

The Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Bahadır Yildirim as the Field Director of the Excavations at Aphrodisias.

Most recently, Dr. Yildirim was Director of the Ankara branch of the American Research Institute in Turkey, a position he assumed in 2002. His research and publications focus on Roman sculpture, particularly that from Aphrodisias. He earned his PhD at the Institute in 2001, and he brings to his new post a broad knowledge of the Aphrodisias site, built over fifteen years of participation in excavation and research activities there. He is also well known for the detailed recording of research activity in Turkey that he has prepared annually for the *American Journal of Archaeology*.

Baha, as he is known, will work closely with the Project Director, Professor R.R.R. Smith, and will join the project team at the site later this month, when a new excavation campaign begins. We look forward to seeing him in New York in the fall, when he will take up the direction of the off-season work in the Aphrodisias Archives at the IFA. We hope you will join us in welcoming Baha back to the Institute in this new and important role.

Michele D. Marincola, Interim Director

*NYU's Excavations at Aphrodisias in Turkey began in 1961 and are now sponsored by the Institute of Fine Arts in cooperation with NYU's Faculty of Arts and Science. For more information visit <http://www.nyu.edu/projects/aphrodisias/>.*