



Graduate Professional Development Program

In 2015-2016, the CMES launches a new program to provide professional development opportunities for graduate students whose work focuses on the Middle East and/or North Africa. In the hopes of supporting UC Berkeley's excellent graduate students in a competitive job market, the **CMES Graduate Professional Development Program**, including a new **Graduate Internship**, builds upon our popular Junior Scholars Lunches to include informative sessions on **teaching the Middle East, the mentoring relationship, grant-writing**, and more. Attend monthly events, visit www.cmes.edu/graddev for updates to the schedule, and let us know what kinds of programming would be helpful to you as you wrangle the dissertation, tangle with grant proposals, or wade into the job market.

September

Monday, 9/21, 12-1:30 pm - Junior Scholars Lunch

An opportunity for graduate students working on Middle Eastern topics to present and discuss their work over pizza. To volunteer to workshop a dissertation chapter, conference paper, or article draft, please contact cmes@berkeley.edu.

October

Monday, 10/19, 4-6 pm - Teaching the Middle East

Two sessions on bringing the Middle East into the classroom. The first hour will focus on teaching the Middle East in a university setting, e.g., how to approach "Introduction to the Middle East" courses, with tips on developing a syllabus, selecting readings, and more. The second hour will give an introduction to bringing the Middle East into a K-12 or community college setting, with presentations on Islamic world coverage in current state education standards, and an overview of paid opportunities for graduate students to collaborate with K-14 teachers.

November

Tuesday, 11/3, 12-1:30 pm - Junior Scholars Lunch

Monday, 11/30, 4-6 pm - Building Cred: Mentoring and Publishing

A mentor can be critical to navigating the shoals of the dissertation process and job hunt. Seasoned faculty will speak about finding and cultivating a mentor relationship, followed by a panel on getting started in both academic and mainstream publishing, including tips on pitching, using social media, and more.

Spring Semester

This program is meant to benefit you, our graduate students, and our spring schedule is currently flexible to respond to your feedback. Tentatively on the docket are presentations on **"Tough Questions and Sensitive Subjects,"** or dealing with the sometimes fraught territory of Middle Eastern Studies; **"Ac vs. Alt-Ac";** and **"Writing Successful Grant Applications."**

