Hello from the Executive Director,

On behalf of the Executive Board Members, I would like to extend my warm wishes to those who will be celebrating Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 28, with family and friends and giving praise to the blessings bestowed upon them by God. Many happy and healthy returns of this occasion.

AATA’s Panel

Arabic Literature in Arabic Language Classes

Some modifications were made among the presenters from what was formerly announced due to not receiving a visa to come to the States

1) Presenter: Dr. Alaa Abdelmonem Amer, Qatar University –
Title: From Form to Competence
Questions: Teaching Literary Texts to Non-Native Speakers
AATA thanks all the presenters for their appealing and effective presentations. Their expansive, insightful ideas and depth of research were greatly appreciated.

AATA’s Sponsored Panel

**Worlding Arabic Literature through Transnational Contexts**

**Organizer**: Ahmed Idrissi Alami, Purdue University, **Chair**: Nizar F. Hermes, University of Virginia and Discussant: Mbarek Sryfi, U Penn

**Panelists**:
1) Sara Forcella, U Rome - *La Sapienza-Scheherazade in Academic Literature: Multidisciplinary and Multi Theory Interpretations in a Global Context.*
2) Peiyu Yang, McGill U-Za’ir al-Sin: *Translating a Chinese Anti-colonial Struggle for a Nahdawi Context.*
3) Rama Alhabian, Cornell U-On al-Shidyāq, the Untranslatable: *Writing against Equivalence in the Work of a Nahḍah Intellectual.*
4) Nada Ayad, The Cooper Union, *"South-South Triangulations: Marriage, Fabric, and Decolonization in Leila Abouleila’s Lyrics Alley."*

AATA wants to express its appreciation for these presenters' engaging research that showed their hard work and depth of scholarship. Additionally, they demonstrated a reciprocal connection with the attendees.
Accomplishments at AATA & MESA

During the Business/General Meeting, Professor Brahim Chakrani, AATA’s President awarded 1) The first Book Award to Professor Mohammad Alhawary, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, (a Plaque and $500) for his book, Arabic Second Language Learning and Effects of Input, Transfer, and Typology published this year by Georgetown University Press.

2) A Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Salah-Dine Hammoud and another Lifetime Achievement Award (in absentia) to Professor Aleya Rouchdy for their decades of dedicated service in teaching, administration and research.

3) AATA obtained a Booth during the MESA Conference on November 15 through 17 on which it displayed a) Brochures about AATA, b) Al ‘Arabiyya Journal and distributed souvenir gifts of pens and note pads inscribed with the Association’s name.

Important Announcements

1. Recruiting members to join AATA: As the year 2020 is approaching we need to activate our membership. Also, we kindly ask each one of you, current members, to persuade a non-member in the field of teaching Arabic, Arabic Linguistics and Literature, or a lapsed member to become one. Membership budget helps AATA to cover its expenses and increase its services to its members. Membership dues can be a) activated electronically, b) sent to Aman Attieh’s address at 2505 Biggs Drive, Austin, TX, 78741 or c) mailed to our Business Office, Robert Ranieri, Prime Management Services, 3416 Primm Ln, Birmingham, AL 35216. The Business office sends automatic reminders to those whose membership has relapsed. Please reactivate your membership when you receive one.

2. Recruiting members to create a Blog: Every two months, AATA publishes a Blog on its website dealing with interesting and effective ways in teaching a topic. AATA calls on you to share some methods and techniques that you applied in your classrooms and were successful. For that, please contact Dr. Mamoud Azaz at the University of Arizona, mazaz@email.arizona.edu.
3. **An Article in Arabic on the history of Thanksgiving:** for interested Arabic students

(Thanksgiving) is an important holiday in the United States, and in some other countries such as Canada and Liberia, and others. It is an annual holiday that has become a cultural tradition over the years.

Read more at: [https://m.awdoo3.com](https://m.awdoo3.com)

4. **A new publication:** Dr. Abdulkareem Said Ramadan, who teaches at Gettysburg College, has recently published a book entitled *Conjunctions and Interjections in Modern Standard Arabic* published by Routledge. This is the link [https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315100296](https://doi.org/10.4324/9781315100296) to more details about the book.

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