

WALTER E. KAEGI

Most importantly, Cambridge University Press accepted his book manuscript *Heraclius*, for which **Walter E. Kaegi** spent time (and travels) revising, choosing illustrations, and rechecking references this year. The Turkish translation of his 1992 book *Byzantium and the Early Islamic Conquests* appeared. He wrote the Introduction for the forthcoming Arabic translation of the same book. He published the following shorter works: “Gigthis in the Pseudo-Methodius Apocalypse and Its Significance,” in *Abstracts, 26th Annual Byzantine Studies Conference, 2000* (Harvard University); “Africa, North,” “Herakleios,” “Warfare, Byzantine,” and “Yarmuk,” in

Encyclopedia of Greece and the Hellenic Tradition, edited by Graham Speake (Fitzroy-Dearborn, 2000); "Gigthis and Olbia in the Pseudo-Methodius Apocalypse and Their Significance," *Byzantinische Forschungen* 26 (2000): 161–67; "A Misunderstood Place-name in a Poem of George of Pisidia," *Byzantinische Forschungen* 26 (2000): 229–30; and a review of *Asia Minor and Its Themes*, by Eleonora Kountoura-Galake et al., in *Speculum* 76 (2001): 486–87.

Two articles were accepted: "Byzantine Sardinia and Africa Face the Muslims: A Rereading of Some Seventh-Century Evidence," *Bizantinistica* 3 (2001), and "Commentary on Session on Late Antiquity: State of Researches, AAH/AHA Joint Session, January 2000," together with the three papers from that session by other contributors, for *Ancient World*.

His principal research involved preparing the *Heraclius* manuscript for publication as a book. He continued to collect material for another book project on the Muslim Conquest of North Africa in the seventh century. He is preparing contributions for festschrifts for Wilferd Madelung and Frank M. Clover, in addition to a contribution for the Nikos Oikonomides memorial volume. Kaegi participated with Donald Whitcomb in the National Endowment for the Humanities seminar on Islamic Origins, June–July 2000, under the principal grantee, Fred M. Donner.

He chaired two University of Chicago personnel committees and was also a member of the Committee on the Future of Armenian Studies. He served as Director of the Workshop on Late Antiquity and Byzantium. He chaired the dissertation defenses of Todd M. Hickey and Mark Stein in History and served as a reader for the dissertations of David Cook and Joshua Holo.

Outside the University of Chicago he served 10–17 September 2000 as a member on the International Evaluation Committee for four Greek Research Centers, Athens, under the auspices of the Ministry of Development, General Secretariat of Research and Technology, Directorate, Supervision of Research Institutions. He was External Referee for Personnel Decisions at one United States and three foreign universities. He also was bibliographer for *Byzantinische Zeitschrift*, and more important, editor of volume 26 of *Byzantinische Forschungen*, which appeared at the end of 2000.

He delivered three papers: (1) "The Battle of Yarmuk Reconsidered," Loyola University Department of Classical Studies and the Chicago Consortium on Ancient History, Conference on Perspectives of War and War Experience, Ancient and Modern, 14 October 2000, Loyola University of Chicago, Crown Center; (2) "Gigthis in the Pseudo-Methodius Apocalypse and Its Significance," 27 October 2000, Harvard University, 26th Annual Byzantine Studies Conference; and (3) "On the Puzzling Fate of Byzantium in the Seventh Century," Wednesday Talks, Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago, 24 January 2001. Kaegi also served as a Faculty Advisor, American Institute for Maghrebi Studies (AIMS), Graduate Students (drawn from various North American institutions) Dissertation Workshop, University of Chicago, 21 April 2001.