



## Alliance Française of Lynchburg Newsletter – March Update 2009

### AN EVENING AT VERSAILLES

Alan Jones, Paris-based dance historian currently teaching for the French and Dance departments of Randolph College, will bring to life the art of fine living in an 18th-century chateau. His presentation will touch on the music, dance, spectacle and diverse entertainments that made a banquet a complete theatrical experience. Highlights will include excerpts from a rare musical cookbook from 1738. Participants will have the opportunity to taste one or two dishes recreated from this curious historical source, and to learn a contredanse once performed in the presence of Marie-Antoinette.

**Presentation in English. No charge.**

**Location: Randolph College, Alice Ashley Jack Lounge**

**Date & Time: Wednesday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m.**



### MAGHREBI IDENTITY / NOVELS & CINEMA



The Maghrebi includes African countries that were colonized by France in the colonial period: Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. Professeur Nabih Jerad of the University of Tunis in Carthage, will speak on “Construction of Maghrebi Identity in the Diaspora, based on novels and cinema”. Dr. Jerad has a doctorate from the University of Paris and is Associate Researcher at the French National Research Center (CNRS), where she co-chairs a research group on “Gender Studies in the Mediterranean.” She is currently a Fullbright Fellow at Stanford University. Her work on the construction of narratives of the self in the Maghreb, and among people of Maghrebi background in Europe, has led her to analyze a variety of genres, ranging from novels to rap to cinema.

**Presentation in English. No charge.**

**Location: Randolph College, Leggett 537**

**Date & Time: Monday, April 6, 4:00 p.m.**

### DÎNER EN L'HONNEUR DE NABIHA JERAD

Après la conférence précédente, il y aura un couscous en l'honneur de Nabih Jerad. Dîner en française. Réservations pour 20 personnes max.

**Location: 100 Columbia Avenue (la maison bleue). RSVP: 434-947-8557**

**Date & Time: Monday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.**