

Dear Syrian Studies Association Members,

It is with great pleasure that I may announce the first issue of volume 23. This volume has three feature articles on three very different topics: Syrian refugees in the United States, Yezidis in Syria, and a reflection on a project on the role of art and culture in the Arab-American community.

With regard to the Syrian Studies Association, we are pleased to welcome Andrea Stanton as President, Ted Falk as Member-at-Large, Dayna Rajha as Grad Student Officer, Jessica Radin as Book Review Editor, and Hala Auji as the Lebanon Liaison. We are concerned about the unfilled treasurer position, as this is a crucial role for the SSA administration, but we appreciate our current slate of officers and their willingness to serve. We'd also like to thank the SSA officers who have completed their tenure, for their service and their efforts to support the organization.

We are also looking forward to sponsoring panels for MESA 2018. In the meantime, we will deliberate over the future and direction of the organization. We hope to continue this critical conversation at our next board meeting at the next MESA meeting in November 2018. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edith Szanto', with a stylized, cursive script.

Edith Szanto  
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