



Editorial Announcements

The current fascicle of the journal is the first of a two-part special issue (*JA EI* 4:2 and 4:3) devoted to the specific theme of Egyptian interconnections with the cultures of the ancient Levant. This fascicle carries articles by Alexander Ahrens, German Archaeological Institute, Damascus Branch; Vanessa Boschloos, Royal Museums of Art and History, Brussels; Christopher Hays, Fuller Theological Seminary; Yosef Mizrachy, University of Haifa; and Kerry Muhlestein, Brigham Young University; as well as a review germane to the underlying Egyptian-Levantine theme.

The following fascicle – to be published in September – will carry a number of other articles on the topic, with contributions from the following scholars: Susan Cohen, Montana State University; Orly Goldwasser, Hebrew University, Jerusalem; Mary Ownby, University of Arizona; Ezra Markus, University of Haifa; Bernd Schipper, Humboldt-Universität, Berlin; and Karin Sowada, Macquarie University.

Together, these two fascicles will not only span a great deal of material in the area of Levantine connections, but also will cover important current research being carried out at the threshold of our knowledge of ancient Egypt's relations with its Near Eastern neighbors.

We also take this opportunity to remind our professional readers that the winter (December) issue of the journal will see a new development for *JA EI*, and that the fourth issue of 2012, *JA EI* 4:4, will contain short reports and updates from scholars whose research and fieldwork reveal connections between ancient Egypt and its neighbors. These short updates of recent and in-progress work will provide researchers an opportunity to share "news" of what is being worked on, where, and by whom. The updates will range from summaries of recent archaeological field seasons with relevant finds to the announcement of recent or forthcoming publications, conferences, etc. - anything that will help scholars and students of the area of Egyptian interconnections to stay updated. Scholars are thus invited to submit a short report on their work (up to 500 words) to the journal by October 1, 2012. Scholars wishing to contribute material to the reports issue are asked to consult the "Guide for Contributors" (which can be downloaded from the link in the Table of Contents of this issue) or to send an email to JA EI@egypt.arizona.edu for further information.

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