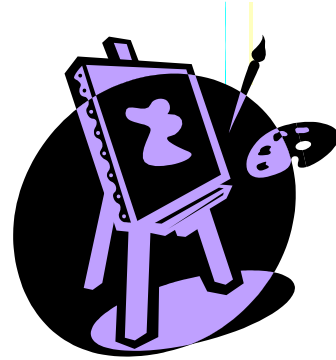


# Alliance Française de Lynchburg Newsletter #2

March 2006

An Evening at the Daura Gallery  
Prof. P. Rothermel at Lynchburg College  
Thursday, March 16, 2006  
7 p.m.



It is with great pleasure that we announce an evening of art discussion and education for members of the Alliance Française at the Daura Gallery. Prof. Rothermel will open the exhibit on March 15 and devote the evening of Thursday, March 16, to the Alliance Française for an exclusive viewing. The themes of the exhibit are:

- The Orientalists and the Expressionists
- Impressionists and the Common Place
- French Artists in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

Immediately after the tour of the exhibit, there will be light refreshments.

Directions:

Daura Gallery on the Lynchburg College campus  
For exact directions and parking, consult the security guard at the campus entrance on Lakeside Drive.

Conférence et dîner avec Dr. Boutheina Cheriet  
Jeudi, le 30 mars 2006 à 6h30  
2225 Surrey Place  
(the home of Urs and Michelle Gabathuler)

Dr. Boutheina Cheriet a agréé de parler aux membres de l'Alliance Française au sujet de

“Genre et Mouvements Fondamentalistes: étude comparée de la droite chrétienne américaine et du mouvement islamiste algérien.”



**Cette conférence sera en français.**

Après on va dîner ensemble. Veuillez apporter un hors d'oeuvre, une entrée, une salade, ou un plat principal. C'est votre choix. Les boissons seront fournies par Michelle.

After the talk, we will share a French potluck dinner. Please bring a hors d'oeuvre, salad, or entrée of your choice to share. Beverages will be provided.

If you plan to attend, or if you have any questions, please send an e-mail to Michelle Gabathuler at [mmgabathuler@adelphia.net](mailto:mmgabathuler@adelphia.net), or call 384-0089 or 847-2526.

Mme Boutheina Cheriet has been teaching at Randolph Macon Woman's College for the past academic year as a visiting professor. Her CV is attached for your information.

### French Bookclub



Wednesday, March 15

“Cruelle Douceur” by Marie Billet

Wednesday, April 12

“La Sieste Assassinée” by Philippe Delerm

Wednesday, May 10

“Art” by Yasmina Reza

The books have been distributed to those members who had ordered them. We wish you an enjoyable reading experience. The bookclub meetings take place as always at the Randolph Macon Bookstore at 5 p.m.

### Le Grand Concours et la Distribution des Prix

Once again, the students of our member French teachers will participate in the annual “Grand Concours”, our local annual essay contest. In the past few years, more than 500 French students of all levels wrote essays on given topics, and the top 25% of these students and their parents were invited to a festive awards ceremony and reception at VES.

This year, the contest will take place in mid March at many public and private middle and high schools in Lynchburg City, Bedford County, Amherst County, and Campbell County.

The awards ceremony and related events will take place on



Thursday, April 6, 2006  
at 5 p.m. at the V.E.S. Chapel, V.E.S.  
Road  
Reception will follow in the library.

Social gathering at 7:00 p.m.  
at the home of Urs and Michelle  
Gabathuler  
2225 Surrey Place

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Pierre Hudelot will once again travel to Lynchburg to present the awards. Mr. Hudelot is the “délégué général de la Fédération de l’Alliance Française pour les Etats-Unis.”

I would like to invite our members to join us for all or a part of the events surrounding the Concours. We especially invite all our members to meet Mr. Hudelot at the social gathering at 7 p.m. Wine and other beverages will be provided. We are asking the members to bring light hors d’oeuvres, cheese, breads, and/or desserts.

**Please mark your calendars for these events later in spring and summer:**

French Classes will start soon. A separate flyer will be sent out by our Treasurer and Head of French School, Mrs. Blair Rumney.

May 22, 2006: Assemblée Générale at the home of Manfred and Angela Mibus, Honey Tree Lane.

Sunday, July 9 (please note the change of date): Bastille Day celebration at the home of Robert and Kate Gray, 2223 Woodland Avenue.

## **Merci, Merci, Merci**

We would like to thank Terry and Mary Babbitt for hosting the Mardi Gras Party at their home on February 28. A happy crowd of around 35 members gathered in the Babbitts' beautiful new home and enjoyed homemade Gumbo (by Angela) and authentic King Cake (by Mary) as well as many other delicious goodies and refreshments.

Attachment:

Boutheina CHERIET Ph.D , **Comparative Education**

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### **AREAS OF INTEREST AND SKILLS**

- . Women's education, informal and formal
- . Education and gender, social practice and state policy
- . Gender, state building and citizenship in Arab societies
- . Education and cultural representations in contemporary Arab societies
- . Excellent command of written and spoken Arabic, English and French

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**2005-2006:** The William F. Quillian Jr. International Visiting Professor at the Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia, USA. Teachings covered women's studies in the MENA region, as well as comparative gender studies and fundamentalism amongst the American Christian Right, and the Islamist movements.

**2002-2003: Minister in charge of the family and women's affairs in the Algerian government.**

**1999-2000:** Papers on gender, education, and democratisation in Algeria presented at conferences in Japan (Tokyo Sophia University, Osaka Women University) and in Tunisia (at CEMAT: Centre d'Etudes Maghrébines Américain à Tunis).

**1997-1998:** . Writing and speaking engagements at various international venues on gender, education and politics in Algeria, the Arab region and Africa.

- . Teaching engagements in gender and politics, and gender and education in Turkey and Yemen.
- . Design of Diploma and Master courses in Gender and Education for the Empirical Research and Women Studies Center (ERWSC) at the University of Sanaa, Yemen.
- . Consultant in educational programmes at the Arab League Organisation for Education, Culture and Science (ALECSO).

**1995-1996:** . **Middle East visiting scholar at the Brookings Institution, Washington D.C.**, Research topic involved "Gender and Religious Fundamentalism: A Comparative Study of Islamism in Algeria, the Christian Right in the USA". Use of gender analysis in social change in various social formations.

**1994-1995:** Research coordinator at the Center of Arab Women for Training and Research, Tunis. Coordinated and analysed project involving work of five researchers in 5 Arab countries with the aim of producing video films and publications on grassroots Arab women, depicted as agents of social change in the areas of reproductive health, public participation and empowerment.

**1988-1994:** Lecturer in the Sociology of Education and Comparative Education to undergraduate and postgraduate students at the University of Algiers. Programmes emphasized global educational trends, women's education and gender in development with specific reference to Africa, Arab societies and Third World countries.

**1977-1980:** Journalist reporter and news writer and broadcaster at the Algerian Radio English Channel. Development of special programs on economic, social, and cultural issues pertaining to Algeria and the Third World. Broadcasts directed to African countries south of the Sahara.

### **EDUCATION**

**1987:** Ph.D in Comparative Education, London University Institute of Education, (education and economic and social development, education and traditional societies, modernisation and tradition in social change); thesis title: "**Specific Socialism and Illiteracy amongst Women: A Comparative Study of Algeria and Tanzania**"

**1980:** Diploma in Education, London University Institute of Education, (formal and informal education in Africa, the economics and politics of education).

**1977:** Licence (BA) in English Language and Literature, University of Algiers, (African and African-American literature included)

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- 1."Le concept de developpement: considerations theoriques et methodologiques", in **ANNALES DE L'UNIVERSITE D'ALGER**, no. 4, Algiers, 1989-1990.
- 2."Le Maghreb entre le pre-scolaire et l'analphabetisme", in **PSYCHOLOGIE**, no.2, Algiers, 1991.
- 3."Maghribi Educational Systems between Functionalist Theories and the Function of Theories", (in Arabic) in **PSYCHOLOGIE**, op.cit.
- 4."Illiteracy amongst Women in Algeria and Tanzania", in **CAHIERS DE PSYCHOLOGIE**, (in Arabic) no. 1, Algiers 1989.
- 5."The Resilience of Algerian Populism" in **MIDDLE EAST REPORT**, Jan-Feb. 1992, Washington D.C.
- 6."Islamism and Feminism: Algeria's Rites of Passage to Democracy", in Entelis and Naylor (eds.) **STATE AND SOCIETY IN ALGERIA**, Westview Press, 1992.
- 7."Gender, Civil Society and Citizenship in Algeria", in **MIDDLE EAST REPORT**, February 1996.
8. "The Evaluation of the Higher Educational System in Algeria, in **THE WORLD YEARBOOK OF EDUCATION 1996**, Kogan Page, London, 1996.
9. " Fundamentalism and Women's Rights: Lessons from the City of Women", in M. Afkhami & E. Friedl (eds.), **MUSLIM WOMEN AND THE POLITICS OF PARTICIPATION**, Syracuse University Press, 1997.
10. "Gender, State and Citizenry in Algeria" in **MIDDLE EAST POLICY**, Volume V, No. 3, September 1997.
10. "Gender as a Catalyst of Social and Political Representations in Algeria", in **THE JOURNAL OF NORTH AFRICAN STUDIES**, A Special Issue on "Islam, Democracy and the State in Algeria", ed. Bonner M., Reif M., & Tessler M., A FRANK CASS JOURNAL, Vol.9, No.2, Summer 2004.

#### **PROJECTS**

"Gender and Religious Fundamentalism: A Comparative Study of Algeria and the USA, forthcoming book.