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WELCOME TO OUR 2010 – 2011 SPEAKER SEASON

DINNER PROGRAM: Tuesday, September 7, 2010

FIESTA ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, FESS PARKER'S DOUBLETREE RESORT
Cocktails (no host) ... 6:00 p.m. Dinner ... 6:30 p.m.

Member Participation and Discussion with our guest:

BABAK RAHIMI, Ph.D.

Topic: “Iran Today: One year after the post-election unrest”

Babak Rahimi has written numerous articles on culture, religion and politics and regularly writes on contemporary Iraqi and Iranian politics. He has been the recipient of fellowships from the national endowment for the Humanities and Jean Monnet Fellowship at the European University Institute, and was a Senior Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace, Washington DC, where he conducted research on the institutional contribution of Shi'i political organizations in the creation of a vibrant civil society in post-Baathist Iraq. Rahimi's current research project is on the religious cultural life of the Iranian port-city of Busher, southern Iran.

Dr. Rahimi is an Assistant Professor of Iranian & Islamic Studies, Program for the Study of Religion, Dept. of Literature, University of California, San Diego. He earned his BA at UCSD, and received a Ph.D. from the European University Institute, Florence, Italy, in October 2004. Rahimi has also studied at the University of Nottingham, where he obtained a M.A. in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, and London School of Economics and Political Science, where he was a Visiting Fellow at the Department of Anthropology, 2000 – 2001.

Important: Please reserve with your check no later than Thursday, September 2, 2010

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Member dinner: \$40.00 Tuesday, September 7, 2010 Guest dinner: \$43.00
ENTRÉE SELECTION

Pan Seared Salmon _____

OR

Portabello Ravioli with Basil Cream Sauce _____

Member _____ Tel.# _____

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