At the beginning of the year, Thomas A. Holland submitted his contribution entitled "Jericho" to the editors of The Anchor Bible Dictionary, which is forthcoming.

During October 1988, he received an appointment as Research Assistant of The University Museum of The University of Pennsylvania in the Near East Section for a three-year period, July 1, 1988 through June 30, 1991. This appointment was made in connection with the reopening of the archaeological excavations, dated to the third millennium B.C., at Tell es-Sweyhat, located in the Jezirah near the Euphrates River in northern Syria. Holland is co-director of the dig with Richard L. Zettler (assistant professor and curator of the Mesopotamian Section of the Near East Section of The University Museum). A brief season of excavations was conducted at the site from August 13 to September 6, 1989, during which time work concentrated on an extensive surface survey of the lower town and the extension of the previous 1973-75 excavations in the main administrative building on the western slope of the inner town.