

RESEARCH

McGuire Gibson

McGuire Gibson continued to work preparing manuscripts on his previous work at Nippur and Hamoukar. He contributed an article on a mystery coin to the special volume dedicated to Robert D. Biggs on his retirement. He published a long letter to the editor of the *Atlantic Monthly* (April 2005) correcting and commenting on an article that gave a very distorted view of the looting of the Iraq Museum. He gave public lectures, usually on aspects of Iraq, to audiences in Chicago, Pittsburgh, Washington, and Bloomington, Indiana. For the tenth time, he presented a lecture in the Chicago Humanities Festival. As president of the American Academic Research Institute in Iraq, he co-sponsored an international conference in Amman, Jordan, on the Ottoman and later periods in Iraq. His summation of the talks has been posted on two Web sites and will be published in the proceedings of the conference. His other activities for this organization include the fostering of an Iraqi Oral History Project, which has already begun to record interviews with people now living in Amman. This initial pilot project in Amman will give the data necessary to apply for major funding to expand the project in Amman, Beirut, London, Chicago, Detroit, and other centers where Iraqis now live, and will eventually carry on its work in Baghdad, Mosul, and Basra.

Gibson still serves on the board of the American Institute for Yemeni Studies and on the Council of American Overseas Research Centers.
