

## Announcements

### **Join MEM or renew your MEMbership: An invitation from Middle East Medievalists (Cont.)**

As announced at last MESA, MEM has also noticeably increased its presence on social media. Make sure to follow us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/MideastMedievalists>) and on Twitter (@MideastMedieval)!

Our new website will include, in due course, further new resources dedicated to teaching and digital humanities in particular, and will benefit from the many resources (such as working papers) that the Islamic History Commons have to offer.

We would also remind you that our list (H-MEM) provides opportunity to engage colleagues worldwide with the topics and questions that concern us all.

Please join now. MEM is embracing change and needs you to continue to provide outstanding service to the field.

— The MEM Board of Directors

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### **George T. Scanlon Graduate Student Award in Arab and Islamic Civilizations**

Alumnae of The American University in Cairo (AUC) have established an endowment in the name of the late George T. Scanlon (1925-2014), Professor Emeritus of Islamic Art and Architecture at AUC. The **George T. Scanlon Graduate Student Award in Arab and Islamic Civilizations** will be a merit-based award open to all students pursuing a graduate degree in the various disciplines of Arab and Islamic Civilizations (ARIC), the department that Scanlon was affiliated with for most of his professional career. The award will recognize the most distinguished MA thesis produced by an ARIC student in that given academic year, with an annual award ceremony that will feature an invited keynote speaker from the Cairo academic community who will recognize the award recipient and commemorate Scanlon's impact on Islamic studies. This award will be a lasting tribute to an educator and scholar who left a strong imprint on Islamic archaeology, studies related to the material culture of medieval Egypt and the generations of students that he taught:

<http://new.aucegypt.edu/news/stories/auc%E2%80%99s-george-t-scanlon-%E2%80%9Ckeep-faith%E2%80%9D>

To contribute to the **George T. Scanlon Graduate Student Award in Arab and Islamic Civilizations**, please contact [givingthanks@aucegypt.edu](mailto:givingthanks@aucegypt.edu).