

RESEARCH

K. Aslihan Yener

During 2004 **K. Aslihan Yener** directed the tenth season of the broadly based Amuq Valley Regional Projects (AVRP) in Antakya, Turkey. This included coordinating a series of field projects and directing the second excavation season at Tell Atchana (ancient Alalakh). The work at Alalakh is published in *The Amuq Valley Regional Projects, Volume 1: Surveys in the Plain of Antioch and Orontes Delta from the Years 1995–2002*. (Oriental Institute Publications 131; Chicago, 2005); “University of Chicago, Oriental Institute 2003 Yılı Hatay Aççana, Kazısı” in *26. Kazı Sonuçları Toplantısı* (Ankara: Ministry of Culture, 2005); K. A. Yener, J. David Schloen, A. Sumaka-i Fink, “Reliving the Legend: The Expedition to Alalakh, 2003,” *The Oriental Institute News & Notes* 181 (2004): 1–6; K. A. Yener, J. David Schloen, A. Sumaka-i Fink, “Amuq Valley Regional Projects. Oriental Institute Expedition to Tell Atchana/Alalakh,” *The Oriental Institute 2003/2004 Annual Report*, edited by Gil J. Stein (Chicago, 2004), pp. 25–34. The 2003 Alalakh Expedition was featured prominently on the WTTW (PBS) documentary on the Oriental Institute called “Breaking Ground: The Story of the Oriental Institute,” broadcast in May 2004.

Honors, grants, and awards during 2004 included the Institute of Aegean Prehistory Grant, “The Oriental Institute Alalakh Survey, Turkey,” and the Joseph Neubauer Family Foundation Grant, “The Oriental Institute Expedition to Alalakh.” She served on the University of Chicago Senate and on several committees of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. Together with her students, faculty, and volunteers, she co-curated the Henrietta Herbolsheimer, M.D. Syro-Anatolian Gallery in the Oriental Institute Museum. Featuring collections from the 1930s Oriental Institute excavations at Kurdu, Chatal Höyük, Judaidah, Tayinat, and Dhahab in the Amuq Valley, the gallery had its grand opening this year as part of the Empires of the Fertile Crescent: Ancient Assyria, Anatolia, and Israel exhibition.

Yener organized two scholarly sessions on the Amuq projects and the excavations at Alalakh in 2004 and in 2005. She delivered the following papers: “Excavations at Tell Atchana, Alalakh 2003–4” at the Amuq session at the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Antonio; and “Excavations at Tell Atchana, Alalakh 2003–4” at the Amuq session at the Archaeological Institute of America meetings in Boston. She was invited to deliver a paper at the Columbia University Seminars in Old World Archaeology entitled “Reliving the Legend: Excavations at Alalakh 2003–4.” Courses taught during the past year include NEARCH 305: “Method and Theory in Field Archaeology” in spring 2004, NEAA 20372: “Anatolian Archaeology 2” in fall 2004, and “Seminar on Alalakh” in winter 2005.
