

Gil J. Stein

In 2007–2008 **Gil J. Stein** presented two papers as a discussant at the annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology (SAA), reflecting his research foci on inter-regional interaction, complex societies, economic systems, and zooarchaeology. Gil was invited to present comments on the session “Choice, Competition, and Livestock Management in Complex Societies — Negotiating Risk and Reward in Herding Practices,” organized by Erik Filean and Jennifer Piro, on March 30, 2008, in Vancouver, Canada. In this session, fourteen researchers explored the ways that zooarchaeologists can model the decision-making processes of ancient herders within their cultural and economic context. Gil was also invited to present discussant’s comments on the session “Regional and Inter-regional Interactions in Early East Asia,” organized by Anne Underhill (The Field Museum, Chicago, Illinois) and Zhichun Jing (University of British Columbia). This symposium brought together archaeologists from China, Japan, and Korea for the first time to examine recent research on regional interaction during the late prehistoric and early historic periods among the developing complex societies of those three hearths of civilization. The fifteen papers in this session discussed the nature of interactions that took place within and between China, Japan, and Korea, analyzing the social, economic, and political processes underlying them.

Gil has been continuing with the analysis of the stratigraphy and ceramics from his 1992–1997 excavations at the fourth-millennium B.C. town of Hacinebi in the Euphrates valley of southeast Turkey. Hacinebi was a local Anatolian town where merchants from the Uruk culture of southern Mesopotamia established a trading colony in about 3700 B.C. Oriental Institute volunteer Irene Glasner has helped the project make major progress by scanning the slides of the Late Chalcolithic small finds from Hacinebi. Gil has been collaborating with archaeological illustrator Jack Scott to produce composite top plans of the different Late Chalcolithic phases at Hacinebi. His main focus has been working with research assistant Dr. Belinda Monahan to prepare the ceramic typology from Hacinebi for publication. They hope to complete the statistical analysis and the final manuscript in the coming academic year.
