Special Issue: Seafaring and Maritime Interconnections

In this robust special issue of *JAEI*, readers will find a series of articles, extended reports, and book reviews with a unifying theme of critical importance to life in ancient Egypt: seafaring and maritime interconnections. The authors of all manuscripts in this fascicle were specifically invited for papers that would provide new insights into the complex nature of maritime networks, particularly the importance of the seas and coastlines, whether for purposes of defense, trade, prestige, or technological advance. Because seafaring has been such a critical aspect of Egyptian life throughout its history, it is fitting that the works in *JAEI* 5:1 span from the Predynastic through the Classical periods. While all three of the primary bodies of water in the Egyptian world are covered (the Nile River, the Mediterranean, and the Red Sea), readers will notice an emphasis on the Nile Delta region.

The current fascicle carries research articles by John Tristan Barnes, University of Missouri; Jeffrey P. Emanuel, Harvard University; Samuel Mark, Texas A&M University at Galveston; and Gregory Mumford, University of Alabama at Birmingham. This issue also features extended research reports from David Fabre and Franck Goddio, Institut Européen d’Archéologie Sous-Marine; Pierre Tallet, Université Paris-Sorbonne; and Sakui Yoshimura and Hiromasa Kurokochi, Waseda University and NPO Institute of the Solar Boat. Finally, three recently published books and monographs are reviewed by Steven Sidebotham, University of Delaware; Chiara Zazzaro, University of Naples “L’Orientale”; and the *JAEI* Staff. All manuscripts were submitted to the journal’s standard process of double peer review, and *JAEI* is grateful to the reviewers who volunteered their time and expertise.

We would also take this opportunity to remind our readers that the second issue of *JAEI* volume 5 will be a regular one for which general contributions may be submitted up to April 1, 2013, while 5:3 will be another special themed collection devoted to interconnections between Cyprus and Egypt. The enthusiastic reception of the recent issue dedicated to research reports and updates (*JAEI* 4:4) has inspired us to dedicate 5:4 to the same format. We invite appropriate contributions to be submitted by October 15, 2013.

Scholars wishing to contribute material for regular or report issues 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 *JAEI@egypt.arizona.edu*. Manuscripts for consideration can also be submitted to this email address.

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