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ACOR's Permanent Home—25 Years

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ACOR is happy to celebrate more than twenty-five years in its permanent home near the University of Jordan. The Inauguration Ceremony took place on 17 July 1986. In the late 1970s, those involved in ACOR realized that it had outgrown the rented apartment near the Fifth and Sixth Circles in Amman. Efforts to raise funds were initiated by James Sauer (ACOR Director 1975–1981) and intensified when in 1982 the Committee for ACOR was established under the patronage of H.R.H. Prince El Hassan bin Talal and the Chairmanship of H.R.H. Prince Raad bin Zeid. In *ACOR: The First 25 Years—The American Center of Oriental Research: 1968–1993*, it is recalled that Adnan Hadidi, the Director General of the Jordanian Department of Antiquities, and businessman Mohammed Asfour played major roles in the success of that committee and its heroic fundraising activities. By March 1983, the Jordanian Government had acquired the land (soon after bought by ACOR) ultimately selected by James Sauer and David McCreery (ACOR Director 1981–1988) as the site for the new purpose-built center.



ACOR's permanent home at 25 years—the original 1986 building augmented with additional floors in 2005 and in summer 2011 a temporary roof-top tent set up for the enjoyment of ACOR residents. The ruins of Khirbet Salameh are in front; all photos by Barbara A. Porter, unless otherwise noted

Many individuals, numerous companies (Jordanian and international), and U.S. government grants made the dream come true. McCreery's persistence and energy also proved crucial for the completion of this wonderful building. In the initial phases, Sally de Vries at the behest of the ACOR Board came to Jordan to explore land possibilities and identify an architect. The architect who was chosen was Farid Habib. The center today houses a large library, communal spaces, hostel rooms and apartments, and storage and laboratory areas (the darkroom is a thing of the past in this digital age!).

The addition to the building of fifth-floor rooms and sixth-floor apartments for visiting scholars was completed in 2005 under the aegis of Pierre Bikai (ACOR Director 1991–2006) and thanks to a grant from ASHA (American Schools and Hospitals Abroad) which had also given two major grants in 1983 and 1984 to design and construct the original building. Pierre Bikai's vision certainly encompassed the sentiment "if you build it they will come" given that the additional twenty-five beds available on those floors have facilitated the hosting of large student groups, including the summer Arabic language program, while continuing to house ACOR fellows and members of excavation teams and other researchers.

This building has not only served as a hospitable residence for fellows, their families, students and visiting scholars, but its library has provided a major resource for countless individuals. The period of the evolution of ACOR's permanent headquarters parallels the establishment and growth of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) founded in 1981 in Washington, D.C. ACOR is now one of twenty-two overseas research centers that are part of CAORC. Many ACOR programs are closely tied with CAORC as is conveyed in the following articles commemorating their 30th anniversary as well as the ACOR summer CLS Arabic program.



Under the Patronage of
HRH Crown Prince Hassan bin Talal
ACOR Cordially invites
Jr. & Mrs. Prescott H. Williams
to attend the "topping-out" ceremony
to be held at the ACOR construction site
on *October 31, 1985* at *4:30 p.m.*
This event will mark the completion of the
roof and the initiation of the final phase
of construction

Prior to the 31 October 1985 Topping Out Ceremony, there were two other major formally marked events—Ground Breaking in August 1984 and Foundation Laying in January 1985. The building was inaugurated by a ribbon-cutting ceremony on 17 July 1986; card from ACOR Archives

CAORC: Council of American Overseas Research Centers—30th Anniversary

In 1981, when the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) was founded, ACOR was one of ten American Overseas Research Centers (ORCs), mostly focused on the Mediterranean or the Middle East. As legend has it, some did not even know that some of the others even existed! Now scholars can count on the support of American overseas research centers in twenty-four countries around the world—in the Middle East, Europe, Latin America, West Africa, and South, Southeast, and Central Asia.

Since the inception of CAORC but especially since 1986, when it launched full-time operations under the direction of Mary Ellen Lane, CAORC has made significant advances for the overseas research institutes. It has promoted communication and cooperation among the centers; secured annual federal funding for many; provided administrative, financial, legal, and policy guidance; and helped exchange scholarly research information within the interconnected centers. CAORC has also facilitated the creation of several new centers. Perhaps most importantly for ACOR, CAORC has initiated, sponsored, and coordinated many multi-center, multi-national, and regional research and collaborative projects—several of which have

benefited ACOR resident scholars and Jordanian scholars, as well as a wider audience. Some of these initiatives are outlined below but you can also learn more from their website (www.caorc.org).

ACOR-CAORC Fellowships. The role of CAORC in ACOR's fellowship program is captured in the chart summarizing ACOR's forty-year history of fellowships and scholarships (p. 5 below). The first formal fellowship was the ASOR-W. F. Albright given during 1971–1972 to James Sauer. The next two recipients were Bert de Vries (1972–1973) and David McCreery (1978–1978) and as all three eventually served as long-term ACOR directors, the initial selection was certainly prescient. The number of grantees to ACOR has burgeoned with the Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs funding for CAORC-ACOR fellowships that in 2001 followed from the United States Information Agency program. To date there have been 133 CAORC awards (61 post-doc and 72 pre-doc) for fellowships for research periods at ACOR from two to six months.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation East-Central European Research Fellows Program. From 1993 until 2010, the Mellon



Mary Ellen Lane, CAORC, Executive Director, left, being presented the Jordanian Department of Antiquities Medal for support of the 10th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan (ICHAJ 10) held at George Washington University in May 2007 as presented by Barbara Porter, Director of ACOR, one of the main conference organizers; photo by Christopher A. Tuttle

Program funded more than six hundred grants for humanities scholars from East and Central Europe to study and work with scholars at American overseas research centers in Jordan, Greece, India, Israel, Italy, Turkey, and Yemen. Through this program, ACOR was able to receive eleven scholars since 2004 (sixteen actual fellowships) from Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, and the Slovak Republic. Their intense research subjects included Arabic and Islamic Studies, Archaeology, Business and International Studies, Linguistics, Philosophy, and Sociology. For all of them, the chance to come to Jordan was a great boon in their professional careers and they also made many contacts with people from all over the world. This program funding ended in 2010, but ACOR was fortunate to host four Mellon fellows in spring term 2011 (see *Fellows in Residence*, p. 9).

Multi-Country Regional Research Fellowship Program. Since 1993, with funding from the U.S. Department of State, CAORC has enabled more than 130 American pre- and post-doctoral scholars the rare opportunity to carry out regional and trans-regional research in several countries and to surmount the boundaries imposed by current national politics. This program has enabled the participating American overseas research centers – including ACOR – to expand their research agendas and broaden their practical and theoretical scope. It also has promoted programmatic coherence among centers and helped diversify area studies as well as broader humanities and social science inquiry to underserved institutions and individuals.

Teaching about Islam and Middle East Culture. ACOR has hosted four seminars during the academic winter breaks

(including January 2004, 2005, 2007, 2010) with support from the U.S. Department of State, CAORC, and the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC)—a federation of more than 570 small, private institutions. These seminars were held over two to three weeks in Amman for U.S. professors. This program (which would not have happened without CAORC's initiative) served faculty from small, often minority-serving rural colleges and others which usually have few resources in Middle East studies. The seminars combined lectures, discussion groups, trips around Jordan—including Amman's neighborhoods, art galleries, and museums— as well as the chance to meet Jordanians and others from diverse professions and backgrounds.

In 2010 as part of CAORC's three-year grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York's Islam Initiative program, CAORC awarded ACOR an "Alumni Follow-up Grant" that allowed the twelve seminar participants to build on their experiences in Jordan and develop outreach activities in their own communities, often in American towns and counties where access to international information is limited.

International Exchange Lecture Program. CAORC collaborates with the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) to present lectures on the most recent cultural heritage research in the Eastern Mediterranean Basin at our centers in Jordan, Egypt, Israel, Cyprus, and Greece, and thereby broaden the research perspectives of those interested in intercultural connections in the region. ASOR initiated a Directors' exchange between their affiliated schools, the Albright in Jerusalem, CAARI in Nicosia, and ACOR in Amman. The directors of



Heidi Massaro, CAORC Deputy Director (at right), and Robin Presta Boone, CAORC Program Director, at the Overseas Directors Meeting in Cambodia in 2006

those three institutions have had the chance to spend time at the other centers and give lectures.

Critical Language Scholarship Program. Since 2006, CAORC has received annual grants from the U.S. Department of State to implement intensive summer overseas institutes that teach critical languages to thousands of U.S. undergraduates and graduate students and significantly expand U.S. capacity for teaching these critical languages. Each year since then, ACOR has implemented successful CLS Institutes in Jordan, collaborating first with the University of Jordan and then with the Qasid Institute for Classical and Modern Standard Arabic to teach beginning, intermediate, and advanced Arabic. An update on the 2011 summer program is included below and to date 250 students have come to Amman for this program.

Getty Foundation Middle East and Mediterranean Basin Research Exchange Fellowship Program. With support from the Getty Foundation, this CAORC program built cooperative networks among practitioners and scholars from Afghanistan, Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, Italy, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, Turkey, and Yemen. Their research and professional interests were focused on studying or preserving cultural heritage. ACOR hosted Getty Fellows each year from 2008 to 2010; two examples demonstrate how the program helped build lasting international networks among conservation and preservation practitioners. In 2009, the Palestinian American Research Center (PARC) sponsored Hamdan Taha to come to Jordan to conduct research and participate in several prestigious international activities. This opportunity helped in his appointment to be Assistant Deputy Minister in the Department of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage in the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities in Palestine. In this position, Taha also co-directs a project for reassessment, management, and

site development at Tell Balata in Ramallah—a collaboration of the Palestinian Department of Antiquities, the University of Leiden, and UNESCO.

In 2008, ACOR sponsored Tammam Khasawneh from the Jordan Museum in Amman, as a fellow associated with the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE). In Egypt he surveyed conservation techniques for copper-based artifacts so he could apply the best techniques to restore and conserve the collection in the Jordan Museum. He reported that his fellowship contributed to opening connections with conservators from Jordan, Egypt, and the U.S. and he remains in contact with many scholars including those whom he met at Chicago House in Luxor.

Digital Library for International Research. The DLIR is an online catalog of American overseas research centers' library holdings – and increasingly those of their local host-country collaborators. The DLIR cooperates with host-country libraries to catalog, digitize, and make important primary and selected secondary source research materials electronically accessible to international scholars.

The DLIR's Middle East Research Journals Project inventoried and cataloged more than two thousand journals at nine American overseas research center libraries in the Middle East – including ACOR—resulting in preserving and providing full access to scholars for seven rare scholarly journals over the Internet. The DLIR's Mediterranean Maps Project, a multi-center digitized map archive, is an online-teacher resource and historical cartographic exhibition for K-12 students. ACOR Librarian Humi Ayoubi participated in October 2000 in a one-month training course for the Overseas Digital Library Project in Cairo and she continues to work on this initiative with Diane Ryan, the DLIR Project Coordinator.

Through the DLIR, and with a grant from the Mellon Foundation, CAORC arranged to make JSTOR, the major web-based archive of international scholarly research journals, available to scholars and the public at selected American overseas research centers. Christopher Tuttle, ACOR's Associate Director, has noted that "JSTOR access at ACOR has been invaluable to our researchers.... The service has been used extensively by resident pre-doctoral and post-doctoral researchers from all around the world and access to this database has been especially important for many of our researchers from Jordanian and other Middle Eastern countries, as well as for those from eastern European countries.... In many instances, the JSTOR access provided at ACOR represents the first opportunity for these scholars to utilize this essential database."

Thus through many initiatives, CAORC has helped ACOR and its researchers for many years. Collegial contact and helpful advice are given regularly by CAORC to ACOR. Every few years CAORC creates an opportunity for those involved in the overseas research centers to meet at one of the centers and discuss major issues and collaborative ideas. The chances to be together have been invaluable and so too has CAORC as a life-line for the far-flung American centers supporting research, from Mexico to Mongolia with many places in between.

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and Nanette Pyne, CAORC Consultant*

ACOR Fellowship and Scholarship History 1971–2012	Period Granted	Number of Awards
Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) Fellowship funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) (pre- and post-doc)	2001-2012	133
CAORC-CIC (Council of Independent Colleges)-ACOR Winter Seminar	2004-2010 (4 seminars)	35
Critical Language Scholarship Program for Arabic funded by ECA and administered by CAORC	2006-2011	250
United States Information Agency Fellowships (USIA) (pre-and post-doc)	1991-2000	83
USIA Near and Middle Eastern Research Training (NMERTP) (pre- and post-doc)	1994-2001	74
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship	1980-1990 1997-2012	26 17
American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR)-W.F. Albright Fellowship	1971-1992	11
The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation East-Central European Research Fellowship	2004-2011	16
The Andrew W. Mellon Arabic Speaking Academic Immersion Program (ASAIP)	1991-1995	21
The Samuel H. Kress Foundation Fellowship in the Art and Archaeology of Jordan	1997-2010	14
The Samuel H. Kress Foundation Travel Grant for the 10 th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan	2007	10
ACOR Publication Fellowship	2011-2012	2
Jennifer C. Groot Fellowship (ACOR)	1989-2012	57
Pierre and Patricia Bikai Fellowship (ACOR)	1999-2012	14
Bert and Sally de Vries Fellowship (ACOR)	2007-2012	5
Harrell Family Fellowship (ACOR)	1996-2012	15
MacDonald/Sampson Fellowship (ACOR)	2009-2012	3
Kenneth W. Russell Fellowship (ACOR)	1993-2012	12
James A. Sauer Fellowship (ACOR)	2005-2012	6
Frederick-Wenger Jordanian Educational Fellowship (ACOR)	2007-2012	5
ACOR Jordanian Graduate Student Scholarship	2009-2012	8
ACOR Jordanian Travel Scholarship for ASOR Annual Meeting	2011-2012	2
Dodge Fellowship	1991-1993	2
Shell Fellowship	1983-1990	7
Teagle Fellowship	1987-1990	3
Winnett Fellowship	1993-1994	1
Total	1971-2012	832

Critical Language Scholarship Arabic Language Program at ACOR—Summer 2011

ACOR organized and hosted the 2011 Critical Language Scholarship Arabic Language program in Jordan from 16 June to 15 August 2011—the sixth summer session at ACOR since 2006. This program is funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) and administered by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC). The first four years of the program were captured in *ACOR Newsletter* Vol. 21.1 (Summer 2009). To date ACOR has hosted 250 students over the six years.

Because of the events of the Arab Spring in early 2011, it was decided not to send CLS Arabic students to Egypt. As a result, the Jordan program accepted fifty-six participants, and it was a challenge to run the program with this number. ACOR was fortunate to be able to recruit a very capable CLS staff. The Amman site director was Sarah Harpending, ACOR's assistant director. Ghassan Husseinali, an assistant professor of Arabic at George Mason University, was the academic director. Noel Rivera, who had just completed the University of Texas at Austin's Center for Arabic Studies Abroad (CASA) program in Egypt, was Husseinali's academic assistant. ACOR recruited two young people from the CLS Jordan alumni pool—Elizabeth “Basma” Guthrie (CLS 2009) and George Potter (CLS 2010). Mohammad al Azraq was the Community Liaison Coordinator and has been involved in various ways with this program since summer 2008.

The CLS Arabic program in 2011 was very rigorous. Each week the students had full mornings of classroom instruction at the Qasid Institute and programmed afternoon activities, either at ACOR or out and about in Amman, as well as thirty minutes every weekday with a Jordanian Arabic instructor

for one-on-one speaking practice in Modern Standard Arabic (MSA). The CLS students took over-the-phone interviews (OPI) at the beginning and the end of the summer, and the students in the Amman program improved, on average, nearly two levels in their Arabic language abilities, according to the assessment criteria of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.

The students had free weekends, with the exception of one long trip to Petra/Wadi Musa and a day-long trip to visit the site of Um Qais. The CLS students and a number of the youthful program staff used their weekends to go all over Jordan where they interacted with many different communities and saw many spectacular sites—both manmade and natural.

This year a new element was instigated by Academic Director Husseinali, namely a student-produced talent show at the end of the program. Because CLS Jordan 2011 ended during Ramadan, an iftar dinner at ACOR was organized for the students, their instructors, the staff, and others who had contributed to the success of the Arabic language program. After the meal catered by the Bateel Hotel—the place of residence for many students and staff—the talent show took place at ACOR. The students dazzled the audience with their abilities and also demonstrated significant progress in Arabic. The performances included recitations of the Quran and poetry, a fifteen-minute debke dance routine and a thirty-minute play delivered in classical Arabic and based on a Persian folktale. The talent show will become the grand finale for future CLS programs in Jordan.

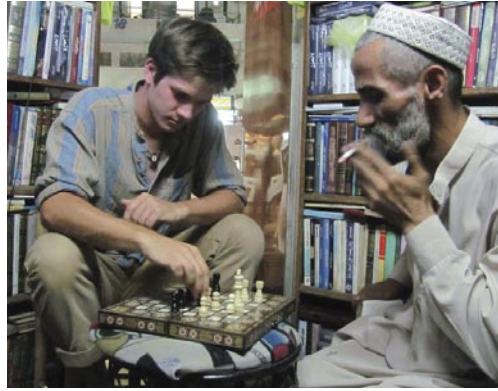
Sarah Harpending, ACOR Assistant Director



CLS 2011 staff meeting: from left Noel Rivera, Basma Guthrie, Mohammad al Azraq, George Potter, Ghassan Husseinali, and Sarah Harpending

CLS Jordan 2011 Participants

Nathan Aderhold
 Joshua Anderson-Russakis
 Jordan Bach-Lombardo
 Margo Balboni
 Jonathan Bateman
 Alice Chan
 Heather Chester
 Sara Cousins
 Emily Creasia
 Timothy Dolan
 Katherine Downs
 David Duke
 Isaac Eagan
 Caroline Emch
 Barbara Filippell
 Jeremiah Foxwell
 Richard Frohlichstein
 Rachel Giattino
 Bonnie Halloran
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 Dana Moss
 Madison Paul
 David Pell
 Elizabeth Proehl
 Michael Rapoport
 Kari Samuel
 Christina Schoeler
 Morgan Shayer-McLeod
 Julia Sheehy-Chan
 Erin Smith
 Tenly Snow
 Katherine Solá
 Reedy Swanson
 Matthew Sweat
 Amanda Swenson
 Rory Sykes
 Bret Tonelli
 Jordan Turner
 Zachary Winters
 Paul Worden
 Sarah Zaides



Ramadan nights: CLS student Jordan Bach-Lombardo shared a game of chess with a bookseller in downtown Amman; photo courtesy of J. Bach-Lombardo



Ramadan nights: CLS students Rachel Giattino, Addie Leak, and Sarah Zaides play chess and share a narghile at an Amman café; photo by George Potter



Drama club students Matthew Sweet, Marjon Momand, Mai Himedan, and Rachel Mayer performing "The Magic Pomegranate" with special guest appearance by Madison Paul as the queen; photo by Elijah Turner



Ghassan Husseinali (at 12:00 in the photo) leads a training session for the twelve Jordanian young people who served as "speaking partners" with the CLS students in 2011; photo by Barbara A. Porter.

ACOR Board of Trustees Gathering at ACOR in May 2011



ACOR Jordanian Committee Members welcoming Randolph B. Old, newly elected President of the ACOR Board of Trustees, in the Director's Apartment at ACOR. Back Row from left: Abdul-Ilah Khatib, Moawiyah Ibrahim, Tom Parker, Randy Old, Hazem Malhas, H.R.H. Prince Raad bin Zeid, Mohammed Asfour, Megan Perry, Sami Habayeb, and Sten LaBianca; Front Row sitting from left: Michel Marto, Widad Kavar, Leila Sharaf, and Barbara Porter; photo by Sarah Harpending

Fellows in Residence (January–June 2011)

National Endowment for The Humanities Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

Fida Adely, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University; *Courting, Match-making and the Conceptualization of Marriage amidst a Marriage Crisis*



Fida Adely with husband Ayman Haddad and daughters Leila and Samar Haddad

ACOR-CAORC Post-Doctoral Fellows

Louise Cainkar, Social and Cultural Sciences, Marquette University; *Liminality, Loyalties, and Modes of Incorporation: A Comparative, Transnational Study of American Muslim Youth*

Elise Friedland, Classical and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, George Washington University; *Seeing the Gods: Sculptures, Sanctuaries and the Roman Near East*

James Pokines, School of Medicine, Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, Boston University; *Paleoecology and Taphonomy of Wadi Zarqa Ma'in 1, a Natural Faunal Trap Sinkhole Site near Madaba in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*

Gary Rollefson, Anthropology, Whitman College; *Life and Death in the Prehistoric Eastern Badia of Jordan*



Louise Cainkar



James Pokines



Elise Friedland with her husband Andrew Smith and daughter Eleanor Friedland

ACOR-CAORC Pre-Doctoral Fellows

Owen Chestnut, Ancient Near East Archaeology and Anthropology, Andrews University; A Reassessment of the Excavations at Tall Safut (1982-2001)

John Rucker, Geosciences and History, University of Missouri, Kansas City; A search for Evidence of an A.D. 536 Cosmic Impact in Dead Sea Lake Sediments



Gary Rollefson



John Rucker



Owen Chestnut with his wife Angela and children Jack and Safita

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation East-Central European Research Fellows

István Hajnal, Senior Research Fellow, Department of Semitic and Arabic Studies and Head Librarian, Institute of Oriental Studies, Eötvös University, Budapest, Hungary; Relations between the Nizari Isma'ilis (Assassins) and the Crusaders and other Muslim Political Powers in the 11th-13th Centuries

Beata Kowalska, Deputy Director, Institute of Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland; Gender and Citizenship in the Middle East: the Jordanian Case

Ülle Rannut, Director of the Integration Research Institute, Estonia; The Rise of Ethno-linguistic Awareness within the Circassian Community in Jordan

Tomasz Waliszewski, Institute of Archaeology, University of Warsaw; Farming the Borderland: Agriculture in Late Antique and Early Islamic Transjordan



István Hajnal



Beata Kowalska



Ülle Rannut,



Tomasz Waliszewski

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**In Memoriam:
Fawwaz H. Al-Khraysheh (1955–2011)**



Jordan has lost an important figure in the archaeology of Jordan. Dr. Fawwaz Al-Khraysheh, the Director General of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan from 1999 to 2010, passed away suddenly in July 2011. His wife and children live in Brayqa near Mafraq in northern Jordan where he was born and raised.

He did his undergraduate degree in Arabic Language at King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and his M.A. and Ph.D. in the Department of Non-European Languages and Cultures at Philipps University Marburg/Lahn in Germany. Soon after completing his doctorate on Nabataean personal names, he started his career at Yarmouk University. From 1987 to 1999 he was the Chairman of the Epigraphy Department (with the exception of sabbatical periods away) and in 1999 he became the Director of the Institute of Archaeology at Yarmouk before his appointment to the Department of Antiquities. He resumed teaching at Yarmouk University in 2010.

During his academic career he was a guest lecturer in Marburg (1989), Berlin (1993), Leiden (1994), and Ann Arbor (1994). He attended many conferences throughout his career and fostered several significant loan exhibits on Jordan abroad. As Director General he presided over the triennial International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan (ICHAJ) that took place in Sydney (2001), Petra (2004), and Washington, D.C. (2007). He was also able to participate in ICHAJ 11 in Paris (June 2010). A memorial tribute in Arabic by Rafe Harahsheh in *The Annual of the Department of Antiquities (ADAJ)* 54 (2010) refers to the many sites with epigraphic evidence that Dr. Fawwaz knew well, for example the Wadi Bayir and the Wadi Rajel; at the latter site he was pursuing a joint project with Pierre Bikai. With his death at a young age, some of his epigraphic projects remain unfinished so now his colleagues and students must build on his legacy.

Barbara A. Porter

Alice Stover Pickering (1931–2011)

In June 2011, Alice Stover Pickering died in Virginia, and her loss is keenly felt by family and friends. She and her husband of fifty-five years, Thomas R. Pickering, were keen supporters of ACOR for many years. The connection started with visits to archaeological sites when he served as U.S. Ambassador to Jordan from 1974 to 1978. During that time Alice took the pottery class given by ACOR director James Sauer and later often talked of that opportunity. Jordan was the first of seven ambassadorial postings that took them around the world until his retirement from the Foreign Service in 2001. Her husband and children, Tim and Meg, suggested that donations in her memory could be made to ACOR; this thoughtful gesture is reflected in part in the list of donations through late June which includes the Pickering's own March donation.



Alice Pickering at the occasion of the CAORC-ASOR-CAARI reception at the Sackler Gallery in Washington, D.C. in late April 2011. She (at right) is reminiscing with Paula and Ed Harrell (ACOR Board President 1988–1991) who established The Harrell Family Fellowship for students to come to Jordan to take part in excavations or conduct archaeological research.

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**The U.S. Embassy Amman Awarded
The Ambassadors Fund for Cultural
Preservation (AFCP)
Large Grant (\$600,000)
to ACOR
For the Temple of the Winged Lions Project
in Petra
&
The AFCP Small Grant (\$96,000)
To The Umm el-Jimal Project
Both in Cooperation
with the Department of Antiquities of Jordan**

See <http://jordan.usembassy.gov>
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ACOR General Endowment: Ellen Porter Honnet; Elizabeth Williams and Joseph C. Forte; James R. and Margaret L. Wiseman

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The Anne C. Ogilvy Memorial Library Endowment: James R. and Margaret L. Wiseman

The Pierre and Patricia Bikai Fellowship Endowment: The National Christian Foundation (kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. McCamish)

The Bert and Sally de Vries Fellowship Endowment: Bert and Sally de Vries; Rami G. Khouri

The Jennifer C. Groot Memorial Fellowship Endowment: Karen Borstad; Tim C. Ferrell; Peter West and Penelope Groot West in memory of her dear sister

The Kenneth W. Russell Fellowship Endowment: Glen L. Peterman; Lysbeth A. Marigold and Skye Qi Marigold

The MacDonald/Sampson Fellowship Endowment: Colin Gillett; Rami G. Khouri

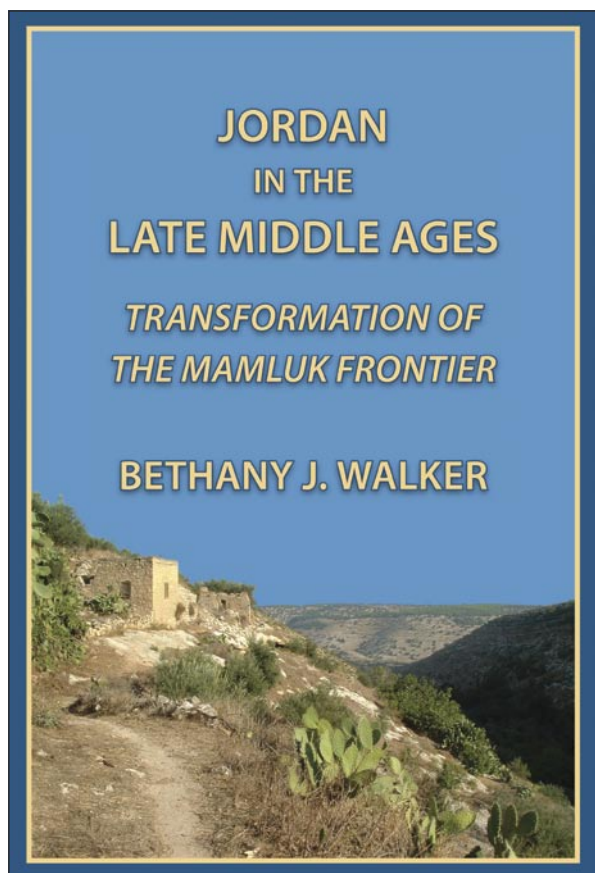
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Donations to ACOR Library (January–June 2011)

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ACOR Annual Appeal Results 2010 and 2011

Funds and Endowments	Fiscal Year 2010	Fiscal Year 2011
Annual Fund	\$26,458	\$32,480
Annual Library Support	\$10,375	\$12,234
Anne C. Ogilvy Memorial Library Endowment	\$29,508	\$3,625
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Total	\$121,296	\$103,299



This new publication from the University of Chicago Press (2011) by ACOR Board Member Bethany Walker, associate professor of Middle Eastern History at Missouri State University, explores the transformation of the Mamluk state from the perspective of the Jordanian frontier and considers the actions of local people in molding the state and their own societies. A wide range of economic and legal documents of the late Mamluk and early Ottoman periods is analyzed. This study provides the provincial perspective on imperial decline, reform, and rebirth. To purchase (Price \$70 in the U.S.; overseas shipping \$40) go to <http://ChicagoStudiesOnTheMiddleEast.uchicago.edu>.

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April 2011 Board Meeting

The ACOR Board of Trustees held their annual spring meeting in Arlington, Virginia on 30 April 2011. Artemis A. W. Joukowsky announced his decision to step down as Board President and Randolph B. Old was elected to be his successor. Members of the Class of 2011 were re-elected as the Class of 2014. Nan Frederick was elected as a Trustee Emerita but sadly died soon after. William G. Bardel is the new ACOR Board Treasurer. S. Thomas Parker is now Chairman of the Fellowship Committee and succeeds Øystein LaBianca. Nina Köprülü has assumed the chair of the Personnel Committee. That evening, Board member Jane Geniesse and her husband Bob hosted a gathering for ACOR board members and friends in the Washington area.

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