MENA
Middle East and North Africa Graduate Student Organization

MENA Meeting 09-21-2012

Attendents:

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Treasurer: Janelle Moser

Agenda:

1. Conference:
   a. Call for papers
      • The call for paper is ready – will have the website ready before sending the cfp out.
      • Facebook
      • Hard-copy fliers in other departments: Anthropology – history – women’s studies
      • GPSC newsletter: now as well as later
   b. Keynote speaker
      • James Gelvin responded positively. The official letter will be sent asap.
      • Timing: ask him first which evening he prefers.
   c. Costs
      • Grants: refer back to last year will help to build a more accurate budget. It has to be in by the 15th of each month.
      • GPSC: guest costs.
      • ASUA: room – tech – conference program.
      • Other: breakfast and reception.
         Ideally, all costs will be covered.

2. Finance Report

3. Outreach
   • November 3rd: MENA held a booth at the International Festival of Tucson, Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, 5910 E 5th street – CMES on board.

4. Presentation\Event: Aron Aji
   Co-departmental sponsorship – he will be in Tucson on MENA conference days.
5. Faculty Meeting
   ● New Assistant Professor: Loulou Kobeissi, DrPH, MPH, sharing time between MENAS and PUBLIC HEALTH
   ● MESA: all the travel money has been awarded
   ● MENAS has a reception at MESA
   ● The search for a Turkish studies professor continues: more than 50 applicants
   ● SBS Website: free slots
   ● Ongoing discussion about 2013-2014 classes
     ○ Survey about 595D (theoretical) and 595E (methodological)?
     ○ Evening classes?
     ○ Condensed classes: start later and end earlier?
   ● Next Faculty Meeting on the 26th

   Online like last year

7. Upcoming MENA Board meeting
   November 16th

8. Website

9. Bake Sale
   Next bake sale: Thursday 8th November: setting up 8.30 and then minimum two people at the closing time. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the copy-room.

10. Discussion