

George N. Atiyeh Award 2019

The George N. Atiyeh Award is an annual affair in hopes of recognizing aspiring Middle East subject specialist librarians. This year's committee received six applications, all of which were worthy of this prestigious award. We awarded two exceptional applicants Sadaf Ahmadbeigi and Deniz Özlem Çevik.

Sadaf is currently enrolled at the University of British Columbia in the School of Library Archival and Information Studies (SLAIS) in Vancouver completing dual degree of Archival and library studies. Prior to commencing SLAIS she completed a BA in Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Texas at Austin and a previous BA in Persian literature and language at the Alzahra University in Tehran. She has a variety of library experience between public and academic libraries and currently is working at the Asian Library of UBC as a Mosaic program fellow.

Deniz is currently enrolled at McGill University's School of Information Studies. Prior to commencing the SIS program, she completed a MA in History and Classical Studies at McGill and a BA in History at Boğaziçi University in Istanbul. Both her BA and MA focused on Ottoman and Turkish history. Deniz has held a variety of research and library positions. Last summer she worked at the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) and currently she works Special Assistant in the McGill Libraries and as a graduate research assistant on the Riddle Project, which aims to explore the relationship between riddles and food menus in 18th and 19th century English society.

Many congratulations, Sadaf and Deniz.

Sincerely,

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