

Walter Kaegi

Cambridge University Press published **Walter Kaegi**'s hardback book *Muslim Expansion and Byzantine Collapse in North Africa* in November 2010. He published a review of Gill Page's "Being Byzantine," in the *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 40 (2010): 586–88. He completed two other reviews: *Byzantium and the Arabs in the Sixth Century*, vol. 2, pt. 2, by Irfan Shahid, for the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*; and *From Hellenism to Islam: Cultural and Linguistic Change in the Roman Near East*, edited by Hannah M. Cotton, Robert C. Hoyland, Jonathan J. Price, and David Wasserstein, for the *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*. He prepared several papers for publication: "Carl Hermann Kraeling: A Reminiscence," to be published in *Pesher Naḥum*, a Festschrift for Norman Golb, in press. He completed his subsection "Empires to Nation-States: Late

Antiquity,” for the now posted Oriental Institute National Endowment for the Humanities-funded online project “Teaching the Middle East: A Resource for Educators.” He completed revisions for his paper “Seventh-Century Identities: A Reassessment,” in preparation for Austrian Academy of Science volume *Visions of Community*, edited by W. Pohl, R. Payne, et al.; the manuscript was revised and corrected and is now in press. It is a revised version of his 2009 paper presented in Vienna. He also prepared and delivered a paper, “Holy War, and the Heraclians,” at the conference on Byzantine War Ideology Between Roman Imperial Concept and Christian Religion, University of Vienna, 20 May 2011. He is revising it for publication in the proceedings. He also delivered the following papers at professional meetings: “Reassessing Arnold J. Toynbee, Historian of Byzantium: With an Additional Comment from William H. McNeill” (University of Chicago Workshop on Late Antiquity and Byzantium, 5 October 2010), “Reminiscences of Carl H. Kraeling” (Byzantine Studies Conference, at the annual meeting of the Byzantine Studies Association North America, University of Pennsylvania, 10 October 2010), “The Heraclids and Holy War” (Methodology Seminar, Department of History, University of Kentucky at Lexington, 28 February 2011). He served as a session chair for the post-doctoral seminar Iconoclasm and Text Destruction in the Ancient Near East and Beyond, which was held in Breasted Hall at the Oriental Institute, 9 April 2011. He continued to serve as president of the U.S. National Committee for Byzantine Studies (USNCBS), in which capacity he actively planned for the next International Congress of Byzantine Studies (which meets every five years) that will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria, 19–27 August 2011. He prepared a short paper for the Sofia Congress. He also took much time serving on the Local Arrangements Committee for the Annual Meeting of Byzantine Studies Association of North America (BSANA), which will take place in Chicago, 19–22 October 2011, mostly at De Paul University, but one public lecture and a reception will take place at the Oriental Institute in Breasted Hall on 21 October 2011. He co-authored with Fred Donner a position paper for the Oriental Institute faculty retreat on 29 April at the Gleacher Center, downtown Chicago. He served as a member of the History Department Admissions and Aid Committee and as a member of the University of Chicago Phi Beta Kappa Executive Committee.
