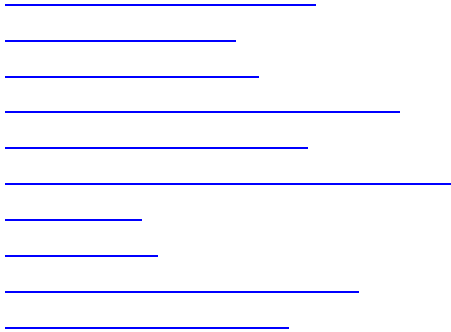


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FAREWELL TO PAM

During my tenure as president, it became quite clear that it was incumbent on the organization to review its mission and governance in view of the changing circumstances of the field and the limited availability of federal funding. This process took place in two parts: (1) our first effort primarily dealt with the implications of withdrawing direct support from the overseas centers and truly leaving their own governance systems to operate independently; and (2) our further effort, completed just last year, attempted to democratize ASOR through a fundamental restructuring of the trustees and governance system. Its implementation began this spring (1996), and the kinks in the system are still being cleared out.

It is my firm belief that ASOR has turned the corner and that Joe Seger will be the one to deliver ASOR safe and sound into its second century. The major challenge, it seems to me, is for ASOR to once and for all resolve what it means to be a Society serving three overseas centers, each with active and successful and independent Boards of Trustees, and serving a constituency of Near Eastern archaeologists that have disparate views, objectives, and aspirations as well as a hardened core of ANE historians and biblical scholars. The ASOR-OUP Encyclopedia demonstrates one model for cooperation of all of these diverse elements, and my lengthy Preface to the five volumes summarizes my feelings on this matter.

ASOR historically has always been in the vanguard of excavations and research of Near Eastern lands. Within our current structures, it is still possible to maintain such a continuity, though ASOR's support of such activity may come only through CAP certification, but thanks to Charles Harris, also with limited funding subvention. CAP support through publication and publication subvention, however, seems to me a greater need than ever. President Seger has already taken steps to explore new ways of publication that will take us into the 21st century via the Internet and CD-ROMs.

As I conclude my long tenure as a senior officer of ASOR, I want to thank a numbe4(11) walude my lon 05.19 op

As we approach our 100th anniversary, let me say how secure we are in ASOR that the path established these past years is the proper one to tread in the 21st century. At the dawn of the 20th century, our forbears sensed the uniqueness of the Holy Land and went on to explore and discover it. One hundred years later, we in ASOR have come to appreciate the diversity and richness of the Near East and its centrality in western and world history. We also have come to recognize that though the bibliocentric ideal remains constant, other considerations have allowed us to cast our cultural net a bit wider -- and in such diversity and richness may we all rejoice. -- by Eric M. Meyers, ASOR President, 1990-1996

REPORT ON ASOR PUBLICATIONS

Journals: *Biblical Archaeologist* is on schedule. David Hopkins reports that submissions are up and of high quality. Individual subscriptions have increased by 9% over the past year. A new mailing in the current subscription drive was sent in May. A questionnaire on the possible name change of *Biblical Archaeologist* was included on the mailing cover of the March (Cyrus H. Gordon) issue. The response has been lively. A sampling of comments will be included on the mailing cover of the next issue along with a request for some replies. The final statistics and comments will be published in the fall. A contract has been signed to produce all of the back issues of BA on CD-ROM. No costs are involved on the part of ASOR and eventually, if the CD-ROM sells, we will receive royalties.

The *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* is close to getting back on schedule. Jim Weinstein and Al Leonard have mapped out the next five issues through August of 1996. Issue 298 was mailed out in early June. A double issue (299-300, August- November, 1995) on Anatolia should be sent out in August and issues 301 and 301 are in various proof stages. BASOR maintains a steady subscription rate. The 1995 and 1996 issues of *The Journal of Cuneiform Studies* are being copyedited.

Books: ASOR Annual 53, a group of preliminary reports, is in the final stages of copy-editing. Two new ASOR volumes in an at- large series are in press and will be out in September and

AIAR NEWS

At this point, some of the fellows returned while others spent one more day visiting Jerash, Pella, and Araq el-Amir. Our tour of Jordan's archaeological sites and museums was carried out with the help of Dr. Ghazi Bisheh, Director General of the Department of Antiquities, who secured permits and letters of introduction providing the fellows entrance to all the sites. Returning to Jerusalem by way of the King Hussein Bridge was swift and uneventful. -- by AIAR Annual Professor Oded Borowski, Emory U.

CAARI NEWS

In January CAARI finally achieved internet and Email access. With the gift of a new computer, residents and visiting scholars have been burning up the phone lines. CAARI has configured 14 different email mailboxes. Some are used to access NET bulletin boards, but most can be rented out for private use. Important CAARI email addresses are: caaridir@spidernet.com.cy (Nancy

Following in the tradition established by Stuart Swiny, the institute held the 14th Annual Archaeological Symposium this summer on June 29th. The day was devoted to four different sessions

AIYS, at the administrative office: AIYS, P.O. Box 311; Ardmore, PA 19003-0311; tel.: 610-896- 5412; fax: 610-896-9049; email: millis@mail.sas.upenn.edu.

The American Research Center in Egypt announces fellowships for study in Egypt for 1997-98. Grants will be made in the areas of archaeology, architecture, art, development, Egyptology, history, the humanities, Islamic studies, and in the social sciences.

Fellowships offered include: USIA fellowships for pre- and post- doctoral scholars; NEH fellowships for post-doctoral scholars; Samuel H. Kress Fellowship in Egyptian Art and Architecture for a pre-doctoral candidate; Ford Foundation Development Fellowships for Egyptian pre-doctoral candidates enrolled in North American universities; and the William P. McHugh Memorial Award for a graduate student from any nation to study Egyptian geoarchaeology and prehistory.

The deadline for the receipt of application and accompanying materials in November 1, 1996. For application materials and more information, write: The American Research Center in Egypt, 30 East 20th Street, Suite 401, New York, NY 10003, or call 212-529-6661; fax: 212-529-6856; email: arce.center@nyu.edu.

1996/97 FELLOWSHIP/GRANT RECIPIENTS OF ASOR AND ITS AFFILIATED CENTERS

ENDOWMENT FOR BIBLICAL RESEARCH SUMMER RESEARCH GRANT:

Melissa M. Aubin, Duke University, "Sorcery and Midwifery in the Late Antique Levant: Women's Popular Religion According to Material Culture and Literary Evidence"

ENDOWMENT FOR BIBLICAL RESEARCH SUMMER TRAVEL GRANT:

**Alexander Bauer, Haverford College, Bryn Mawr, "Tell Ein Zippori, Israel"
James Blankespoor, Calvin College, "Umm el-Jimal Project, Jordan"
Theodore William Burgh, U. of Arizona, "Madaba Plains Project, Jordan"
Diane L. Douglas, ArizonaL. Douglas, Arizona**

Richard K. Dunn, U. of Delaware, "Geologic Coring and Paleoenvironmental Reconstruction of the Ancient Harbor at the Paphos, Western Cyprus"

MESOPOTAMIAN FELLOW:

Michael D. Danti, U. of Pennsylvania, "An Archaeological Survey of the Tell es-Sweyhat Region, Syria"

***Declined the EBR grant**

**AMERICAN CENTER FOR ORIENTAL RESEARCH
FELLOWS 1996-97**

Thomas Berger, U. of New Mexico, "Diachronic Change in the Natufian of the Levant"

Bryan Daves, Columbia U., "Coalitions and Economic Adjustment: Jordan and Morocco"

Rochell Davis, U. of Michigan, "Recreating Jerusalem: Oral Histories of Life in British Jerusalem from 1948 Refugees Living in Amman"

Sarah Harvey, U. of Michigan, "The Impact of Environment and History on the Settlement Pattern of the Nabateans in Southwestern Jordan and the Negev"

Kimberly Katz, New York U., "A Comparative View of the Development of Islamic Institutions in Amman and Jerusalem in the 1950's"

Ellen Lust-Okar, U. of Michigan, "Stepping In and Out of the System: The Changing Political Strategies of Jordanian Opposition Elites"

Mansoor Moaddel, Eastern Michigan U., "Understanding Jordanian Exceptionalism"

Suzanne Stetkevych, Indiana U., "Umayyad Panegyric and the Poetics of Islamic Hegemony"

Allison Wilke, St. Anthony's College, Oxford U., "Portraying Nationalists: The Arab Press and Palestinian Women's Groups, 1929-1939"

**NEAR and MIDDLE EAST RESEARCH and TRAINING PROGRAM PRE-DOCTORAL
FELLOWSHIPS:**

Middle and Upper Paleolithic of Jordan"

Ann Pirie, U. of Durham, "Hunter-Gatherer Territories in the Epipalaeolithic"

Leonard Robinson, U. of Utah, "Hard Bargains: Elite Self-Interest, Two Level Games, and Conflict Resolution in the International System"

Trent Shipley, U. of Arizona, "Eliciting Jordanian Thoughts on Masculinity Through Popular Film"

Quintan Wiktorowicz, American U., "The Role of Islamic Private Voluntary Associations in Democratization in Jordan"

Francis Oliver Wilcox, Georgetown U., "Human Rights and the Politics of Liberalization in Jordan Since 1989"

NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS:

Robin McGrew-Zoubi, Sam Houston State U., "Middle Eastern Women in Science: A Study of Science Education in Gender Separate Schools in Jordan"

William Mierse, U. of Vermont, "Comparative Study of Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age Sanctuary Designs in the Levantine Region of the Eastern Mediterranean"

Tom Paradise, U. of Hawaii-Hilo, "The Analysis of Roman Architectural Deterioration in Jordan"

Admed Sadric, Lake Forest College, "The Comparative Study of Post- Revivalist Islam"

NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM SENIOR POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS - additional awards pending funding:

Robert Daniel, Institut fur Altertumskunde, U. of Koln, "Editing of the Carbonized Papyrus Archive from Petra"

JENNIFER C. GROOT TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS:

Pauline Ripat, U. of Victoria, Humeima

Carol Frey, SUNY-Stonybrook, Roman Aqaba Project

RUSSELL FELLOWSHIP:

Edith Dunn, U. of Minnesota, Umm el-Jimal

HARRELL FAMILY FELLOWSHIP:

Maysoon Al-Nahar, Arizona State U., Tell Abu en-Niaj

**ALBRIGHT INSTITUTE FELLOWSHIP 1996-97
RECIPIENTS**

Jeffrey A. Blakely, U. of Wisconsin-Madison, "Analysis and Publication of Tell el-Hesi: Fields I and II"

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES FELLOWS:

Hayim Lapin, U. of Maryland-College Park, "Regionalism and Social Change in Roman Period Palestine"

James L. Phillips, U. of Illinois-Chicago, "The Prehistory of Northern Sinai"

Robert Schick, Institute of Islamic Archaeology, Al-

ANDREW W. MELLON RESEARCH FELLOWS:

Ida Frolich, Pazmany Peter Catholic U., Hungary, "Biblical Exegesis in the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Genre Peshar"

Pavol Rako, Charles U., Czech Republic, "Ishchali -- A Social Analysis of the Temple Complex and Its Place in the Cultural Context of the Ancient Near East in the 2nd Millennium BC"

SENIOR FELLOWS:

Trude Dothan, Hebrew U., "Aegean Affinities of Philistine Material Culture: The Iron Age I at Ekron"

Barbara L. Johnson, Ashkelon, "Hellenistic to Late Roman Pottery in the Syro-Palestinian Area"

Marwan Abu Khalaf, Institute of Islamic Archaeology, Al-Quds U., "Islamic Jerusalem"

Martin Metzger, U. of Kiel, "The Late Bronze Age Temple Area of Tell Kamid el-Loz, Lebanon"

Jacob Milgrom, U. of California-Berkeley (Emeritus), "The Complexity and Ideology of the Book of Leviticus"

Khaled Nashef, Birzeit U., "An Evaluation of the Philological Evidence for the Canaanites"

Shalom Paul, Hebrew U., "Culture and Polity in Ancient Israel" Arlene Rosen, Ben Gurion U. of the Negev, "Agriculture, Irrigation, and Salinization in Ancient Mesopotamia from Phytolith Analyses of Archaeological Sediments" (Weizmann Institute Fellow)

Hamdan Taha, Palestine Department of Archaeology, "Salvage Excavations of the Water Tunnel of Khirbet Balameh"

Samuel R. Wolff, Israel Antiquities Authority, "A Comparative Study of the Rural Settlements at `Ein Hagit during the Middle Bronze II and Iron I Periods"

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS:

