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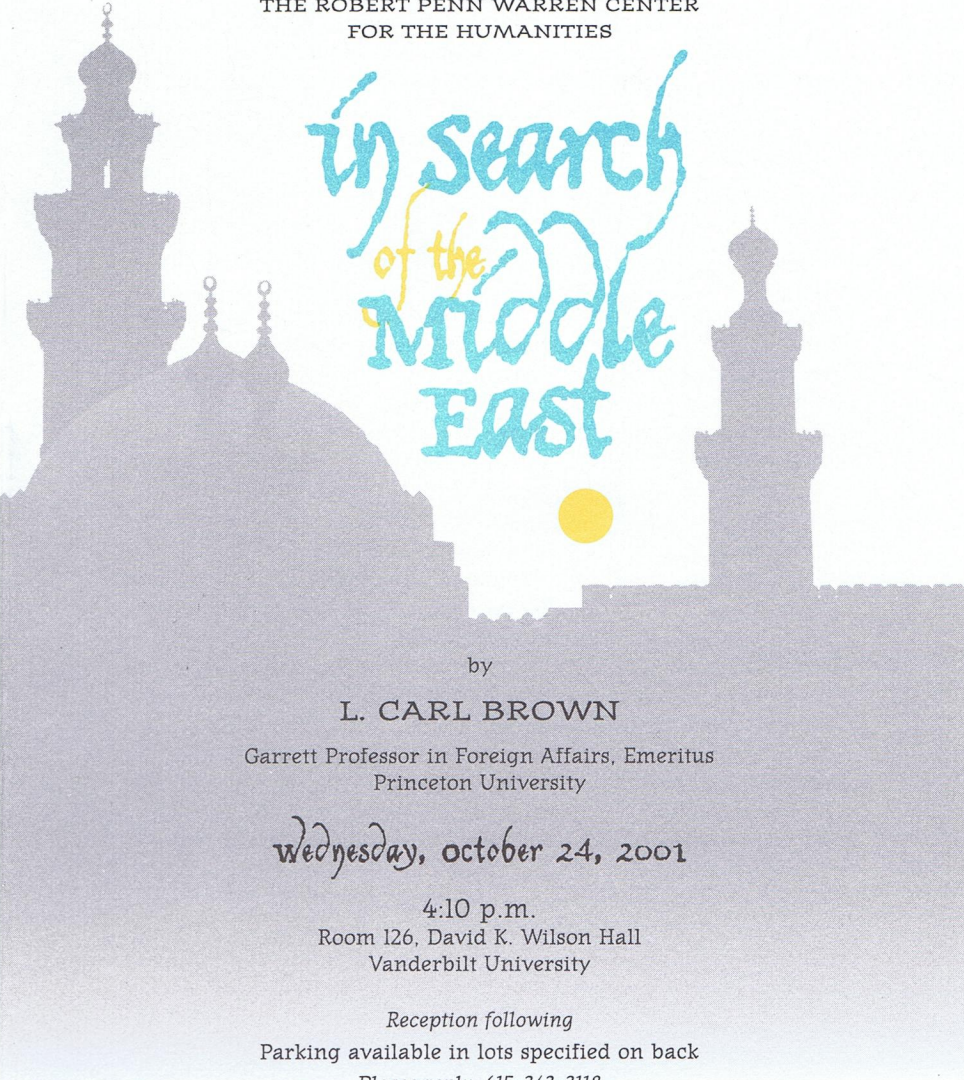
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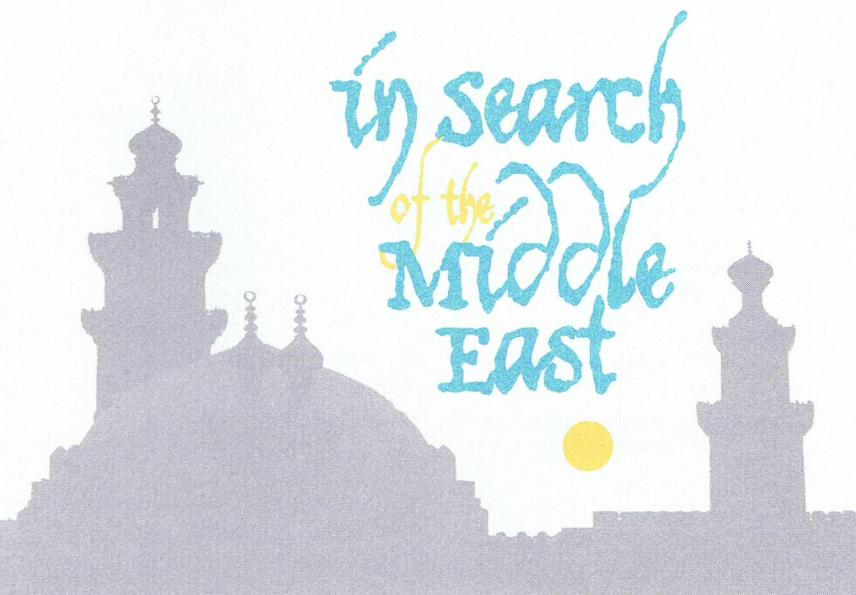
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■ L. Carl Brown, Garrett Professor in Foreign Affairs, Emeritus, at Princeton University, is a historian of the modern Near East and North Africa with special emphasis on the Arab world. A member of the Princeton faculty from 1966 to 1993, he was long director of the interdisciplinary program in Near Eastern studies.

After graduating in 1950 from Vanderbilt University with a bachelor of arts degree, where he was a fraternity brother to Harry C. Howard, he attended the University of Virginia for a year and then spent another year at the London School of Economics. He then began a six-year career with the Foreign Service, first in Beirut, Lebanon, where he spent 18 months in the American embassy's Arabic Language and Area Training Program, and then in Khartoum, Sudan, where he served as the embassy's economic officer. Returning to the United States in 1958, Professor Brown attended Harvard University and in 1962 completed his Ph.D. in history and Middle Eastern studies. From 1962 until 1966 he served at Harvard as an assistant professor of Middle Eastern studies.

He joined the faculty of Princeton University as associate professor of Oriental studies in 1966, and was named director of the program in Near Eastern Studies in 1969. He served as both chairman of the Department of Near Eastern Studies and director of the program from 1969 to 1973. In 1973-74 he was a distinguished visiting professor at the American University in Cairo. He is a founding member of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) and served as president of it from 1975-76. He has also served on the Board of Governors of the Institute of Current World Affairs and the Middle East Institute. He served an additional term as director of the program at Princeton from 1980 until his retirement in 1993.

A native of Mayfield, Kentucky, Brown was born in 1928 and married Anne Winchester Stokes in 1953. The Browns have three children: Elizabeth Boone, Joseph Winchester, and Jefferson Travis.



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"Our Waterloo," Lord Acton admonished contributors to the *Cambridge Modern History*, "must be one that satisfies French and English, Germans and Dutch alike." This may appear to be a very old-fashioned idea in the wake of Edward Said's *Orientalism* (1978) and Antonio Gramsci's notion of hegemonic discourse. Still, a reading of modern Middle Eastern history that "satisfies" the different ethnic and national groups involved does exist. It is the work of many scholars over many generations with interesting revisionist challenges leading to new syntheses. The major organizing theme of this reading is the impact of the West on the Middle East beginning in roughly the late 18th century and continuing to this day. From this has followed the challenge to the classic norms of Middle Eastern state and society and the still-evolving effort to create new forms of political community. This reading of Middle Eastern history also takes note of topics that have concerned scholars of late, e.g., modernization, gender issues, religion, politics, and civil society.



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Introduction by Richard McCarty  
Dean, College of Arts and Science

Professor Brown is a distinguished historian of the modern Near East and North Africa, with special emphasis on the Arab world. His recent publications include Religion and State: The Muslim Approach to Politics (Columbia University Press, 2000), Diplomacy in the Middle East: The International Relations of Regional and Outside Powers (I.B. Tauris, 2001). He is also the author of International Politics in the Middle East: Old Rules, Dangerous Game (Princeton University Press, 1984). Professor Brown is a Vanderbilt University alumnus (Class of 1950).

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