

## AGAPS Graduate Paper Prize 2015: Call for Submissions

The Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies (AGAPS) invites the submission of graduate student research papers for AGAPS's 2015 Graduate Paper Prize. They must *primarily* focus on the Arabian Peninsula but can be inclusive of the transnational flow of people, goods and ideas across the Gulf, Red Sea and Indian Ocean. AGAPS welcomes submissions from all disciplines. Papers should include an engagement with literature that concerns the study of the Arabian Peninsula, a clear methodology, and make an original contribution to scholarship in the field. The author of the winning paper will be presented with a certificate at the AGAPS Business Meeting held during the next annual Middle East Studies Association (MESA) conference 21–24 November 2015 in Denver, Colorado. The winning paper will be announced in the *Journal of Arabian Studies* (JAS) and published by JAS if it meets the journal's editorial standards. Papers will be evaluated according to originality of research, innovation, contribution to the field, cogency of argument, sources, method and clarity of writing. All applicants must be members of AGAPS at the time of submission. **Submission deadline is 31 August 2015** (Note the extended deadline).

### Submission requirements:

- \* The paper must have been written between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015.
- \* The cover letter should include: author's name, contact information, title of paper, name of institution, department, and the name and email address for the faculty member who will provide an endorsement. Email is fine.
- \* Students can nominate themselves but must provide an endorsement by a faculty member stating that the paper was written as a graduate student during the specified time period. For example: This is to verify that "Student Name" prepared the paper, "Title," for my class on "Subject" during the "Semester." This can be sent via email.
- \* The author can be enrolled in an MA or a PhD program and must provide proof of student status. (This can be a letter from the department that can be sent via email). The author may have just completed a Master's degree but the author must not have defended a dissertation at the time of submission for the AGAPS Graduate Paper Prize.
- \* The paper must not exceed 7,500 words (excluding bibliography) and must not have been submitted for publication elsewhere. It should conform to the following format:

- ? Standard font (such as Arial or Times Roman)
- ? Double-spaced
- ? 1.25" / 3 cm margins
- ? Page limit of 30 pages
- ? Black and white

Materials must be emailed by **31 August 2015** to: Reem Alissa at [alissa.reem@gmail.com](mailto:alissa.reem@gmail.com), cc to Gwenn Okruhlik at [okruhlik@msn.com](mailto:okruhlik@msn.com). (Early submissions are appreciated)