

## Walter Kaegi

Completion of a draft of a book manuscript on Muslims and Byzantines in North Africa occupied most of the research time of **Walter Kaegi**. But republication of some of his older books in new formats took place during 2006/2007. Cambridge University Press has published in 2007 a paperback edition of his 2003 Cambridge University Press hardback book *Heraclius Emperor of Byzantium*. The American Council of Learned Societies has created History E-Book editions of three older books: *Byzantium and the Decline of Rome* (1968, 1970), *Byzantine Military Unrest* (1981), and *Some Thoughts on Byzantine Military Strategy* (1983). These are now available online.

Three new articles appeared: “The Aures and the Byzantine Defeat at Sbeitla in 647.” It was published in a collective volume by Société d’Études et de Recherches sur l’Aurès Antique and the University of Khenchela, Algeria, in the journal *AOURAS* 3 (2006): 185–206; “The Muslim Conquests of Edessa and Amida (Diarbekir),” in *Tigranakert/Diarbekir and Edessa/Urfa*, in the series *Historic Armenian Cities and Provinces* 6, edited by Richard G. Hovannisian, pp. 111–36 (Costa Mesa: Mazda Publishers, 2006); “The Early Muslim Raids into Anatolia and the Byzantine Reactions under Emperor Constans II,” in *The Encounter of Eastern Christianity with Early Islam*, edited by Emmanouel Grypeou, Mark N. Swanson, and David Thomas, pp. 73–93 (Leiden: Brill, 2006).

Kaegi corrected proofs for two forthcoming publications: Chapter 9 for *Cambridge History of the Byzantine Empire*, edited by Jonathan Shepard, which is entitled “Confronting Islam: Changing Intensities of Military and Political Relationships Between Byzantium and Islam, 641–1000 CE”; and “Byzantine Sardinia Threatened: Its Changing Situation in the Seventh Century,” Oristano, Sardinia, Italy, *Convegno sui Bizantini in Sardegna: Forme e caratteri della presenza bizantina nel Mediterraneo occidentale: la Sardegna (secoli VI–XI)*, which will appear in a volume edited by Paola Corrias (to be published in Italy).

He completed three book reviews: *Cambridge Companion to the Age of Justinian*, by M. Maas, for the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* (accepted); *General Issues in the Study of Medieval Logistics*, by John Haldon, for the *Sixteenth Century Journal* (accepted); and *Noble Ideals and Bloody Realities*, edited by N. Christie and M. Yazigi, for the *Mamluk Studies Review* (accepted).

He gave several interviews to journalists: two lengthy interviews (to two different interviewers) concerned with early memories of recently deceased author (and childhood friend) Hunter S. Thompson. He also gave an interview to three Albanian journalists in Saranda, Albania (26 June 2007), concerning his impressions of Albania on his first visit to that country.

He was elected Vice-President of the University of Chicago Phi Beta Kappa Chapter and will serve in several capacities during the years 2007–2009.

He delivered lectures at two professional meetings: “Decisive Combats in Byzantine Africa,” Communication in Session A.I.1, Rival Empires, 21st International Congress of Byzantine Studies, London, England, 23 August 2006; and “The African Drill in the Strategikon of Maurice,” Byzantine Studies Conference, University of Missouri at St. Louis, 10 November 2006.

Walter Kaegi served as Co-Director of the University of Chicago Workshop on Late Antiquity and Byzantium. He served on a number of University of Chicago committees, including a personnel committee in the Oriental Institute as well as one to select a visiting appointee in Armenian Studies in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. He was a member of the Hellenistic History Search Committee, in the Department of Classics, and Member, Personnel Committee, Oriental Institute; also member, Search Committee Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, for Armenian Studies Visiting Faculty appointee, member of a personnel committee for the appointment of a Research Scholar in the Department of History, and a member of the Committee to select nominees for Chair of the Department of History. He served as external referee for several personnel cases in the U.S. and abroad.

Walter Kaegi led a small tour group to Algeria (8–25 March 2007), which enabled him to visit familiar and new and hitherto unfamiliar (to him) archaeological sites. He visited Albanian museums and archaeological sites for the first time in June 2007.

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