Walter E. Kaegi


On April 3, 2009, Walter Kaegi chaired Session V: “Roman and Non-Roman Identity,” at the Society for Late Antiquity’s biennial conference Shifting Frontiers VIII: Shifting Cultural Frontiers in Late Antiquity, held at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.
He completed an article of memories about a former director of the Oriental Institute: “Carl Hermann Kraeling: A Reminiscence,” to be published in the forthcoming Norman Golb festschrift.

On September 27, 2008, as President, Kaegi represented the U.S. National Committee for Byzantine Studies (USNCBS) at the preliminary meeting in Athens, Greece, to plan the 2011 International Congress in Sofia, Bulgaria. He subsequently prepared and posted online the 2009 report of the U.S. National Committee for Byzantine Studies for the Association Internationale des Études Byzantines, Athens.

Kaegi engaged in professional travel to Egyptian archaeological sites, monasteries, and museums, March 6–21, 2009.

Kaegi also completed four book reviews.

Kaegi served as President of the University of Chicago Phi Beta Kappa Chapter 2008/09 and, on April 29, 2009, spoke at the memorial service for history Professor Richard Hellie. In September 2008 Kaegi made an interview for the University of Chicago that has been posted on YouTube and on the Oriental Institute blog: www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3-V9g8ybUo = oihistory.blogspot.com/2008/11/walter-kaegi-on-hyde-park.html.

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Carol Meyer

In September and October 2008 Carol Meyer participated in the Tell Hamoukar expedition in Syria to analyze the ground-stone artifacts from the 2005 and 2006 seasons. Her new database table for stone artifacts includes the petrological identification and other basic data for each item and will link to the line drawings and sorted and formatted photographs. The next step will be establishing a chronological typology that can be used for dating surface finds and to address more complicated problems, such as changing trade patterns and technology. Meyer also completed an article on “Coptos/Coptus” for the new Encyclopedia of Ancient History. Final top plans, sections, and Harris matrices for the 1999 Bir Umm Fawakhir excavations are nearly complete, but work was curtailed by family concerns.

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Nadine Moeller

As last year, Nadine Moeller directed the excavations at Tell Edfu in Upper Egypt during most of autumn quarter. The summary of results of this season are described in detail in the Tell Edfu Project Report. In August 2008 she was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Digital Startup Grant for a project entitled “Digital Documentation of a Provincial Town in Ancient Egypt,” with the aim to develop new digital image-capturing techniques that will enable researchers to process data from archaeological excavations more accurately and efficiently. Also involved in this project is Lec Maj, Assistant Director for Research Computing of the Humanities Division, who is providing the technology support. Furthermore, there is a new Web site being set up with the help of Maj for the Tell Edfu project at www.telledfu.org that shows some of the results.