PROFESSOR JOSHUA LANDIS RECEIVES OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD

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NORMAN – Dr. Joshua Landis, an assistant professor of Middle East history in the School of International and Area Studies at the University of Oklahoma, is the first recipient of the OU Foundations Excellence in Teaching Award. The honor carries a stipend of $5000.

“I spend much of my time teaching and I love it,” said Landis. “Teaching students the importance of making a sharp and balanced argument about history is a challenge I never get tired of.”

Landis is founder of “Syriacomment.com,” a web log on Syrian politics, history, and religion. It is updated regularly and has been quoted by The New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Slate Magazine, and the Council on Foreign Relations. Professor Landis is a frequent contributor to national media outlets as an expert on modern Syria. He is also the co-Director of the Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Oklahoma. He lives in Norman with his wife and two sons.