

McGuire Gibson

McGuire Gibson remains committed to the on-line presentation of the materials excavated in the 1930s by the Oriental Institute in the Diyala region of Iraq. He is also a co-Principal Investigator (with Tony J. Wilkinson and John Christensen) in the Oriental Institute/Argonne cooperative effort to model ancient society in Mesopotamia. He is especially eager to begin the more intensive work on the irrigated zone of southern Iraq. He and three other members of the Hamoukar expedition participated in the Third International Conference on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, held in Paris in April. Their presentations were the first in-depth accounts of the past three seasons of excavation at the site. These presentations have been re-cast as articles to appear in a forthcoming issue of *Akkadica*. He was also a featured speaker for a Cultural Exhibition on Iraq, held at Grinnell College in Iowa. During the year, he lectured to a variety of audiences in New York, Chicago, and Beirut on ancient and modern Iraq. He was also a member of a committee to evaluate the Department of Near and Middle Eastern

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Studies at the University of Toronto. He continues to serve on the boards of the American Institute for Yemeni Studies and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers. And he is deeply involved in the reinstallation of the Mesopotamian Gallery of the Oriental Institute.
