



S E R M E I S S

The Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society (SERMEISS)

FALL 2018 PROGRAM

Valle Crucis Conference Center

Valle Crucis, North Carolina

October 19-21, 2018

Friday, October 19

6:30 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. SERMEISS Reception and Executive Board meeting

Saturday, October 20

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

Welcome and Announcements – Krista Wiegand, SERMEISS President

9:00 – 9:40 a.m. “The Building, the Body and Bread: Mixing Practices of Violence and Care During the First Phase of the Lebanese Civil War, 1975-1976”

- Dylan Baun, University of Alabama – Huntsville

9:45 – 10:25 a.m. “Islam and Liberalism at Critical Junctures: The Case of Turkey”

- Nora Fisher-Onar, Coastal Carolina University

10:30 – 11:10 a.m. “The Contribution of Female Writers in Libya After the Arab Spring: The Voice of Azza Al-Maghour in Short Stories”

- Safa Elnaili, University of Alabama

11:15 – 11:55 noon. Special Presentation: “Tour of al-Andalus: SERMEISS in Spain 2018”

- Andrew Kurt, Clayton State University

Saturday, October 20 (Continued)

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 Business Meeting

1:30 – 2:10 “Identity Contradiction in the Islamic Awakening and Attempts at Reformation”

- Ahmad Z. Obiedat, Wake Forest University

2:15 – 2:55 *The 7th Annual Herbert L. Bodman Memorial Lecture:*

“Gramsci in Arabic: The Organic Intellectuals of Socialist Lebanon”

- Michaëlle Browers, Wake Forest University

3:00 – 6:00 Saturday afternoon in the mountains (hiking, waterfalls, the Valle Country Fair)

6:00 p.m. Dinner

7:30 pm Films with Fran Hassencahl, Old Dominion University

Sunday, October 21

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 – 9:50 ““What does it mean to belong? Tracing the Arabic roots of belonging, membership, and citizenship”

- Michelle S. Dromgold-Sermen, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

10:00 –11:50 “Current Issues Roundtable”

- led by Krista Wiegand University of Tennessee
- Iran - Annie Tracy Samuel, University of Tennessee – Chattanooga
- Jordan - Curtis Ryan, Appalachian State University
- Israel/Palestine - Michael Samuel, Emory University
- Gulf countries - Amnah Ibrahim, University of Tennessee
- Turkey - Nora Fisher-Onar, Coastal Carolina University

12:00 Lunch and departure