JOHN CARSWELL continued his study of the Dome of the Rock tiles in Jerusalem, and also started to catalogue the collection of inscribed and dated late medieval copper in the Armenian Cathedral of St. James in Jerusalem. He made a survey in south-east India of ancient ports, mentioned in Arabic and Chinese sources, and rediscovered Kayal, visited by Marco Polo. He directed the first season of excavations at Mantai in northern Sri Lanka, an important emporium for international trade, from the Roman to the Chola periods, with earlier, prehistoric levels on the same site. The excavations were supported by The Metropolitan Museum in New York, The British Museum in London, and the Ford Foundation in India. His study of old and new Djulfa was published in the Encyclopaedia of Islam Supplement, and an article on the Safavid image of the Armenians in a collection of essays published by the Von Grunebaum Center at UCLA.

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