

Walter E. Kaegi

Walter E. Kaegi completed a five-year term on October 21, 2011, as president of the U.S. National Committee for Byzantine Studies. In the Twenty-second International Congress of Byzantine Studies, Sofia, Bulgaria, August 22–27, 2011, he chaired a session and read a communication: “On Reinterpreting the Chronology and Lists of Muslim Raids and Campaigns into Byzantine Anatolia.”

From August 28 to September 14, 2011, he lectured for the University of Chicago Alumni Study Tour “Legendary Turkey” to Turkey. He was honored with three sessions at the annual meeting of the Byzantine Studies Association of North America (BSANA) Conference at DePaul University in Chicago, October 21–23, 2011. He published two papers: “Carl Hermann Kraeling: A Reminiscence,” in *Pesher Naḥum: Texts and Studies in Jewish History and Literature From Antiquity Through the Middle Ages Presented to Norman (Naḥum) Golb*, edited by Joel L. Kraemer and Michael G. Wechsler, pp. 109–15 (Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization 66; Chicago: The Oriental Institute, 2012), and “Seventh-Century Identities: The Case of North Africa,” in *Visions of Community in the Post-Roman World: The West, Byzantium and the Islamic World, 300–1100*, edited by Walter Pohl, Clemens Gantner, and Richard Payne, pp. 165–79 (Burlington: Ashgate, 2012).

He published three book reviews: *From Hellenism to Islam: Cultural and Linguistic Change in the Roman Near East*, by Hannah Cotton, in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* (42 [2011]: 327–29); *Plague and the End of Antiquity: The Pandemic of 541–750*, by Lester K. Little, in *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* (70 [2011]: 357–58); and *The Edinburgh History of the Greeks, c. 500 to 1050: The Early Middle Ages*, by Florin Curta, in *American Historical Review* (117 [2012]: 912). Other reviews are in preparation.

He delivered two other papers at scholarly conferences: “The Byzantine-Arab Frontier: Barrier or Bridge? Reconsiderations after Twenty-five Years” at the international symposium *Byzantium and the Arab World: Encounter of Civilizations*, organized by the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in Thessaloniki, Greece (December 16, 2011), and “The Islamic Conquest and the Defense of Byzantine Africa: Campaigns and Conquests in Context, Reconsiderations,” at the Dumbarton Oaks Center for Byzantine Studies (Washington) Symposium, *Rome Re-imagined: Byzantine North Africa, c. 400–800* (April 27, 2012). He is preparing both of these for publication as well as:

- “The Issue of Byzantine Military Purchasing and the Rise of the Meccan Leather Trade”
- “Arnold J. Toynbee the Byzantine Historian”
- “Essay on Seventh-century Historical Background Collective Volume on Maximus the Confessor,” edited by Bronwen Neill and others, for Oxford University Press

He was the reader of three undergraduate history senior essays. He served as a member of the University of Chicago Phi Beta Kappa Executive Committee, a co-director of the Work-

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shop on Late Antiquity and Byzantium, a member at the History Department Admissions and Aid Committee, and a member at DePaul University Local Arrangements Committee (BSANA Conference, October 21–23, 2011). He did editorial work for several scholarly journals and presses. He also served as editor of the journal *Byzantinische Forschungen*, and History Bibliographer for the journal *Byzantinische Zeitschrift*.

He is supervising continuing retrieval of audio-taped lectures from his Byzantine History courses at the University of Chicago from the 1980s and early 1990s, with indispensable assistance from Audio/Visual Services in Stuart 004.
