

## **TOBIS FELLOW LINA KREIDIE CHOSEN AS FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR**

The William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board has chosen Lina Kreidie, a Tobis Fellow at the UCI Ethics Center, as a Fulbright Scholar for Jordan during the 2017-2018 academic year. The presidentially-appointed 12-member Board is responsible for supervising the Fulbright Program worldwide and approving the selection of all Fulbright recipients. Funded by the American government in honor of the late Senator Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Program aims to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries and is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government. As a grantee, Kreidie joins the ranks of distinguished participants in the Program who have become heads of state, judges, ambassadors, cabinet ministers, CEOs, and university presidents, as well as leading journalists, artists, scientists, and teachers. Fulbright Fellows include 58 Nobel Laureates, 82 Pulitzer Prize winners, 31 MacArthur Fellows, 16 Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients, and thousands of leaders across the private, public and non-profit sectors. Since its inception in 1946, more than 370,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the Program.

We join in congratulating Kreidie, who received her PhD from the Department of Political Science at UCI. Kreidie specializes in politics of the Middle East, with special emphasis on Islamic fundamentalism, refugees and the political psychology underlying political behavior.