Dear Friends:

We inaugurated The George Washington University Capitol Archaeological Institute (CAI) in October 2010. Little did we imagine the first year would be such a great success.

From education and scholarship to diplomacy and international impact, the Institute is already an important force in archaeology.

The CAI harnesses archaeology as a means of advancing diplomacy and diplomacy as a means to advance archaeology. It is a platform to promote education, engage archaeologists worldwide, build relationships with foreign governments, and spark public interest in archaeology.

We launched an effort to champion world heritage and protect antiquities. This initiative has attracted international attention and positioned the Institute as visionary and effective. It includes a “Call to Action to Protect Egyptian Antiquities,” which was signed by prominent archaeological leaders; an International Coalition to Protect Egyptian Antiquities; and the ongoing development of a joint work plan with the Government of Egypt.

In addition, we hosted five forums featuring prominent voices in archaeology, which attracted hundreds of guests – including members of the diplomatic community – and increased understanding of what archaeology means to society. To advance archaeological expeditions and education, we created internships and scholarships for more than a dozen students and look forward to continuing that tradition.

We built the CAI to be a bridge for international understanding. We hope you enjoy reading about our accomplishments of the past year and goals for the coming year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eric H. Cline
Director

Deborah Lehr
Chairman
Drawing on GW’s standing as one of the nation’s top undergraduate archaeology programs, the GW Capitol Archaeological Institute (CAI) was established one year ago to preserve, facilitate and promote cultural heritage. The launch on October 7, 2010, featured an address by Zahi Hawass, one of the world’s most prominent archaeologists and then Egypt’s Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities.

The CAI is uniquely positioned in the archaeological community to take advantage of the deep expertise and resources in the nation’s capital, especially through foreign embassies, government and international agencies, cultural institutions and museums.

The Institute’s goals include:
• Hosting a Speakers Series
• Organizing tours to excavations
• Launching programs that examine the role of cultural heritage in sustainable development
• Promoting the practice of “green” archaeology with the use of new technology at digs
• Conducting research on topics ranging from the impact of urbanism and globalization on archaeology to the study of the slave trade

The Institute, led by Eric H. Cline, draws on archaeologists and scholars from GW’s Columbian College of Arts and Sciences who specialize in the ancient civilizations across the globe. GW archaeologists are involved in excavations in the Middle East, Asia, Africa, North America, Central America and Europe. GW students participate in these and other excavations every summer.

As the largest of GW’s academic units, Columbian College encompasses the School of Media and Public Affairs, the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration and more than 40 departments and programs for undergraduate, graduate and professional studies. An internationally recognized faculty and active partnerships with prestigious research institutions place Columbian College at the forefront in advancing policy, enhancing culture and transforming lives through research and discovery.
CAI ACTS TO PROTECT EGYPTIAN ANTIQUITIES

In the wake of the political uprising in Egypt and international reports of hundreds of antiquities stolen from museums, storerooms and unexcavated sites, including artifacts originally from Tutankhamen’s tomb, the CAI undertook a major initiative to protect Egyptian antiquities from illicit trade. We felt we had a special responsibility to leverage the expertise available to us in the heart of our nation’s capital and to ensure that issues and solutions to the Egyptian antiquities crisis were highlighted for policy and law makers.

Egypt’s cultural heritage is shared by the entire world and its antiquities are among the most precious. The CAI will continue our work to protect these historically important antiquities.

In March, the CAI issued a “Call to Action to Protect Egyptian Antiquities,” which identified specific U.S. government and international law enforcement actions to help prevent the illegal trade of Egyptian antiquities. The Call was joined by more than 75 of the most respected Egyptologists and scholarly organizations in the world. The international attention focused on our Call to Action highlighted the Institute’s leadership and ability to get things done.

In May, the Egyptian government invited a CAI delegation to Egypt. The visit, led by Chairman Deborah Lehr and Director Eric H. Cline was aimed at developing a road map for mutual cooperation to protect Egypt’s cultural heritage and promote the antiquities tourism that contributes to economic growth. The CAI and the Government of Egypt are working constructively to identify joint projects to achieve these goals.

We are working with the Egyptian Government to develop programs to:
- Protect sites
- Train law enforcement personnel
- Expand satellite imagery analysis
- Complete a database of Egypt’s antiquities
- Undertake an education and awareness campaign

CAI ADVANCES LEARNING

Promoting scholarship and education is at the heart of CAI’s mission. In our first year, we created two significant programs to advance learning for GW students: the Rogers Excavation Scholarship and an internship program with the Department of the Navy Underwater Archaeology Branch of the Naval History and Heritage command.

The Rogers Excavation Scholarship provided ten scholarships for GW undergraduate or graduate students to take part in archaeological fieldwork during the 2011 summer excavation season. Preference was given to those participating in an excavation for the first time and to those working with GW faculty, including Professors Jeffrey Blomster, Alison Brooks, Linda Brown, Eric Cline, Pamela Cressey, Steven Lubkemann, and Andrew Smith.

The scholarship recipients for 2011 included (with excavation name): Joaille Araujo (Alexandria, VA); Rebecca Biermann (Oaxaca, Mexico); Sarah Cahan (Tel Kabri, Israel); Charlotte Doney (Say Kah, Belize); Gabriela Farias (Tel Kabri, Israel); Cheyenne Lewis (Astypalaia, Greece); Lisa Mangiarelli (Say Kah, Belize); Katie Paul (Tel Kabri, Israel); Laurel Poolman (Tel Kabri, Israel); Madeline Shaffer (Say Kah, Belize); Harrison Ward (Koobi Fora and Olorgesailie, Kenya).

Three additional students, all archaeology majors, participated in the internship program during the Spring 2011 semester, working with George Schwarz and Alexis Catsambis of the Department of the Navy: Alison Fulmer, Sarah Cahan, and Joe Mazzariello. Several additional GW students will participate during the Fall 2011 semester.
The Capitol Archaeological Institute's Speaker Series features internationally renowned archaeologists and speakers who link ancient history to current issues. In our inaugural year, the lectures took us from Cyprus to Jordan and around the world with National Geographic and a best-selling author. Here are some of the highlights:

**Zahi Hawass (Egypt): October**

Dr. Zahi Hawass, then the Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities for Egypt, gave CAI's opening lecture in October 2010, discussing his work and the state of Egyptian antiquities. Attendees included representatives from the Embassy of Egypt.

**Sophocles Hadjisavvas (Cyprus): November**

Dr. Hadjisavvas, former Director of Antiquities on Cyprus, gave a presentation on Cyprus as a crossroads in antiquity, which was accompanied by an exhibit on display at the time at the Smithsonian. The Cypriot Ambassador spoke briefly following Dr. Hadjisavvas' talk.

**Ken Garrett (National Geographic): February**

Ken Garrett, world-famous photographer for National Geographic, was CAI's February speaker. Mr. Garrett engaged the audience with a display of dazzling photographs from around the world, while relating the anecdotal stories underlying each picture.

**Tom Levy (Jordan): March**

Professor Tom Levy, of the University of California at San Diego, gave a lecture in March about his recent work in Jordan, where he excavated copper mines which may be as many as 3,000 years old. Two former American ambassadors to Jordan, Tom Pickering and Skip Gnehm, introduced the speaker.

**Elizabeth Peters/Barbara Mertz (author): May**

The famous Egyptologist Barbara Mertz, who writes novels about Egypt under the pen name Elizabeth Peters, was interviewed by Senior Correspondent for PBS <em>NewsHour</em> Judy Woodruff in May. The Egyptian Ambassador hosted the event at the Egyptian Embassy in Washington D.C. and graciously added a few words of his own.
CAI DIRECTOR AND STUDENTS DIG ANCIENT CANAANITES

During the summer of 2011, 14 GW students joined CAI Director Eric H. Cline and 45 international team members on an excavation at Tel Kabri in Israel. The trip presented a rare opportunity to further our understanding of the interconnections between the Aegean area and the Eastern Mediterranean regions during the second millennium BC.

Co-directed by Cline and Dr. Assaf Yasur-Landau of Haifa University, the excavations at Kabri are located in the western Galilee near the modern cities of Acco and Nahariyya, five kilometers east of the Mediterranean Sea. Cline and Yasur-Landau began excavating at the site in 2005, in part because it contains a Middle Bronze Age Canaanite palace dating to 1700-1500 BC. The palace has what may be the earliest-known western art ever found in the Eastern Mediterranean, for it is decorated with frescoes painted in an Aegean manner — probably by Cycladic or Minoan artists. During the 2009 and 2011 seasons, the team found more than 100 fragments of frescos, painted in blue, yellow, orange, red, brown, and black, coming from a figured scene that has yet to be conclusively identified.

Other CAI archaeologists also directed or helped lead seven other national and international archaeological excavations during the summer of 2011. They included: Jeffrey Blomster (Oaxaca, Mexico), Alison Brooks (Olorgesailie, Kenya), Linda Brown (Say Kah, Belize), Pamela Cresse (Alexandria, Virginia), Stephen Lubkemann (Biscayne National Park, Florida), and Andrew M. Smith, II (Bir Madkhur, Jordan). GW students participated in all of these excavations, as well as others run by non-CAI/GWU archaeologists in Greece and in Africa.

“It’s great that so many GW students were able to get real dig experience and to interact with team members from around the world on our excavations.”
–Eric H. Cline