September 15  Uri Cohen, Assistant Professor, Hebrew Literature, Columbia University  
Hebrew Literature and the Israeli Cultures of War on Captives and Captivity

September 28*  Kishwar Rizvi, Assistant Professor, History of Art, Yale University  
Art, History, and Poetry in Safavid Iran: The 1605 Berlin Shahnama (Book of Kings)  
Note this talk will place on a Tuesday, Room 351, Loria Center, 190 York Street at 5:30pm. Co-sponsored with the Department of History of Art.

October 6  Amina El-Annan, Ph.D. Candidate, American Studies, Yale University  
Fashion Circuits: Feminist Politics and Fashion in Beirut

October 13  Frank Griffel, Professor, Islamic Studies, Religious Studies; Acting Chair, Council for Middle East Studies, Yale University  
Towards a Comprehensive History of Philosophy in Islam—The Post-Classical Period

October 20  Zareena Grewal, Assistant Professor, American Studies, Yale University  
Islamic Higher Learning in Egypt and Syria: Pedagogical Crisis and Reform

October 27  Elizabeth Suzanne Kassab, Visiting Researcher, The Institute for the History of the Near East, Erfurt University  
What is Enlightenment? Arab and Postcolonial Perspectives

November 3  Alan Mikhail, Assistant Professor, History, Yale University  
Irrigation and the Ottoman Empire

November 10  Ellen Lust, Professor, Political Science, Yale University  
Elections under Authoritarian Regimes: Lessons from the Middle East

November 17  Abbas Amanat, Professor, History, Yale University  
Apocalyptic Islam and Iranian Shi’ism: Mahdism in Contemporary Iran