

## DUKE-UNC CONSORTIUM FOR MIDDLE EAST STUDIES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Read below for resources, PD opportunities, and a few reminders from the Duke-UNC Consortium for Middle East Studies. **\*New\*** information is always listed first.

**SERMEISS Travel Grant:** We offer a travel grant for NC educators to attend the annual fall meeting of [Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar](#) (mid-October at the [Valle Crucis Conference Center](#), Banner Elk, NC). This is great, academic PD in the field of Mideast and Islamic Studies in beautiful western NC! Please see the schedule, attached. If you are interested in applying, please submit your application by September 15. [Please click here to download the application.](#) This grant is open to secondary education and community college instructors in North Carolina. All awards are a fixed \$200, intended as a stipend for travel costs and registration, etc.

**FREE Webinar: The Art of Revolution: Tunisia, Egypt, and Syria:** Mark your calendars; we are thrilled to partner with the National Humanities Center to offer this webinar on **Thursday, October 12, 2017, 7:00–8:30 pm EDT**, featuring Professor Ellen McLarney, Duke University. This seminar explores the historical contexts leading to the eruption of the uprisings known as the Arab Spring in early 2011. After a brief introduction to politics in Tunisia, Egypt, and Syria, we turn to the flowering of music, art, graffiti, poetry, film, and digital media that gave expression to the revolutionary unrest. We focus on the influence of religion, religious parties, and religious movements in Tunisia, Egypt, and Syria—in the post-uprising elections, governments, and constitutions. Although the 2011 uprisings initially seemed to be lit by the same spark, they had very different outcomes in these different cases. For more information and to register, visit <http://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/webinars/>.

**Lessons from the Pulitzer Center:** The Pulitzer Center has many interesting lesson plans - one of the newest is "[Women Learning and Practicing Law in Saudi Arabia.](#)"

**PD for Arabic Language Teachers:** The 2017 Dora Johnson Awards will provide funding up to \$1,000 for 15 K-12 Arabic language educators to support attendance at the 2017 ACTFL Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. The deadline to apply is Friday, September 15, 2017. Submit your application at <https://qfi.fluidreview.com>. To inquire further about the Dora Johnson Awards or for any questions about the application process, please contact Jillian Lomanno, [actfl@qfi.org](mailto:actfl@qfi.org) or 202-652-0147.

**World View Symposium: Human Rights and Social Justice, October 26-27, 2017:** This global education symposium will feature short plenary talks and sessions on human rights issues to increase awareness of human rights and social justice issues, and to provide pedagogical strategies and resources for integrating human rights and social justice issues into teaching. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

### Reminders:

**Teacher Professional Development Awards:** K-12 Social Studies or Fine Arts teachers: Qatar Foundation International is providing \$2000 grants for teachers to participate in PD programs related to the Arab World. This includes attendance at workshops, conferences, summer institutes, seminars, or educational courses. Funds can go towards travel and registration costs associated with the attendance of relevant\* professional development events including. \*Content of the event should be directly related to the Middle East or the Arab world. If the event is not explicitly related (i.e. social studies conference), the applicant must demonstrate relevancy. For more detailed information and how to apply and please visit [here](#). **Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis dependent on funding availability.**

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