

Walter Kaegi

Cambridge University Press will publish a paperback edition of Kaegi's 2010 book *Muslim Expansion and Byzantine Collapse in North Africa* (late 2014 or 2015). He published an article that revised and updated an earlier publication of his: "The Frontier: Barrier or Bridge? Reconsiderations after Twenty-five Years of Scholarship," in *International Symposium Proceedings, Byzantium and the Arab World, Encounter of Civilizations*. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki. Thessaloniki, Greece (Thessaloniki, 16–18 December 2011) [published in Thessaloniki, 2013], pp. 15-32.

Three other papers of his were accepted this past year for publication in collective volumes: (1) "The Islamic Conquest and the Defense of Byzantine Africa: Campaigns and Conquests in Context, Reconsiderations," in press for publication in a collective volume for *Dumbarton Oaks: North Africa under Byzantium and Early Islam, ca. 500-ca. 800*, edited by Susan T. Stevens and Jonathan P. Conant (Washington, D.C.: Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection, forthcoming). (2) He completed the essay "Byzantium in the Seventh Century," for the *Oxford Handbook of Maximus the Confessor*, edited by Pauline Allen and Bronwen Neil (Australian Catholic University), which was accepted, now in editing and production. (3) "Seventh-century North Africa: Military and Political Convergences and Divergences," is now in press for the German Archaeological Society in Rome (DAIRom) collective volume, edited by R. Bockmann and Philipp von Rummel.

He published several book reviews: Review of *Witnesses to a World Crisis*, by James Howard-Johnston, in *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 72/2 (2013), pp. 64–67. Review of *Inventing Byzantine Iconoclasm*, by L. Brubaker, in *Speculum* 89 (2014), pp. 165–67. Review of *Land and Privilege in Byzantium: The Institution of Pronoia*, by Mark C. Bartusis, in online *The Medieval Review*, 14.04.04. His reviews of two volumes by Judith Herrin published by Princeton University Press appeared in the *Journal of Religion* vol. 94, no. 3 (July 2014) 383–86.

He continued to serve as editor of *Byzantinische Forschungen* and History bibliographer for the journal *Byzantinische Zeitschrift*. He served as co-director, University of Chicago Workshop on Late Antiquity and Byzantium (recently renewed for two more years, to the end of academic year 2016).

On 1 November 2013 he chaired a session at the annual meeting of BSANA (Byzantine Studies Association, North America), Yale University.

On 30 January 2014 he delivered a public lecture at Joint Session: Lumen Christi Institute, and Workshop for Late Antiquity and Byzantium. "North Africa's Transition from Christianity to Islam: Some Reconsiderations."

From 11 to 22 September 2013 he managed to visit selected important but difficult to reach archaeological sites in eastern and western Libya. By visiting eastern Libya (Libya Superior) he accomplished a life-long and long-term objective of visiting every province of the Late Roman Empire/Early Byzantine Empire ca. 400 CE, a total of 119 provinces.

On 19 February 2014 he served as visiting faculty member in a Committee on Social Thought course SETH 34803 Gibbon's Decline and Fall-2 [Social Thought 34803-2]. He discussed Edward Gibbon's coverage of Byzantine History, Chapters 48, 67-68, in his *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*.

He continued his contacts with Technical Services in the Social Sciences for recovery of audiotapes of his classroom lectures from the 1980s and 1990s.