

## New AIMS Awards 2009

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AIMS announces four new initiatives supporting student travel to MESA, student travel to the AIMS annual conference in North Africa, a travel award for a North African scholar to attend MESA, and an annual US graduate student paper prize.

These awards are named in honor of people whose contributions to AIMS, North African studies, and graduate student excellence have greatly enhanced the Mission of AIMS. We are very grateful for their support, and are pleased that we can offer these new initiatives in their honor.

The awards are:

The I. William Zartman North African Travel Award to MESA

The Jeanne Mrad Student Travel Award to MESA

The Donna Lee Bowen Student Travel Award to the AIMS Annual Conference

The Mark Tessler Annual Student Paper Prize

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### **AIMS at MESA: The I. William Zartman North African Travel Award**

AIMS invites North African scholars who have been selected to present a paper at the annual MESA meeting to apply for a travel award and stipend to the conference. In honor of the many years of his service to the Institute and his affection for the scholars of the Maghrib, the award is named the I. William Zartman Award. Applicants should submit the title and abstract of their selected MESA paper along with a current CV to the AIMS Executive Office by May 1, 2009.

The award is intended for North African scholars living in North Africa. Scholars must be citizens of Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Mauritania, or Libya. If selected, scholars will receive an award to cover up to 1500 dollars in airfare, per diem for the duration of the conference, and MESA conference fees.

Applications should be sent to: [aimscmes@email.arizona.edu](mailto:aimscmes@email.arizona.edu).

Deadline May 1

Please note that the MESA deadline for submissions is Feb 16th.

### **AIMS at MESA: The Jeanne Mrad Graduate Student Travel Award**

AIMS invites US graduate students to apply for a travel grant to attend the annual MESA meeting. Students must have been successfully accepted to give a paper at the MESA. Paper themes must concern North African studies and all disciplines are welcome. Applicants must be members of the AIMS Graduate Student Association, the GSA.

In honor of her many years of service to AIMS and her sustained encouragement of American graduate students through her work at CEMAT, the AIMS Graduate Student Travel Awards are known as the Jeanne Mrad Graduate Student Travel Awards.

Send title/abstract of paper and a current CV to the AIMS executive office ([aimscmes@email.arizona.edu](mailto:aimscmes@email.arizona.edu)) by May 1, 2009. Applicants must be members of AIMS at the time of submission. Applicants must be US citizens.

AIMS offers awards between \$300 to \$500 to support the cost of domestic travel, per diem and MESA fees.

Please note the MESA deadline for submissions is Feb 16th.

### **AIMS Annual Conference: The Donna Lee Bowen Graduate Student Travel Award**

AIMS invites US graduate students to apply for a travel grant to attend the annual AIMS conference in North Africa. Students must have been accepted to give a paper at the Annual Conference.

The 2008 conference is entitled Sahara Crossroads: Views from the North and will be held in Tangier, Morocco, June 6-7-8. Abstracts are due to [wara@bu.edu](mailto:wara@bu.edu) by Feb 1st. Applicants must be members of the AIMS at the time of submission.

In honor of her many years of service and her sustained encouragement of American graduate students through her work with AIMS, the Graduate Student Travel Award is known as the Donna Lee Bowen Graduate Student Travel Award.

Send title/abstract of paper and a current CV to the AIMS executive office ([aimscmes@email.arizona.edu](mailto:aimscmes@email.arizona.edu)) by May 1, 2009. Applicants must be US citizens. No more than one applicant will be selected as the holder of the Bowen Graduate Student Travel Award.

The travel award provides roundtrip airfare up to \$1500 in reimbursed air travel to the AIMS conference. Flights must be on a US carrier.

## **The Mark Tessler AIMS Graduate Student Prize Award**

AIMS invites submissions by Graduate Student members of AIMS (The AIMS Graduate Student Association, GSA) of papers for the Mark Tessler AIMS Graduate Student Prize Award.

Papers must be complete in written form and must have been delivered before a professional audience at the departmental, university, regional, or national level. The date and name of the professional meeting must be submitted along with the paper itself. The subject of the paper must concern the Maghrib in any of its dimensions and must be in English. The paper will be submitted to the Journal of North African Studies for consideration for publication in JNAS, the AIMS professional journal, where, if selected, it will be identified as the Mark Tessler Prize Paper. The paper needs to follow the JNAS publication format, which can be found through the AIMS website, [AIMSNorthAfrica.org](http://AIMSNorthAfrica.org) (link to publication/jnas).

The paper will be juried by two members of the AIMS Board and the award, named for Professor Mark Tessler and in honor of his enduring interest in the Maghrib and his sustained efforts to develop graduate students prepared to work in the field, will be announced at the annual Awards Ceremony at the MESA meeting.

Papers must be submitted by December 31, 2009 for the 2009 award. The winner will be notified by January 31, 2010. The Mark Tessler AIMS Graduate Student Prize Award is a cash prize of \$750.00.