**Strategic Emphases**

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- One example: celebrating International Women’s Day with UNC-Charlotte to host a virtual Conversation With The Translators of “The Purple Color Of Kurdish Politics” a collection of prison writings from 22 Kurdish women political prisoners.
- We provided advertising and promotional support for all events in the Triangle area relating to the Center’s mission, including ~150 events so far this academic year.

**Fundraising**

- Held VIP fundraising happy hour during the March 3, 20th anniversary celebration
- Sent promotional emails in December & March to community members and potential donors, thanking them and inviting them to donate through give.unc.edu.
- Used promotional emails and Social Media posts on GiveUNC day resulting in $11,200 raised from 12 donors
- Efforts resulted in a donation of $1000 for Persian Studies
- In conversation with private donors and the Roshan Institute about potential avenues for fundraising for faculty research, graduate student grants and outreach

**Faculty Engagement and Support**

- Comedy & Hip-hop: partnered with the IAH and Music Dept for our 20th year anniversary celebration (250 attendees)
- Film: with DAMES and European Studies we co-sponsored multiple screenings and critical conversations (~140 attendees)
- Music & poetry: hosted a night of Armenian Dudak music and Arabic, Turkish, Persian poetry with support from the Music Dept and DAMES (120 attendees)
- Literature: Celebrated the launch of Dr. Mahnaz Afkhami’s book “The Other Side of Silence” with Ackland Museum and UNC Press (60 attendees)
- Hosted 6 visiting speakers throughout the year-long CMEIS Academic lecture series “Legacies of Middle East’s Global 20th Century” (~325 attendees)
- Organized the annual NC Consortium for Middle eastern Studies conference, with support from IAH, DAMES, Geography and History, (45 attendees)
- 2 course development
- 3 research travel
- 2 language pedagogy training

**Student Learning and Leadership**

- Organized graduate research colloquium with the Islamicate Graduate Student Association, where faculty and students workedshopped their ideas (25 attendees)
- Networking and socializing for students and faculty across campus through our social cafes (40 attendees) and other celebrations.
- Professionalization workshops for MA & PhD grad students, to prepare them for entering the job market and publication
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**Community Impact**

- 1,875 students, faculty, staff and community members attended social events, lectures, performances, and workshops the CMEIS supported (financially or technically)
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PROGRAM PRIORITIES

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT
- Supported overload courses for Duke-UNC programs in Persian & Turkish and Urdu script course at Duke
- Ongoing development of a Middle East Studies Graduate Certificate/practicum with DAMES including working on aligning the off-cycle required course sequence, and possibly transitioning management from the NC Consortium to joint management by UNC DAMES/Duke AMES
- Maintaining and enhancing Arabic programs across NC with support for LAC in Arabic, Urdu at UNC, CLAC in Arabic at Duke

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS
- Virtual Scholars: Duygu Dincer (Biruni University, Istanbul, Turkey)
  Golnar Gishnizjani (University of Turku, Finland)
- In-person scholar: Emrah Yildiz (Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University, Turkey)

VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM

UNC LIBRARIES PARTNERSHIP
- Ongoing work with Sean Swanick, Duke librarian for Middle East, North Africa, and Islamic Studies

ADMINISTRATION
- Appointed a temporary staff member (Joanne Johnson)
- Hired a new Outreach Director (Alaa Hammouda)
- In the processes of hiring NC Consortium Admin Staff
- In the process of hiring center Associate Director

FACULTY POSITIONS
- Claudia has been working with the Roshan Institute and submitted a letter of interest for an endowed director position in Persian Studies (Media Studies)

Thank you for your continuing support!