



**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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**Associated Materials:** Publications by Linda L. Layne [in the ACOR Library](#).

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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