

McGUIRE GIBSON    McGuire Gibson continues research and publishing on a variety of topics. Reports on various aspects of Nippur have appeared, or are in press, in the journal *Sumer*. A paper, entitled "Alternate Systems of Trade: a Key Element in Mesopotamian Civilization," delivered in Denmark in August, 1984 at a conference on Asian Trade Routes has been revised for publication. He stopped in London on his return trip to do some research on environmental, social and economic conditions in Ottoman Iraq (1600–1918) at the India Records Office, where documents from the East India Company's trading stations in Iraq are housed. Later in the year, he delivered a paper and chaired a session on the Early Dynastic period of the Hamrin at a conference in Paris. This conference will also be published. In June and July of 1985, he was one of five lecturers in a summer institute sponsored by the American Schools of Oriental Research in Philadelphia. This course, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, was designed to allow college teachers to brush-up their knowledge of Near Eastern archaeology.

Gibson continues to serve as the university's trustee on the board of the American Institute for Yemeni Studies. He is also the first chairman of the newly formed Council of American Overseas Research Centers, which is a not-for-profit organization formed to facilitate and expand research abroad. The Council is housed as a guest within the Smithsonian Institution.