



Trustees Approve Mission Statement

ASOR's Board of Trustees, in a Spring meeting in New York City on May 1, formally approved a new Mission Statement for the organization. The approved statement, which follows here, is but slightly revised from that which was circulated in draft form at meetings of the Membership and Board in Orlando, Florida last November. Providing a concise iteration of ASOR's goals and objectives, the statement is intended to assist in development efforts and to serve as a reminder of the organization's purposes to the membership.

The ASOR Mission

ASOR's mission is to initiate, encourage and support research into and public understanding of the peoples and cultures of the Near East from the earliest times:

- By fostering original research, archaeological excavations and explorations.
- By encouraging scholarship in the basic languages, cultural histories and traditions of the Near Eastern world.
- By promoting the educational goals of Near Eastern studies disciplines and advocating high academic standards in teaching and interdisciplinary research.
- By maintaining an active program of timely dissemination of research results and conclusions.
- By offering educational opportunities in Near Eastern history and archaeology to undergraduates and graduates in North American colleges, universities and seminaries, and through outreach activities to secondary schools and the general public. ■

CAARI'S New Director Takes Charge

Robert S. Merrillees, scholar and former Australian diplomat, has been appointed the new director of CAARI. At a regular meeting held last November, the Board of Trustees of CAARI voted to



appoint Merrillees director effective July 1, 1999. CAARI's former director, Nancy Serwint, leaves Nicosia after four years of devoted and productive service to the Institute to return to Arizona State University in Tempe from which she has had a sabbatical combined with a three-year leave of absence. Merrillees, born in Sydney, Australia in 1938, comes to CAARI with combined experience in scholarly and diplomatic fields. He has a BA with Honours in Archaeology from the University of Sydney, and in 1965 received a Ph.D. from the University of London where he studied in the Department of Egyptology at University College. Early on he developed an interest in Cyprus which he first visited in 1961, and subsequently participated in archaeological excavations, first at Karmi run by the University of Sydney and later at Phlamoudhi run by Columbia University. He has written extensively on Bronze Age Cyprus and the relationship of Cyprus to adjacent regions, in particular

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Egypt, during this period. His interests in Cyprus also extend to the personalities who conducted archaeological work on the island in the nineteenth century. From the mid-1960s until 1998 Merrillees held a wide range of positions within the Australian diplomatic service. One of his earliest postings was as First Secretary in the Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York (1969–73). For part of this time (1971–72), he was Adjunct Professor in the

Department of Art History and Archaeology at Columbia University. More recently he has served as Australian Ambassador to Israel (1983–87), Ambassador to Sweden, Finland, and Estonia (1991–95), and Ambassador to Greece and Bulgaria (1996–98). Throughout this period Merrillees has pursued scholarly interests, writing and lecturing on the archaeology of Cyprus and adjacent regions. As scholar and diplomat he has developed a thorough understanding of the history and politics of the Middle East. ■



Ancient Naukratis: Excavations at a Greek Emporium in Egypt Part I, The Excavations at Kom Ge'if

(AASOR 54)

Albert Leonard, Jr.

The final report of the excavations conducted 1977–1978 and 1980–1983 at the southern end of the ancient city of Naukratis, a Ptolemaic Greek commercial center in the Egyptian Delta. The report includes a reevaluation of the evidence for Sir William Flinders Petrie's "Great Temenos." Andrea Berlin presents the corpus of Ptolemaic pottery from the site. The volume also contains reports from experts on the faunal and floral remains as well as on the material culture.

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The ASOR Committee on Publications Statement of the Policies and Purpose of its Publication Program

As directed by its mission and guided by its policy on preservation and protection of archaeological resources, the American Schools of Oriental Research supports a deliberately focused publication program of journals, including the *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*, the *Journal of Cuneiform Studies*, an Annual, and several monograph series. It also produces a magazine designed to appeal at a popular level, *Near Eastern Archaeology* (formerly *Biblical Archaeologist*), and provides a quarterly newsletter for its members. These publications are world renowned for their excellent scholarship and for providing basic and responsible documentation for scholarly research.

1. EXCELLENCE. Through these publications, ASOR invites scholarly and intellectually responsible manuscripts on the history, art, archaeology, religions, and cultures of the peoples of the ancient Near East and Mediterranean worlds in general, and of the biblical world in particular. ASOR sets and maintains high standards for publication of excavations, field projects and related investigations into these subjects through the peer review of manuscripts.

2. DISSEMINATION AND OUTREACH. ASOR is dedicated to promoting and fostering the scientific study of Near Eastern cultures and the biblical era and to enhancing the understanding of the art, history and the archeology of the Near Eastern region among the lay public. ASOR's outreach and publication programs seek to engage the wider public, consisting of general readers, scholars, students, and serving schools, museums, and libraries, as well as various religious constituencies, with an ecumenical approach to the study of the subject.

3. PUBLICATION SUPPORT. ASOR's publication program is committed to providing an outlet for important scholarly research into the archaeology and history of the Near East and surrounding regions, which might not otherwise be made available, by providing funds and support. ■

Israel Museum Mounts a New Millennial Exhibition Commemorating the 900th Anniversary of the First Crusade

Joining knights in shining armor and fearless leaders such as Richard the Lion Heart and Saladin. The images that dominate our collective memory of the Crusades, as well as the ordinary lives transformed by this extraordinary period, are captured in a new exhibition in the city seized by the First Crusaders 900 years ago. "Knights of the Holy Land: The Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem," opening at the Israel Museum exactly 900 years after the city's capture on July 15, 1099, recreates the Crusader era with rare archeological fields and magnificent religious masterpieces from important collections in Israel and abroad, many on public display for the first time. A centerpiece of the Museum's millennial celebrations, the exhibition surveys the 200-year period of the Crusader Kingdom in the Land of Israel and, appropriately, coincides with the expected pilgrimage of millions of Christians to modern-day Jerusalem in celebration of the new millennium.

Through interactive exhibits, designed in a cooperative effort by the Museum's Bronfman Archeological Wing and Ruth Youth Wing, "Knights of the Holy Land" transports visitors back to the 12th and 13th centuries to relive the experiences of the thousands of men and women who joined the three-year, 3000-mile march from Europe to liberate the tomb of Christ from the hands of the "Muslim infidels." The Crusaders' daily lives are recreated through the rich heritage of material finds from the period, including tools, weapons, eating utensils, coins, vessels and other items discovered in Israel during the past century.

Attesting to the remarkable religious devotion and artistic achievements of Crusader times are the works produced in royal artistic workshops in the Land of Israel and then taken back to Europe. These masterpieces, assembled for the first time from museums and libraries around the world, include the Psalter of Queen Melisende and other magnificent manuscripts from the scriptorium of the church of the Holy Sepulchre; manuscripts from the scriptorium of Acre written by the historian William of Tyre; Crusader maps of Jerusalem; two extraordinary reliquaries of the Holy Cross from the Holy Sepulchre, made of gold and precious stones; and other rare items. ■

Centennial Countdown!

Hold the dates of April 13-16, 2000 for the ASOR Centennial celebration at the Wyndham Hotel, Washington, DC. Boards and committees will meet on Thursday, April 13 and Friday April 14. Friday evening will be the Gala Reception and dinner. Saturday, April 14 will be a day of programs with the Smithsonian Associates and a special digs celebration in the evening. Sunday will be a special series of academic sessions. Look for details in future Newsletters and special mailings, but for now keep the dates free in your calendar!

Plug these dates into your Y2K Calendar

April 13-16, 2000

ASOR U.S. Centennial Celebration -
Washington, D.C.

May 28-June 10, 2000

ASOR Overseas Centennial Celebrations - Jerusalem,
Amman, Nicosia

November 22-25, 2000

ASOR Centennial Year Annual Meeting - Nashville, TN

AN ASOR MEMBER REPLIES TO A LETTER
FROM AN 11-YEAR-OLD WHO ASKED ABOUT
A CAREER IN BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY.

I am happy to reply to your letter of 19 March inquiring about a career in Biblical Archaeology. I have enclosed some materials which you might find helpful in understanding something about this field.

Actually, "Biblical Archaeology" is a combination of two pretty different fields: biblical studies and archaeology. Each is enormous in its own right. Together, they require mastery of a great many things. So you have your work cut out for you!

There are various stages you will have to go through to become a "Biblical Archaeologist." First, between now and the end of high school you should try to become as informed about the world as possible. Archaeology is about people. The more you learn and know about people, including people in the past, the better are your chances of success in this career. Get the best grades you can in school. Study French. Read as much as you can, including fiction: archaeology requires imaginative people!

I have enclosed a copy of a magazine called *Near Eastern Archaeology*. It used to be called *Biblical Archaeologist*, and is written for people interested in biblical archaeology. It is probably a bit too technical for you right now, but some day you might want to subscribe to it (there is a special student rate). At any rate, this will give you some idea of what is going on in the field right now. Incidentally, the change of the name of the journal reflects something you should know. "Biblical Archaeology" is really something called "Near Eastern Archaeology." In terms of archaeology, one cannot focus simply on the Bible. It was written in a place which was part of the ancient Near East, so archaeologists interested in the Bible must know about the cultures and peoples of the ancient Near East. Furthermore, *Near Eastern Archaeology* is part of "World

Archaeology." So, to be a "Biblical Archaeologist," one must know about archaeology around the world. That is why it is important to learn as much as possible about the world and its people.

If your high school grades are good enough, you can get into a good university, maybe even with a scholarship. But remember that universities (and institutions who hire archaeologists) are also looking for well-rounded, interesting people. Don't neglect things like sports, hobbies and clubs in high school. Archaeologists are leaders of expeditions and have to know how to get along with all sorts of people: extra-curricular activities in high school are good preparation for becoming a leader and for getting along with different people.

If you still want to pursue archaeology after high school, you should try to get into a university that has some instruction in archaeology. After one course, you might decide that you hate it! Most universities offer some instruction in archaeology, usually within a Department of Anthropology (or in the case of my university, the Department of Geography). You don't have to major in archaeology however. In addition to Anthropology and Geography, subjects such as History, English or one of the sciences like Biology provide good preparation for archaeology. Again, language study, good grades and extra-curricular activities are important. In university, if you can study another language in addition to French (for example, German) that would be really good: but don't ever neglect your French.

After you turn 18, you can begin to go on digs. I have enclosed three brochures which illustrate opportunities for young volunteers. The Tell Jalul dig is going on this summer, and if you were 18 you could apply. It might still be going on in 7 or 8 years. Tel Dan and Tel Migne/Ekron have finished excavation. I have enclosed these brochures because they are both biblical sites, because I was affiliated with both projects, and because I took my students to them to excavate. There

are always lots of excavation projects to sign up for, and so when you are ready, they will be waiting for you. Field experience is essential for a career as an archaeologist. The more field experience you have, the better are your chances of a successful career in archaeology.

Excavations are expensive, however. For the six- or seven-week season, volunteers have to pay transportation, room and board, and tuition. But after the first year, you might get a staff position, and that would pay part or all of your expenses. This is where those clubs and leadership skills begin to pay off. The better you do on the dig as a participant and show leadership qualities, the better your chances of continuing but as a member of the staff.

After university, graduate school will be your next stop. I won't spell out all of the details for you. If you are still interested in "Biblical Archaeology" at that point, you should plan on studying not only archaeology but biblical languages and history. These languages include Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. But archaeologists also learn a repertoire of other Near Eastern Languages such as Phoenician, Akkadian and Egyptian. But that is some distance from the present: taken one step at a time, it will not be impossible to accomplish.

I have also enclosed a FAQ from the World Wide Web about careers in archaeology. It tells you more than you probably ever wanted to know. And although when you begin your career, there will be other and different opportunities in the field of archaeology, of this I am certain: there will be jobs for qualified persons.

Well, that is about it. In about 20 years, you should be a qualified archaeologist. Congratulations! Believe it or not, that 20 years will go quickly, though it may not seem that way to you now.

I wish you success in this endeavor — or anything else you attempt.

Walter E. Aufrecht
The University of Lethbridge



NEWS and NOTICES

Tell Qarqur Expedition Looking for Volunteers from the Boston Area

Interested in volunteering to help in the ASOR Boston office and in a lab at the Department of Archaeology at Boston University to enter field records into computer files, describe and draw pottery sherds, copy and organize field drawings and top plans, sort carbonized seeds? Skills needed: accuracy in transcribing records, experience in working with architectural drawings and reconstructions, patience, patience and more patience. There is never enough funding to get all the jobs done that are needed to prepare excavated archaeological materials for publication. Volunteers love their field experiences on different digs but seldom get a chance to help with all the other stages that are required to process the materials after the dig. We are thinking of organizing a volunteer program this fall. If you would like to help and have some time you can give us, please call us at the Boston office (617-353-6570) or send us a note and we'll see what we can work out! ■

Eureka! Project

The Eureka! Project boldly ventures into a new frontier in education and sets a new standard of excellence for teaching with technology in the classroom. The word "Eureka" means, "I have found it!"

It captures the essence of true discovery. The Eureka! Project is dedicated to learning through discovery. Students 10 to 15 (middle school into high school) are transported to exotic historical and archaeological sites, which become their home base for academic adventures. The unique melding of the Internet, video and television captivates students with the activities and discoveries at each site.

The Eureka! Project is a multifaceted program that consists of five seven-week interdisciplinary projects-from five archaeological sites. Students from around the world participate in the ongoing activities of an excavation. They actively engage in research and in correspondence with leading scholars and educators in the field. Students are also introduced to history, culture, geography, and practical skills in math and science.

The Eureka! Project debuts at the ASOR Convention in Boston. The educational unit Builders for Eternity, Adventures in Ancient Egypt will be produced and presented "live" in association with Dr. Zahi Hawass, world-renowned director of the Giza Pyramids and Sphinx for the Egyptian government.

Niel Bierling
Phoenix Data Systems

ASOR Awards Committee Solicits Nominations for 1999

The ASOR Committee on Honors and Awards invites all ASOR members to submit nominations of candidates eligible for one of the following awards:

The Richard Scheuer Medal – the most prestigious award honors an individual who has provided truly outstanding, long-term support and service contributions to ASOR and its overseas institutes.

The Charles U. Harris Service Award—given in recognition of long term and/or special service as an ASOR officer or Trustee.

The P.E. MacAllister Field Archaeology Award—honors an archaeologist who, during his or her career, has made outstanding contributions to ancient Near Eastern and Eastern Mediterranean archaeology.

The G. Ernest Wright Award—given to the editor / author of the most substantial volume(s)/ reports dealing with archaeological and material culture data from excavations in the ancient Near East and Eastern Mediterranean, and published within the past two years.

The Frank Moore Cross Award—presented to the editor/ author of the most substantial volume(s) on epigraphy, text and/or tradition related to the ancient Near Eastern and Eastern Mediterranean and published during the past two years.

The W. F. Albright Award—honors an individual who has shown special support or made outstanding service contributions to one of the overseas centers ACOR, AIAR, CAARI, or to one of the overseas committees - Baghdad, Damascus. (Given as appropriate.)

ASOR Membership Service Award—recognizes individuals who have made special contributions on behalf of the ASOR membership through committee, editorial, or office services. (maximum three annual awards)

The Awards presentation will take place on Thursday November 18, 1999 in Cambridge during the ASOR Annual Meeting.

Nominations should be made in writing. A letter in support of the candidate, specifying the award category, should also include complete contact information of both the sponsor and the nominee such as postal and e-mail addresses, phone and fax numbers. Send all completed nominations on or before October 1st, 1999 to Lydie Shufro, ASOR Awards Committee Chair 885 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021-0325; Fax 212 737 4984; e-mail lshufro@pipeline.com. ■

New Institutional Members

ASOR has received two new applications for institutional membership this year: **Loyola Marymount University** and **Illinois Wesleyan University**. At the May 1999 Board Meeting in New York, it was moved, seconded, and passed that both of these be received. The two newest Institutional Representatives are: William J. Fulco, S.J., Ph.D. and Chaplain Dennis E. Groh respectively. ASOR would like to welcome them into the Consortium. ■

ARCE Fellowships

The American Research Center in Egypt announces fellowships for research in Egypt for 2000–2001. Grants will be made in the areas of archaeology, architecture, art, economics, Egyptology, history, the humanities, Islamic studies, literature, Near Eastern Studies, politics, Religious Studies and the social sciences.

ARCE has available fellowships from a number of funding sources:

- **The United States Information Agency** funds fellowships available to pre-doctoral candidates and post-doctoral scholars for a minimum stay of three months.
- **The National Endowment for the Humanities** makes available fellowships for post-doctoral scholars with a minimum stay of four months. One senior scholar is awarded the *Islamicist-in-Residence Fellowship* designed to promote collegiality at the Center. Contact ARCE for more information.
- **The Samuel H. Kress Foundation** funds the Kress Fellowship in Egyptian Art and Architecture, an annual prize of \$12,800 plus round-trip airfare awarded to a pre-doctoral student for dissertation research.
- **The William P. McHugh Memorial Fund** provides the McHugh Award, a small grant given to a graduate student from any nation to encourage the study of Egyptian geoarchaeology and prehistory.

Fellowship tenure is from three to twelve months, beginning October 1, 2000. Monthly stipends range from \$1,150–\$3,000 commensurate with academic standing and number of dependents. Round-trip airfare from the U.S. to Cairo is awarded to the individual fellow only.

The deadline for receipt of application and accompanying materials is October 1, 1999. For application materials and more information, contact 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, e-mail: arce.center@nyu.edu; Web: arce.org ■

POSITION AVAILABLE

Assistant Professor of Classics (Ancient History)

The Department of Classical and Semitic Languages and Literatures at the George Washington University invites applications for a full-time non tenure-track position in ancient history under three-year contract (renewable) at the rank of assistant professor, to begin in AY 2000–2001. The candidate is expected to teach three courses per semester. These courses must include the history and civilization of Greece, Rome, the Near East, and Egypt. Depending upon candidate's qualifications, other courses may include Mediterranean and ancient Near Eastern archaeology or Greek or Latin language.

Required: Ph.D. in appropriate field awarded by June 2000; sound training in historical methodology; mastery of at least one relevant ancient language; demonstrated teaching ability.

Expected starting salary: mid \$40s. Send letter of application, dossier including three letters of reference (especially addressing teaching experience), and a publication or writing sample to Prof. Elizabeth A. Fisher, Phillips 345, The George Washington University, Washington, DC 20052. Tel. 202-994-6125. Review of applications will begin November 15 and will continue until the position is filled.

The GWU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer; applications from qualified women and minorities are especially encouraged. ■



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Call for Papers

RHETORIC BEFORE AND BEYOND THE GREEKS

Editors Roberta Binkley and Carol Lipson invite abstracts for a new collection of original articles that examine the rhetorics of ancient cultures. Contributions are welcome that study rhetorics which preceded the sixth century B. C. beginnings of Greek rhetoric, or that study rhetorics of other cultures contemporaneous with the classical world. Early cultures in Egypt, Mesopotamia, China, Canaan, and Nubia, among others, developed differing sets of principles and conventions for language use, closely tied to the particular originating cultures. The collection, to be entitled *Rhetoric Before and Beyond the Greeks*, will begin to develop a detailed understanding of the differing approaches that arose in each culture, and of the ways those approaches enabled (or hindered) the particular cultures in areas connected to cultural values and goals. We are interested in why particular genres, conventions, and practices arose when and where they did, and in the effects of those genres, conventions, and practices. The collection will also address methodological issues, looking at complexities and possibilities involved in gaining close knowledge of the discourse in these periods; such issues often include restricted availability of source materials, dependence on translations, a paucity of prior work in rhetoric, and the relationship to work arising in paradigms of other fields.

We invite abstracts of 300 words to be submitted by **December 8, 1999**. Authors will be notified of acceptance by **February 1, 2000**; first drafts of completed articles will be due **April 4, 2000**. Abstracts should be sent to Carol Lipson, Writing Program, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244-1160. The editors can be contacted at the following email addresses: cslipson@syr.edu, or Roberta-Binkley@utc.edu ■

BY-LAWS Amendment Proposed

As a means to streamline processes of Board of Trustees elections and to modestly expand the number of positions on the ASOR Board, at its May meeting the Board passed in principle a motion to revise the By-Laws of the organization relating to its officers. The motion was to make all standing officers ex-officio voting members of the board, thus removing them from those included in the yearly Trustee Classes, and opening the five positions currently held by officers in those classes for recruitment of other Trustees.

Article X: Section 7 of the By-Laws requires that "ten days' written notice of the text of a proposed amendment" must be given to each member of the Board before a formal vote can be taken. A draft of the amendment proposed concerning the officers follows. This will be reviewed by a sub-committee of the Board, refined and distributed directly to Board members as appropriate in advance of the November meeting in Cambridge.

Proposed Amendment Draft

Moved that Article III: Section 2 of the ASOR By-Laws be amended as follows (old language in ((double parentheses)), new language in italics):

"The Board of Trustees shall consist of nine (9) term trustees elected by the Founding, Consortium, Advisory and Overseas Centers Members (Article II, Section 1, A-D), nine (9) term trustees elected by the Individual Voting Members (Article II, Section 1, E), nine (9) term trustees elected by the Board of Trustees, one trustee from each of the Founding Members: AIA, SBL and AOS, and one trustee from each of the Overseas Centers: AIAR, ACOR and CAARI. ((Included in)) *In addition to* this number are the Chairs, Vice Chair(s), President, Vice President(s) ((other officers and chairs of Board Committees.)), *Secretary and Treasurer who serve as ex officio voting trustees during their terms of office.* The Chairs elected by the Members of the three main operating committees, the Committee on Publications (COP), the Committee on Archaeological Policy (CAP) and the Committee on the Annual Meeting and Program (CAMP) (Article V.3) also serve as ex-officio voting trustees during their terms. Any Life Trustees who may have been elected by the Board of Trustees are additional to those specified above. The adoption of these By-Laws shall not have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent Trustee."

Joe D. Seger
ASOR President



Newsletter Copy Deadlines

Issue	Copy Deadline
Fall 1999	September 13
Winter 1999	December 20
Spring 2000	March 13
Summer 2000	June 16

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Edited by Tomis Kapitan

ASOR Books Vol. 3

On the Way to Nineveh: Studies in Honor of George M. Landes

Edited by Stephen Cook and Sara Winter

ASOR Books Vol. 4

And stay tuned for these upcoming titles!

Studies in the Archaeology of Israel and Neighboring Lands in Memory of Douglas L. Esse

Edited by Samuel R. Wolff

ASOR Books / OI Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization

Ancient Naukratis: Excavations at a Greek Emporium in Egypt: Part II, The Excavations at Kom Hadid

By Al Leonard, Jr.

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ATLA to Digitize Fifty Essential Journals in Religious and Theological Studies

The American Theological Library Association (ATLA), publisher of the premier index to the scholarly literature of religion—the ATLA Religion Database—has announced its newest initiative: ATLAS (ATLA Serials: Fifty Years of Fifty Journals).

Funded primarily by the Lilly Endowment with a three-year grant totaling \$3,987,000, ATLAS is the Association's first major digital full-text journal project. The project is designed to provide colleges, universities, theological schools, and individual scholars with the emerging electronic resources currently available in other disciplines, but currently lacking in the disciplines of theology.

Working with a variety of publishing partners (including Scholars Press and Sheffield Academic Press), scholarly societies (notably the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature), and an independent advisory board of scholars in theology and religion organized by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, ATLAS will digitize fifty essential journals in all theological disciplines. In addition, the journals will be linked to the comprehensive index of more than 1,000,000 records in the ATLA Religion Database and made accessible for classroom teaching and scholarly research through the World Wide Web and on CD/DVD-ROM.

As currently conceived, the ATLAS project is distinguishable from other electronic journal projects in several important ways. It will:

- Provide electronic text of entire runs of journals;
- Establish a link for the first time between an academic discipline's comprehensive index and full-text electronic copies of its journals;
- Enhance the value of membership in scholarly societies of the discipline by providing essential research tools for their members;
- Develop a cost model for the discipline that is innovative and creative and provides assurance that essential journal literature of the discipline will be available to future scholars;
- Enlist leading scholars in the field to offer advice and counsel on the selection and evaluation of journals to include in the program.

The ATLAS project reflects ATLA's on-going commitment to provide access to the scholarly literature of religion and to preserve it in appropriate formats for future generations. Just as scholars and students of religion have relied upon ATLA's indexes for access to theological literature and have benefited from the Association's continuing efforts to preserve religious monographs and periodicals, so now they look to ATLA to digitize the essential journals of the discipline to enhance the teaching and learning of theology.

Please view the ATLAS home page (<http://purl.org/CETR/ATLAS>) or contact Dr. James Adair at (jadair@shemesh.scholar.emory.edu) for more information. ■

The Shelby White - Leon Levy Program for Archaeological Publications

The 1999 Grant Recipients and Projects

- Artzy, M.
Late Bronze IIB from Tel Nami: 1986-1992 Excavations, Israel
- Bar-Yosef, O.
Excavations at Gilgal I: Neolithic site in Jordan Valley, Israel
- Buccellati, G.
Terqa: Final Publication of the Excavations by the Joint Expedition, Syria
- Caubet, A.
Bellapais-Vounous: C. F. A. Schaeffer's Excavation of EB/MB Cemetery, Cyprus
- Fossey, J. M.
Two Pre-Historic Sites at The East End of The Gulf of Korinthos, Greece
- Katsarou, S.
Neolithic and Early Cycladic Settlement of Koukounaries, Paros, Greece
- Levy, Thomas E.
Shiqmim: Subterranean Settlement & Society, Negev Israel, ca. 4500-3500 B.C.E., Israel
- Maggidis, C.
Defining Transitional Early Minoan III - Middle Minoan II Ceramic Phases: Archanes and North-central Crete, Greece
- Mazarakis-Ainian, A.
Publication of the Oropos Excavation in Attica, Greece
- Raban, A.
The "Sea" and "Harbor" Gates of Akko: Publication of Areas F and P, Israel
- Stefani, E.
Prehistoric Settlement of Angelochori Imahias, West Macedonia, Greece
- Triantafyllidis, P.
The Hellenistic Glass Workshop of Rhodes, Greece

Annual Meeting Book Exhibit

Look for the following publishers among the exhibitors at the ASOR Annual Meeting this November in Cambridge, MA!

Altamira	Augsburg Fortress
HarperSanFrancisco	Eisenbrauns
Peabody Museum, Harvard	Mohr Siebeck
Scholars Press	Scholars Choice
Westminster John Knox	Trinity Press International
Yale University Press	

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO ASOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Nominations will be accepted through September 15, 1999, by the Nominations Committee for the following positions on the Board of Trustees:

- Three (3) trustees from the Institutional Members to be elected by member representatives of Founding, Consortium, Advisory and Overseas Centers Members, to serve July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2003.
- One (1) trustee from the Institutional Members to be elected by member representatives of Founding, Consortium, Advisory and Overseas Centers Members, to serve July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2001. (To fill a vacancy in the Class of 2001).
- Three (3) trustees from the Individual Members to be elected by the individual voting members, to serve July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2003. (NOTE: As currently defined, an ASOR "Individual Voting Member" is one that pays Professional Member dues of \$110 or \$85 if student or retired).
- Candidates must be members of ASOR in good standing, willing to serve a three-year working term, attend both fall and spring meetings and contribute support to the ASOR development efforts. A one-paragraph biography should accompany the nomination.

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Nominations should be sent to Randall W. Younker, Chair Nominations Committee, Horn Archaeological Museum, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0990; Fax 616-471-3619; e-mail: younker@andrews.edu

CONFERENCE CALENDAR

August 23–27, 1999

Seventh International Conference of Demotic Studies, University of Copenhagen. The Conference will be organised by the Carsten Niebuhr Institute of Near Eastern Studies. Submit the title and an abstract not later than April 31, 1999. There is no theme for the conference as a whole, but given the nature of the contents of the collection of papyri in Copenhagen (the Carlsberg Papyri), it is hoped that due attention will be given to the study of literary texts. Contact: Paul John Frandsen and Kim Ryholt.

September 20–27, 1999

14th International Congress for Christian Archaeology. Vienna, Austria. Theme: Early Christianity between Rome and Constantinople. Contact: Kongresssekretariat, c/o Abteilung für Frühchristliche Archäologie am Institut für Klassische Archäologie, Universität Wien, Franz Klein-Gasse 1, A-1190 Vienna, Austria. Tel.: ++43/1/313 52 - 242, Fax: ++43/1/319 36 84. E-mail: fcha.klass-AustrArchaeologie@univie.ac.at.

October 4–8, 1999

Fourth International Congress of Hittitology, Würzburg, Germany. The focus of this Congress will be on philological, historical, cultural, religious, linguistic, and archaeological aspects of Ancient Anatolia. Contact: 4. Internationaler Kongress für Hethitologie, Gernot Wilhelm, Institut für Oriental. Philologie, Universität Würzburg, Ludwigstrasse 6, D-97070 Würzburg, Germany. Tel. :49 (0)931-31-2862, 2861. Fax: :49 (0)931-31-2674. Tel./Fax: :49 (0)931-92989. E-Mail: gernot.wilhelm@mail.uni-wuerzburg.de

October 8–9, 1999

Electronic Publication of Ancient Near Eastern Texts. The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago is pleased to announce a conference on the electronic publication of ancient Near Eastern texts. The focus will be on Web publication of "tagged" texts using the new Extensible Markup Language (XML), although other aspects of electronic publication may also be discussed. XML provides a simple and extremely flexible standardized syntax for representing complex information and for delivering it over the World Wide Web (for more details see <http://www.oasis-open.org/covers>). Furthermore, it is based on proven approach because it is a streamlined subset of the Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML) that has been used for electronic publication worldwide for more than a decade. XML therefore makes possible quite powerful and efficient forms of electronic publication via the Internet, including academic publication of philological and archaeological data.

To obtain more information or to register your intention to attend, please contact David Schloen <d-schloen@uchicago.edu> by e-mail or at the following address: David Schloen, Oriental Institute Electronic Publication Conference, 1155 East 58th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637, tel: 773-702-1382, fax: 773-702-9853. www-oi.uchicago.edu/OI/INFO/XML_Conference_1999.html

October 10–11, 1999

The Twelfth Annual Klutznick Symposium: "The End of Days?: Millennialism from the Hebrew Bible to the Present." Hosted by Creighton University's Klutznick Chair in Jewish Civilization and Center for the Study of Religion and Society, Omaha, Nebraska. Contact Leonard Jay Greenspoon, Chairholder of the Klutznick Chair in Jewish Civilization (ljgrn@creighton.edu, phone 402-280-2304, fax 402-280-1454), or Ronald A. Simkins, Director of the Center for the Study of Religion and Society (rsmkns@creighton.edu, phone 402-280-2504) at Creighton University, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, Nebraska 68178.

November 7–11, 1999

Human Remains: Conservation Retrieval and Analysis. Williamsburg, VA. This conference is being organized by the Departments of Conservation and Archaeology at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Contact: Emily Williams, Department of Conservation -BHW, The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, P.O. Box 1776, Williamsburg, VA. 23187-1776, fax: (757) 565-8752; tel. (757) 220 7079, email: ewilliams@cwf.org.

November 17–20, 1999

ASOR Annual Meeting. Cambridge Marriott, Cambridge, MA. Contact: Rudy Dornemann, ASOR at BU, 656 Beacon Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02215-2010. Tel: 617-353-6574; e-mail: dornasor@bu.edu. www.asor.org/AM/AM99.html

November 20–23, 1999

SBL/AAR Annual Meeting. Hynes Convention Center and the Sheraton Boston Hotel and Towers, Boston, MA. Contact: AAR/SBL Joint Ventures Office, P.O. Box 15399, Atlanta, GA 30333-0399, Phone: 404-727-2343, Fax: 404-727-5140, Email: meetings_management@emory.edu.

December 27–30, 1999

AIA/APA Annual Meeting. Dallas, TX. Contact: AIA, 656 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02215-2010. Tel. 617-353-9361; fax. 617-353-6550; email: aia@bu.edu.

February 28–March 2, 2000

The Transmission and Assimilation of Culture in the Near East. The Jerusalem Office of the Council for British Research in the Levant is hosting this conference, which aims to explore the transmission, adoption, consumption and re-interpretation of various facets of human culture in Cyprus and the Levant. Anthropologists have long considered the effects of what is termed "cross-cultural consumption" on ideology and society. We would like to extend this discussion to incorporate other fields of enquiry. Abstracts should be no longer than 500 words and should be submitted by 31 August, 1999. The conference aims to bring together a range of scholars from Europe, the United States, Israel and the Palestinian Territories. We hope that discussions will lead to informative and thought provoking interchange in an academic, a-political setting. The proceedings of the conference will be published as part of the CBRL, British Academy monograph series. Please submit abstracts to: Dr Joanne Clarke, Council for British Research in the Levant, P.O. Box 19283, Jerusalem 91192, Israel. Tel: 00-972-2-628 3616, Fax: 00-972-2-626 3617. Email: cbrl@actcom.co.il

March 12–15, 2000

210th Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Portland, OR. The meeting will take place at the Portland Marriott Downtown, 1401 Southwest Naito Parkway, Portland, OR 97201. Contact: Secretary, American Oriental Society, Hatcher Graduate Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1205. Tel.: (734) 647-4760; e-mail: jrodgers@umich.edu

April 13–16, 2000

ASOR Centennial Celebration, Washington, D.C. Contact: Rudy Dornemann, ASOR Boston, 656 Beacon St., 5th floor. Tel: 617-353-6570; Fax: 617-353-6575; e-mail: asor@bu.edu

June 26–30, 2000

Millennium Conference on the Sea of Galilee and in the City of Jerusalem, sponsored by the Bethsaida Excavations Project at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the Shrine of the Book in Jerusalem, Israel. Contact: Richard A. Freund, Conference Director, University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE 68182; Tel: 402-554-2902; e-mail: rfrend@unomaha.edu

December 16–19, 2000

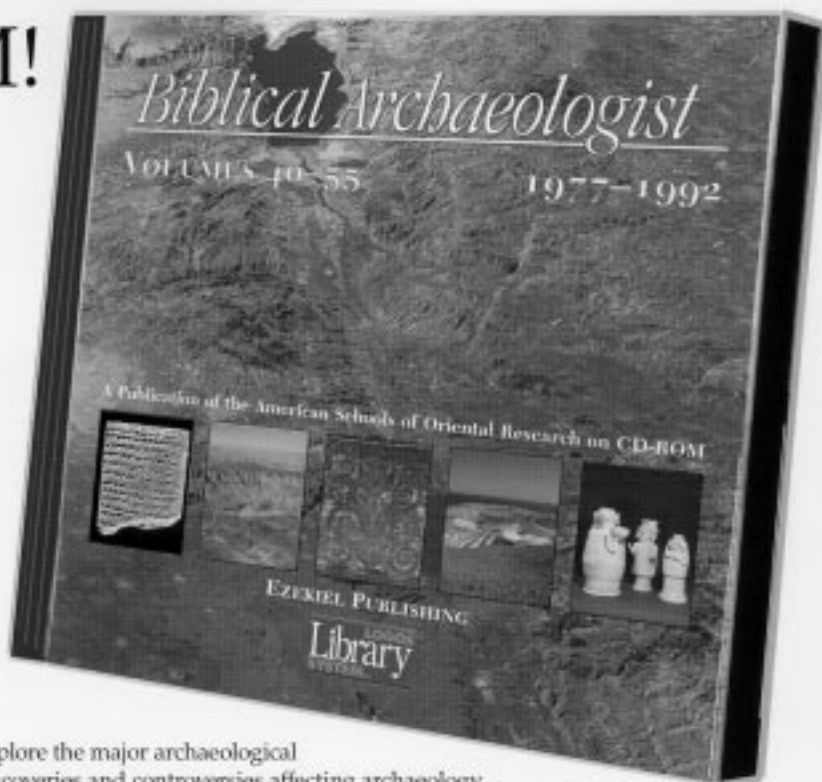
Encounters with Ancient Egypt. The UCL Institute of Archaeology will host an international conference examining the ways in which the cultures of ancient Egypt—predynastic, dynastic, Hellenistic, Roman, late-antique, Islamic, and colonial—have perpetually been re-configured in response to changing ideologies and strategies for appropriating the past. As well as presenting new or neglected sets of data, we hope that contributors will also be inspired to offer papers that constitute a fresh look at familiar evidence from a variety of theoretical viewpoints. Contact: ancientegypt@ucl.ac.uk. Organisers: Dominic Montserrat, Department of Classics and Ancient History, University of Warwick, England, and John Tait, Institute of Archaeology, UCL, England. Postal address: "Encounters with Ancient Egypt Conference", Institute of Archaeology, University College London, 31-34 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PY, England.

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