



Collection Title: Linda L. Layne collection

Dates: 1981-1997 (bulk 1981-1984)

Extent: 2 linear feet

Creators: Layne, Linda L.

Language (s): Materials are in English

Repository: American Center of Research

Biographical Note: Anthropologist Linda L. Layne (b. 1955) received her B. A. from the University of Southern California and her Ph.D. from Princeton University in Cultural Anthropology and Near Eastern Studies with her *dissertation The Production and Reproduction of Tribal Identity in Jordan*. In 1994, Princeton University Press published *Home and Homeland: the Dialogics of Tribal and National Identities in Jordan*.

After earning her doctorate, Layne's academic focus shifted towards reproduction, motherhood, and selfishness. She was a professor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and finished her career as Visiting Professor in the Reproductive Sociology Research Group at the University of Cambridge.

Score and Contents: Collection is comprised of photographic prints, 35mm slides, and negatives of Layne's anthropological research in the Jordan Valley during the 1980s. Topics photograph include the daily life of the Al-Talib family of the A'abadi tribe with whom Layne lived, agriculture and landscapes of the Jordan Valley, architecture, education as well as images from travels around the country. Materials related to Layne's 1984 ethnographic photograph exhibition "Settled Bedouin in the Jordan Valley: Patterns of Life" are also included.

In addition to photographic materials, the collection contains field research notebooks from 1981 to 1983 as well as the program from the related conference "Anthropology in Jordan: State of the Art."

Arrangement: The digitized slides have been rehoused in the order they were received. A significant portion of the slides have been digitized and are [available online](#).

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Subjects (Persons)

Layne, Linda L.

Subjects

Anthropology -- Jordan
Anthropology
Women anthropologists
Ethnography
Educators -- United States
Jordan Valley
Architecture -- Jordan
Bedouins

Geographic

Middle East
Jordan
Jordan Valley

Document Types

35mm slides
Photographic Prints
Negatives
Notebooks
Publications



Organization and Arrangement of Collection

35mm slides

Jordan Valley Mud Brick
Jordan Valley – Iskan
Jordan Valley - buildings
Jordan – personal
Al-Talib family
Al-Talib family
Abu al-Hoot family
Jordan Valley
Jordan Valley – wedding
Berrard’s slides – Jerash, Madaba, Mt. Nebo forest, Deir el Qalaa, Lebanon
Jordan Valley, Dead Sea, Spring 1988
Um Qwais, Jerash, UJordan mosque – Spring 1988
Jordan Valley - Save the Children – Spring 1988
Weather maps
Unlabeled
A Souvenir from Jordan – Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities
Jordan Colour souvenir slides
Zorv – 1988
Camels in US – 1985

Photographic prints and negatives

Two photo albums of Layne’s field research, 1981-1983

Envelope of black and white photos taken by Layne during field research, 1981-1983

Envelope of colored photographss of landscapes: Zarqa river and Deir Alla, Tell Macarus, Wadi Warda cave, Tellul al-Thahab, Salt Rd., September 1981

Envelope of color photographs of Jordan Valley agriculture, 1987

Photos from Winter 1984 election, cemetery, Adwan mud architecture

Color photos, mixed elementary school class in Diyat, 1983

Envelope of colored snaps of an ACOR field trip to Deir Kaf, May 1983

Loose unidentified photos and negatives of field research and exhibition, 1981-1984



Field material

Research notebook: Al-Talib family of the A'abadi tribe

Research notebook: Field notes from September 1981 to July 1982, January to May 1983

Conference and Photo exhibition

Proposal for "Settled Bedouin in the Jordan Valley: Patterns of Life" an exhibition of ethnographic photographs.

Photo album of opening of "Settled Bedouin in the Jordan Valley: Patterns of Life" an exhibition of ethnographic Photographs. Opened by Queen Noor at King Hussein Sports City, Amman. 1984 Held in conjunction with a conference "Anthropology in Jordan: State of the Art." Feb 25, 1984

Program for conference "Anthropology in Jordan: State of the Art." Feb 25 and 27, 28, 1984. Organized by Linda Layne with assistance of Ahmad Sharkas.

Thank you letter to the participants.

Other research materials

MERIP Reports, March 1981 with Layne's first publication on Jordan. Women in Jordan's Workforce, based on research for M.Phil.

Journal Monde Arabe: Maghreb Machrek, Oct 1986. With French translation of Layne's article "Tribu and citoyennete en Jordanie rurale."

Layne's review of Inhorn's *Quest for Conception* JASO, 1997