

McGUIRE GIBSON continues to investigate, through seminars, opportunities to combine archeological and textual sources for an understanding of ancient Mesopotamia. This year these seminars examined a number of ancient palaces in which archives were found, archeological and textual evidence for the early first millennium B.C. in Babylonia, and anthropological methods and theory which may assist in Near Eastern archeology. He also initiated a course in Islamic archeology, with several other faculty members and guest lecturers taking part. He worked for the American Institute of Yemeni Studies to negotiate the extension of their agreement with the government of North Yemen.