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AN OCCASIONAL COMMUNICATION TO SUPPORTERS OF THE NEMEA CENTER  
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## IMPORTANT PROGRESS TOWARD STABILITY FOR THE NEMEA CENTER

Upon the retirement of Stephen G. Miller as Professor of Classical Archaeology and Director of the Nemea Excavations in 2004, the Classics Department was not able immediately to appoint a permanent successor. In order to carry on and expand the work of Professor Miller at the site and in the region, the Department did, however, vote unanimously to establish the Nemea Center for Classical Archaeology; and thanks to generous endowment funding and the willingness of the Classics Department to commit temporary funds during this interim period, the Center successfully recruited and hired Dr. Kim Shelton as the first Director and Adjunct Assistant Professor in July 2005. Between 2005 and 2007, Dr. Shelton's position as Director has been secured through the endowment; but her professorial appointment has not been, as Professor Miller's was, a 'tenure track' one. That is, the professorial appointment is not permanent, but subject to the availability of funding from year-to-year.

This year the Classics Department has been authorized by the University to search for and hire an Assistant Professor on the 'tenure track', with permanent state funding, thus, in combination with an appointment as Director of the Center, recreating as closely as possible the arrangement by which Professor Miller led Nemea so successfully for a third of a century.

Since Dr. Shelton has already led the Center for over two years, it might seem natural to ask, "Why can't the Center just go ahead now and hire her into this permanent position?" The answer is that at the University of California any permanent position must be advertised widely and all reasonable and qualified candidates must be given fair consideration. Obviously, Dr. Shelton's accomplishments make her a 'reasonable and qualified candidate'; and she has indicated that she plans to apply. But in fairness to all concerned – and in accordance with University rules -- a thorough search must and will be conducted.

The Classics Department is the primary agent in this process since the new professor will have an appointment in Classics and in any case the Nemea Center falls under its purview. The Executive Committee of the Nemea Center will also be consulted for its recommendation in this process. The Department's final recommendation will then be reviewed and, we hope and presume, approved by the Chancellor and the Regents, leading to an appointment to begin on July 1, 2008. The full

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advertisement for the position reads:

## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

The Department of Classics at the University of California, Berkeley, in conjunction with the Nemea Center for Classical Archaeology, has been authorized to fill a position, pending budgetary approval, 50% as tenure-track Assistant Professor of Classics, and 50% as Director of the Nemea Center, effective July 1, 2008. The successful candidate should have a PhD in Classics, archaeology, or a related field, at least three years of excavation experience in Greece, knowledge of classical sites in Greece and the Mediterranean, a strong teaching record, publication in classical archaeology, fluent command of English and good command of Modern Greek, competence in ancient Greek and Latin, good organizational skills, and the ability to deal courteously and effectively with a wide variety of people. Some experience in fundraising and with Greek governmental agencies is desirable. PhD or equivalent must be in hand by July 1, 2008. Candidates should be prepared to teach two courses a year in a broad range of subjects and to contribute to the graduate programs in both Classics and the Graduate Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology (AHMA), as well as to take the lead in designing, coordinating, and successfully carrying forward the activities of the Nemea Center.

Postmark deadline for application is November 5, 2007. Please send letter of application, full cv, and a representative writing sample to Professor Mark Griffith, Recruitment Committee Chair, Department of Classics, 7233 Dwinelle Hall #2520, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720-2520 (FAX 510-643-2959). In addition, candidates should include a dossier or the names and addresses of three references. For information on confidentiality, please see <http://apo.chance.berkeley.edu/evalltr.html>. We expect to be conducting preliminary interviews for the position at the Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association/Archaeological Institute of America (APA/AIA) in Chicago, Jan. 3-6, 2008. Full information about the Nemea Center for Classical Archaeology is at <http://nemeacenter.berkeley.edu>. Candidates are urged to familiarize themselves with that background material before making applications. Inquiries about this position may be addressed to Professor Griffith at [markg@berkeley.edu](mailto:markg@berkeley.edu) or 510-642-3147. The University of California is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer.

This development is extremely important in the life and future of the Nemea Center. A permanent professorial appointment and a long-term director will keep the Center on the exciting path it has already marked out for itself in the landscape of classical archaeology in Greece.

## *NEMEA NIGHT 2007*

Mark your calendars! Nemea Night 2007 will be in Chevron Auditorium of International House the evening of Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30.