Walter Kaegi

INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH

Antiquity,” for the now posted Oriental Institute National Endowment for the Humanities-funded online project “Teaching the Middle East: A Resource for Educators.” He completed revisions for his paper “Seventh-Century Identities: A Reassessment,” in preparation for Austrian Academy of Science volume Visions of Community, edited by W. Pohl, R. Payne, et al.; the manuscript was revised and corrected and is now in press. It is a revised version of his 2009 paper presented in Vienna. He also prepared and delivered a paper, “Holy War, and the Heraclians,” at the conference on Byzantine War Ideology Between Roman Imperial Concept and Christian Religion, University of Vienna, 20 May 2011. He is revising it for publication in the proceedings. He also delivered the following papers at professional meetings: “Reassessing Arnold J. Toynbee, Historian of Byzantium: With an Additional Comment from William H. McNeill” (University of Chicago Workshop on Late Antiquity and Byzantium, 5 October 2010), “Reminiscences of Carl H. Kraeling” (Byzantine Studies Conference, at the annual meeting of the Byzantine Studies Association North America, University of Pennsylvania, 10 October 2010), “The Heraclids and Holy War” (Methodology Seminar, Department of History, University of Kentucky at Lexington, 28 February 2011). He served as a session chair for the post-doctoral seminar Iconoclasm and Text Destruction in the Ancient Near East and Beyond, which was held in Breasted Hall at the Oriental Institute, 9 April 2011. He continued to serve as president of the U.S. National Committee for Byzantine Studies (USNCBS), in which capacity he actively planned for the next International Congress of Byzantine Studies (which meets every five years) that will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria, 19–27 August 2011. He prepared a short paper for the Sofia Congress. He also took much time serving on the Local Arrangements Committee for the Annual Meeting of Byzantine Studies Association of North America (BSANA), which will take place in Chicago, 19–22 October 2011, mostly at De Paul University, but one public lecture and a reception will take place at the Oriental Institute in Breasted Hall on 21 October 2011. He co-authored with Fred Donner a position paper for the Oriental Institute faculty retreat on 29 April at the Gleacher Center, downtown Chicago. He served as a member of the History Department Admissions and Aid Committee and as a member of the University of Chicago Phi Beta Kappa Executive Committee.

Gregory Marouard

Gregory Marouard’s year was marked by six archaeological excavations in Egypt, a schedule that was not too much disturbed by the events in the country during the past winter. This first year as research associate in Egyptian archaeology was centered around three principal axes of research:

(1) Urban and monumental archaeology of the Old and the Middle Kingdoms. This topic is actually Gregory's main program of research, built around the Tell Edfu Project (directed by N. Moeller; see separate report). He participated:

- As senior archaeologist and assistant director of the Tell Edfu Project at the last field season (October to November 2010). Four months were dedicated to the post-excavation work at the Oriental Institute and was marked by the programming of a new database and the study of an exceptional set of King Khayan’s seal impressions. On this last subject, a joint paper with N. Moeller was given at the annual meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), in Chicago, on April 3, 2011. A detailed article on this topic is currently in preparation.

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