SLIDE PACKET NEWS

The Center has ready for distribution a series of multi-purpose educational materials concerning the Middle East. The materials are primarily designed for use in secondary schools, but have also been utilized in college courses. The units cover Middle Eastern villages, cities, costumes, festivals and celebrations, food, and the family. They were prepared under a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. A unit on Turkey was completed with the aid of the Institute of Turkish Studies. The general objective of all the units is to give students an opportunity to take a closer look at the variety of peoples and lifestyles represented in the Middle East and to encourage understanding.

Each educational unit includes slides, slide commentary, background reading, questions for discussion, a glossary, and worksheets. The format of these units was designed to allow a large degree of flexibility in presentation, depending on the level, size and length of the class. No recorded cassette of the commentary accompanies the slides; therefore, teachers and students may proceed at a pace that seems most comfortable, taking time for questions and answers. Pertinent articles, such as "14th Century Fez" and "Veiling in Egypt," help provide a context for each of the subjects. For information on pricing and ordering, contact Anne Johnson, Outreach Assistant at the Center.

ELIZABETH FERNEA
PRESIDENT OF MESA

Honoring her for her innovative work on the changing roles of women and the family in the Middle East, the members of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) elected Elizabeth Fernea President for the coming year. MESA, an international association of scholars, focuses on the study of the Middle East since the rise of Islam, principally from the viewpoint of the humanities and the social sciences. The organization has approximately 1500 members.

Ms. Fernea has taught at The University of Texas for ten years, offering a series of courses on cultural and social change in the Middle East. She has also acted as Undergraduate Advisor and has been responsible for developing and coordinating the Center's growing program of outreach to schools and the local community. She is the editor of Women and the
Family in the Middle East: New Voices of Change, co-author with Robert Fernea of 'The Arab World, Personal Encounters; and co-editor and translator of Middle Eastern Muslim Women Speak. She has authored three works based on her experiences in the Middle East. They are Guests of the Sheik, A View of the Nile, and A Street in Marrakech. Ms. Fernea has also produced three films on the general issue of women and social change in the Middle East: The Price of Change, A Veiled Revolution, and Women Under Siege. Women Under Siege, a close look at the life of women in a Palestinian refugee camp in 1981, was a finalist at the American Film Festival in New York during the spring of 1984.

AWARDS FOR ROGER LOUIS

Professor Roger Louis, faculty member of the History Department and the Centers for Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, has won two awards for his recently published book, The British Empire in the Middle East 1945-1951: Arab Nationalism, the United States, and Postwar Imperialism. The book won the American Historical Association's George Louis Beer Prize for best book in international history and was the recipient of the Texas Institute of Letters Award for the most significant contribution to knowledge. In February, Professor Louis was appointed to the Mildred Caldwell and Baine Perkins Kerr Centennial Professorship in English History and Culture in the College of Liberal Arts at UT.

Professor Louis, a UT faculty member since 1970, is internationally recognized as one of the leading historians of the British Empire. In addition to his joint faculty appointments, he serves as the curator of historical collections in the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center. Last fall, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, the distinguished British academy of historians. In England this spring, Professor Louis is serving as Overseas Fellow of Churchill College at Cambridge. This summer he will conduct a National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar at UT for college teachers on "The End of the British Empire."

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Summer Institute

The Center will offer again this summer a four-week workshop for secondary school teachers. The Institute, "Using Computers in Social Studies, with Special Emphasis on the Study of the Middle East," will be held June 10 through July 4. Participants who successfully complete the program will earn six hours of graduate credit, three hours in the College of Education and three hours in Middle Eastern Studies, the College of Liberal Arts. Registration is limited to 20 teachers.

Faculty will include George Kulp, Research Scientist at the UT Computation Center; Elizabeth Fernea, Lecturer and Outreach Coordinator at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies; Gary McKenzie, Associate Professor at the College...
Texas Association of Middle East Scholars Meeting

Professor M.A. Jazayery, President of the Texas Association of Middle Eastern Scholars, has announced that the Association's 1985 meeting will be on Friday, October 25, and Saturday, October 26. This fifth annual meeting will take place on the UT campus and will be organized by the Center under the direction of Program Chairman Henry Speck.

The format of the meeting will consist of four panels, one each on the Arab World, Iran, Israel, and Turkey. Titles and abstracts of proposed papers should be sent to Professor Henry Speck, III, ACU Station, Box 8247, Abilene, TX 79601.

TURKISH STUDIES PROGRAM DEVELOPED

The Center is working with other departments to develop a comprehensive program of Turkish Studies at The University of Texas. Beginning in 1983, the Department of Oriental and African Languages and Literatures (DOALL) offered Turkish language courses for the first time since 1973. At the present time DOALL offers courses in both elementary and intermediate Turkish. These courses have been taught by Assistant Instructor Ayshegul Musallam under the supervision of Professor John Bordie (FLEC).

Last fall, Dean Robert King authorized DOALL, in cooperation with the Center, to recruit a full-time faculty member in Turkish. Filling this position for September 1985, will make possible course offerings in advanced Turkish for undergraduates and graduates as well as a course on Turkish culture. Continued funding for this position is being sought by the Center from the U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of Turkish Studies.

In its efforts to provide an expanded program of Turkish Studies, the Center allocated funds last summer to bring Turkish scholar Donald Quataert, Associate Professor of History at the University of Houston, to teach a course on Turkey’s history and culture. Another area studies course, “Ottoman History in the Middle East, 1300-1920,” was offered last fall by UT faculty member Abraham Marcus.

The Center has initiated a series of lectures, films, exhibits, and other special activities geared not only to the interests of the University community but to the larger conference on Iranian Nationalism during the Musaddiq Period

A conference on “Iranian Nationalism and the International Oil Crisis 1951-1954” will be held at The University of Texas on September 26-27, 1985. Professors Roger Louis (History) and James A. Bill (Government) are organizing the program. Plans call for three major substantive sessions entitled “Nationalism and Nationalists in Iran,” “Britain, the United States, and the Crisis of 1954,” and “The International Oil Crisis.” Ten distinguished scholars from England and America will present major research papers, which will eventually be published in a coherent volume.

The conference will be one of the events marking the 25th anniversary of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies. Other co-sponsors of the conference are the Departments of History and Government, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Graduate School.

of Education; and Barbara Roberts, Social Studies teacher at LBJ High School in Austin.

The Austin Independent School District will provide space and computer time. Stipends for teachers may be arranged. The program is funded in part with support from the U.S. Department of Education. Applications and University registration will be processed through the Center for Middle Eastern Studies. Further information on the Institute may be obtained from Anne Johnson, Outreach Assistant.
Ilhan Basgoz, Professor of Folklore and Director of Turkish and Turkic Studies at Indiana University, came to the University in March to lecture on "The Romance Tradition, Literary and Folk, in Turkey and the Middle East." During the 1984 Middle East Film Festival, filmmaker Halit Refig was brought to the University to lecture and present two documentary films.

The Center has been extremely fortunate in receiving funding and support for Turkish Studies from the Institute of Turkish Studies. Located in Washington, D.C., the Institute is a private foundation committed to supporting and encouraging the development of Turkish studies in United States universities. The Institute has given scholarships to three outstanding UT undergraduates interested in studying Turkish language and culture. The awards for 1984 went to Rebecca Coates Yerly, a government major. Awards for 1985 went to Christopher Foreman, a Liberal Arts major, and Paige Poling, an intercollegiate major in Business and Liberal Arts. Funding from the Institute also enabled the Center to acquire and catalogue many Turkish-language reference works for the University's Middle East Collection.

The Center will continue its pursuit of additional funding for Turkish Studies in the hopes of expanding the level of Turkish language training, of providing a graduate fellowship, and of further enhancing both the Turkish- and Western-language library holdings of the University. The establishment of an active Turkish Studies Program will balance the University's existing Middle Eastern programs in Persian, Hebrew, and Arabic.

LECTURES

The Center was pleased to sponsor in cooperation with other centers and departments a number of guest lecturers during the fall and spring semesters.

Seven of the foremost writers of Asia and the Middle East were invited to come to the University as part of the International Writers Lecture Series. Organized by the Center, the department of Oriental and African Languages and Literatures, and the Center for Asian Studies, the Series featured lectures by authors from China, Egypt, India, Israel, and Japan. The main focus of the series was the role of the writer in society today.

Yusuf Idris, famous for his short stories, novels, plays and screenplays, spoke in February on "Writing and the Transformation of Society in the Middle East." Mr. Idris has been nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature. A.B. Yehoshua, a leading Israeli author, presented a lecture on "Politics and Fiction in Israel" and conducted a seminar on "Identity Crisis of Israeli Authors in the 1980s." In April, Nawal al-Saadawi, Egypt's best known contemporary feminist, spoke on "The Role of Women Writers in the Arab World." Dr. Saadawi is best known in the West for her book, The Hidden Face of Eve.

The final participant from the Middle East was the prominent contemporary Israeli author Amos Oz, who spoke during April on "The Role of the Writer in Israeli Society Today." Mr. Oz's essays and novels have been translated into English and many other languages.

In addition to the International Writers Lecture Series, the Center was pleased to welcome several other distinguished visitors who lectured and gave seminars on the Middle East.

In March, Manfred Halpern, Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Princeton University, spoke on "Separating Ourselves from Church and State: Linking Sacred, Political, and Personal Being." Professor Halpern's book, The Politics of Social Change in the Middle East and North Africa, is regarded as a classic by scholars of the Middle East. The public lecture was sponsored by the Center.
and the Department of Government.

A second visitor during the spring was Moshe Ma'oz, Professor of Contemporary History at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, who lectured in April on "Prospects for Peace and the Risk of War in the Middle East." Former Director of the Truman Institute for Peace at Hebrew University, Professor Ma'oz discussed current peace initiatives in the Middle East. His visit was co-sponsored by the LBJ School, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Center.

Also during April, the Center along with the Population Research Center, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Department of Geography brought Daniel R. Vining, Jr. to the University. Professor Vining is Chairman of the Graduate Program in the Regional Science Department at the University of Pennsylvania. He discussed demographic trends in major Third World cities with emphasis on Cairo.

Yuko Kagawa, Lecturer in Persian at Osaka International University, is a Visiting Scholar at UT for 1984-1986. She is working with Professor Michael Hillmann on modern Persian literature.

PUBLICATIONS

The Center is anticipating publication this summer and next fall of four books in its Modern Middle East Series. 

Shahid Arslan by William Cleveland is a biography of the writer and politician. Arslan was an exemplary member of the last generation of Ottoman-Arabs who grew up before 1914, and, after World War I, were forced to live in a world no longer of their own choosing. During the inter-war period and after, Arslan promoted solidarity among all Islamic peoples as a legitimate means of defense against Western encroachment. William Cleveland is Associate Professor of History at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia.

The End of the Palestine Mandate, edited by Roger Louis and Robert Stookey, is a series of essays concerning the period when Britain relinquished its control over mandatory Palestine and the State of Israel was established. In order to analyze this turning point in the history of the Middle East, the editors have published essays with points of view from each of the involved parties: British, Zionist, Arab, American, and Russian. The volume also contains an interpretive introduction and conclusion. Roger Louis is Professor of History at UT and holder of the Mildred Caldwell and Baine Perkins Kerr Centennial Professorship in English History and Culture. Robert Stookey, a retired Foreign Service Officer, is a Research Associate for the Center and a writer on Middle East issues.

The other two books, to be published next fall, are Government and Society in Rural Palestine by Ylana Miller and The Art of Reciting the Qur'an by Kristina Nelson. Professor Nelson's book was the recipient of a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to aid in the meticulous presentation of Qur'anic text and recitation ritual.

The Center is now the U.S. distributor for the Cairo Papers in Social Science, published by the American University in Cairo. Back issues are available from Annes McCann-Baker in care of the Center.

FACULTY NEWS

Hafez Farmayan (History) was invited this year to participate at the Princeton Conference on Justice and Injustice in Islamic Political Thought and at the Tenth Georgio Levi Della Vida Conference in Islamic Studies at UCLA. The subject of this biennial meeting was "The Modern Economic and Social History of the Middle East in Its World Context."

Elizabeth Fernea (CMES) participated in The Rama Mehta Colloquia at Radcliffe College in April. She spoke on Political/Community Life during the program entitled "The Muslim Woman: International Perspectives." Her book, Women and the Family in the Middle East: New Voices of Change, a collection of essays, stories, and poems about the changing role of the family in the Middle East, was published this spring by UT Press.

Robert Fernea (Anthropology) presided as president at the American Research Center of Egypt meeting in New York April 26. Also in April, he presented a paper entitled "Technological Innovation and Development Among the Bedouin of Hail, Saudi Arabia" to the Society of Economic Anthropology. Authored by Robert and Elizabeth Fernea, The Arab World, Personal Encounters was published by Doubleday late in the spring. The Ferneas write about places and people as they first knew them and then take the reader back to the same locations years later,
commenting on changes that have taken place.

David Francis (Classics), having returned from a year spent at Oxford as a Visiting Fellow and the Waynflete Lecturer, has received this year's Jean Holloway Award for Teaching Excellence. The winner of this award is chosen each year by students.

Michael Hillmann (Persian) had his book, *Persian Carpets*, come out from UT Press last fall. The book features plates of carpets in Austin homes, stores, and the LBJ Museum. In April, Professor Hillmann presented a series of four lectures called "The World of Oriental Carpets" at Rice University. He is in the midst of completing a new book called *Iranian Culture: A Persianist's View*, and of editing a volume called *Sociology of the Iranian Writer* to be published as Volume 18, Numbers 3 and 4 of *Iranian Studies* (1985). This summer, Professor Hillmann will teach a new course of potential interest to the community beyond UT. The course, called "Persian Art Past and Present," will be taught during the second summer session.

Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak, Lecturer in the English Department, has been teaching a graduate course on Classical Persian Literature for the Department of Oriental and African Languages and Literatures.


Caroline Williams (CMES) spoke at the American Research Center of Egypt meeting in New York. Her lecture was entitled "Changes in the Architecture of Cairo in the Early 19th Century." Ms. Williams has recently revised the book, *The Islamic Monuments of Cairo: A Practical Guide.*

CMES FACULTY FROM THE NETHERLANDS

Jacques Waardenburg, Professor of Religion and Phenomenology, and Hilary Waardenburg-Kilpatrick, Lecturer in Arabic literature, have been visiting faculty at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies this spring. Professor Waardenburg teaches at the State University of Utrecht in The Netherlands, and Professor Waardenburg-Kilpatrick teaches at the Institute for Languages and Cultures of the Middle East at the University of Nijmegen in The Netherlands.

With a joint appointment in Philosophy and Middle Eastern Studies, Professor Waardenburg taught the courses "Introduction to Islamic Philosophy" and "Islamic Reform Movements." He also gave a lecture on "Is There a Revitalization of Islam?" and gave a talk on Muslim responses to the crises in Lebanon.

Hilary Waardenburg-Kilpatrick offered a course in "English Literature of the Third World." In April, she gave a lecture entitled "Towards the Appreciation of the Kitab al-Aghani (Book of Songs) of Abu l-Faraj al-Isfahani (4th/10th cent.) as a Literary Work."

The Waardenburgs will be returning to the Netherlands during the summer. Their wit and fresh vision will be missed by students, faculty, and staff at the Center.

STUDENT AWARDS

Through funding from the U.S. Department of Education, the Center is able to award fellowships to qualified graduate students in language and area studies. Congratulations to this past year's Fellowship holders for the Summer of 1984: Mary Gwenn Okruhlik (Arabic), Steven Perry (Hebrew), and Robert Sweet (Arabic); and for the full year of 1984-85: Jennifer DeCamp (Arabic), Paul Gilmer (Turkish), Jenny White (Arabic), Jonathan Morer (Turkish), Michael Noble (Arabic), Juida Saad (Arabic/Persian), Caroline Sawyer (Persian), Robert Sweet (Arabic), and Keith Walters (Arabic).

Other students working with the Center have won a variety of awards. Betsy Folkins was awarded a Research Grant from the Office of Graduate Studies in order to collect data for her thesis. Keith Walters and David McMurray have
been notified by the U.S. Depart-
ment of Education that they have
been selected as candidates under
the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Disserta-
tion Research Abroad Pro-
gram. Darrow Zeidenstein has been
awarded a National Science Foun-
dation Graduate Fellowship for
three years.

NEW DEGREE
PROGRAMS

The Department of Oriental and
African Languages and Literatures
(DOALL) now offers a Doctor of
Philosophy in Middle Eastern
Languages, Literatures, and
Cultures. The degree provides for
specialization in Hebrew, Arabic,
or Persian.

DOALL also offers a Master of
Arts in Oriental Languages,
Literatures, and Cultures. Can-
didates in the new program may
choose an area of specialization
from the Middle East (Hebrew,
Arabic, Persian); South Asia (Hin-
di, Sanskrit); and East Asia
(Chinese, Japanese).

TEACHING MATERIALS
AVAILABLE

The Teaching Materials Index,
a list of all teaching aids available
in the Resource Center, is being
updated and annotated. The col-
lection includes an assortment of
video tapes for classroom purposes.
Exxon Foundation recently
donated to the Center three video
tapes concerning the history and
development of the Gulf States.
This series of tapes is called The Oil
Kingdom Series. The Resource
Center staff is trying to expand its
collection to include recordings of
contemporary music from the Mid-
dle East. Donations of such casset-
ettes would be gratefully accepted.

A collection of recordings of les-
tures sponsored by the Center will
soon be available. Teachers and
students are urged to take advan-
tage of these new resources.

COMPUTER-ASSISTED
INSTRUCTION IN
ARABIC

Professor Peter Abboud (Arabic) has
completed the computer-assisted
instruction (CAI) program for
teaching intermediate Modern
Standard Arabic. Professor Ab-
boud finished the project for his
late wife, Dr. Victorine Abboud, who
had begun the program under a
grant from the National Endow-
ment for the Humanities in 1981.
Dr. Abboud was building the pro-
gram for the intermediate-level
Arabic based on the success of her
two earlier programs: the Arabic
writing and sound systems and the
elementary-level sequence. These
unique programs were developed
in connection with her work at the
CAI Lab, housed in the Depart-
ment of Oriental and African
Languages and Literatures
(DOALL).

The intermediate program will
enable the student to attain a work-
ing vocabulary of some 1,500 to
2,000 Arabic words (compared to
800 words at the end of elementary
level), to improve reading and
listening comprehension, and to in-
crease proficiency in speaking and
writing. The program will be in-
corporated into the curriculum at

VICTORINE C. ABBOUD

Dr. Victorine C. Abboud, known to
her many friends and colleagues as
"Vickie," died in a Dallas hospital
on February 28, 1984, after a long
illness. Her loss came as a great
shock to the academic community
at Texas and to the many other
scholars in Middle Eastern Studies
who knew her. At the University,
she was engaged in research in
computer-assisted instruction in
Arabic and taught courses on the
theory and application of
computer-assisted instruction.
Vickie received her Ph.D. in
Education from The University of
Texas in 1970 and immediately
started pioneering work in
computer-assisted instruction,
which continued until her death.
She was a dedicated scholar and
teacher and has been missed by her
colleagues, friends, and students.
Her research, which has received
widespread international recogni-
tion, will remain a testimony to her
energy and creativity and to her
commitment to improving
language instruction. The Center
for Middle Eastern Studies, with
which she worked closely
throughout her career, has lost a
beloved friend and colleague.

M.A. Jazayery
Director
Annes McCann-Baker became the new Editor for the Center in March. She replaced Daniel Goodwin, who is now an editor at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C.

The CMES Editor works with UT Press to publish the Center’s Modern Middle East Series, a scholarly series of books focusing on social science viewpoints of the Middle East.

Ms. McCann-Baker had been writer and editor and eventually Assistant Coordinator of Training for the Petroleum Extension Service at UT. Prior to that, she had written and taught English courses for the Correspondence Section of the Continuing Education Division, worked as a staff member for the American Association of University Professors, and edited for National Geographic Magazine. She is an evening part-time instructor in English for Austin Community College.

Ann Grabhorn, who was Associate Outreach Coordinator for the Center, has gone back to teaching for the Austin Independent School District. The Center wishes Ann the best of luck and continues to appreciate her fine educational efforts in the Outreach Program.