

To Attend: “Reading Aljamiado” skills seminar (16-20 May, Boulder CO)

[The Mediterranean Seminar](#) and the [CU Mediterranean Studies Group](#) announce “Reading Aljamiado,” the first Mediterranean Studies Skills Seminar. This five-day hands-on course for faculty, post-doctoral scholars, and graduate students will be held at the [University of Colorado Boulder](#), 16-20 May 2016. The Skills Seminars are planned to provide technical training to scholars working in a range of fields in Mediterranean, European and Islamic historical studies; we plan on offering a different Skills Seminar each year.

This intensive course will introduce participants to working with manuscript materials produced by *mudéjares* and Moriscos in *aljamiado* (texts written in Castilian or Romance language using Arabic characters) from the late-fifteenth to early-seventeenth centuries. Over the course of five days participants will be given an introduction to aljamiado literature, as well as training in reading original texts (working from reproductions of actual manuscripts).

The course will be taught by Dr. [Nuria Martínez-de-Castilla](#), an assistant professor at Complutense University of Madrid and a research fellow at the Warburg Institute (London). She is an expert on Romance and Arabic philology and on the history, production and transmission of the literature of Moriscos, and author of *Una biblioteca morisca entre dos tapas* (Instituto de Estudios Islámicos y del Oriente Próximo: 2010) and the editor of *Documentos y manuscritos árabes en el occidente musulmán* (CSIC: 2010), as well as many articles and book chapters.

The course is open to MA and PhD students, postdoctoral scholars, library and museum professionals, and faculty from any institution in the USA or abroad. The minimum requirements are a solid reading knowledge of Spanish is required and a basic familiarity with Arabic script.

The course is free, but contingent on a donation to the CU Mediterranean Studies Group of \$500 for graduate students and non-tenure-track scholars, \$750 for assistant professors, and \$1000 for tenured faculty. Faculty and graduate students from contributing programs at CU Boulder may be eligible to receive a reduction of \$250. This course will include an introductory lecture, four days of instruction, lunches, and an end-of-course dinner/party. A certificate of completion will be issued at the end of the course.

Travel, lodging and living arrangements and expenses are the participants’ responsibilities. Limited lodging arrangements will be facilitated by the CU Mediterranean Studies Group. We are working to secure double-occupancy accommodation in two-bedroom self-catered cabins in historical [Chautauqua Park](#), located in Boulder, a 30-minute walk from campus, at a cost of approximately \$600 for 5 nights. Some private cottages may be available for approximately \$900.

Places are limited. The application deadline is January 15, and offers will be made before February 1.

On acceptance, participants will be required to donate a \$250 non-refundable deposit, and a \$300 non-refundable deposit for accommodation (unless making independent arrangements). The balance of the accommodation cost will need to be paid by March 10. The balance of the required donation must be paid by April 15. There can be no exceptions to these requirements.

Participants will need to have arrived in Boulder by the early afternoon of 16 May, the course will conclude with a party on the evening of 20 May.

To apply go to <http://goo.gl/forms/nuLuMW71DG>

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