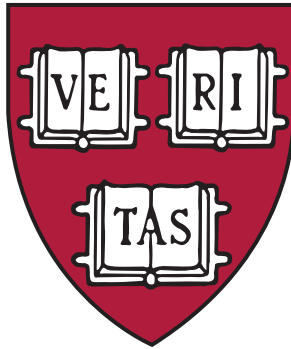


In Memoriam

ROY PARVIZ MOTTAHEDEH

Gurney Professor of History *Emeritus*

July 3, 1940 – July 30, 2024



The Memorial Church  
Harvard University

Friday, October 25, 2024  
Two o'clock in the afternoon

## ORGAN PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND REMEMBRANCE

William Graham, Murray A. Albertson Professor of Middle Eastern Studies *Emeritus*, Harvard Divinity School

## READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1–6

Harry Bastermajian, Executive Director of the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Program, Harvard University

## REMEMBRANCE

Don Babai, Research Associate, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University

## READINGS

The *Mourner's Kaddish*; readings from Hannah Sennesh  
James Barron and Marcy Bienen

## REMEMBRANCE

William Granara, Research Professor of the Practice of Arabic on the Gordon Gray Endowment, Harvard University

## READINGS

From the Qur'ān, 49:13: Passage on tolerance, moral consciousness

From the Qur'ān, 2:155–156: Passage on trials, patience

From Rūmī: Poem on love, unity, transformation

Intisar Rabb, Professor of Law and Director, Program in Islamic

Law, Harvard Law School; Professor of History, Harvard University

## REMEMBRANCE

Abbas Amanat, William Graham Sumner Professor of History  
*Emeritus*, Yale University

## READING

From the *Epistles and Divine Writings* (1973) of Abdu'l-Baha  
Farzin Vahdat, Professor of Sociology, IranAcademia

## REMEMBRANCE

Cemal Kafadar, Vehbi Koç Professor of Turkish Studies,  
Department of History, Harvard University (on video)

## CLOSING

William Granara

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

Music: David von Behren, Assistant University Organist, Harvard  
University

Reception following the service for family, friends, and Middle  
East studies community at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies,  
38 Kirkland Street. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to  
Doctors Without Borders, [doctorswithoutborders.org](http://doctorswithoutborders.org).

The Mottahedeh family thanks the Center for Middle Eastern  
Studies, the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Program, and  
the Department of History for hosting this event.

