

Art Goldschmidt (1986), Silver Torch Awardee 2004, 2024



Vice-President 1992-1993

President – 1993-1994

Secretary – 2011-2019

Corresponding Secretary - 2020-2025

Feb 10, 1988: Professor at Sea

June 19, 1992: What do Young People Really Want?

Nov 14, 1994: War or Peace in the Middle East?

Sept 9, 1998: Camels: One Hump or Two?

Jan 8, 2001: One Hundred Days with Six Hundred Students

April 14, 2003: Arabs (Past and Present), Look at America

Sept 14, 2005: International Association of Torch Clubs: Past, Present and Future

Sept 8, 2008: Two Perspectives on the Ottoman Empire (with Walker Yeatman)

Mar 10, 2009: The Current Situation in the Middle East

Feb 8, 2012: Cornelius Van Dyck: The Missionary Who Inspired the Arabic Literary Renaissance

Sept 11, 2013: Duse Mohamed Ali, Pioneer African Nationalist

March 11, 2015: Current Political Problems in the Middle East

Sept 9, 2020: UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali

Sept. 14, 2022: Afghanistan: History and Mystery

Sept. 11, 2024: Writing the IATC's History

Art Goldschmidt is Professor Emeritus of Middle East History at Penn State. He is the co-author with Ibrahim Al Marashi of a widely used textbook, *A Concise History of the Middle East*, now in its 13th edition. He has written two general histories of Egypt, the *Biographical Dictionary of Modern Egypt* and the *Historical Dictionary of Egypt*, and a translation of the memoirs of an Egyptian nationalist leader. His second edition of *A Brief History of Egypt* has recently appeared in print. Between 1965 and 2000, he taught courses in Middle Eastern, European, non-Western, and world history, as well as a freshman seminar on the history of Penn State. He has also taught African history and elementary Modern Standard Arabic while on the Penn State faculty. He held fellowships from the Fulbright Commission, the Social Science Research Council, Durham University, and the American Research Center in Egypt. He twice taught on the Semester at Sea. He has served this club as secretary or as corresponding secretary since 2012. He currently serves on the Central Committee of the project to write a history of the International Association of Torch Clubs. The work he did on that IATC History Committee has appeared under the title, *Sharing the Light: Celebrating the Second Half-Century of the International Association of Torch Clubs, Inc, 1974-2024*, published by the IATC just in time for the June convention, which he attended. He is married to Louise, and they have two sons and a granddaughter.

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