

About Barbara Porter

Barbara Porter... Barbara led numerous archaeological tours from Algeria to Iran before her tenure in Jordan as Director of the American Center of Oriental Research (www.acorjordan.org) from 2006 to 2020. She received her A.B. from Bryn Mawr College and her M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. from Columbia University's Department of Art History & Archaeology. Her dissertation was on cylinder seals from Syria from the Middle Bronze Age. From 1978 to 1983, she was on the curatorial staff of the Egyptian Art Department of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and from 1983 to 1986 she was an Assistant Curator of Ancient Near Eastern Art in that New York Museum where she also lectured frequently in the galleries, often on Assyrian art. In the 1990s she taught in the Art History Department of New York University. Her interest in the Middle East stems from growing up in Lebanon from 1965 to 1970. In the 1980s she participated in two seasons of excavation in northeastern Syria at the site of Tell Leilan and previously worked on archeological projects in Austria, England, Italy, and Jordan. Her twin sister has been involved with the British Institute for the Study of Iraq (www.bisi.ac.uk), formerly British School of Archaeology in Iraq since 2000, and she will be a fellow traveler on the Iraq and Kurdistan trips.

