

### Walter E. Kaegi

**Walter Kaegi** was on leave of absence in Fall Quarter 2009 and Winter Quarter 2010. He prepared his book manuscript “Muslim Expansion and Byzantine Collapse in North Africa” for publication by Cambridge University Press — designing maps, selecting illustrations of coins, updating references, and developing an index. He published a joint article with Paul M. Cobb (University of Pennsylvania), “Heraclius, Shahrbarāz, and al-Tabarī,” in the collective volume *Al-Tabarī: A Medieval Muslim Historian and His Work*, edited by Hugh N. Kennedy, pp. 95–112 (Studies in Late Antiquity and Early Islam 15; Princeton: Darwin Press, 2008). He completed an article entitled “Carl Hermann Kraeling: A Reminiscence” that includes recollections of an earlier director of the Oriental Institute, Carl H. Kraeling. He completed his contribution for the Oriental Institute’s National Endowment for the Humanities project on “Teaching the Middle East: A Resource for High School Educators” (in press, 2010). It covers the period from 323 BC to AD 622, that is, approximately from Alexander the Great to Muhammad. He wrote and read the paper “Reassessing Seventh-Century Identities,” for the International Congress Visions of Community: Ethnicity, Religion and Power in the Early Medieval West, Byzantium and the Islamic World, Akademie der Wissenschaften, Phil.-Hist. Kl., Vienna, Austria, June 17, 2009. He spoke on “Arnold J. Toynbee the Byzantine Historian” at the Byzantine Studies Conference (Byzantine Studies Association North America) Annual Meeting, Florida State University, Sarasota, November 8, 2009. He delivered an invited lecture “The Muslim Conquest of Byzantine North Africa” at the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, on November 16, 2009. He read a paper “The Face of Protracted War” at the Dumbarton

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Oaks (Harvard) Symposium on Warfare in the Byzantine World, Washington, D.C., on May 2, 2010. He published four book reviews: review of *Being Byzantine*, by Gill Page, in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 40 (2010): 586–88; review of *The Crusades and the Christian World of the East*, by Christopher MacEvitt, in *Journal of Religion* 89 (2009): 591–93; review of *Muhammad: Islam's First Great General*, by R. A. Gabriel, in *Journal of Late Antiquity* 2/2(2009): 392–93; and review of *Basil II and the Governance of Empire*, by Catherine Holmes, *Speculum* 84 (2009): 734–36. He continued to serve as president of the U.S. National Committee for Byzantine Studies. At the University of Chicago, he served as a member of the Executive Committee of the local Phi Beta Kappa chapter and as chair of the Nominations Committee for the History Department for selection of a chair for the department. He continued to act as history bibliographer for *Byzantinische Zeitschrift* and as co-director of the Workshop on Late Antiquity and Byzantium. On April 10, 2010, historian William Palmer interviewed him at length via telephone concerning the history of the University of Chicago History Department.

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