The University of Washington’s Persian and Iranian Studies Program is happy to announce the following series of informal lectures, showcasing the research of local and visiting scholars. For recommended reading related to each lecture, please see the Program’s homepage (http://depts.washington.edu/neareast/persia/) or contact the Program Director Joel Walker (jwalker@uw.edu). All meetings will be held in Smith Hall, Room 306, unless otherwise announced.

Faculty, graduate students, and other visitors are welcome to attend.

Friday, November 18, 12:30-2 PM
Murat Inan (Ph.D. candidate, Interdisciplinary Program in Near and Middle Eastern Studies)
"Writing a Grammatical Commentary on Hafez of Shiraz: A Sixteenth-century Ottoman Scholar on the Ghazals of Hafez"

Friday, January 27, 12:30-2 PM
James Gustafson (Lecturer, Islamic History, Western Washington University)
“Geographical Writing in Qajar Iran: A Source for the Social and Economic History of Provincial Communities”

Friday, February 24, 12:30-2 PM
Sima Daad (Ph.D. candidate, Comparative Literature)
“Medieval Texts and Modern Context: The Composition and Reception of the Persian Treatise Čahâr Maqâla (The Four Discourses, 12th c.)"

Friday, April 13, 12:30-2 PM
Alyssa Gabbay (Affiliate Professor, NELC)
“‘Inspired by the Sacred Breath of Jesus’: Persian Poets and Prophetic Revelation”

Friday, May 11, 12:30-2 PM
Bryan Averbuch (Ph.D. candidate, Harvard)
"Luxury and Commerce in the Sasanian and Islamic Empires, 6th-10th Centuries C.E."