
William Sumner continued work on a monographic report of excavations of the Proto-Elamite levels in Operation ABC at Malyan. A paper, which appeared in *South Asian Archaeology*, presents a history of population trends in the Marv Dasht region of Fars Province, Iran from 6000 B.C. up to the census of A.D. 1966. The most provocative implication of this paper is that Proto-Elamite urban civilization first appeared in the valley at the end of a period of sharply declining population. A paper on settlement and land use during the first cycle of population expansion in Fars (ca. 6000-4000 B.C.), which forms the prelude to Proto-Elamite civilization, was submitted for publication.
