MENA Middle East and North Africa Graduate Student Organization

MENA meeting 11-16-2012

Attendants:

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Agenda:

1. Conference update
   - Keynote speaker, James Gelvin
     Gelvin accepted
     Gelvin was at MESA, Kian Alavy met him there
     Hotel room: he was given the chance to choose
   - Call for Papers
     Sent out to our grad list serv – please distribute and share with contacts
     CMES has already started to send it out
     Was also distribute physically at MESA
   - Website
   - Travel grants?
   - Conference sessions on Skype? Not feasible
   - Video/audio recording sessions or not? Will participants agree on being recorded/taped? Not feasible
   - Will record the keynote speaker with his permission

2. Outreach
   - Graduate conference - Joined session with German Studies? E.g. migration studies, Germany & Turkey.
     - CMES/faculty meeting
       o Moveable East conference April 19th – French and Italian departments – journalism involved?
       o Title VI funding has been cut drastically – especially Middle East.
       o Maggy Zanger is going to teach "reporting in the Middle East"
       o Professional development sessions?
       o Arabic 101 in the Spring
       o 595 D survey, until 8 am Friday Nov. 30th

3. Finance report

4. Funding
   - Turned in the GPSC grant – lower request than last year
   - ASUA: room – tech – flyers
5. Aron Aji
   - Confirmed; four possible topics e.g. "translation and migrancy"
   - He also offered to teach a Master's Class

6. Turkish Studies Professor – Job Talk with Evren Savci
   Thursday 29th at 1 pm: everyone should attend!