

Karen L. Wilson

Karen L. Wilson is putting the finishing touches on her manuscript of the final publication of the University of Chicago's 1903–05 excavations at Bismaya (ancient Adab) thanks to the generous grant she received from the Shelby White-Leon Levy Program for Archaeological Publications. She plans to submit the completed manuscript by the end of the summer. Karen was delighted to participate in the March 26 symposium "Excavating in Museum Basements: A Conference in Honor of Raymond D. Tindel" at which she presented a paper titled "Recovering the Lost City of Adab: Edgar J. Banks and the University of Chicago Expedition to Bismaya 1903–05." Her work on Bismaya would not have been possible without Ray Tindel's generosity: he provided her with both a space to work and unrestricted access to the collections in storage, as well as moral support as the project progressed.

In May Karen submitted a completed manuscript for the Mesopotamian Gallery Guide to Museum Director Geoff Emberling. In addition, she continued to serve as Kish Project Coordinator at The Field Museum. There she worked with other museum staff to design and implement an interactive Kish Web site. The site, which is in both English and Arabic, documents archival and artifactual material that resulted from the joint excavations of The Field Museum and Oxford University at Kish from 1923 to 1933. And thanks to a recent grant from the Department of Defense, Karen is continuing as a staff member at The Field Museum for the next several years to coordinate the production of a final site report for Kish.
