

sociologist of the Middle East in 1964, he taught at Princeton, the University of Washington, Seattle, and the University of Southern California. He was also Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and the American University in Cairo. At UCLA, Sabagh served as the Director of the Center for Near Eastern Studies from 1983 to 1994. He was a recipient of a Guggenheim fellowship and numerous major research grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF), National Institute of Child Health Development (NICHD), Ford, Rockefeller, Mellon, and Haynes Foundations. His research covered a wide range of the fields in sociology in general, as well as in Middle Eastern studies, including the sociology and demography of Middle Eastern countries, migration and economic development in North Africa, and the adaptation of Iranians in Los Angeles.

A renowned social demographer, he published articles in major sociology and demography journals. He was one of the pioneers of Middle Eastern American studies, a field that has gained prominence since September 11. His *vita* modestly listed his publications since 1980 only. Since then, he published over 40 scholarly articles and book chapters, as well as edited three volumes for Cambridge University Press. He was passionate about research, and his enthusiasm was truly contagious. Having worked on several large research projects, he thrived on collaboration with colleagues and students. He continued his research until the very end – a chapter appeared posthumously in a book by the University of Chicago Press, and an article is forthcoming. He had received a grant to study the socioeconomic mobility and ethnic identity of second-generation Iranian Americans.

But what distinguished Sabagh the most was his remarkable personality. He was rarely, if ever, known to lose his temper. He was incredibly congenial and rarely acted like he was under pressure, which he often was. He treated his staff just as well as he treated his colleagues. He always made time for his students, even if it meant losing sleep to catch up with his demanding work as a Center Director. It's for these rare qualities and many others, which the limited space does not allow listing, that he will be greatly missed.

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James Stewart-Robinson (1928 – 2003)

It is with great sorrow that I report that Professor James Stewart-Robinson died at his home in Saline, Michigan on Thursday, August 28, 2003. Professor Stewart-Robinson was born on March 3, 1928, in Edinburgh Scotland. At the age of three his family moved to Turkey where he attended the Gazi İlk Okulu and Türk Maarif Cemiyeti in Ankara and the English High School for Boys in Istanbul. In 1946 he returned to Scotland where he attended Edinburgh University,

receiving his Masters degree in 1954 and PH. D. in 1959 under the direction of John Walsh. He came to the University of Michigan as an instructor in 1956 and remained there as the core of a highly successful Turkish language and literature program until his retirement as full professor in 2000.

James Stewart-Robinson was a brilliant linguist and a meticulous scholar. He was best known as an expert on the Ottoman biographies of poets (*tezkire-i şu'era*) genre, although he also had an abiding interest in Tanzimat and Republican Turkish literature. Very critical of his own work, he did not publish widely but devoted much of his energy to teaching, the production of resources for teaching, and the nurturing of several generations of graduate students in various disciplines. Himself a rather shy and self-effacing person, he had a powerful impact on the growth of Turkish and Middle Eastern studies in North America through his own efforts and those of the students he supported. He was a member of MESA since 1973 and a founding member of the American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages. He will always be remembered by those students and colleagues who worked with him as an erudite, kind, and gentle man with quick wit and profound sense of humor, a man who always put his own needs last and those of his students first. He will be profoundly missed by all who knew him.

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