

## Theodore J. Lewis Appointed Editor of *Near Eastern Archaeology*

ASOR is very pleased to announce the appointment of Theodore J. Lewis as Editor of its journal *Near Eastern Archaeology*.

Ted Lewis is currently Professor of Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies at the University of Georgia. He earned his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1986 in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. Prior to that he studied at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem (Hebrew Bible and Semitic languages) and the University of Wisconsin-Madison (MA & BA in Hebrew and Semitic Studies). His research areas are in Northwest Semitic languages and epigraphy, ancient Israelite religion, ancient Syrian religion, Hebrew Bible, the interface of text and archaeology, and iconography. Ted has written *Cults of the Dead in Ancient Israel and Ugarit* and co-authored *Ugaritic Narrative Poetry*. He is currently writing a volume on ancient Israelite religion for the Anchor Bible Reference Library and is a member of the team producing the *Ugaritic Tablets Digital Edition*.

Ted brings to the position considerable editing experience. He served as editor of Hebrew Annual Review and has been on the editorial boards of both *NEA* and *JBL*. In November, he will become General Editor of SBL's Writings from the Ancient World series. Ted has edited several volumes including *Text, Artifact, and Image: Revealing Ancient Israelite Religion* (with Gary Beckman, University of Pennsylvania Press).

*NEA* is published by ASOR to provide authoritative and reliable analyses of the ancient world from Mesopotamia to the

Mediterranean in an accessible and attractive format for the general reader. Ted's tenure as Editor of *NEA* will begin officially on July 1 for an initial term of 18 months. At the end of this period he will be eligible for reappointment for two additional terms of three years each. We at ASOR look forward to a long and productive association with Ted.

### *Past & Present*

Readers will have noted that the most recent issue represents a departure from *NEA*'s usual content and appearance. This issue, devoted to Qumran studies, was special because it represents the salvaged fruits of ASOR's brief association with Bayard Presse. The efforts of the French publisher to launch an English-language version of the successful French magazine *Le monde de la bible*, with ASOR's endorsement, were cut short early in 2000, but both ASOR and Bayard Presse were anxious to ensure that the work of scholars such as Vanderkam, Schiffmann, Yon, Pardee and many others should nevertheless see the light of day.

The issue on Qumran and the soon-to-appear issue on the "Mystery of Ugarit," the second of our two "salvage operations," have also afforded *NEA* an opportunity to experiment with its appearance by merging the vibrant images of *Le monde* with the sophistication of *NEA*. The response to the issue's "look," and particularly to the use of color and high quality images, has been extremely positive. Readers should be reassured that ASOR will continue to be committed for reliable and readable articles that its readers have come to rely on. Coming up in the next few issues are articles on a wide variety of subjects from female iconography in the Chalcolithic to Judean coins, and an exciting issue devoted to the archaeology of death is

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**New ASOR Trustees  
Assume Office**

The ASOR Trustee Class of 2004 will include several new faces. Joining the Board for the first time are Dr. Martha Risser of the Department of Classics at Trinity College, Hartford, CT, and Dr. Mark Chavalas of the Department of History, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Dr. Risser was elected at the November Nashville meeting as an Institutional Member Representative and Dr. Chavalas as an Individual Member Representative. Also new is Dr. Brigitte Watkins of Chicago, IL who was voted as a Board elected Trustee at the April Board meeting in Providence. Dr. Watkins has had a distinguished career in development work, serving from 1993–1995 as Associate Vice President for Development at George Washington University, Washington DC. In 1997 she completed a Ph.D. in the archaeology and history of Syria-Palestine from the University of Chicago. At the same time she established her own business as a fund-raising consultant, focusing on international institutions of higher education and culture.

In addition, the 2004 Class will include several re-elected members. These include Oded Borowski and Tammi Schneider (Institutional Member Representatives), Nan Frederick and Kyle McCarter (Individual Member Representatives), and Jerry Vincent (Board elected). Dr. Douglas Clark of Walla Walla College, College Place, WA also takes a formal seat with the 2004 Class by virtue of his election as Chairman of the CAMP Committee. And finally, new roles on the Board will be assumed by two continuing Trustees. Øystein LaBianca, in addition to his place as an Individual Member Trustee in the Class of 2003, is now ACOR representative to the Board, and Jodi Magness, Institutional Member Trustee in the Class of 2003, is also the AIA representative.

On behalf of Board Chairman P. E. MacAllister I am pleased to welcome all of these individuals in their respective roles as new and continuing Trustees in service to ASOR.

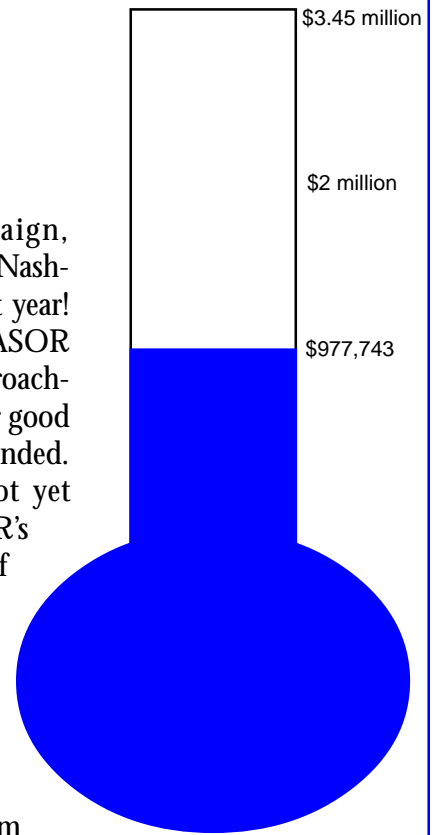
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***We Need  
Your Help!***

ASOR's "Passing the Torch" campaign, launched at the 2000 Annual Meeting in Nashville, has enjoyed major success in its first year! Thanks to the encouraging response from ASOR members and friends, we are quickly approaching the one million dollar mark. The other good news is that many of you have not yet responded. We strongly urge everyone who has not yet pledged to make his commitment to ASOR's future now and help us realize our goal of \$3.45 million by 2003!

Be a Torch Bearer! Help Light Up ASOR's future!

For more information on the campaign and how you can pledge, contact Austin Ritterspach, Chair of the ASOR Development Committee at [Adrarcheology@aol.com](mailto:Adrarcheology@aol.com)



**ETANA Receives Mellon Funding**

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has given \$100,000 grant to Vanderbilt University to create ETANA (Electronic Tools and Ancient Near Eastern Archives). ETANA is a cooperative project supported by the American Oriental Society, the American Schools of Oriental Research, Case Western Reserve University Library, the Cobb Institute of Archaeology at Mississippi State University, the Sonia and Marco Nadler Institute of Archaeology (Tel Aviv University), the Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago, the Society of Biblical Literature, Vanderbilt University Press and the Vanderbilt Divinity Library.

This grant is the second received by ETANA from the Mellon Foundation: in 2000, the Mellon Foundation funded a planning grant that enabled representatives of participating organizations to meet and explore the feasibility of this project. These organizations collectively represent over 7,000 scholars world wide who are interested in the academic study of the ancient Near East (ANE).

This new funding will allow ETANA to migrate Abzu, the premier Internet ANE portal developed by The Oriental Institute, to a more robust database structure and make it part of the developing ETANA comprehensive portal for ANE studies. The grant will also allow ETANA participants to experiment with the digitization of up to 100 core texts important to scholars of the ancient Near East. Published materials in this discipline can be especially difficult to digitize because of their ancient language content.

Longer term, it is anticipated that ETANA will contain a substantial number of core texts, excavation site data, member society journals, excavation reports, and a scholar's commons to help researchers in ancient Near Eastern studies communicate with one another.

For more information about ETANA see: <http://www.etana.org>.

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

### Call for Papers

On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its foundation, the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute (CAARI), together with the Archaeological Research Unit (ARU) of the Department of History and Archaeology of the University of Cyprus, is organizing an international conference, on

#### *EGYPT AND CYPRUS IN ANTIQUITY*

to be held from April 3–6, 2003 in Nicosia. Many new discoveries and findings have been made both in Egypt and Cyprus since the principal works on this theme were published. It is timely to bring the results of recent fieldwork and research together in a forum where their bearing on the process of historical reconstruction can be expertly and collectively evaluated.

The conference will cover the period from the 3rd millennium BC to the 6th century AD, and will comprise three large chronological areas: A: from the Chalcolithic to the Late Bronze Age; B: from c. the 11th to the end of the 4th century BC; and C: The Ptolemaic and Late Roman periods. The languages of the conference will be English, French and Greek. Participants, other than keynote speakers, will be allowed 25 minutes each for their delivery.

Those who are interested in attending and giving a paper should send an abstract of c. 500 words by post, fax or (preferably) e-mail to the Secretariat of the conference by 31 December 2001. In order to preserve a balance between the periods covered, the organisers reserve the right not to accept proposed titles, or to suggest alternative ones of their own. Speakers will be responsible for making and paying for their own travel to Cyprus. There will be no registration fee and the conference will be open to the public.

Secretariat: Mrs. Vassiliki Demetriou, E-mail : vasiliki@ucy.ac.cy, Tel. (357-2) 674658/674702, Fax. (357-2) 674101, Postal Address:, Archaeological Research Unit (ARU), University of Cyprus, P.O.Box 20537, CY-1678 Nicosia, Cyprus.

#### **The Sean W. Dever Memorial Prize**

THE ALBRIGHT INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH announces an annual award of up to \$500 for the best published article or paper presented at a conference by a Ph.D. candidate in Syro-Palestinian and Biblical Archaeology.

The first award will be given for the year 2001. Authors may be of any nationality, but papers must be in English. All submissions should include the academic affiliation of the author and his/her mailing, fax, e-mail addresses, and phone number. Submission of conference papers should also include the name of the conference and the date when the paper was presented. The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2001. Articles/papers should be sent to the W.F. Albright Institute, P. O. Box 40151, Philadelphia, PA 19106. The announcement of the award will be made on March 1, 2002.

Contributions in memory of Sean Dever may be sent to: Mr. Sam Cardillo, Comptroller, W.F. Albright Institute, P.O. Box 40151, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

*ASOR would like to welcome the following new Consortium members who joined us during our Centennial year. We thank them for their generous support of our operations and activities.*

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### **ASOR Strategic Initiatives Retreat**

**Friday–Sunday September 7–9, 2001**

**Emory Conference Center Hotel  
Atlanta, Georgia**

With the conclusion of our centennial year activities, and in anticipation of the transitions in leadership to take place in 2002 and 2003, various ASOR members have suggested that they would welcome an opportunity to engage in candid discussion on matters relating broadly to ASOR's mission and its longer term future. With this in mind a Strategic Initiatives Retreat has been scheduled for early September in Atlanta. The retreat is planned for the two days in advance of the September 9 summer quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee and invitations have been extended to ensure that the widest possible representation of the ASOR constituency is involved. In addition to Board and Executive Committee members this includes representatives from COP, CAP and CAMP, the Baghdad, Damascus and Saudi Arabia Committees, CAARI, ACOR and AIAR, and a large number of at-large senior and junior ASOR members.

The intent of retreat discussion is not to focus on immediate problems or concerns, but to project a view of ASOR three to five or more years out; to assess and discuss the longer range prospects for the organization's growth and service; and candidly to engage new perspectives and bold visions that may serve to help ASOR set its priorities for the decade ahead. The agenda is deliberately open with the hope that discussions will help ASOR "get a fix" on the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

While the initial invitation list has been selective, participation is open to all interested ASOR members. For details contact President Joe Seger at his Mississippi State University office (tel: 662-325-3826; Fax 662 325 8690; e-mail: jds1@ra.msstate.edu).



## ATLA Launches New Windows Version of ATLA Religion Database

THE AMERICAN THEOLOGICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (ATLA) has released the new Windows version of the ATLA Religion Database (ATLA RDB) on CD-ROM. The Windows version will now be considered the standard version of the database on CD-ROM. ATLA RDB is the premier index to journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religion. A recent survey by Library Journal named ATLA RDB a favorite database among academic librarians (LJ, 124, no. 19:5-6, 11/15/99). For more information on ATLA scholarlyrsi392(e)0.1(w)]TJ-2Vdussocior mo

## Assyriology Position Columbia University

Columbia University Department of Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures announces a one-year, non-renewable, postdoctoral position in Assyriology for the academic year 2002–2003. The successful candidate will be asked to participate in a project entitled “King Hammurabi of Babylon” and to teach one semester-long undergraduate course in ancient Near Eastern studies. These duties should permit an equal amount of time for personal research. Candidates need to demonstrate a very good working knowledge of the Akkadian language, preferably of the Old

### EXHIBITIONS

#### “EXPLORING THE HOLY LAND: DAVID ROBERTS AND BEYOND”

October 6, 2001–January 9, 2002  
*The Bowers Museum of Cultural Art*  
202 North Main Street, Santa Ana, CA

The exhibit is sponsored by the Bowers Museum in association with ASOR. The Guest Curator is Dr. Ron Boyfner. Showing in addition to the David Roberts lithographs will be photographs from the Ecole Biblique and a complement of artifacts. Plans for lectures and/or symposia are being organized.

#### “CAMELS AND CARAVANS: DAILY LIFE IN ANCIENT ISRAEL”

September 2001–June 2003  
*The Jewish Museum*  
1109 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10128

An exhibit designed for children ages 4 to 10, this engaging interactive experience takes children on a journey to a Jerusalem home and a marketplace two thousand years ago. In addition to its many hands-on activities, the exhibit will contain various artifacts from the Museum’s collection such as ancient glassware, carved stone objects, metal utensils and ceramics.

Symposium 29, 2001

Symposium 29, 2001, "Cultural Change in the Black Sea Area", will take place in Ankara. Local Populations of the Black Sea Littoral and their Relations with the Greek, Roman and Byzantine Worlds and Near Eastern Civilisations (8th century BC-ca. AD 1000). The program, call for papers, and other information can be found at: [www.bilkent.edu.tr/~arkeo/blacksea/blacksea.htm](http://www.bilkent.edu.tr/~arkeo/blacksea/blacksea.htm), or e-mail Jacques Morin <[morin@Bilkent.EDU.TR](mailto:morin@Bilkent.EDU.TR)>.

Symposium 21-23, 2001

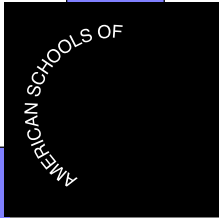
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