

### McGuire Gibson

**McGuire Gibson** had a productive year. Besides the publications related to Nippur, he sent to press an article entitled “The Dead Hand of Deimel,” addressing crucial issues on the beginning of civilization, as well as a biographic essay for the *Reallexikon für Assyriologie*, on Erich F. Schmidt, the brilliant excavator of Persepolis, and two review articles. One of the review articles addresses the subject of archaeology as used in nation-building in Iraq (Magnus Bernhardsson) and the other is on a book that resulted from a conference on “Archaeology, Cultural Heritage, and the Antiquities Trade.” He has also submitted two articles co-authored with Dr. Donny George on preparations made in the Iraq Museum prior to the war of 2003 and on steps that museums should make to protect themselves in the future. He also participated in international conferences in London (“Archaeology in Conflict”), in front of the Pergamum Altar in the Museum in Berlin (“Archaeology and Politics”), Salem, Oregon (Willamette College), and lectures on Mesopotamia for the Council on Foreign Affairs in Santa Fe, at Lynchburg College, and in Baltimore for the University of Chicago, Alumni Center. He took part in a small symposium on the Sumerian city of Umma, organized by Bob Adams, Peter Steinkeller, and Elizabeth Stone at the Oriental Institute. He is writing a chapter for that volume. He also spent two weeks in Amman, Jordan, working

with Iraqi colleagues to reconstruct publications that they had authored but had lost in the looting of the Iraq National Museum. This work, done with Dr. Mark Altaweel, is funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. He is also involved in an administrative and participant role in an Iraqi Oral History Project that is being conducted in Amman, London, and other cities by The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TAARII). The Oral History Project has recently been given an NEH grant. With the departure of Tony Wilkinson to Durham in Britain, he has taken on a larger role in the project to Model Ancient Settlement Systems (MASS), which is in its last year of a five-year grant from the National Science Foundation. He still serves as the President of TAARII and remains on the board of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers and the American Institute for Yemeni Studies.

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