NEW DIRECTIONS IN ASOR PUBLICATIONS

Jeffrey A. Blakely
Vice President for Publications

If you receive the ASOR Newsletter, then most likely you also receive Near Eastern Archaeology. Anyone who receives Near Eastern Archaeology should know that you have received all four issues for Volume 70 (the 2007 issues) since January 1st of 2008. Moreover, as I write this, it is highly likely that you will receive 71/1-2 (a mammoth 144-page double issue focusing on Cyprus) about the same time that you receive this Newsletter. With the receipt of that issue (71/1-2), Near Eastern Archaeology will be caught up for the first time in almost a decade. This is a significant milestone and comes with any number of good consequences for ASOR.

With Near Eastern Archaeology running as much as two years behind many of our members and subscribers saw no correlation between their membership in ASOR and their receipt of this journal. Some, apparently, even ended membership or subscription because they could not determine that they were receiving the journal. With the journal running so far behind there were also internal accounting and cash flow issues that caused problems for ASOR. These, as well as other, issues are now behind us. It is our hope that with all of the journals running on schedule we will be able to rebuild, or even increase, membership and journal subscriptions within ASOR. This is a welcome development. Now instead of working to catch up we can begin to look at the future, growth, and development. As we look towards the future with Near Eastern Archaeology, I am pleased to report that the last six issues have been strong ones with important articles and analysis that have highlighted fascinating finds.

Our members who receive BASOR will also note some changes. The most significant is the upgrading of the paper BASOR is printed on, which has greatly enhanced the quality of its illustrations. We are also running some tests to determine the cost of introducing limited color into the journal. It is hoped that these improvements in production quality will help maintain or even increase its subscription and membership base.

This past year has also seen a turnover in editorship in both our journals and our book series. This was the year when most editorial terms ended. We conducted extensive searches for replacements in the end, James M. Weinstein has been appointed for another three-year term with BASOR and the more open-ended term of Piotr Michalowski for the Journal of Cuneiform Studies continues. Ann E. Killebrew has been appointed editor of Near Eastern Archaeology for a three-year term with the first issue under her sole leadership being 71/3.

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The past few months have been busy ones for ASOR, which permits me to report on a number of significant developments and an important milestone. First, as you may have noticed on the cover page, Jeff Blakely was elected Vice President for Publications at the spring Board meetings in Philadelphia. Jeff’s election marks the end of more than 18 months of interim appointments and comes at a critical time in Publications. As he notes in his cover piece, with the publication of the spring issue of Near Eastern Archaeology, all of ASOR’s publications will once again be current. With this important accomplishment, ASOR will be in a position it has not enjoyed in years—able to plan and build for the future.

As we all know, the publication world has changed dramatically over the past decade. While the content of ASOR’s publications may have maintained a certain character and consistency over this period, the manner in which they are being produced has changed fundamentally. Consequently, it has become critically important that we evaluate how we disseminate the knowledge we produce, and ensure that our publications are reaching their intended audience(s) adequately and effectively. As Jeff also notes, this past year marked the end of a number of editorial terms and a significant turnover in ASOR’s editorial leadership, including the appointment of Ann Killebrew as editor of Near Eastern Archaeology. Together, these appointments highlight the significant changes taking place in Publications, and herald the important transformation underway in how ASOR communicates knowledge to the broader world.

Secondly, I am very pleased to report that Fiscal Year 2008 was a banner year for ASOR, thanks to the remarkable generosity of our membership and the Board. As outlined in greater detail in the “Development Update”, this past year saw the Annual Fund exceed its budgeted goal of $100,000 by $24,000, contributions to endowments grow by more than $65,000, and a balanced budget for the third year in a row. These positive results can be attributed to a number of developments, most notably the matching challenge issued by Artemis Joukowsky and P.E. MacAllister to the Board, which collectively responded by increasing its giving almost 30% over last year, but also to a significant increase in the number of contributions received this year from individual members. A special thank you is due in this regard to Richard Scheuer for his very generous gifts to the Annual Fund and leadership in development. These positive trends vouch well for ASOR’s financial future, and I wish to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who contributed financially to ASOR over the past year.

Finally, I would like to highlight the “surprise” celebration that was staged in honor of P.E. MacAllister on the occasion of his 90th birthday at the spring meetings. As echoed in the tributes included in this issue, this important milestone provided an opportunity to acknowledge the remarkable dedication and record of service P.E. has given to ASOR over the more than thirty years he has been associated with the organization. His patient commitment and unwavering support for ASOR stand as a powerful example for the rest of us.
DEVELOPMENT UPDATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008

With the close of Fiscal Year 2008 on June 30, ASOR culminated an extremely successful year in terms of development in which we celebrated “every member a contributor.” We began the year with the goal of raising $100,000 for the annual fund to support the many programs of ASOR. We not only met our goal, but we exceeded it by more than $24,000. In addition, we placed more than $65,000 of new money into our endowment accounts, and awarded 39 excavation scholarships and grants this past summer.

Several individuals deserve special recognition for their leadership in helping ASOR achieve these positive results. At the beginning of the new year, Artemis Joukowsky and P.E. MacAllister issued a very generous challenge to ASOR’s Board of Trustees, pledging to match, at 2:1, any increase in their giving over the previous year up to $25,000. Richard Scheuer answered the challenge and led the way by being the largest contributor to this year’s annual fund. The rest of the Board also answered the challenge, collectively increasing their giving dramatically. With virtually 100% participation, the Board increased its giving over the previous fiscal year (2007) by $39,301.23. In addition, former ASOR secretary Jim Ross left ASOR a generous bequest of almost $32,000 that was applied to the endowment. We were also particularly pleased to see Heritage memberships grow to 14, as these donors are the backbone of ASOR’s excavation scholarship program (see the forthcoming Fall Newsletter for reports from the 2008 recipients).

In all, ASOR received contributions from a total of 175 individuals in fiscal year 2008 (up from 155 in fiscal year 2007). Without these generous contributions from our members, ASOR would not be able to carry out its work and mission. A heartfelt thank you, therefore, to each and every one of you who contributed. The following chart further highlights the positive results of the past fiscal year, and the Donor Honor Roll celebrates those who contributed in 2008. As we continue the effort to build a solid financial foundation for ASOR, we will provide periodic fiscal updates, and will announce further initiatives as they are developed and adopted by the Board in forthcoming issues of the Newsletter. In the meantime we hope to hear from each of you in the year to come.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL SEAN W. DEVER MEMORIAL PRIZE 2009

The William F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem announces the 2009 Sean W. Dever Memorial Prize call for papers. This prize provides $650 for the best published article or paper presented at a conference by a Ph.D. candidate in Syro-Palestinian or biblical archaeology. Authors may be of any nationality but the articles or papers must be in English. All submissions must include the academic affiliation of the author and her/his mailing and email addresses and phone number.

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Announcing the ASOR 2008 Open Archaeology Prize

Rewarding open access to scholarly work

ASOR members are invited to compete or nominate the work of a colleague for the 2008 Open Archaeology Prize. The Open Archaeology Prize is awarded to the best open-access, open-licensed, digital contributions to Near Eastern archaeology by current ASOR members. Winners will be determined based on the project’s scholarly merits and potential for reuse in research or teaching. To be eligible, projects must be freely available on the Web (ie not password-protected) and downloadable in an open, reusable format.

Examples of Eligible Projects:

• A published paper with accompanying data (in spreadsheet format)
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• Open source software (and its documentation) that can further scholarship in the archaeological community
• A “library” of media (such as slides) with associated metadata (keywords, notes, etc.)
• A video or slide show with accompanying source files and materials that facilitate reuse
• A specialist database (such as a faunal or plant assemblage, or a corpus of seals, beads, or ceramics), with contextual information and photos, if available

The deadline for submissions is October 17, 2008.

Further details and instructions on how to take part can be found on the ASOR web site at: http://www.asor.org/AM/OpenArchPrize.html, or by emailing Sarah Whitcher Kansa, the competition’s organizer (skansa@alexandriaarchive.org).

The winners of last year’s competition can be viewed online in the ASOR winter 2007 newsletter (http://www.asor.org/News_57(4).pdf).
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- University of Toronto
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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Andrew Vaughn, Executive Director

The Executive Committee and board affirmed a report from CAP that specified that in order for an excavation project to be CAP-affiliated, the director or co-director must be a North American (or teach at a North American institution) and his or her name must appear on the license. CAP provided for an exception for excavations in Cyprus—in these situations, foreign expeditions that are CAARI-affiliated do not have to be led by North Americans.

The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees approved slates of candidates for CAP and for the BASOR editorial board.

The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees appointed Jacob Wright (Emory University) as chair of the Lecture Series Committee. John Spencer was elected to the honors and awards committee.

Andy Vaughn announced to the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees that ASOR had recently signed contracts for the annual meetings in 2010 (Atlanta Sheraton) and 2011 (Westin St. Francis in San Francisco).

The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees elected Ann E. Killebrew as editor for NEA for a term from September 2008 – December 2011 (3 and ½ years).

The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees approved Kevin M. McGeough and Joseph A. Greene as editors of the Archaeological Reports Series and the Annual respectively.

The Executive Director’s contract for one more year (until December 31, 2011) and decided to discuss the possible increase of the director’s time from 2/3s to 4/5s during the fall Executive Committee meeting.

The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Joe Greene as interim vice president of publications from May 3, 2008 – September 20, 2008. The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees also elected Jeffrey A. Blakely as vice president of publications from September 20, 2008 – December 31, 2011. Susan Ackerman and Bill Arnold were elected to the Committee on Publications (COP).

The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees unanimously approved the budget for fiscal year 2009 as proposed by Treasurer Sheldon Fox.

The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees approved hiring new auditors for three years—Romeo, Wiggins and Co. of Raleigh, NC. Rachel Hallote announced that ASOR will reapply for a NEH heritage and preservation grant this summer (postscript: as of the date of the publication of this Newsletter, the grant proposal had been submitted). ASOR should receive word about the grant in April 2009.

Grants Committee Chair Joe Greene announced that ASOR awarded 39 grants and scholarships for the summer of 2008.

The Board of Trustees unanimously affirmed ASOR’s mission statement. President Tim Harrison commented that this document identifies our priorities and will be used as we develop strategic plans.

Treasurer Sheldon Fox and Executive Director Andy Vaughn announced that ASOR would end the 2008 fiscal year with a balanced budget and new monies in our endowment accounts.

The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees recognized the upcoming 90th birthday of board chairman P. E. MacAllister (August 30, 2008).

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ASOR Newsletter, Summer 2008
A. Greene is the new editor of the ASOR Annual, starting a three-year term this coming January, and Kevin M. McGeough is the new editor of the Archaeological Report Series, also starting this coming January.

It is also important to acknowledge those editors whose terms have ended in the past year—Nancy Serwint has edited the ASOR Annual during the past six years, and Joseph A. Greene who has edited the Archaeological Report Series for the same period. The editorship tenures of Near Eastern Archaeology are more complicated. Sandra Scham ended more than four years service last summer (2007). She was followed by Jeffrey A. Blakely, Ann E. Killebrew, and Andrew G. Vaughn as interim co-editors for volume 70. These individuals, their assistants, and their editorial team all should be acknowledged for helping to get ASOR’s publications back up-to-date.

With all ASOR publications again current it is time to focus on the future. As we all should recognize, the world of publication has changed dramatically over the past few decades as the electronic age has come into being. The fact that we study the past does not imply that we are not impacted by these changes. While our journal and book series have maintained a certain character in their final appearance over the past decades, it is important to recognize that the manner through which this has been accomplished has changed dramatically. A fundamental question needs to be asked—should the character or content of our publications also change, either in content or in medium?

It is my belief that one of ASOR’s central goals (if not its primary goal) is the dissemination of quality historical, archaeological, epigraphical, and cultural data and conclusions to professionals, students, and the general public. ASOR’s Committee on Programs and the Committee on the Annual Meeting are focused on this task where the dissemination is done in person, or face to face. ASOR’s Committee on Publications (COP) seeks to accomplish this same task through media. Traditionally this has been done through print publications (hence even the committee’s name), but we must recognize that in the twenty-first century much of this can, or maybe should, be done electronically.

If ASOR’s model is to be maintained, or even altered somewhat, the first thing COP must do is to determine whether or not its publications are effective in meeting this goal of the dissemination of knowledge. Are the journals and book series properly focused? Can the focus of each journal or series be refined? Do they overlap? Are important segments missed? Is energy being focused in areas that are not productive?

We also need to ask questions about our financial and membership models. Are the pricing structure for and benefits of ASOR membership still appropriate? We are losing subscriptions and memberships but gaining in payments from JSTOR and similar on-line organizations. What should this imply? Should we be converting any of our journals to an electronic format? If so, when? Or, alternatively, should we create a new journal, or recreate BA, as an electronic journal? How does one price an electronic journal? Or, possibly, should there be an ASOR news blog? Or, maybe, the publications section of our webpage should be devoted to supplying current news?

Currently we have three active books series, the Annual (AASOR), ARS, and the new JCS Supplement Series (ASOR Books is temporarily suspended). The electronic revolution is making its way into publication of data-heavy archaeological reports, and it is now possible to post archaeological data on-line. If ASOR were to embrace this possibility we could publish far shorter hard-cover site reports that are argued conclusions as opposed to being largely collections of data bases. Is ASOR willing to support an on-line database to house the data from ASOR site reports? What are the financial ramifications?

Why should COP, whose goal is dissemination of information, be limited to print media or their electronic counterparts? What about Podcasts of select Annual Meeting or even Regional Meeting lectures or discussions? Could ASOR break even on distributing some of those? Could selective Podcasts become a benefit of ASOR membership through publications, not just journals and books?

These discussions need to be placed within a larger framework. Membership in ASOR (both institutional and individual) grants the members journals and the rights to participate in the Annual Meetings. It also lets them obtain other publications at a reduced rate and to attend the Annual Meetings at a reduced rate. The amount of fees and dues is determined by the ASOR Board to support the goals and objectives of the organization and its members. If
memberships and subscriptions within ASOR are dropping because of the increased accessibility of ASOR publications through JSTOR and similar providers, then should we reconsider the true nature of ASOR membership. Stated differently, “what should you receive for your membership?”

I believe that these issues should be studied by COP and the ASOR membership at large and then passed along to the ASOR Board for action. Currently we are disseminating published materials through more-or-less twentieth century media. We need to consider the twenty-first century. Such discussion could well change how COP disseminates information through media. That, in turn, could have a major impact on how ASOR does its business.

Jeffrey A. Blakely was elected Vice-President for Publications at ASOR’s Spring Trustee meeting on May 3, 2008. Jeff will serve a term that is set to begin September 20, 2008 and extend to December 31, 2011. Jeff comes to this position having recently served as Interim Vice-President for Publication from September 2007 through early May 2008. During that same period he served as Interim Co-Editor of Near Eastern Archaeology, helping to bring its circulation back up to date. He has also served on COP for three years and has had more than a decade of service on the BA/NEA Editorial Board. In the 1980s he served as Assistant Editor of the ASOR Newsletter. Between May and September of this year, while completing his duties as Co-Editor of Near Eastern Archaeology, Jeff has also been reportedly seen wandering aimlessly around the Hesi region in Israel.

Jeff participated in his first ASOR dig at Tell el-Hesi at the end of his freshman year at Oberlin College in 1971. At Oberlin he was introduced to archaeology by Harry Thomas Frank and Herbert G. May. Jeff continued to be associated with Hesi through the end of its fieldwork in 1983. During this same period he spent three summers working at Caesarea Maritima. At Hesi and Caesarea, Jeff became associated with Lawrence E. Toombs, and when he decided to make a career of archaeology he went to study with Larry at Wilfrid Laurier University. It was there that Jeff received an M.A. in Religion and Culture in 1981. Jeff then moved on to the University of Pennsylvania where he studied with James A. Sauer, receiving both the M.A. and the Ph.D. degrees in Oriental Studies. During these years Jim Sauer and Jeff spent five seasons working with a small team in the Wadi al-Jubah in Yemen. Since the mid-1990s, Jeff has worked as a CRM archaeologist, and he teaches archaeology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Jeff has authored and co-authored a number of final field reports from Hesi, Caesarea, and Wadi al-Jubah as well as a variety of related articles including a few on the history of ASOR and the archaeological discipline. He has also worked on various CRM projects in North America and has co-authored numerous final reports based on these projects. Most recently Jeff has been working to complete the publications of the Hesi project, and this summer he revisited parts of the Hesi regional survey. Beyond these archaeological experiences Jeff also has a M.B.A. in accounting, a useful background as one tries to oversee ASOR’s publication program.

Joseph A. Greene currently is serving as Interim Vice-President for Publications. Joe’s 4 ½ month term as Interim Vice-President has been an active one. He has been overseeing changes in how ASOR’s books are produced, a task he has been well-suited for, having served as Editor of the Archaeological Report Series for the past six years. Joe’s term will end when Jeff Blakely assumes his new position at the Executive Committee meeting in Boston September 20th.
ASOR CELEBRATES BOARD CHAIR
P.E. MACALLISTER’S 90TH BIRTHDAY

ASOR gathered on the night before the Spring Executive Committee meeting in order to celebrate (early) the 90th birthday of our esteemed chairman, Mr. P. E. MacAllister. While his actual birthday is on August 30th, 20 friends from past and present ASOR board of trustees had dinner and drinks at the White Dog Café in Philadelphia on May 1st because the next board meeting would be after his birthday. Past President Eric Meyers was the master of ceremonies and presented a tribute to P.E. (see below) who was accompanied by his wife Fran. Current President Tim Harrison and past Presidents Joe Seger and Larry Geraty also gave toasts and words of appreciation to P.E. (see below for the poem by Seger). Members of the Executive Committee also presented P.E. with an original oil painting of Jerusalem by artist George Kosinski. All of ASOR extends our gratitude and thanks to Chair MacAllister on the occasion of his 90th birthday!

Tribute to P. E. on the Occasion of his 90th Birthday

My remarks opened with a paraphrase in Biblical Hebrew of 1 Samuel 1:1, which in retroversion goes something like this:

“There once was a man from Indiana whose name was P.E. MacAllister. He was a man upright and righteous, singular in his generation. He administered before the Lord in his church as a lay leader and was active in his community in a variety of philanthropic activities. Among those activities has been his work on behalf of ASOR for nearly two generations. As trustee and Chairman of the Board he has helped ASOR weather many storms; his work and efforts in this connection are truly outstanding and exemplary.”

P.E.’s contributions of time, wisdom, and funds these past decades have been indispensable and ASOR would simply not have survived without his direct and undying devotion and support. We in ASOR have called him one of our “angels” in print and in words of public thanks but he is much more than an angel, he is truly a wise man.

One of the greatest challenges P.E. and I faced together in my first term as ASOR President was the challenge set before us by the trustees of the Albright Institute in the early 1990’s: the transfer of the physical property of the American School in Jerusalem from ASOR to AIAR. ASOR was the legal owner of the building for more than 75 years and truly no price could be placed on the property for all its historical value and as a green spot in East Jerusalem.

The pressure was great and I believe ASOR did the right thing, but in hindsight I think ASOR will always have to remind the AIAR trustees that it was ASOR’s beneficence and its long view, and the political skills of P.E. MacAllister and willingness to negotiate this tough terrain, that made the present situation a reality.

This challenge coincided with ASOR’s decision to slowly withdraw its annual subsidies for the three overseas schools, just over a decade ago- kind of hard to imagine today. And ASOR was giving the Albright over $100,000 a year, ACOR around $25,000, and CAARI $25,000-30,000 annually. If the present ASOR administration thinks the current situation is bad, just think back to what ASOR and PE had to face annually in those days: ca. $150,000 off the top before anything else happened.

One of the great rewards of being an ASOR trustee or leader these past years has been getting to know P.E. and his beloved departed wife Becky, and most recently, Fran. P.E. is kind of like your most favorite students of all time: deeply interested in history, knowing its lessons and respecting its importance, and always reminding us of what we should learn from it. His generosity is legendary and his generosity of spirit equally impressive.

I always thought we would have honored P.E. by bringing back one of his MacAllister award-winning opera singers to sing one of his favorite arias. And they are all out there today making others happy with their voices in song. And ASOR is still going strong due in no small measure to his continuing efforts, though with many challenges yet to come.

Let me end with the real Bible, which has meant so much to P.E. and many of us, which happens to have a verse that fits him perfectly:

Honor the Lord with your wealth,
With the best of your income,
And your barns will be filled with grain,
Your vats will burst with new wine.
Do not reject His rebuke.
For whom the Lord loves, He rebukes,
As a father the son he favors.

Happy is the man who finds wisdom,
The man who attains understanding,
Her value in trade is better than silver,
Her yield greater than gold.
She is more precious than rubies;
All of your goods cannot equal it;
In her right hand is length of days,
In her left, riches and honor.
Her ways are pleasant ways,
And all her paths, peaceful.
She is a tree of life to those who grasp her,
And whoever holds on to her is happy.

P. E. MacAllister is truly a man of wisdom, a man of faith, a man of enormous generosity of spirit, and ASOR is all the better for his leadership.

May you live like Moses to be 120.
Lechaim!

-Eric M. Meyers
From ASOR an ode to P.E. MacAllister
as he approaches four score years and ten.
(poem by Joe Seger that was read at the celebratory dinner)

P is for Pershing a name that’s inspiring
Apropos for a man with élan never tiring

E is for Edwin, a king from Northumberland
Means a most valued friend, and a leader who’s uber-grand

M is for Music, and management and Mac
In no way flat headed, but sharp as a tack

A is for Active, alert and a deroit.
He’s from Indy, you know, not from Detroit

C is for Charitable, and caring and kind.
A good man of faith, which is anything but blind.

AL is for Articulate, with tongue of a nursling.
So lilting in fact, it oft makes your heart sing,

L is for Learned, a true man of letters
One clever with words, has a mind without fetters.

I is for Intuitive, intelligent and insightful
With wide ranging interests, and a wit that’s delightful

ST is for Straight up, and stalwart and steady
A Scotsman in tartan and kilt - at the ready

E is for Timeless, in veritas a sage.
On a good day of golf, he shoots better than his age.

R is for Exceptional and of this there’s no doubt
He’s always astute, knows what it’s about.

Here’s to P.E. MacAllister, of good heart, of good mind A more dependable friend ASOR, we’ll never find!
What adjectives jump to mind as one absorbs the news that David Noel Freedman has died at the age of 85 at the home of his son David and daughter-in-law Genevieve in Petaluma, CA? What describes the fact that he and son David were planning on the eve of his death how to take his program of Hebrew Bible interpretation to “Webdom” for wide dissemination? Will “incomparable” do? “Indefatigable?” At least those, and many more.

On the day we all learned of Noel’s death, a seminary friend of mine sent on to me his 51-page set of notes on a conference held at Wayne State University in mid-May of 1959, arranged by A. Spiro and peopled by W. F. Albright, H. L. Ginsberg, E. A. Speiser, D. N. Freedman, G. E. Mendenhall, J. L. McKenzie, and F. M. Cross. This “Babette’s Feast” of a conference ranged from Mosaic beginnings through the voices of the least those, and many more.

At the eve of this death how to take this program of biblical and ancient Near Eastern studies together and should participate in them all. Doing so would involve the combined effort of a widely heterogeneous group of scholars, because if they would all search for data properly they would come to a coherent panorama of at least bumpy consistency. So Noel practiced everything. He got dirt under his fingernails at Ashdod, and gave 100-slide lectures about that site, somehow keeping to one hour. He served as director of the ASOR Jerusalem/Albright Institute in 1969-70 and 1976-77, with flair. Sy Gitin reports the possibly apocryphal Freedman maneuver that got the dusty driveway there paved, when the Trustees said “No!” He got it paved as of the day his appointment ended, and then stuck the Trustees with the bill.

Noel edited BASOR in 1974-1978, and BA from 1976-82, practicing his capacity to push people on deadlines, to coddle them when they delayed, and eventually to bring out good work from the joint effort. Together he and I got out three volumes of reprints from BA and had fun doing it. His name is linked with many another colleague as co-author or co-editor on dozens of publications; that is the way Noel loved to work. Working with him was always an adventure, because he popped new ideas as he went along, until he finally insisted “enough is enough, get it done.” Sometimes his mind worked too fast, as in his treatment of the Ebla texts, but “indefatigable” as he was, he weathered the fall-out and started on something else.

So much more to note: Noel taught at theological seminaries and universities, sometimes with overlapping appointments. He stimulated students and colleagues at the University of Michigan, at the University of California at San Diego, at the Presbyterian seminaries Western (that became Pittsburgh) and San Francisco, at GTU Berkeley, and at all the many places where he gave delightful lectures. Perhaps, however, his most noteworthy publication effort was to edit reference works portraying the state of our “field-encompassing” field, yielding The Anchor Bible Dictionary (six volumes) and the Anchor Bible, now up to 84 volumes and ongoing. Here he and Albright embodied the dream implicit in that Wayne State conference of 1959, with Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and free-thinking participants. His editing work on these was by no means superficial: I’ll not forget receiving 70 pages of Noelisms after I sent him my “finished” manuscript on Ruth for the AB, many of his observations finding their way into the final submission.

And yet more: he had an innate sense of the literary beauty of the Bible and married it to his outstanding feel for Hebrew prosody and poetry, especially at UCSD. There he nurtured a new wave of younger scholars, who to a person speak of what it meant to have Noel cooperating with them. He was incomparable as a teammate. Ask William Propp, Tom Levy, Richard Elliot Friedman, and many others.

Incomparable in scope, indefatigable in effort, a genial man always thinking creatively but looking for allies to think with him – we will encounter few in our lives like David Noel Freedman. Godspeed, good friend. 

Edward F. Campbell, Jr. 

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ASOR ANNUAL MEETING
November 19th – 22nd, Boston, MA, Westin Waterfront Hotel

Academic Sessions Schedule

Thursday November 20th
8:30 am-10:30 am
Ancient Mediterranean Trade (Barry M. Gittlen, Baltimore Hebrew University, Presiding)
Archaeology of Jordan I (Suzanne Richard, Gammon University, Presiding)
Ramat Rachel (Hedvig Lipshitz, Tel Aviv University, Presiding)
Ties that Bind (Edward F. Maher, The Field Museum, Presiding)
Individual Submissions I (Robert A. Mallin, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding)

10:45am-12:45pm
Theoretical Archaeology (Sarah Keel Costello, University of Houston; Louise Hitchcock, University of Melbourne; and Andrew P. McCrath, University of Edinburgh, Presiding)
Archaeology of Jordan II (Suzanne Richard, Gammon University, Presiding)
Ties that Unwind (Ken M. McGough, University of Lethbridge, Presiding)
Material Culture Of Ottoman Syria-palestine (Bethany Walker, Missouri State University; Bérengère Vray, Calvin College, Presiding)

Individual Submissions (Robert A. Mallin, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding)

12:30pm-2:30pm
Order And Conflict: Roundtables On The Agency Role Of Empires In The Levant

2:00pm-4:00pm
Archaeology of Religion I (Yorke M. Rowe, Smithsonian Institution, Presiding)
Archaeology of Mesopotamia I (Constance E. Gane, Andrews University, Presiding)
Archaeology of Anatolia I (Jennifer C. Ross, Hood College, Presiding)

Individual Submissions III (Alexandra Ratcliff, Boston University, Presiding)

Hebrew Bible (Dale W. Manor, Harding University, and Daniel Browning, William Carey College, Presiding)

4:15pm-6:15pm
Archaeology of Religion II (Andrew Cohen, Brandeis University, Presiding)
Archaeology of Mesopotamia II (Richard L. Zettler, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding)
Archaeology of Anatolia II (Sharon R. Stainton, SINU Cortland, Presiding)

Individual Submissions IV (Rami Arau, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Presiding)

Friday November 21st
8:30am-10:30am
Archaeology of Israel (Gideon Avni, Israel Antiquities Authority, Presiding)
Christianity And Judaism In Late Antiquity (Steven H. Press and Carrie Duncan, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Presiding)
Philistia And The Philistines During the Iron Age I (Jeffrey R. Chadwick, Brigham Young University (Jerusalem Center, Presiding)
ACOR at 40 I (Barbara A. Porter, ACOR, Presiding)

World of Women (Beth Alpert Nakhai, The University of Arizona, Presiding)

10:45am-12:45pm
Archaeology of Cyprus (Derek B. Counts, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Presiding)
Christianity And Judaism In Late Antiquity (Carrie Duncan and Steven H. Press, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Presiding)
Philistia And The Philistines During the Iron Age II (Aviad M. Macir, Bar-Ilan University, Presiding)
ACOR at 40 II (Barbara A. Porter, ACOR, Presiding)

Ceramic Typology (Celest J. Bergoffen, Fashion Institute of Technology, Presiding)

1:15pm-4:00pm
Household Archaeology In The Bronze And Iron Age Levant
Round table work shop (Assaf Yasur-Landau, University of California, Santa Cruz; Jennie Ebeling, University of Evansville; and

2:00pm-4:00pm
Edom Lowlands (Thomas E. Levy, University of California, San Diego, Presiding)
History of Archaeology (Rachel Hallett, Purchase College SUNY, Presiding)
Maritime World of Cyprus (Justin Leidwanger, University of Pennsylvania, and Duncan S. Hewitt-Marshall, University of Cambridge, Presiding)

Prehistoric Archaeology (April Nouvel, University of Victoria, Presiding)

Saturday November 22nd
8:30am-10:30am
Archaeology of Syria I (Michael Danz, Boston University, Presiding)
Artifacts: Inside Story (Elizabeth S. Friedman, Illinois Institute of Technology, Presiding)
Bioarchaeology (Megan A. Perry, East Carolina University, Presiding)

Landscape Archaeology (Martin Fleischhauer, Israel Antiquities Authority, Presiding)

Red Sea in Antiquity (Walter D. Ward, UCLA, Presiding)

10:45am-12:45pm
Archaeology of Syria II (Mark W. Chavalas, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Presiding)
Arabia (David Graf, University of Miami, Presiding)
Eastern Mediterranean Diaspora (Peter van Alfen, American Numismatic Society, Presiding)

Byzantine and Early Islamic Near East (Debra Foran, University of Toronto, and Asa Eger, University of Chicago, Presiding)

Caesarea Workshop (Kenneth G. Heloum, University of Maryland, Presiding)

12:45pm-2:00pm
Projects on Parade – A presentation of posters by ASOR Affiliated Excavations and Surveys (CAMP, CAP, and jr. Scholars supported event)

2:00pm-4:00pm
Art and Artifacts of The Ancient Near East I (Elise A. Friedland, Rollins College, and Marian Feldman, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding)

Recent Discoveries at Iron Age Ashkelon (Lawrence E. Stager, Harvard University, Presiding)


Egypt & Canaan (Ken Laume Younger, Jr., Trinity International University, Program)

Settlement and Society (Janet A. Ut, Harvard University, and Jesse Canaan, University of Arkansas, Presiding)

4:15pm-6:15pm
Art and Artifacts of The Ancient Near East II (Jack Cheng, Independent Scholar, and Marian Feldman, University of California-Berkeley, Presiding)

Roman Agaba Workshop (S. Thomas Parker, North Carolina State University, Presiding)

Reports Non-ASOR Affiliated Excavations and Surveys (Mark W. Chavalas, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Presiding)

Archaeology of Lebanon (Jessica L. Nitschke, Georgetown University, Presiding)

7:00pm-9:00pm
Archaeology and the Media: How To Put the Record Straight (Eric H. Cline, The George Washington University, Presiding)
Call for Nominations for ASOR Vice President for Archaeological Research and Policy

The ASOR Officers Nominations Committee announces a general call for candidates who wish to be considered for the position of Vice President for Archaeological Research and Policy (CAP). The election for the position will be held at the ASOR board of trustees meeting on November 23, 2008, in Boston. The term is three years beginning January 1, 2009. Self-nominations are preferred. All nominations should include a one-paragraph academic biography, a brief statement (1–2 pages) describing why the candidate is interested in and/or is appropriate for this position, and contact information. If the nomination does not come directly from the candidate, it is absolutely necessary to send a statement from the candidate that she or he agrees to serve if elected. Evaluation of nominations will begin with the receipt of the first application.

All inquiries and requests for additional information should be addressed to Jeff Blakely (jblakely@wisc.edu), Chair of the Officers Nominations Committee. Nominations should be submitted to Jeff Blakely and copied to Andy Vaughn, ASOR’s executive director (asored@bu.edu). A general description of the position of vice president for archaeological research and policy is given in the ASOR bylaws, available on-line at www.asor.org/bylaws_approved.htm.
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CAARI TURNS 30

Stuart Swiny

It is hard to believe that CAARI is now thirty, so it must be thirty years ago that Laina and I were invited to a reception one hot July evening in 1978 in that rather non-descript building at 41 King Paul Street. As I recall there were quite a few archaeologists present, especially members of the Department of Antiquities headed by Vassos Karageorghis, also there was Renos Kamenos, Head of the Cyprus Fulbright Commission, as well as a few diplomats all of whom drank to the health of a new idea, and a new era in the field of Cypriot studies. It must be remembered that Cyprus, which had only obtained its independence from Britain eighteen years earlier, had no foreign schools or research centers devoted to ancient studies or any other field for that matter. Neither did it have a university, thus the only contact for a person wishing to undertake research on the island’s past was the Department of Antiquities within the Ministry of Communications and Works. The directors of the D of A had always been welcoming to foreign missions and Dr. Karageorghis was no exception. Indeed he and his staff were extraordinarily helpful to researchers, from major figures in the field to graduate students (of which I was one at that time) wishing to work in Cyprus. This atmosphere of mutual cooperation and respect ensured the steady growth of CAARI and enabled it to become a significant promoter of Cypriot studies along side the Department of Antiquities, the Archaeological Research Unit of the University of Cyprus and the Cyprus Research Center.

The 30th anniversary celebrations focused on publicizing the role of CAARI and explaining how it enhances the visibility of Cypriot studies in North America and thus promotes knowledge of and interest in Cyprus through its fellowship programs and facilities in Nicosia. They did not neglect to emphasize, however, the relationship with our parent organization, the American Schools of Oriental Research, without which CAARI would never have come to be. Indeed ASOR President Tim Harrison came to Cyprus for the anniversary and was, in his usual congenial way, very much part of the festivities. Other ASOR trustees attended as well.

In early June United States Ambassador Ronald Schlicher generously hosted a dinner party in his residence for prominent members of the Cypriot business community.

The next day the Cyprus American Business Association (CyABA) organized a dinner at the Nicosia Hilton under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Cyprus, H. E. Demitri Christofias, to celebrate CAARI’s 30th anniversary. The evening, which began with a supportive and warm message from President Christofias (see www.CAARI.org for full text), was attended by some 150 persons. Never before had so many people from the business world been introduced to CAARI in such a way, and it is a pleasure to report that they seemed receptive to our cause. Indeed, the dinner resulted in a major donation - the largest ever received from a Cypriot organization - from the CyABA for which we are truly grateful.

We also wanted to thank our many friends, Cypriot and foreign, for their support over the years, and what better way than to host a dinner in the CAARI garden. We gathered for a delightful evening under the spreading palm and carob trees and ate at tables scattered amongst the greenery. It only seemed right that Vathoulla Moustoukki, a pillar of strength so central to CAARI’s well being, should blow out the thirty candles plus one to grow on.

Archaeology remained a central theme of the celebrations, however, which included guided tours of the fascinating sites around Athienou by excavator and CAARI Trustee Michael Toumazou and of the Medieval royal...

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chapel at Pyrga by Senior Fulbright Fellow Justine Andrews. The final event was the usual well-attended party after the 26th CAARI/Department of Antiquities Archaeological Workshop.

Our President of the Board of Trustees, Gus Feissel, was in the 1990s Chief of Mission of the United Nations Operation in Cyprus. As such he got to know the main political figures on the island, many of whom, including the President of the Republic, he visited during his stay. The importance of a President of the Board with major name recognition within the host country really can’t be overemphasized.

The June events were a lot of work for all involved, but the results warranted the effort, and Director Tom Davis should be well pleased with the exposure that the Institute has enjoyed as a result of these celebrations heralding its fourth decade.

The table of American Expeditions in Cyprus included in this issue of the ASOR Newsletter gives a good idea of the chronology and scope of American fieldwork on the island – both excavation and survey. Starting a mere 77 years ago, it does not compare of course to what has taken place in the Near East, but its impact on Cyprus has been considerable and lasting.

| CAAARI Trustee Michael Toumazou describing with typical verve an Iron Age tomb excavated by the Athienou Archaeological Project which he directs. Michael gave a wonderful tour of the sites investigated by the project as part of CAARI’s 30th anniversary celebrations. (Photograph by Ann-Marie Knoblauch) |
| Vathoulla Moustoukki, CAARI’s Executive Assistant blowing out the candles on the birthday cake. Standing behind from left to right are Frank Garrod, President of the Western Sovereign Base Archaeological Society, ASOR President Tim Harrison, Jacqueline Karageorghis, and CAARI President Gus Feissel clapping. (Photograph by Ann-Marie Knoblauch) |

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Fellowships are open to those in Near Eastern studies from prehistory through the early Islamic period, including the fields of archaeology, anthropology, art history, Bible, epigraphy, historical geography, history, language, literature, philology and religion and related disciplines. The research period should be continuous, without frequent trips outside the country. Residence at the Albright is required. The option to accommodate dependents is subject to space available at the Albright.

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$19,000 for 10 months. Open to doctoral and post-doctoral scholars. Recipient is expected to assist the Albright’s Director in planning and implementing the Ernest S. Frerichs Program for Albright Fellows, which requires a working knowledge of living and traveling in Israel. Deadline: October 1, 2008.

Samuel H. Kress Fellowship*:
$18,500 award for ten months. A doctoral dissertation research fellowship for students specializing in architecture, art history, archaeology and classical studies. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or students matriculating at U.S. universities. Deadline: October 1, 2008.

Samuel H. Kress Traveling Fellowship*:
Jerusalem & Amman / Athens / Nicosia / Rome: $18,500 award for residency at the Albright (five months) and one of the following schools: the American Center of Oriental Research in Amman (five months), the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute in Nicosia (five months), the American School of Classical Studies at Athens (five months), or the American Academy in Rome (minimum six weeks). A doctoral dissertation research fellowship for students specializing in architecture, art history, archaeology and classical studies. Applicants must demonstrate the necessity of being resident at the Albright and at one of the other four institutions mentioned above in order to complete their research. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or students matriculating at U.S. institutions. Deadline: October 1, 2008.

George A. Barton Fellowship:
$5,000 for 2 months. Open to all doctoral students and recent Ph.D. recipients. Deadline: October 1, 2008.

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Glassman Holland Research Fellowship:
$12,000 for three months. Open to all European post-doctoral researchers who are permanent residents in Europe. Deadline: March 15, 2009.

W.F. Albright Associate Fellowships:
No stipend. Pen to senior, post-doctoral, and doctoral researchers. Administrative fee required. No deadline.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowships:
$34,500 for three awards of $11,500 each for three months. Open to Bulgarian, Czech, Estonian, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Romanian, and Slovak scholars who are at the doctoral or post-doctoral level. Post-doctoral candidates should have obtained a doctorate by the time the fellowship is awarded. All candidates should be permanent residents in one of the nine countries concerned. Deadline: March 15, 2009.

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Getty Research Exchange Fellowship Program for the Mediterranean Basin and Middle East (NEW!):
A stipend of up to $3,000 a month for living expenses and up to $1,000 for travel expenses. Open to scholars who are Israeli citizens and who have already obtained a Ph.D. or have professional experience in the study or preservation of cultural heritage and who wish to undertake a specific research project at one of the following overseas research centers: American Academy in Rome; American Center of Oriental Research (Amman); American Institute for Maghrib Studies (Morocco, Tunisia, and Algeria); American Institute for Yemeni Studies (Sana’a); American Research Center in Egypt (Cairo); American Research Institute in Turkey (Istanbul and Ankara); American School of Classical Studies at Athens; and the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute (Nicosia). Deadline: February 15, 2009.

ACLS Recent Doctoral Recipients Fellowships (NEW!):
$30,000 for 10 months. Eligibility is limited to awardees and alternates of the Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships the prior year. For more information: http://www.alcs.org. Deadline: December 12, 2009.

*Fellowships are subject to availability of funds.

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This award is given to the editor/author of the most substantial volume(s) dealing with archaeological material, excavation reports and material culture from the ancient Near East and eastern Mediterranean. This work must be the result of original research published within the past two years. (one annual award)

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Prof. Bethany Walker (History, Grand Valley State University)
Jordan in the Late Middle Ages: Transformation of the Mamluk Frontier

ACOR-CAORC Post-Graduate Fellowship

Prof. Aaron Brody (Biblical Archaeology, Pacific School of Religion)
Transjordanian Commerce with Northern Judah in the Iron II Period: Archaeological Indicators from Tell en-Nasbeh

Prof. Michelle Campos (History, University of Florida)
Remapping Palestine: Social Space, Network Ties, and Communal Boundaries (1875-1925)

Dr. Cari Jo Clark (Environmental Health, Harvard School of Public Health)
Trauma in Jordan: A Project to Examine Services for Victims of Violence and to Collaboratively Design Research to Explore Its Effects on Health

Prof. Megan Perry (Anthropology, East Carolina University)
Situating Biology: The Historical and Archaeological Contexts of Bioarchaeological Data from Nabataean and Byzantine Cemeteries in Jordan

Prof. Denise Schmandt-Besserat (Professor Emeritus, University of Texas)
Anthropomorphic Clay Figurines at ‘Ain Ghazal: The Symbolic Significance

Prof. Beatrice St. Laurent (Art History, Bridgewater State College)
The Dome of the Rock: Symbol of Jerusalem (Restorations, Politics and Religion 1560 to the Present)

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Archaeological and Geological Evidence of Earthquakes in the Islamic Periods (Umayyad to Ottoman) in Southern Jordan

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Burial Rites in Bronze Age Transjordan. Reconstruction Attempt

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WHEATON COLLEGE
Assistant/Associate Professor of Near Eastern Archaeology

Wheaton College (IL) invites applications for a faculty appointment in Near Eastern archaeology at either assistant professor or associate professor rank, to be determined by the candidate’s experience and publication record. The position is a full-time, tenure-track graduate school appointment to begin in summer 2009. Successful candidates will have a Ph.D. completed by time of employment, evidence of outstanding teaching, and a proven commitment to research and scholarship. Teaching competence is expected in Near Eastern archaeology, Ancient Near Eastern studies (any region), or historical geography in conversation with biblical studies. This position involves administrative oversight of the M.A. program in biblical archaeology as well as teaching in the undergraduate (2/3 load) and graduate (1/3 load) programs in biblical archaeology.

Application deadline: October 1, 2008. Send letter of interest and curriculum vitae to: Ann Gerber, Archaeology Search Committee; Wheaton College; 501 College Avenue; Wheaton, Illinois 60187-5593; or via e-mail to Archsearch@wheaton.edu.

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September 16-21, 2008
14th Annual General Meeting, The European Association of Archaeologists
http://events.um.edu.mt/eaa2008/

November 1-3, 2008
AAR’s Annual Meeting, with an international focus on South Asia, is to be held in Chicago, Illinois.
http://www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Annual_Meeting/Current_Meeting/default.asp

November 19-22, 2008

November 21-25, 2008
SBL’s (Society of Biblical Literature) 2008 Annual Meeting will be held in Boston, Massachusetts. The Annual Meeting is the largest gathering of biblical scholars in the world. http://www.sbl-site.org/meetings/annualmeeting.aspx

December 29-31, 2008
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- Access to ASOR-I list serve, which includes announcements, job offerings, scholarly discussions, and networking opportunities.
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