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Dr. Mohammad Geramian  
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500 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10110

Dear Dr. Geramian:

I would like to thank you and the Alavi Foundation for its recent gift to support a roundtable and course on Rumi in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations.

We are pleased to offer a course on this man, whose poetry, philosophy and spirituality profoundly influences the world more than 700 years after his death. Because of friends like the Alavi Foundation, Rumi's artistry will continue to find new devotees.

Thank you once again for your support of Near Eastern studies at Penn.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rebecca W. Bushnell".

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