

Yale Arabic Colloquium
Full List, 1998-Present

Inaugural meeting:

April 15, 1998

Beatrice Gruendler, Professor of Arabic, NELC; Dimitri Gutas, Professor, NELC; and David Reisman, Ph.D., NELC, 2001, Assistant Professor of Arabic-Islamic Thought, Department of Classics and Mediterranean Studies, University of Illinois, Chicago.
"The Binary World of *innamâ*: Practice and Theory of the Use of the Medieval Arabic Particle."

1998-1999

October 14, 1998

Steven Judd, Southern Connecticut State College.
"Citations of al-Mada'ini in al-Tabari and al-Baladhuri"

November 11, 1998

Howard Miller, graduate student, Medieval Studies, Yale University.
"Mozarabic Legal Documents from the Archives of Toledo, 1085-1300"

February 3, 1999

Walid Saleh, Ph.D., Religious Studies, Yale University, 2001; Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, University of Toronto.
"Under the Gazing Eyes of Philology: Medieval Qu'ranic Exegesis"

March 3, 1999

Hilary Kilpatrick, Independent Scholar.
"Abu l-Faraj's Own Words in the Kitab al-Aghani"

April 7, 1999

Dr. Maroun Aouad, CNRS, Paris.
"Textual and Conceptual Traditions in Averroes' Theory of Rhetorical Reasoning"

1999-2000

October 13, 1999

Beatrice Gruendler, Professor of Arabic, NELC, Yale University.
"Motif vs. Genre: Reflections of the Diwan al-Ma'ani of Abu Hilal al-'Askari"

November 10, 1999

Jennifer Bryson, Ph.D., NELC, 2001.

"The Hawi of Razi (d. ca. 925CE), Book One: Citation Genres"

December 8, 1999

Tahera Qutbuddin, Assistant Professor of Arabic, University of Chicago.

"Communion with God: Early Attestations of the Munajat Genre in the Poetry of the Fatimid Da'i al-Mu'ayyad"

March 1, 2000

Aziz al-Azmeh, Visiting Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Yale University

"Islam in Late Antiquity"

March 30, 2000

Gerhard Endress, Professor of Arabic, Bochum University.

"Alexander of Aphrodisias in Arabic Transmission"

October 25, 2000:

Felizitas Opwis, Ph.D., NELC, 2001.

"The Development of Islamic Legal Theory through the Reinterpretation of Legal Cases"

November 8, 2000

Frank Griffel, Assistant Professor in Islamic Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Yale University.

"Ibn Tumart's Aqida: An Early Example for Ibn Sina's Influence on Ash'ari Theology?"

December 6, 2000

Amina Steinfels, Instructor of Religion, Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania.

"The Language of Initiation in Indian Sufism"

February 28, 2001

Howard D. Miller, Ph.D, Medieval Studies, 2003, Assistant Professor of History, Jacksonville State University.

"A Mozarabic Puzzle: Fragments from the National Archives in Madrid"

March 28, 2001

Hans Hinrich Biesterfeldt, Professor of Arabic, Bochum University

"Ibn Farighun on Forms of Communication"

2001-2002

October 10, 2001

Ala Alryyes, Assistant Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Yale University.

"'O People of America': The 1831 Autobiography of Omar ibn Said, an Arab-Speaking Slave"

November 14, 2001

Friederike Pannewick, Assistant Professor of Arabic, Free University of Berlin.

"The Traditional Storyteller in Modern Arabic Drama"

December 5, 2001

David C. Reisman, Ph.D., NELC, 2001, Assistant Professor of Arabic-Islamic Thought, Department of Classics and Mediterranean Studies, University of Illinois, Chicago.
"That's Another Headache': Reading Avicenna's Philosophical Correspondence"

February 13, 2002

Everett K. Rowson, Professor of Arabic, New York University.
"An Editing Conundrum: The Recensions of al-'Utbi's Kitab al-Yamani"

March 6, 2002

Irfan Shahid, Oman Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Georgetown University.
"Pre-Islamic Translations of the Bible: al-Hira"

April 17, 2002

Michael Sells, Professor of Comparative Religions, Haverford College.
"Love's 99 Names: Translating the Arabic Ghazal"

2002-2003

October 23, 2002

Adel Allouche, Lecturer, Department of History, Yale University.
"Al-Majlisi's Missing Link: The Misdeeds of the Caliphs"

November 20, 2002

David C. Reisman, Ph.D., NELC, 2001, Assistant Professor of Arabic-Islamic Thought, Department of Classics and Mediterranean Studies, University of Illinois, Chicago.
"Pseudepigraphy and Forgery in Medieval Islam: Examples from Philosophical Literature"

December 11, 2002

Kevin van Bladel, graduate student, NELC.
"The Arabic Hermetica and the Question of Their Origins"

February 5, 2003

Suleiman Mourad, graduate student, NELC; Instructor in Religion, Islam, and Western Religions, Middlebury College.
"Between Myth and History: Hasan al-Basri and Early Islamic Thought"

March 26, 2003

Sebastian Günther, Assistant Professor of Arabic Language and Literature, University of Toronto.
"Advice for Teachers by the Ninth Century Scholars Ibn Sahnun and al-Jahiz: Two Classical Arabic Texts of Pedagogy and Didactics"

April 23, 2003

Bassam Frangieh, Senior Lecturer of Arabic, Yale University
"Modern Arabic Poetry and Difficulties of Translation"

2003-2004

Series on Ibn Khaldun's "Science of Society" by Abdesselam Cheddadi, Institut
Universitaire de la Recherche Scientifique, Université Muhammad V, Rabat

October 8, 2003

"Conditions for the Existence of Civilization"

October 15, 2003

"Civilization: A Bipolar Phenomenon"

October 29, 2003

"The State, Part I"

November 5, 2003

"The State, Part II"

November 19, 2003

"Urban Civilization: A State Phenomenon"

December 3, 2003

"Ibn Khaldun's Relation to the Graeco-Arabic Heritage"

February 18, 2004

Eva Orthmann, University of Zurich

"Celestial Orders: Islamic Texts on Astrology"

2004-2005

September 29, 2004

Vahid Behmardi, The American University in Beirut

"Rhetorical Values in Buyid Persia according to Badi al-Zaman al-Hamadani"

October 6, 2004

Devin Stewart, Emory University

"Emending Ibn al-Nadim's Fihrist"

October 20, 2004

Mona Ali, Cairo University

"Translation as a Deglobalization Process"

November 17, 2004

Ahmad Atif Ahmad, Harvard University
"Theory and Practice in Islamic law: How Juridical Decisions Relate to Legal Principles according to Five Works from the 11th to the 16th Century

March 2, 2005

Wolfhart Heinrichs, Harvard University
"Ibn Khaldun's Approximation of Historical Linguistics"

March 30, 2005

Sonja Brentjes, Aga Khan University, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilizations, London & Research Fellow, Dibner Institute for the History of Science and Technology, M.I.T.
"Ancient Sciences and Their Contexts in Islamic Societies before 1800"

April 13, 2005

Sait Ozervarli, Istanbul University
"Ottoman Philosophical Thought and the *Tahafut* Commentaries"

April 27, 2005

Maroun Aouad, CNRS Paris
"Multi-Causality in History according to Averroes"

May 5, 2005

Sabry Hafez, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
"The Egyptian Novel of the 1900s: Urban and Literary Form"

2005-2006

October 19, 2005

Hans Hinrich Biesterfeldt, Ruhr-Universität Bochum
"The Power of Music:
Arabic Texts on Musical Theory and Therapy in Early Islam"

November 30, 2005

Carl Davila (Ph.D. NELC 2006), Assistant Professor of Anthropology and History and Presidential Fellow, SUNY College at Brockport
"*Law lâka mâ himtu wajdâ*
Linguistic Registers and Poetic Usage in the Moroccan Andalusian Music"

2006-2007

October 18, 2006

Philip Kennedy, New York University
"Love in the Time of Pilgrimage
Or: A Lost *Maqâma* of Ibn Durayd?"

November 29, 2006
Joseph Lowry, University of Pennsylvania
“Al-Shâfi`î, al- Jâhiz, and later *Usûl al-fiqh*:
The Case of the Term *Bayân*”

January 24, 2007
Alexander Treiger (Ph.D. cand.), Yale University
“Knowledge from on High (*ʿIlm Ladunî*):
in Ghazâlî and Pseudo-Ghazâlî

March 7th, 2007
David Reisman (Ph.D. Yale NELC 2001), University of Illinois, Chicago
“A Philosopher’s Syntax:
Fârâbî’s Syntax of Formal Argumentation”

March 28, 2007
Margaret Litvin, Postdoctoral Fellow, Whitney Humanities Center
“Fathers and Sons in the Arab *Hamlet* Tradition”

2007-2008

October 10, 2007
Bilal Orfali
Yale University
“The prefaces of Abû Mansûr al-Tha`âlibî”

November 7, 2007
Maurice Pomerantz
Smith College
“The Figure in the Carpet: Artifice and Identity in the Letters of al-Sâhib b. `Abbâd (d. 385/995)”

December 5, 2007
Muhammad Aziz, Yale University
“The Significance of Ahmad b. Alwân in Medieval Yemen”

January 23rd, 2008
Angelika Neuwirth
Free University of Berlin
“Reading Psalms in the Qur'an - Two Canons in Contact: Qur'ân Sûra 55 and Psalm 136”

February 27, 2008
William Granara
Harvard University
“The Zallâqa Victory Qasîda: Ibn Hamdîs between Myth and History”

April 15, 2008
James E. Montgomery
Professor of Arabic, Cambridge University
“Eminent Abbasids: Abu Nuwas, the Justified Sinner?”

2008-2009

September 17
Remke Kruk
Leiden University
“Male Fears and Fantasies: Women in the Arabic Popular Epic”

November 12, 2008
Zoltan Szombathy
Institute of Advanced Studies/Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest
“Libertinism (*Mujûn*) in the Society of the Abbasid Era”

December 2nd, 2008
Roger Allen
University of Pennsylvania
“Moroccan Fiction in Arabic and History”

Spring

April 15, 2008
Klaus Hachmeier, visiting lecturer, NELC
“The Composition, Collection and Transmission of Arabic Literary Prose:
The letters of Abu Ishâq al-Sâbî (d. 384/994)”