

George N. Atiyeh Award 2018

Every year we award the prestigious George N. Atiyeh award to recognize aspiring Middle East Subject librarians. And every year, the committee receives many exemplary applicants. This year was the exception where 5 applicants were outstanding and all worthy of this prestigious prize. This year's recipients are two delightful and charming MLIS candidates: Kristina and Aicha.

Kristina A Bush: is currently a first year MLIS candidate at the UNC where she is, in addition to her studies the Carolina Academic Library Associate at the Art Library and working to develop the Triangle Digital Humanities Network. She graduated from Mount Holyoke College where she studied Syriac and worked extensively on Syriac paleography including writing her thesis entitled: A Challenge to Syriac Paleography: Using Digital Tools to Contest Popular Scholarship.

Aicha Azzaoui: is Moroccan and graduated from Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdellah University in Fez in English, she later worked at al-Akhawayn University in Ifrane. Fast forward a couple of years, and Aicha began her MLIS at the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, IL. She has worked in the Math Library since 2012 and is fluent in Arabic, French (Fluent), English (Fluent), Spanish (Proficient), Amazigh (Fluent)/ Farsi (beginner) / Tifinagh (Amazigh language script).

Many congratulations, Kristina and Aicha.