K. Aslıhan Yener

During 1999, K. Aslıhan Yener directed the fifth season of work at the Amuq Valley Regional Project in the Hatay/Antakya, Turkey. Tell Kurdu was excavated by a multinational team, and the survey program was continued with several teams targeting specific research aims (see separate report). The Fulbright fellowship provided her the opportunity to conduct the research in Turkey. The excavation house and research program became the focus of a funding campaign both in Chicago and Antakya. To that end committees of friends on both sides of the Atlantic were organized to operate the campaign.


The reinstallation of galleries in the Oriental Institute provided the opportunity to investigate the collections from Turkey within the framework of a course, Problems in Anatolian Archaeology: Museum Collection and Installation, taught with Karen Wilson. Wilson and Yener reviewed incredibly wonderful, and in many instances unpublished, sculpture, reliefs, and small finds from Tells Tayinat, Judaidah, and Chatal Höyük in the Amuq, which will be displayed in future years. The Amuq collections, bolstered by finds from Alisar as well as other Urartian, Phrygian, and Hittite materials, will constitute the Anatolia section.