

Heath Lowry [Dumbarton Oaks]

Selânik and Trabzon: Urban Transformation in the 15th Century.

Halil İnalçik [U of Chicago]

Peasant Families and Small Plots: The *Çift-Hane* System in the Ottoman Agrarian Economy.

EDITORIAL

Many organizations and institutions have had to face financial hardships, but no Middle East program has suffered as much as that of Portland State University. Breaking my own policy of not including communications, I have reproduced most of a letter from PSU describing their situation, including the termination of tenured faculty. While I prefer to list appointments, promotions and fellowships, I hope members will also share news of positions lost to the field.

This issue of the *Bulletin* is larger than previous ones through a special grant from MESA headquarters, and I wish to thank them.

The efficient and extremely helpful operations of Louise Fields and Lucina Myers have led to my acquiring more reviews, articles and information than in previous periods.

In our division of responsibilities, the MESA Newsletter will publish lists of forthcoming conferences, fellowships and appointments, while the *Bulletin* will list completed conferences, fellowships awarded, positions filled, and promotions. I hope the membership will continue to share with the Arizona office and myself this type of news.

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As always, this issue, as virtually every other one, rests on the skills of Theo and Barb. Thank you both.

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