THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK

Appointment of Beth Baron as Distinguished Professor of History

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York appoint Beth Baron as Distinguished Professor of History at The City College of New York effective February 1, 2017, with compensation of $28,594 per annum in addition to her regular academic salary, subject to financial ability.

EXPLANATION: Dr. Beth Baron is a leading historian of the modern Middle East and a pioneer and leader in research on women and gender in the Middle East. Her numerous authored and edited books, book chapters and peer-reviewed articles address a broad range of topics including Middle East studies, gender history, women’s history, colonial and postcolonial studies, nationalism, social movements and religious history. One of her reviewers wrote that “she enjoys an enviable reputation as a scholar and her articles, book chapters and books have become classics in a rapidly developing field.” Another commented that her latest book, The Orphan Scandal, “is a remarkable piece of historical writing that represents social, political, intellectual and gender history at its finest.” Many of her reviewers point to the importance of Dr. Baron’s five years (from 2009 to 2014) as editor of the International Journal of Middle East Studies, the premier scholarly journal in U.S. Middle East studies. As noted by one, “under her editorship, the journal was transformed from a good journal, though very conventional (and at times boring, I regret to say) to a very exciting, cutting-edge journal in which we all compete to be published!” Dr. Baron was elected President of the Middle East Studies Association, an organization with an international membership, from 2015 to 2017. According to one of her reviewers, this “solidifies her reputation as one of her generation’s most important scholars.”

Dr. Baron has been Professor of History at The City College of New York since 2001, and first joined the department as an Assistant Professor in 1989. She earned her doctoral degree in History from the University of California, Los Angeles and her Master’s degree in Near and Middle Eastern Studies from the University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies.

The City College of New York and The City University of New York will be well-served by Dr. Baron’s appointment as Distinguished Professor.