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Jawid Mojaddedi, Professor of Religion, Receives NEA Literature Translation Fellowship

Fellowship will support the first ever translation into English verse from Persian of Book Four of Rumi's Masnavi

"The NEA's long history of supporting literary translation is one of the most important ways we can broaden our nation's perspectives while also making the work of these talented writers and translators more available," said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. "This recommended award will go a long way in fostering a sense of empathy and understanding for how people from different countries and cultures connect with each other and live their lives."

Since 1981, the NEA has supported literary translators through fellowships. Including the most current recipients, the NEA has awarded 364 translators 412 fellowships to translate literature from 66 languages originating in 86 countries. For the complete list of FY 2015 NEA Literature Translation Fellows, visit the NEA's website at arts.gov.

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