

RAYMOND D. TINDEL finished his dissertation, *The History and Culture of Ḥimyar*, in which he presented a profile of the one-time capital of the South Arabian Ḥimyar empire. He also presented a new chronological framework for the Ḥimyar empire and South Arabian evidence favoring a first-century date for the composition of *The Periplus of the Erythraean Sea*. His personal research continues to be focused on the chronology of South Arabia during the early centuries A.D. and on the origins of the Ḥimyar. He is preparing a catalogue of the Ḥimyar Museum collection.

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