

McGuire Gibson

McGuire Gibson has spent much of the past year working with Iraqi archaeologists to produce English-language versions of reports on important fieldwork that the Iraqis carried out. Muzahim Hussein's book on the Assyrian Queens' Tombs is being checked one last time before handing it to the Oriental Institute editorial process. In November 2011, Gibson arranged for Hussein to make a lecture tour of several places in the United States, including the annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research in San Francisco. While in Chicago, Hussein and Gibson went over the manuscript. In May 2012, Gibson worked once again with Hussein for two days in Baghdad, ironing out problems. Also while in Baghdad, he met with the other two Iraqi colleagues, Salah Rmeidh (Tell Asmar) and Hussein Ali Hamza (Tell Muqtadiyah), both of whom have manuscripts that will go to the editors soon.

While in Heidelberg to attend a PhD dissertation defense, Gibson gave a lecture on Umm al-Hafriyat, a site near Nippur that he dug in 1977. He gave a variation on this lecture for the Mesopotamian Society in Toronto, Canada.

His study of the Y Trench at Kish, to be published in Karen Wilson's book on Kish, was completed and handed to the editors. His work, with others, on the seals from Kish was also turned over this year for publication in the same volume.

In his role as president of The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TAARII), he initiated and co-chaired an international conference on the Sanctions Regime in Iraq, held in Amman, Jordan. He continues to serve as Chicago's representative on the Board of the American Institute for Yemeni Studies. He also continues to serve on the Board of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers.
