

life day in and day out are false and can evaporate for good in a matter of minutes. They have no more significance than a smoke screen under which our real life takes place....Since I've known that I don't have anymore treatments available to me anymore, I've been feeling enormously peaceful. It is as if I'm invited to make a transition to another world...I have had a shorter life but a very valuable one and I have no complains about the length of my life and feel grateful for the life I've had. Everyone has to face death at some point sooner or later. It's the quality of life that counts rather than the length...."

Paidar is survived by her husband Soroush Javadi-Motlagh, her parents Homa and Asghar Paidar and her four sisters Nasrin, Zarrin, Shirin, and Nooshin who surrounded Parvin with love and care till the last moments of her life.

Paidar's immature death has left us with a deep sense of loss and sadness. Her productive life has enriched our feminist scholarship and struggles for equal rights, democracy, freedom and justice. The fond memories of her positive energy, openness and cheerful face, and immense intellectual contributions to the women's movement in Iran will remain with us for generations.

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Thomas B. Stauffer (1935 - 2005)

On March 11, 2005, Dr. Thomas Reynolds Stauffer, internationally respected energy economist and analyst, author, educator and consultant died of cancer at his home in Washington, D.C.

Born in Fremont, OH, he attended the University School in Shaker Heights, OH before graduating from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He developed his love for the Middle East and energy affairs while completing his doctorate at Harvard University. Dr. Stauffer taught economics and Middle East Studies at Harvard (1971-1982), the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna (1982-85), and Georgetown University (1985-1989). He was a frequent lecturer at the Foreign Service Institute of the U.S. Department of State, and at the Army and Navy war colleges.

He published widely, with over 100 professional writings published in scholarly journals and the public media in the United States, the United Kingdom and the Persian Gulf. Among his areas of focus were measurement of corporate rates of return, the economics of gas-based industrialization in the Gulf, the impact of tax systems upon oil exploration incentives, the effect of tariff designs on oil pipeline economics, and the politics of water in the Middle East.

Dr. Stauffer served as an advisor and consultant to several Middle East governments and private industry on arbitration and related negotiations. A consultant

to several ministers of the Organization of Oil Exporting Countries and the OPEC Secretariat in Vienna, he was honored by OPEC for his lifelong work in and for the petroleum industry in September 2004.

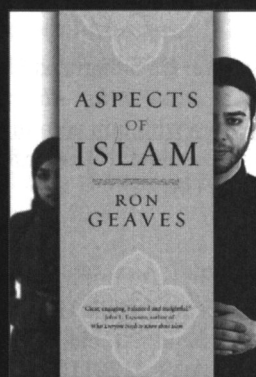
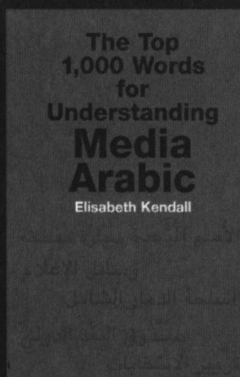
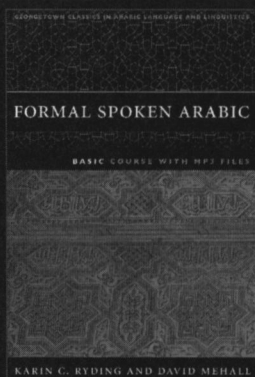
During the Nixon Administration, Dr. Stauffer served twice in the Executive Office of the President, with the Cabinet Task Force on Oil Import Control, and the Price Commission. He was a consultant to the antitrust unit of the Federal Trade Commission and an expert witness for the Department of Justice. He appeared as an expert in tax, nationalization and regulatory matters before numerous tribunals and international bodies, including the proceedings at the Hague regarding Iran's nationalization of foreign oil assets.

Dr. Stauffer's broad scope of interests also included a deep and abiding interest in the culture and traditions of the Middle East. In the 1960s, he and his wife traveled with the Qashqai nomads of Iran, later making several films about their lifestyle and carpet making, which he later donated to the Smithsonian Institution. He was a renowned stamp collector and activist on community issues in Washington, D.C. where he resided since 1989. He was a member of the University Club, the Textile Museum, the National Press Club and the Landsdowne Club of London.

He is survived by his wife Ilse Martha Stauffer, three children, a brother and a grandchild. In June, a joyous memorial event was held in Washington, D.C. where his many friends and colleagues met to celebrate his life and manifold accomplishments.

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