

Walter E. Kaegi

Walter E. Kaegi spent most of his time revising his book manuscript “Byzantium and Islam in North Africa: Collapse and Expansion.” A modern Greek translation of his 2003 book *Heraclius Emperor of Byzantium* appeared under the title *Erakleios* (Athens, 2007). He read revised proofs for a chapter “Confronting Islam” for the *Cambridge History of the Byzantine Empire* (ed. by Jonathan Shepard, Cambridge University Press, 2008, pp. 365–95). He wrote an article that was completed, submitted, and accepted: “Did Heraclius Have More Sentimental Ties with Africa than Did His Christian Predecessors?” It is forthcoming in *Bible, Byzantium and Christian Orient: Studies for Stephen Gero at 65*.

He prepared revised versions of two 2003 articles for publication in a collective volume in France: “Les défaites de Byzance en Orient,” “Expansion musulmane: La conquête de l’Ouest,” [French translations of “Religious Elements in Muslim Conquests,” “North Africa”]. These were originally published in *Le Monde de la Bible* (no. 154, November 2003). He continued to be Editor of *Byzantinische Forschungen* and North American History Bibliographer for *Byzantinische Zeitschrift*.

He published four reviews: *Procopius of Caesarea*, by Anthony Kaldellis, for the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 66 (2007): 232–33; *Noble Ideals and Bloody Realities*, edited by N. Christie and M. Yazigi, for *Mamluk Studies Review* 11.2 (2007): 197–99; *General Issues in the Study of Medieval Logistics*, by John Haldon, for *Sixteenth Century Journal* 38/4 (Winter 2007): 1092–93; and *Byzantine Style, Religion and Civilisation In Honour of Sir Steven Runciman*, edited by E. Jeffreys, for *Catholic Historical Review* 2008, pp. 542–43.

He delivered one paper at a professional meeting: “Controversies about Constans II,” 33rd Byzantine Studies Conference, University of Toronto, 12 October 2007. Abstract published in *Abstracts, 33rd Annual Byzantine Studies Conference, University of Toronto*, p. 4.

He was elected President, U.S. National Committee for Byzantine Studies, 2007–2011. Duties include preparation of International Congress of Byzantine Studies, to be held in Sofia, Bulgaria, in 2011. He served as Vice-President for the University of Chicago Phi Beta Kappa Chapter during 2007–2008. He was nominated and elected President for University of Chicago Phi Beta Kappa Chapter for 2008–2009. He served on the senior committee to select a new chair for the History Department. He chaired the Roman History Search Committee for the History Department. The search was successful. He served on one Oriental Institute personnel committee and one separate NELC personnel committee for a Visiting Professor. He was Co-Director of the Workshop on Late Antiquity and Byzantium.

He chaired one History Department and one Program in the Ancient Mediterranean World doctoral dissertation and served as reader for one NELC dissertation. He was an external referee for four personnel cases at other universities. He served as reader for five undergraduate senior essays (four in History, one in NELC).

He visited Albania, including archaeological sites and museums, for the first time in June 2007. In August 2007, he participated in a three-week University of Chicago group travel program (graduate students with three faculty) to western Anatolian archaeological sites led by Classics Assistant Professor Emanuel Mayer. He attended “Days of Research,” 2^e Journées d’étude sur l’Aurès antique, professional meeting of the Société d’études et de recherches sur l’Aurès antique, Compiègne, France, 6–8 September 2007. He then visited various ancient and medieval sites and museums in France for two more weeks.