



## John Freely Fellowship Fund

### The Friends of the American Research Institute in Turkey



Prof. John Freely, co-author of *Strolling through Istanbul*, and author of more than fifty other guides and histories of Turkey and the Eastern Mediterranean, has opened the eyes of many of us, through his works and in his person, to the richness and variety of the history and culture of Istanbul, of Turkey, and of surrounding regions. The fellowships ARIT has established in his name have encouraged scholars to follow in the paths he has opened, disseminating understanding and appreciation of this geography to a wider public.

The American Research Institute in Turkey has supported advanced level research on Turkey in the humanities and social sciences for the last 50 years, and has offered fellowships in John Freely's name since 2001. The fellowships have fostered research in the areas of Prof. Freely's interests, and benefitted young scholars from Turkey, where Freely has taught for almost all his academic career. Past fellowships have been supported by Joukowsky Family Foundation and ARIT institutional funds. It is the Friends' desire, and Prof. Freely's hope, that the fellowships can be supported in the future in order to perpetuate his legacy.

(For a list of past Freely fellowships, see: <http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/ARIT/ARITFellows.html>)

The goal of our campaign at this time is to raise \$50,000. This will support a minimum of one \$10,000 fellowship every year for the next five years. Efforts to create an endowment for this fellowship will continue thereafter.

The Friends of ARIT will launch this fund-raising campaign at their annual dinner on September 17, 2014 with a cocktail and reception honoring Prof. Freely. This event was announced in August. Everyone interested in supporting the fellowships will be welcome, and donations to the Freely fund will be accepted. Even if you cannot make the event, we hope that you will consider donating.

In the U.S. donations can be made by check made out to ARIT, or by credit card through PayPal or Network for Good at: <http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/ARIT/AnnualFund.html>.

In Turkey, donations can be made by cash or credit card at the ARIT office, or to the following bank account: John Freely Fellowship Fund, Garanti Bankası Arnavutköy Şubesi.

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