

*This volume is dedicated to two individuals who have contributed in important ways to our understanding of the historic Silk Roads.*

Susan Whitfield

Her vision and leadership over more than two decades (until her resignation last year) as Director of the International Dunhuang Project have brought together and made available to the academic world the treasures of the Silk Road and provided a model for international collaboration. Her contributions to public education in many books and exhibitions continue to engage new audiences eager to learn about Eurasian exchange.



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*At a meeting with Xinjiang archaeologists in Keriya, 2011.*

Adela Lee

Committed to public education about the Silk Road, she has set an example of how focused enthusiasm and the allocation of support can make a difference. The varied programs sponsored by her Silkroad Foundation, many of them benefitting from her direct, personal management, have helped to educate a generation of scholars and enhanced our universities' obligation to public education.



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*Left: Learning archaeology with the other participants in the Silkroad Foundation's 2005 summer program in the Tamir Valley, Mongolia. Above: A rare moment of relaxation, in a Xibe family home, Almaliq, Xinjiang, 2005.*