in the distribution of grants based on:

- Importance of the topic
- Academic merit and originality of the proposed project
- Demonstrated career commitment to the field
- Feasibility of the project
- Potential impact of the research
- Adequate academic and professional experience of the candidate

Application

CERF candidates must submit a typed electronic application in MS Word format by January 15th to the Director of the CERF Committee, Dr. Jo-Ann Gross, at gross@tcnj.edu.

For Application Procedures and Materials visit: <http://www.persianatesocieties.org/content/CERFfund.htm>

Employment & Fellowship Opportunities

LANGUAGE LECTOR -- PERSIAN

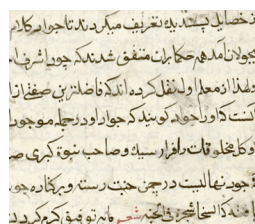
Multi-year appointment with the Department of Near East Languages and Civilizations, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA

Yale seeks a full-time Lector in Persian language beginning July 1, 2012 for a three-year term, with possibility of renewal. Primary duties include teaching five courses per year, these including elementary (2 courses) and intermediate (2 courses) in the target language using an integrated skills approach. The fifth course will focus on literary, social, political, cultural and/or sociolinguistic topics related to the target language (as determined on the basis of the appointee's qualifications and expertise). The Lector will advise students and participate in program building in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, developing the broad curriculum and the pedagogic materials for the target language. He/she will also participate in organizing overseas language courses and provide relevant support for federally funded Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships.

Applicants must have: 1) native or near-native fluency in the target language; 2) strong English communication skills; 3) experience in teaching the target language as a second language in a college or university environment, ideally in the U.S.; 4) an M.A. or other advanced degree in a relevant discipline (e.g. applied linguistics or teaching Persian as a Second Language); 5) demonstrated ability and enthusiasm for Persian language instruction. Further desirable characteristics include some expertise in second-language teaching/acquisition, knowledge of overseas language and related study sites, experience with technologically-aided language learning methods and their development, interest in the broader field of Persian and Iranian Studies

and/or other relevant disciplines and regions. Salary is commensurate with experience and background.

Review of applications will begin on October 15, 2011, and continue until the position is filled. Please complete cover letter, application, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching philosophy, proof of teaching excellence (e.g. student evaluations), and three letters of recommendation at <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/Yale/nelc>. Submissions by regular mail are possible, inquire for address to nelc@yale.edu. Yale University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer; applications from women and minorities are encouraged.



Editorial Notes

Please send your news and all items of professional interest to Ghazzal Dabiri (gd2287@columbia.edu)

The deadline for the the next Newsletter will be March 1, 2012

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. Your continued support is now made easier with online membership renewal. Please go to <http://www.persianatesocieties.org/content/membership.htm> to access the online form and link to PayPal (which accepts multiple currencies). The ASPS online form should reflect the address where you would like your issues of the *JPS* to be sent and your preferred e-mail address for ASPS communication; the PayPal site requires your billing address. If you paid but have not received vol. 4:1 (2011) of *Journal of Persianate Studies*, please let us know.