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Wadie Jwaideh Memorial Lecture
in Arabic and Islamic Studies

7:30 p.m. October 30, 2007
Frangipani Room, Indiana Memorial Union

"The Marsh Dwellers of Southern Iraq: Their Habitat, Origins, Society, and Economy"

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Introductory Remarks Presented by
Dr. Suzanne Stetkevych
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A reception will follow.
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*Thank you!*
Professor Albertine Jwaideh holds a B.A. from the University of Baghdad and M.A. from the University of Beirut. At Oxford University, she studied 18\textsuperscript{th} and 19\textsuperscript{th} century Ottoman Empire with a special emphasis on Iraq, receiving the B.Litt. and D.Phil. degrees. She was the first Arab woman to receive either of these degrees at Oxford. Prof. Jwaideh has taught at the University of Baghdad, the Inter American University of Puerto Rico, the University of California-Berkeley, and the University of Toronto where she is Professor Emeritus and continues to teach graduate courses.

Throughout the millennia, overspill from the Tigris and Euphrates has created vast networks of permanent marsh of 6,000 or more square miles in southern Iraq. To understand the people of this region, one must begin with the peculiarities of the physical geography of the Mesopotamian delta. The population dwelling within this region was of mixed and obscure origins. These peoples never fully coalesced, but rather were, in great part, split into numerous separate and independent tribal fragments, while the remoteness of their abodes placed them beyond the reach of government. Geography has defined the parameters within which social organization and economic enterprise have had to conform. The ingenuity of the ancients in the ways they used these resources in their manufacturing, which have been passed down through the ages, is fascinating. It is in these aspects that the various elements in the marsh population coalesced most. Yet differences in attitude persisted and were reflected in occupational pursuits and manner of use.
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 posthumously as The Kurdish National Movement: Its Origins and Development 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.