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The Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society

Auburn University

March 16--18, 2018

Friday, March 16

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Registration

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Opening Reception

8:00 – 9:00 p.m. SERMEISS Executive Board meeting

Saturday, March 17

9:00 – 9:40 a.m. “Saints and Warriors: Strategic Choice in Rebel Recruitment in the Syrian Civil War”

- Holger Albrecht, University of Alabama

9:45 – 10:25 a.m. “Morocco’s Jewish Minority: Ethics, Memory, and Monuments”

- Kristin L. Hissong, Air War College

10:30 – 11:10 a.m. “Protecting Women, Protecting the State: Security Threats and Government Action on Violence Against Women in Jordan”

- Summer Forester, Purdue University

11:15 – 11:55 a.m. “The Challenges of teaching Arabic language and culture to adult non-Arabic speakers”

- Asmaa Benbaba, Auburn University

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 – 2:15 p.m. Business Meeting

Saturday, March 17 (cont'd)

2:20 – 3:00 p.m. “The Journey from It to Thou in Interfaith Trialogue”

- Elizabeth M. Pope, University of West Georgia

3:10 – 3:50 p.m. “Policing the Arab Spring in the Gulf Cooperation Council”

- Jill Crystal, Auburn University

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Keynote Address:

The 6th Annual Herbert L. Bodman Memorial Lecture:

"Practicing Contention in Time and Space: Protest Repertoires in Egypt, Tunisia, and Morocco"

- Dina Bishara, University of Alabama

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Sunday, March 18

9:30-10:10 a.m. “The Sting of *Strelas*: The Proliferation of Shoulder-Fired Air Defense Technologies in Post-Soviet Afghanistan”

- Lydia LaFavor, Auburn University

10:25 – 11:10 a.m. “Neither Tariqa nor Sharia: How to Conceptualize Alevi Religiosity?”

- Riza Yildirim, Emory University

11:15 a.m. Closing Remarks

- SERMEISS President Krista Wiegand, University of Tennessee