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**Wadie Jwaideh Memorial Lecture**
in Arabic and Islamic Studies

7:30 p.m. November 3, 2006
Dogwood Room, Indiana Memorial Union

"**Parallel History and Diplomacy: Turkey's Position toward the Kurdish Question: 1925 and 2003**"

**Professor Robert Olson**
Department of History
University of Kentucky

Introductory Remarks Presented by
**Dr. William F. Tucker**
University of Arkansas

A reception will follow in the University Club.
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Thank you!
**Professor Robert Olson**, an accomplished scholar of the Ottoman Empire and Islamic history, teaches in the Department of History at the University of Kentucky. He received his Ph.D. from Indiana University in 1973 where he studied with Professor Wadie Jwaideh. Professor Olson’s recent books include: *Turkey-Iran Relations, 1979-2004: Revolution, Ideology, War, Coups and Geopolitics* (2004) and *The Goat and the Butcher: Nationalism and State Formation in Kurdistan-Iraq since the Iraqi War* (2005). In addition, he served as a member of the Strategic Assessment Group of the Central Intelligence Agency’s Future Panel on Turkey and the Kurdish Question from 2000 to 2003.

The most challenging issue facing the new republic of Turkey created in 1923 was the rebellion in 1925 of Kurds led by Sheik Said, a leading Kurdish Naqshbandiya (Sunni) figure from central Turkey. The rebellion confronted the new republic of Turkey with a major problem: Would it be able to combat the rebellion and at the same time continue its war with the British in Iraq over the issue of whether the new government of Iraq under British control would dominate the Mosul province (vilayet) which comprised one third of the new state of Iraq and at the time held some of the largest oil fields in the world? In 2003, Turkey was once again confronted with a similar challenge: Should it join the Americans in their war against and occupation of Iraq and attempt by means of this occupation to limit the growth and consolidation of Kurdish nationalism, both in Iraq and Turkey as well as in Iran and Syria? In both instances, Turkey was compelled to adopt polices to contain indigenous ethnonationalism.
**Professor Wadie Elias Jwaideh** had a long and distinguished career both within and outside of Indiana University. He received the degree of Licentiate in Law from the University of Baghdad in 1942. In 1960, he received his Ph.D. from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. During this time, he also held a lecturer position in Arabic at Johns Hopkins University.

His dissertation entitled “A History of the Kurdish Nationalist Movement” is the most comprehensive study ever made into the Kurdish question. This work established him as one of the world’s leading experts on the Kurds. It was published in English in 2004 by Syracuse University Press.

Dr. Jwaideh joined the faculty of Indiana University in 1960 and became the founder and chairman of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Literature and Professor of History until his retirement.

In 1972, Professor Jwaideh was given the Lieber Memorial Award for Distinguished Teaching. A number of his colleagues and former students contributed articles for a Festschrift in his honor. Dr. Robert Olson edited this book, entitled *Islamic and Middle Eastern Society* (Amana Books, 1987).

After his retirement from IU in 1985, Dr. Jwaideh accepted an appointment as Adjunct Professor of history at the University of California at San Diego, where he taught until 1990.