Monday, February 6, 2017  
12:00 noon  
202 Jones Hall  
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2016-17  
Asli Iğsiz  
New York University  

Monday, February 13, 2017  
12:00 noon  
202 Jones Hall  
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2016-17  
Frank Griffel  
Yale University  
“Was Ibn Taymiyya (d. 1328) Really A Scriptualist? Reassessing the Role of Reason in One of Islam’s Most Successful Theological Projects”

Tuesday, February 14, 2017  
12:00 noon  
202 Jones Hall  
The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia  
Department & Program in Near Eastern Studies  
Ami Ayalon  
Professor Emeritus of Modern Middle Eastern History, Tel Aviv University  
"The Dawn of Printing in the Middle East – Hurdles and Practice"

February 20, 2017  
12:30 pm–5:30 pm  
February 21, 2017  
9:30 pm–5:30 pm  
Geniza Lab – Frist 220  
Documents and Institutions in the Late Ancient and Medieval Worlds: A Workshop

Monday, February 20, 2017  
12:00 noon  
202 Jones Hall  
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2016-17  
Lori Allen  
SOAS, University of London  
“Liberal Entanglements: Palestinians and the 1946 Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry”

Monday, February 27, 2017  
12:00 noon  
202 Jones Hall  
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2016–17  
Aaron Jakes  
The New School  
“A Delicate Operation: Provincial Administration, Khedivial Espionage, and the Critique of Colonial Economism in Egypt”

February 27, 2017  
4:30 pm
Center for Jewish Life, Wilf Hall

Udi Goren
Travel Photographer, Speaker, Teacher, and Artist
“A Walk in the Land: A Photographic Tour of Israel’s National Trail”
Sponsored by the Center for Jewish Life, the Department of Near Eastern Studies, the Program in Near Eastern Studies, and the Program in Judaic Studies

February 28, 2017
4:30 pm–6:00 pm
Betts Auditorium, School of Architecture
A screening of The Mulberry House
A documentary film by Sara Ishaq
https://ff.hrw.org/film/mulberry-house

Monday, March 6, 2017
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2016–17
Robyn Creswell
Yale University
Cosponsored by The Sharmin and Bijan Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies

Tuesday, March 7, 2017
4:30 pm
102 Jones Hall
Lital Levy (Comparative Literature) and Philip Zhakevich (Near Eastern Studies)
"From the Bible to the Beach: The 3,000-Year Story of Hebrew”
Co-sponsored by the Department on Near Eastern Studies and the Program in Judaic Studies

Monday, March 13, 2017
12:00
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2016–17
Michael Ferguson
The New School
“Enslaved and Emancipated Africans in Ottoman Izmir, 1850–1922”

Monday, March 27, 2017
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2016–17
Ümit Kurt
Harvard University
“Ethnic Politics in Post-Revolutionary Aintab: The End of Euphoria and Return of Violence in the late Ottoman Empire”

Wednesday, March 29, 2017
4:30 pm
Burr Hall 219
Lisa Hajjar
University of California, Santa Barbara
“The Afterlives of Torture: Executive Power vs. International Law in the Age of Trump”
Co-sponsored by the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, the Princeton Program in Law and Public Affairs, the Program in Near Eastern Studies and the Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia (TRI)

Thursday, March 30, 2017
7:30 PM
Princeton Garden Theatre
Special screening of
Disturbing the Peace
Followed by discussion with
Teddy Fassberg
One of the members of the Combatants for Peace
Tickets available at the door: General- $11, Members- $6, Seniors 62+- $9, Students-$8

Monday, April 3, 2017
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2016–17
Beth Baron
City College and the Graduate Center, CUNY
“Middle East Studies in the Time of Trump”

SOPHOMORE OPEN HOUSE
for prospective concentrators in Near Eastern Studies
Monday, April 3, 2017
12:00 noon–1:00 p.m.
102 Jones Hall

Monday, April 3, 2017
4:30 p.m.
202 Jones Hall
Geoffrey Khan
Whitney J. Oates Fellow in the Humanities Council and the Department of Near Eastern Studies
Regius Professor of Hebrew in the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge
Lecture: “The historical background of early Arabic documents”

Tuesday, April 4, 2017
4:30 p.m.
102 Jones Hall
Geoffrey Khan
Whitney J. Oates Fellow in the Humanities Council and the Department of Near Eastern Studies
Regius Professor of Hebrew in the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge
Seminar: “The Khurasan corpus of Arabic documents”
Wednesday, April 5, 2017
4:30 p.m.
102 Jones Hall or Geniza Lab

Geoffrey Khan
Whitney J. Oates Fellow in the Humanities Council and the Department of Near Eastern Studies
Regius Professor of Hebrew in the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge

Workshop (Geared toward graduate students): “The development of Arabic script in early Arabic documents”

Friday, April 7, 2017
12:00 noon
102 Jones Hall

The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia

Massa Mufti-Hamwi
Co-founder and Chair, Sonbola Group for Education & Development

“Syria’s Humanitarian Crisis: A Syrian Civil Society Perspective”

Friday, April 7, 2017
2:00 pm–6:00 pm
10 Guyot Hall

Program in Near Eastern Studies

2017 Middle East Retrospective

Speakers:

Saudi Arabia / the Gulf - Toby Jones
Associate Professor, Department of History, State University of New Jersey at Rutgers

Iran - Arang Keshavarzian
Associate Professor, Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, New York University

The Islamic State / Syria - Cole Bunzel
Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University

Yemen - Gregory Johnsen
Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University; Yemen Expert for UN Security Council

Iraq - Sara Pursley
Assistant Professor, Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, New York University

Israel/Palestine - Cyrus Schayegh
Associate Professor, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University

This is a public event

Monday, April 10, 2017
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall

Brown Bag Lunch Series 2016–17

Dina A. Ramadan
Bard College

“In Defense of a Ministry: The Ikhwanization of Culture and the Threat to Egyptian Identity”
Monday, April 17, 2017
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2016–17
Emine Fetvaci
Boston University & IAS
“Persian Calligraphy in an Ottoman Album: Imperial Rivalry or Artistic Continuity?”
Cosponsored by The Sharmin and Bijan Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies

Monday, April 24, 2017
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2016–17
Alexander E. Balistreri
Near Eastern Studies
“Land for Loyalty? Resettling Migrants and Distributing Abandoned Properties in the Borderlands of the Early Turkish Republic”

Tuesday, April 25, 2017
12:00 noon–1:00 p.m.
202 Jones Hall
Francesca Bellino
University of Naples “L’Orientale” and Visiting fellow at the Department of Near Eastern Studies
“Distant and close readings: The Seven Travels of Sindbad and the emergence of Arabic fiction”

Wednesday, April 26, 2017
12:00 noon
102 Jones Hall
The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia
Daniel Lav
Postdoctoral Fellow, The Transregional Institute
“Loving (and Hating) for the Sake of God in Salafi Islam”

Monday, May 1, 2017
Brown Bag Lunch Series 2016–17
12:00 noon
202 Jones Hall
Elizabeth M. Holt
Bard College
“The Hermeneutics of Empire in the Cold War: Tayeb Salih, the CIA, and Season of Migration to the North”

Tuesday, May 2, 2017
4:30 p.m.
211 Dickinson Hall
Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies
Works in Progress talk
M'hamed Oualdi
History and Near Eastern Studies
“A History of Modern North Africa that is Not Only a Colonial History”

Wednesday, May 3, 2017
12:00 noon
219 Aaron Burr Hall
Mona Khazindar
Cultural Advisor to the President of the Saudi Commission for Tourism and Antiquities
“Visions from Abroad: Historical and Contemporary Representations of Saudi Arabia”

Leon B. Poullada Memorial Lecture Series
Paolo Sartori
Institute for Iran Studies, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften
“Local Modern: The World Seen from Khiva”

Tuesday, May 2, 2017
4:30 p.m.
Lewis Library Bowl 120
“The Khivan Vernacular Project”

Wednesday, May 3, 2017
4:30 p.m.
Lewis Library Bowl 120
“Thinking along the Pathways or How to Write Khorezm into Modernity”

Thursday, May 4, 2017
4:30 p.m.
Lewis Library 138
“Of Saints, Shrines, and Tractors: Living the Sacred Geography of Soviet Khorezm”

Friday, May 5, 2017
4:00 p.m.
102 Jones Hall
Ph.D. Final Public Oral Examination of
Gregory Dean Johnsen
Dissertation title:

The Balfour Declaration
One Hundred Years in History and Memory
May 8–9, 2017
Scheide Caldwell House 203

Monday, May 8, 2017
10:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9, 2017
9:30 a.m.–3:15 p.m.

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the Center for Collaborative History

Wednesday, May 10, 2017
12:00 noon
102 Jones Hall
The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia
Gilles Kepel
Paris Institute for Political Science
“Terror in France: The Rise of Jihad in the West”

CLASS DAY RECEPTION
Monday, June 5, 2016
3:00–4:00 p.m.
1915 Hall
Butler College