Congratulations to UW History Department Assistant Professor Arbella Bet-Shlimon on receiving the American Academic Research Institute in Iraq’s award for the best US dissertation in medieval or modern Iraqi studies for the biennium 2011-2013. The award was for her 2012 Harvard University dissertation, “Kirkuk, 1918-1968: Oil and the Politics of Identity in an Iraqi City.” Professor Bet-Shlimon is currently teaching a undergraduate course on the modern middle east and will offer a graduate seminar on “Urban Histories of the Modern Middle East” in Spring 2014.