

## CASA Fellows 2015-2016

### **THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO**

**Dilyara Agisheva** received an undergraduate degree from University of California, Los Angeles in the fields of Political Science and Middle Eastern studies and an MA from Columbia University. She is currently a PhD student in Arabic and Islamic studies Department at Georgetown University. After completing CASA, Dilyara plans to continue working on her doctoral research on Ottoman history and Islamic law.

**Mohammed Rafi Arefin** is a graduate student in the Department of Geography at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His research focuses on the relationship between waste management, urbanization and uneven urban development in Cairo. He has previously studied Arabic at the University of California, Berkeley, the American University in Cairo, the University of Arizona, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Henry Clements** is an M.A. candidate in the department of Arab and Islamic Civilizations at the American University in Cairo. He holds a B.A. in Arabic from Washington University in St. Louis. After CASA he intends to pursue a Ph.D. in history.

**Clare Duncan** graduated from Harvard in May 2014 with a BA in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations with a focus on Islamic law, and spent the past year working as a Presidential Intern in the Office of the President at The American University in Cairo. After CASA, she plans to do a joint JD-PhD program in international and Islamic law.

**Jeff Eamon** graduated from Occidental College in 2011 and worked on a federal defense team for the Oregon Federal Public Defenders. He went on to pursue an MA in Near Eastern Studies at NYU where he is currently writing his thesis on the development of Bahrain's colonial police forces. Jeff has lived and studied in both Morocco and Lebanon and plans on pursuing work in the Middle East after finishing CASA.

**Michael Ernst** received his BA from Bard College in May of 2014, where he studied human rights with a concentration in Middle Eastern studies. Since graduation, Michael has worked with the Arab Studies Institute, which aims to encourage the production of scholarship on the Arab world and highlight the work of Arab scholars. His academic interests include Arab literary history, the discourse of universal human rights, and media representations of the MENA region.

**Anna Levett** received her BA from the University of Pennsylvania and is currently a PhD candidate in comparative literature at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her research engages with the relationship between French and Arabic modernism in the 20th century. Having previously lived in both Turkey and Jordan, she is excited to spend a year in Cairo and get to know another part of the Middle East.

**Samuel T. Ward-Packard** graduated from Yale in 2014 with a BA in Humanities. He previously studied Arabic in Cairo as an NSLI-Y Fellow. His primary research interest is

informal adaptation to institutional failure, and after CASA he hopes to work on urban or education policy in Egypt.

**Annie Weaver** graduated from the Gallatin School at New York University in 2015 with a BA in Colonial and Post-Colonial Studies. Her research interests include Middle Eastern and African literature, literary translation, and colonial history and policy. She has studied Arabic for 3 years at NYU and Middlebury and hopes to continue translating Arabic literature and also pursue a PhD in colonial history

## **THE QASID INSTITUTE FOR ARABIC**

**Moyagaye Bedward** graduated from the City University of New York Queens College with a B.A. in political science and history. She is currently a Ph.D. student at Rutgers University-New Brunswick in Middle Eastern history. Her research interests are identity formation and race in 20<sup>th</sup> century Morocco.

**Kim Canuette Grimaldi** is currently a PhD student at the University of Texas at Austin. Her research interests include the representation of disability in contemporary Arab and Persian literature.

**Camille Cole** is a PhD student in the History department at Yale University. Before coming to Yale, she earned a BA in Politics and Middle Eastern Studies from Pomona College and an MPhil in Historical Studies from the University of Cambridge. Her research focuses on Ottoman Iraq and Qajar Iran, and she is especially interested in space, environmental history, and the history of technology. Camille has also studied Arabic in Aleppo, Syria.

**Jamila Davey** is a PhD student in Comparative Literature at the University of Texas at Austin where she studies classical Arabic literature, Islamic textual and hermeneutical tradition, and Francophone literature in Islamic contexts. Jamila holds an MA in Middle Eastern Studies from University of Texas and a BA in Philosophy from Northwestern University. Jamila has previously studied in Morocco.

**Robert J. Farley** is a doctoral student at UCLA's Department of Comparative Literature, with a particular interest in bringing Arabic LGBTQI narratives in dialog with American discourses of race, gender, and sexuality. Robert has studied as a FLAS Fellow at CIEE Amman in 2013-14 academic year.

**Carolyn Lambole**y received a BA in history and politics from McGill University in Montreal in 2011, and graduated last year with a dual degree in International History from Columbia and the London School of Economics. She began studying Arabic in Montreal and it has since taken her to Morocco, Tunisia and Egypt, which she is very excited to return to.

**Haley Lepp** graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in May 2015, where she studied Science, Technology, and International Affairs. Haley's academic interests include Internet governance, global information technology infrastructure, technological innovation as a source of political empowerment, and information technology under authoritarian

regimes. Haley studied abroad in Jordan and Morocco during college and is excited to return to Amman with CASA.

**Aaron Magid** recently completed his Masters Degree from Harvard University where he specialized in Middle Eastern Studies. Previously, he graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA degree in Political Science and Arabic. He has studied Arabic overseas in Morocco, Palestine, and Jordan. After CASA, he hopes to work in journalism or public policy.

**Katy Montoya** received her B.A. in 2015 in Political Science and Islamic Studies from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania. She studied Arabic with the University of Virginia-Yarmouk University program in Irbid, Jordan during the summer of 2013. She also conducted fieldwork research in Syrian refugee communities in northern Jordan in the summer of 2014. Her academic interests include refugee policy, civil society building, media, and film production.

**Kevin Pace** completed his undergraduate studies at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He will finish his Master's degree at Indiana University—Bloomington in May of 2015. He enjoys studying languages, especially Semitic languages, and hopes to work in translation from Arabic to English.

**Brooke Sauro** graduated from Georgetown University in May 2015 with a BS in Foreign Service. Her academic interests include conflict resolution and post-conflict reconstruction in the Middle East, and she has previously studied Arabic in Amman, Jordan and Nizwa, Oman.

**Justin Schuster** graduated from Yale University in 2015 with a double major in Global Affairs and Middle Eastern Studies. Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, Justin has previously interned for AMIDEAST in both Cairo and Amman. After CASA, he is interested in U.S. national security policy related to the Middle East.

**Keegan Terek** graduated from Georgetown University in 2015 with a BA in Arabic and Spanish and Portuguese Studies. Since 2010, he has spent four summers studying Arabic abroad in Egypt, Morocco, and Oman with the State Department's NSLI-Y and CLS Programs. His academic interests lie at the intersection of language, sexuality, and identity. Upon completing his CASA Fellowship, Keegan hopes to pursue graduate studies in Arabic Sociolinguistics.

**Chelsea Villareal** graduated from Smith College in 2014 where she studied Arabic linguistics and Middle East studies. She has previously lived and studied in Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt and the UK. Her research interests span issues in bilingualism, cognitive linguistics, and second language acquisition. After CASA, she plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Arabic linguistics.