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BARNES, Phillip	Environmental Sciences
GAUCH, Suzanne	Language & Literature
HECK, Paul	Religion
GRAY, Doris	Women's Studies
MOULAISON, Heather	Library Science
MCCUE, Frances	American literature
TACHAICHA, Jane	Language & Literature
SMOLIN, Jonathan	Literature

Graduate Students

ALIBHAI, Ali	Architectural History
BALDWIN, Stephanie	Women's Studies
BISHIOP, Jacqueline	Communication
BONADIO, Mark	Islamic Studies
CHOPIAK, Elena	Women's Studies
FARHA, Ryan	Modern History
GUND, Susannah	Education
HAGUE, Elizabeth	Sociology
KIGAR, Samuel	Islamic Studies
MARKOWITZ, Rachel	Political Science
MOHI-UD-DIN Mohsin	Art/Education
MOLITORIS, Chris	Economic Development
MURPHY, Matthew	Public Health
NEWMAN, Jessica	Women's Studies
NORLAND, Kathleen	Religion
PECKERILL, Emily	Political Science
POWERS, Jacqueline	Women's Studies
RUBIN, Rachel	Business/Management
SECKMAN, Kathryn	Political Science
SEWELL, Denise	Urban Development
TALIB, Maher	Sociology
CALDERWOOD, Eric	Lges/Lit. (DDRA)



Agriculture

Research Scholar:

Berrada Abdellfattah <Abdel.Berrada@ColoState.Edu>

Position:

Research Scientist at Arkansas Valley Research Center

Home Institution:

Colorado State University, Rocky Ford, CO

Date of Birth:

02-19-1953

Assignment in Morocco:

Hassan II Agronomy & Veterinary Institute, Rabat

Duration of Stay:

6 months, starting October 2008

Academic Background:

Ph.D. Agriculture Agronomy (Soils), University of Nebraska, 1983
MS, Agriculture Agronomy, Hassan II Agronomy & Veterinary Institute,
Rabat

Language Competence:

Arabic: Native Speaker
French: Fluent

Specialization (s):

Soil & water Management, Salinity, soil fertility, crop production &
ecology, international agronomy

Field Project Title:

Assessment of Drip Irrigation in Morocco

Publications: complete list available upon request to s.maski@macece.ma



Environmental Science

Research Scholar:

Barnes Phillip <pbarnes@environ.sc.edu>

Position:

Research Professor At the School of Environment

Home Institution:

Columbia School of Environment, University of South Carolina,
Columbia, SC

Date of Birth:

12-13-1950

Assignment in Morocco:

Ministry of Health, Centre Régional de Transfusion Sanguine, Rabat

Duration of Stay:

3 months, starting January 2009

Academic Background:

Ph.D. Environmental Management/Sustainable Development, Erasmus
University, Rotterdam, 2000

MA of Earth & Environmental Resources Management, University of
South Carolina, Columbia, 1993

Language Competence:

Spanish: Fair

Specialization (s):

International Environmental Management Systems, Health & Safety
Management Systems, Sustainable Management

Field Project Title:

Implementation of ISO Environmental Management Standards in a
Moroccan regional center for blood transfusion

Publications: complete list available upon request to s.maski@macece.ma



Language & Literature
(non-US)

Lecturing Scholar:

Gauch Suzanne <sgauch@temple.edu>

Position:

Assistant Professor at the Department of English

Home Institution:

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Date of Birth:

01-09-1965

Assignment in Morocco:

University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah, Faculty of Letters/
Dher Mehrez, Fes

Duration of Stay:

10 month, starting September 2008

Academic Background:

Ph.D. Language and Literature, SUNY-University of Buffalo, 1996

Language Competence:

French: good
German: Excellent
Arabic: Fair

Specialization (s):

Postcolonial Literature, Gender Studies, Film

Field Project Title:

Teach English language Literature and Film

Publications: complete list available upon request to s.maski@macece.ma



Religion

Lecturing/Research Scholar:

Paul Heck <plh2@georgetown.edu>

Position:

Associate Professor at the Theology Department

Home Institution:

Georgetown University, Washington DC

Date of Birth:

01-12-1966

Assignment in Morocco:

Faculty of Letters, University Mohamed V & Dar Al Hadith Al
Hassania in Rabat

Duration of Stay:

10 months, starting September 2008

Academic Background:

Ph.D. Islamic Studies, University of Chicago, 2000
MA, Oxford University, Classical Literature, 1990

Language Competence:

Arabic: excellent
French: Fair

Specialization (s):

Islamic Studies, Christian Studies

Field Project Title:

Lecture in Arabic on the role of religion in American society & publish a
book on the subject for the use of American studies program in Arab
Universities

Publications: complete list available upon request to s.maski@macece.ma



Women's Studies

Lecturing/Research Scholar:

Doris Gray <dgray2@fsu.edu>

Position:

Assistant Professor of Modern Languages & Women's Studies

Home Institution:

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Date of Birth:

08-18-1955

Assignment in Morocco:

Faculty of Letters, University Ibn Tofail, Kenitra

Duration of Stay:

4 months, starting February 2009

Academic Background:

Ph.D. Language & Literature (non-US), Contemporary French & Francophone Studies, Florida State University, 2005

MA. Communications, Florida Agricultural & Mechanical Univ. 1997

Language Competence:

French: Excellent

German: Excellent (native speaker)

Specialization (s):

Language & Literature (non-US), Muslim Women, Postcolonial Francophone Cultures, Cultural Studies, Francophone Women's Literature

Field Project Title:

Lecture on women & gender in Africa and assist in the development of a Women's Studies Program at host institution

Publications:

Complete list available upon request to s.maski@macece.ma



Library Science

Lecturing Scholar:

Heather Moulaison hmoulaison@yahoo.com

Position:

Librarian at the Cataloging Department, TCNJ Library

Home Institution:

The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ

Date of Birth:

05-27-1974

Assignment in Morocco:

School of Information Sciences, Rabat

Duration of Stay:

10 months, starting September 2008

Academic Background:

MLIS, Library Science, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, 2002

Language Competence:

French: Excellent

German: Fair

Specialization (s):

Cataloging, Information Technology, American Academic Librarianship

Field Project Title:

Teach Information Technology and Cataloging at ESI, Rabat

Publications: complete list available upon request to s.maski@macece.ma



American Literature

Lecturing Scholar:

Frances McCue <frances@francesmccue.com>

Position:

Writer Adjunct Faculty

Home Institution:

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Date of Birth:

03-20-1962

Assignment in Morocco:

Faculty of Letters, University Cadi Ayyad, Marrakech

Duration of Stay:

10 months, starting September 2008

Academic Background:

ED.D. Education, Columbia University, 2001

WFA, Creative Writing, University of Washington, 1988

Language Competence:

French: Fair

Specialization (s):

Contemporary American Poetry & Fiction, Contemporary American and Moroccan Art

Field Project Title:

Teach American Literature

Publications: complete list available upon request to s.maski@macece.ma



Language & Lit.
(non-US)

Lecturer/Research Scholar:

Jane Tchaicha <jtchaicha@bentley.edu>

Position:

Chair & Associate Professor at the Modern Languages Department

Home Institution:

Bentley College, Waltham, Massachusetts

Date of Birth:

05-27-1949

Assignment in Morocco:

Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane (AUI)

Duration of Stay:

4 months, starting September 2008

Academic Background:

ED.D. Education, Harvard University, 1996

Language Competence:

French: Excellent

Specialization (s):

Francophone history & culture; Maghribi women's rights; technology & Second language acquisition; culture, technology & business practices

Field Project Title:

Lecture & research the use of technology as a source of empowerment in women's focused NGOs

Publications: complete list available upon request to s.maski@macece.ma



*Middle Eastern
Lges/Lits.*

Research Scholar (Fulbright-Hays FRA Program):

Jonathan Smolin <jonathan.smolin@dartmouth.edu>

Position:

Assistant Professor of Arabic

Home Institution:

Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire

Date of Birth:

12-27-1973

Assignment/Affiliation in Morocco:

University Mohamed V, Rabat & the National Library, Rabat

Duration of Stay:

12 months, starting July 2008

Academic Background:

Ph.D. Modern Arabic Literature & Culture, Harvard University, 2007

MA. Arabic & Islamic Studies, Harvard University, 2004

Language Competence:

Arabic: excellent

French: Fluent reading, good conversation

Specialization (s):

Modern Arabic Literature & Culture, Middle Eastern & North African
mass media, North African history & politics, globalization,
Francophone Literature and Culture

Field Project Title:

Policing Reality: Fictions of Crime & Punishment in the New Morocco

Publications: complete list available upon request to s.maski@macece.ma



Art & Architectural History

Graduate Student:

ALIBHAI, Ali Asgar <aalibhai@mail.smu.edu>

Date of Birth:

01/25/1980

Assignment in Morocco:

University Al Akhawayn, Ifrane

Duration of Stay:

9 months, starting May 2009

Academic Background:

M.A. Medieval Studies, Southern Methodist University, Texas, 2007
B.A. Arabic/ Islamic Studies/Islamic History, Al Jamea Saifiyah, 2004

Language Competence:

Arabic: good
French: beginner

Project Title:

From sound to light: A Study of the Evolution of Moroccan Religious
Light Fixtures



Women's Studies

Graduate Student:

BALDWIN, Stephanie <stephbaldwin@gmail.com>

Date of Birth:

11/02/1985

Assignment in Morocco:

University Mohamed V, Rabat &
The Support Group for the Education of Rural Girls (NGO)

Duration of Stay:

15 months, starting September 2008

Academic Background:

B.A. Political Science/International Studies/French,
Loyola University Chicago, 2004

Occupational Experience:

Tutor of French and French, Tutoring Center, Chicago, 2007

Language Competence:

French: good
Arabic: Beginner

Project Title:

“Scholarship for Success”: Promoting Education for Young Women in
Rural Morocco



Communication

Student:

Jacqueline Bishop <jaj204@nyu.edu>

Date of Birth:

02-28-1971

Assignment in Morocco:

Ibn Tofail University, Faculty of Letters, Kenitra

Duration of Stay:

9 months, starting September 2008

Academic Background:

MFA, Creative Writing, New York University, 2000

MA, English, New York University, 1998

B.A. Psychology, Lehman College, 1994

Occupational Experience:

English Instructor, New York University, 1998-2007

Language Competence:

French: Moderate

Project Title:

“Signifying” Culture: Moroccan Lifestyle Magazines



Islamic Studies

Student:

Mark Bonadio <markbonadio@hotmail.com>

Date of Birth:

05-09-1964

Assignment in Morocco:

University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah, Fes
American Language Center, Fes

Duration of Stay:

15 months, Starting May 2009

Academic Background:

M.A. student, Near Eastern language/Culture, Indiana University, 2009 (expected)
B.A. Occupational Therapy, Indiana University, 1995

Occupational Experience:

Occupational Therapist, Self, 2001-2007

Language Competence:

Arabic: Fair

Project Title:

Fes: City of Islam, City of Saints



Women's Studies

Student:

Elena Chopiak

Date of Birth:

24-01-1986

Assignment in Morocco:

L'Association Marocaine de Planification Familiale.
L'Association Démocratique des Femmes du Maroc.

Duration of Stay:

9 months, Starting September 2008

Academic Background:

B.A. Sociology, Anthropology, French and Women's Studies, Swarthmore College
June 2008

Occupational Experience:

Intern at SIECUS NY, 2007
Telephone Counselor, Women's Law Project, (05-06)
Sexual Assault Intern, District Attorney's Office, Philadelphia, PA (06)

Language Competence:

French: Good
Arabic: Limited

Project Title:

Family Planning and Islam in Modern Morocco.



Modern History

Student:

Ryan Farha <ryanfarha@gmail.com>

Date of Birth:

12-24-1985

Assignment in Morocco:

The American Legation in Tangier

Duration of Stay:

15 months, Starting September 2008

Academic Background:

B.A. European History/Islamic Studies/French, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2008

Occupational Experience:

Language Partner, Vanderbilt Center for Teaching,

Language Competence:

Arabic: Moderate
French: Limited

Project Title:

A Narrative History of Tangier from 1912 to 1956



Education

Student:

Susannah L. Gund <susannah.gund@gmail.com>

Date of Birth:

11-18-1985

Assignment in Morocco:

Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University in Fes

Duration of Stay:

15 months, starting September 2008

Academic Background:

B.A. Linguistics with Arabic, French Educational Studies

Occupational Experience:

Arabic Department Assistant, Swarthmore College, 2007

Writing Associate, Swarthmore College writing center, 2005-2008

Language Competence:

Arabic: good (Moroccan Arabic)

French: good

Project title:

The language Debate inside Morocco's Classrooms



Sociology

Student:

Elizabeth Hague <elizabeth.hague@gmail.com>

Date of Birth:

09-19-1986

Assignment in Morocco:

Ibn Tofail University, Kenitra

Duration of Stay:

15 months, starting September 2008

Academic Background:

B.A. Islamic Studies, Political Science, Washington University in St Louis, 2008

Occupational Experience:

WAPPP, Harvard University, Research Intern (2007)

Language Competence:

Arabic: (Standard) Moderate

Project Title:

The Impact of the Reformed Moudawana on Moroccan Single Mothers.



Islamic Studies

Student:

Samuel Kigar <samkigar@gmail.com>

Date of Birth:

12-19-1983

Assignment in Morocco:

Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane (AUI)

Duration of Stay:

13 months, starting September, 2008

Academic Background:

B.A. Religion, Reed College, May 2006

Occupational Experience:

Research Assistant for Prof. Kambiz Ghaneabassiri, Portland, 2007

Language Competence:

French: Good

Arabic: Beginner

Project Title:

Moroccan Islamic Thought Regarding Religious Others in the Early 20th Century



Political Science

Student:

Rachel Markowitz <rmarkowitz@gmail.com>

Date of Birth:

08-31-1984

Assignment in Morocco:

University Mohamed V, School of Law, Rabat

Duration of Stay:

14 months, starting September, 2008

Academic Background:

B.A. Political Science/Psychology, University of Texas at Dallas, 2008

Occupational Experience:

Facilitator, International Law Academy, 2007

Intern, US House of Representatives, Washington DC, 2006

Pre-Law Living Learning Advise, University of Texas at Dallas, 2007

Language Competence:

Arabic: Good

French: Good

Spanish: Good

Project Title:

Conflict Under the Law: Implementing Alternative Dispute Resolution in Morocco



Art/Education

Student:

Mohsin Mohi-Ud-Din <mohsindin@yahoo.com>

Date of Birth:

11-28-1984

Assignment in Morocco:

DARNA Association in Tangier & BAYTI Association in Casablanca

Duration of Stay:

13 months, starting February 2009

Academic Background:

B.A. Political Economy, Fordham University, NY, 2007

Occupational Experience:

Consultant & Researcher, Human Rights First, NY, 2007

Researcher for DPI, United Nations, 2006

Refugee Youth Program Tutor, International Rescue Committee, 2004-052

Language Competence:

Arabic: Beginner

Project Title:

Bridges: Arts for Peace and Understanding



Economic Development

Student:

Christopher Molitoris <chrismolitoris@gmail.com>

Date of Birth:

02-29-1986

Assignment in Morocco:

Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane & ONEP in Rabat

Duration of Stay:

15 months, starting September,

Academic Background:

B.A. Political Science/Comparative Literature/Near Eastern Studies, University of Chicago, June 2007

Occupational Experience:

Intern, the Office of US Senator Rick Santorum, Washington DC, summer 2006

Intern, the Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC, summer 2005

Language Competence:

Arabic: Moderate

French: Good

Project Title:

Governance, Water and Women's Empowerment in Morocco's Rural Villages.



Public Health

Student:

Matthew Murphy <mmurp8@luc.edu>

Date of Birth:

10-06-1985

Assignment in Morocco:

Mohamed V University, Rabat

Duration of Stay:

11 months, starting September 2008

Academic Background:

B.A. Spanish/Peace Studies/Bioethics, Loyola University Chicago, May 2007

Occupational Experience:

Research Fellow, CURL, (01/2007-05/2007)

Medical Assistant, Bay Ridge Pulmonary Associates, (05/2005-01/2007)

Public Health Worker, Shoulder to Shoulder, (06/2007-08/2007)

Language Competence:

Arabic: Fair

French: Fair

Project Title:

The National Strategic Plan: Combating the Spread of HIV and AIDS.



Women's Studies

Student:

Jessica Newman <j.newmie@mac.com>

Date of Birth:

07-01-1986

Assignment in Morocco:

Feminist NGOs in Morocco

Duration of Stay:

9 months, starting September 2008

Academic Background:

B.A. English, Women's Studies, French, University of California, Irvine, 2008

Occupational Experience:

Extra-Currilar Activity: Member, Secretary and then President of FIRE Foundation for International Relations Education

Language Competence:

French: Good

Arabic: Limited

Project Title:

Moroccan Sexual Rights and intersectional values.



Comparative Literature

Student:

Kathleen Norland <kathleennorland@gmail.com>

Date of Birth:

12-17-1984

Assignment in Morocco:

Al Qarawiyn University in Fes, University Mohamed V, Rabat

Duration of Stay:

9 months, starting September 2008

Academic Background:

B.A. Political Science, Comparative Literature, Near Eastern Studies, University of Chicago, June 2007

Occupational Experience:

Extra-Currilar Activity: Member, Secretary and then President of FIRE Foundation for International Relations Education

Language Competence:

Arabic: Very good

Project Title:

Just War Theory and Rules of Warfare in Islamic Law.



Political Science

Student:

Emily Peckrill <emily.bock@gmail.com>

Date of Birth:

08-26-1984

Assignment in Morocco:

University Hassan II, Casablanca

Duration of Stay:

14 months, starting September 2008

Academic Background:

B.A. English Literature & Language, The University of Chicago, 2006

Occupational Experience:

Executive Assistant, Center for the Homeless, IN 2006

Language Competence:

Arabic: Beginner

Project Title:

The informal Economy of Sub-Saharan Immigrants in Casablanca.



Women's Studies

Student:

Jacqueline Powers <Jacqueline.powers@gmail.com>

Date of Birth:

09-16-1984

Assignment in Morocco:

ADFM- Association Démocratique des Femmes Marocaines, Rabat
Association El Amane pour le Développement de la Femme Marocaine

Duration of Stay:

15 months, starting September 2008

Academic Background:

B.A. French/Spanish/English, Georgetown University, 2006
The University of Paris-Sorbonne, French Literature, 2004-2005

Occupational Experience:

Staff Assistant, American Bar Association, 2007
Assistant, Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, Washington DC 2005

Language Competence:

French: Good
Arabic: Limited

Project Title:

The Socio-Economic Empowerment for Contemporary Moroccan Women.



Business/Management

Student:

Rachel Rubin <rachelrubin2@gmail.com>

Date of Birth:

06-22-1986

Assignment in Morocco:

University Cadi Ayyad, Marrakech
Marrakech Regional Council of Tourism

Duration of Stay:

14 months, starting September 2008

Academic Background:

B.A. Organizational Studies, French, Pitzer College, Claremont, CA

Occupational Experience:

Marketing/Editorial intern, San Francisco Magazine, 2007

Language Competence:

French: Very Good
Arabic: Beginner

Project Title:

A Better Life in Al Medina Al-Hamra: Tourism, Education and Poverty in Marrakech.



Political Science

Student:

Kathryn Seckman <ksseckman@gmail.com>

Date of Birth:

10-06-1985

Assignment in Morocco:

Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane
University Mohamed V, Rabat

Duration of Stay:

9 months, starting September 2008

Academic Background:

B.A. International Relations, Drake University, Des Moines, 2008

Occupational Experience:

Undergraduate Assistant, Drake University Center, 2006-2008

Language Competence:

French: Good
Arabic: Beginner

Project Title:

Voices of Women in the Moroccan Parliament.



Urban Development and Planning

Student:

Denise Sewell <denise.rosalind@gmail.com>

Date of Birth:

04-26-1986

Assignment in Morocco:

Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane

Duration of Stay:

11 months starting September 2008

Academic Background:

B.A. Economics/Mathematics, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Virginia, 2008

Occupational Experience:

Intern, LNDF- Lynchburg Neighborhood Development Foundation.
Mathematics, Economics and Writing Tutor, Randolph-Macon Women's College,
(2005-2008).
Intern, Georgia Institute of Technology, (2001-2002)

Language Competence:

Arabic: Moderate
French: Limited

Project Title:

Assessing the Impact of Guesthouses in the Medinas of Fez, Marrakech and
Essaouira.



Sociology

Student:

Meher Talib <Meher.Talib@gmail.com>

Date of Birth:

11-27-1985

Assignment in Morocco:

The American Legation Museum, Tangier
Mohamed V University, Rabat

Duration of Stay:

9 months, starting October 2008

Academic Background:

B.A. International Relations, University of Southern California, 2008

Occupational Experience:

Camp Counselor, Seeds of Peace, 2006
Intern, Mdivani Law Firm, (12/05-01/06)
Intern with Congressman Dennis Moore (2005)

Language Competence:

Arabic: Limited
French: Limited

Project Title:

Sounds of Morocco: The Influences of Contemporary Moroccan Music.



Language/Literature
(Fulbright-Hays DDRA program)

Student:

Eric Calderwood <eric.calderwood@gmail.com>

Date of Birth:

11-27-1985

Assignment in Morocco:

The American Legation Museum, Tangier
Mohamed V University, Rabat

Duration of Stay:

3 months, starting February 2009

Academic Background:

Ph.D. candidate, Romance languages and Literatures, Harvard University,
(expected 2010)
M.A. Romance Languages & Literatures, Harvard University, 2005

Occupational Experience:

Freelance translation for academic & literary publications since 1998
Poetry and Non-fiction prose editor since 2000

Language Competence:

Arabic: Good
French: Limited

Project Title:

Research on the historiography of Al Andalus