

George N. Atiyeh Award 2017

The George N. Atiyeh Award is an annual affair in hopes of recognizing aspiring Middle East subject specialist librarians. This year's committee received 4 applications, all of which were worthy of this prestigious award. We awarded two exceptional applicants in Salma Abumeeiz and Lucy Flamm.

Salma is currently enrolled at the University of British Columbia in the School of Library Archival and Information Studies (SLAIS) in Vancouver. Prior to commencing SLAIS she completed a BA and MA both in history at the University of Windsor in Windsor, Ontario. Her MA thesis was titled, "Identity, Acculturation, and Honour: Tracing Arab-Canadian Women's Experiences through Oral History", and explored Arab diaspora communities in Canada. She has also interned at the Smithsonian Institute Library where she worked closely with Asian Pacific American Centre (APAC) and the Centre for Folklife and Cultural Heritage (CFCH).

Lucy is currently enrolled at the University of Texas, Austin in a double major for MA in Middle East Studies and MA in Science, Information Science. Prior to commencing the double MA she was a graduate of Bard College where she wrote her thesis, "Iranian Islands? Bahrain, Abu Masa, and the Tunbs" which was the 2015 Marc Bloch Prize Winner. She has worked in a number of library or library-related positions including creating a bibliography of Arthur Schlesinger Jr., al-Quds Bard College where she managed the Academic Resource Center and Library of the first Palestinian liberal arts institution and the Bard Prison Initiative where she organized materials for courses taught to incarcerated men while serving their sentence and coordinated interlibrary loan requests, access to archival materials, and digitalization of resources. Finally, Lucy has also presented at Smolny College (St. Petersburg, Russia) and the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies.

Many congratulations, Salma and Lucy.

Sincerely,

Sean E. Swanick, Chair on behalf of the George N. Atiyeh Committee