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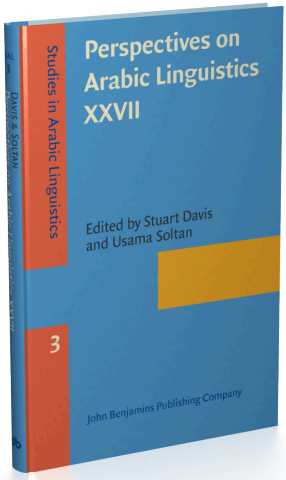

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The Arabic Linguistics Society respectfully dedicates this volume to Professor Dilworth Parkinson, Brigham Young University, in appreciation for his outstanding leadership and service to the Society. Dr. Parkinson is one of the founding members of the Arabic Linguistics Society. He served as its Executive Director for 10 years (1997–2007) and remained a member of the Board since its inception in 1986 through 2013. Dr. Parkinson has been a stellar custodian of the Society's records and finances and has served as its Treasurer through 2015. He has also served as editor or co-editor of four volumes of Perspectives on Arabic Linguistics.

Dr. Parkinson's contributions to the Arabic language and linguistics fields extend far beyond his service to the Society. Through his research in sociolinguistics and lexicography, together with his corpus linguistics expertise, he created a body of work that helped develop the study of Arabic and increase its exposure worldwide. He founded Arabic-L, an email listserv dedicated to Arabic language, linguistics and literature, currently serving over one thousand subscribers. He also created ArabiCorpus, a 30-million word online searchable electronic Arabic corpus.

After years of dedicated and exemplary service to the Society, Dr. Parkinson will be pursuing other endeavors. He will be greatly missed. We thank him and wish him the very best in his future pursuits.

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