

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

2015 ASOR ANNUAL MEETING

**Please note that dates, times and rooms are subject to change*

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

7:00-8:15pm Plenary Address

Venetian Ballroom

Susan Alcock (Brown University), “Stepping it Up (Like a Ziggurat): The Place of ASOR in the 21st Century?”

Opening Reception

8:15-10:00pm

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Sessions 1A – 4H

1A. The History of Archaeology

Windsor A

CHAIR: *Danielle Steen Fatkin* (Knox College), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Joseph Greene (Harvard University), “David Gordon Lyon and the Beginnings of ‘Biblical Archaeology’ at Harvard” (20 min.)

8:45

Samuel Wolff (Israel Antiquities Authority), “R.A.S. Macalister: A Fresh Look After 100 Years” (20 min.)

9:10

Hoo-Goo Kang (Seoul Jangsin University), “Stratum I of Tel Lachish in Light of New Excavations in 2014–2015” (20 min.)

9:35

Rachel Hallote (Purchase College SUNY), “Indiana Jones, Archaeology’s Past, and Real-World Implications of the Public’s Interest in Archaeology” (20 min.)

10:00

General Discussion (25 min.)

1B. Remembering Sharon Zuckerman: The Southern Levant in the Bronze and Iron Ages

Windsor B

Theme: Dr. Sharon Zuckerman passed away at the end of November 2014, in the midst of her life. Sharon was a brilliant researcher and a talented archaeologist. This session is dedicated to her memory and works.

CHAIR: *Shlomit Bechar* (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Matthew J. Adams (W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research), “The Archaeology of Abandonment at EB I–II Megiddo” (15 min.)

8:45

Shlomit Bechar (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “The Late Bronze Age Administrative Palace at Tel Hazor” (15 min.)

9:05

Jesse Millek (Universität Tübingen), “Destruction and Egyptian Hegemony in the Southern Levant: An Examination of ‘Egyptian’ Sites Destroyed at the End of the Late Bronze Age” (15 min.)

9:25

Jennie Ebeling (University of Evansville) and *Danny Rosenberg* (University of Haifa), “Late Bronze Age and Iron Age Basalt Vessel Industries at Hazor: Is There a Connection?” (15 min.)

9:45

Ayelet Gilboa (University of Haifa), *Ilan Sharon* (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), and *Paula Waiman-Barak* (University of Haifa), “Contextualizing the Wenamun Report: Dor and Egypt in the Early Iron Age” (15 min.)

10:05

Irene J. Winter (Harvard University), “‘Ahab’s House of Ivory’: Jezebel, Samaria, and the Phoenicians” (15 min.)

1C. Prehistoric Archaeology

Windsor D

CHAIR: *Yorke Rowan* (University of Chicago), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

April Nowell (University of Victoria), *Daniel Stueber* (University of Victoria), *Carlos Cordova* (Oklahoma State University), *James Pokines* (Boston University), and *Christopher Ames* (University of California, Berkeley), “Getting Blood from a Stone: Residue and Use-Wear Analysis of Bifaces from Shishan Marsh 1 (Jordan)” (20 min.)

8:45

Mike Freikman (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Into the Darkness: Shamanism in Context” (20 min.)

9:10

Austin Hill (University of Connecticut), *Yorke Rowan* (University of Chicago), and *Morag Kersel* (DePaul University), “New Survey in the Wadi Ashert, Israel” (20 min.)

9:35

Yorke Rowan (University of Chicago), *Gary Rollefson* (Whitman College), *Alexander Wasse* (University of East Anglia), *Austin Hill* (University of Connecticut), and *Morag Kersel* (DePaul University), “Excavation and Survey in the Wadi al-Qattafi, Jordan: Results of the 2015 Season” (20 min.)

10:00

Benjamin Saidel (East Carolina University), “Intrusive Pastoralists: Redating the Nahal Mitnan Cairns Fields in the Western Negev, Israel” (20 min.)

1D. Archaeology and Biblical Studies I

Windsor E

Theme: This session explores the intersections between and among history, archaeology, and the Jewish and/or Christian Bibles and related texts.

CHAIR: *Jonathan Rosenbaum* (Gratz College), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Laura Wright (Johns Hopkins University), “The Worship of Ptah-El in Late Bronze IIB Burials” (20 min.)

8:50

Daniel Warner (New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary), “Amplification of Canaanite Cult Based upon Refined Archaeological Methodologies” (15 min.)

9:10

Chris McKinny (Bar-Ilan University), *Boaz Zissu* (Bar-Ilan University), *Oron Schwartz* (Tel Aviv University), *Gabriel Barkay* (Bar-Ilan University), and *Alexander Fantalkin* (Bar-Ilan University), “Kiriath-Jearim: Archaeological Investigations of a Biblical Town in the Judean Hill Country” (20 min.)

9:35

Laura Mazow (East Carolina University) and *Deborah Cassuto* (Bar-Ilan University), “Did Goliath Carry an Aegean Long Sword? On Reading *menor orgim* (weaver's beam) as a Weaving Sword” (20 min.)

10:00

Rami Arav (University of Nebraska at Omaha), “The Origin of the Israelites and the Theory of Liminality” (20 min.)

1E. Cyber-archaeology in the Middle East Today

Venetian I & II

CHAIR: *Thomas Levy* (University of California, San Diego), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Kyra Kaercher (University of Pennsylvania Museum) and *William Hafford* (University of Pennsylvania), “Ur Digitization Project: Designing and Testing a Digital Research Tool” (15 min.)

8:45

Caitlin Chaves Yates (International Institute for Mesopotamian Area Studies), “Network Analysis of Early Bronze Age City-States of Northern Mesopotamia” (15 min.)

9:05

Eric Kansa (Open Context), “Research Impacts of Linked and Open Archaeological Data: Case Studies from the Eastern Mediterranean” (15 min.)

9:25

Joseph Weinstein (BBN Technologies), “Reinterpreting INAA Data from Southern Levantine Pottery in the Light of Modern Geological and Geochemical Knowledge” (15 min.)

9:45

Neil Smith, (King Abdullah University of Science and Technology), *Jens Schneider* (King Abdullah University of Science and Technology), *Thomas Levy* (University of

California, San Diego), and *Christopher Rollston* (George Washington University), “The Edomite Stamped Handle Seal Impressions and Inscription Found at Khirbat Al-Iraq: Implications for Understanding the Social Complexity, Trade, and Specialization of Late Iron II Edom.” (15 min.)

10:05

Shannon O'Donovan (University of Denver), and *Emily Wilson* (University of Chicago) “Data Mining and the Persepolis Fortification Archive” (15 min.)

1F. Archaeology of Anatolia I

Venetian III & IV

Theme: This session focuses on current archaeological research in Anatolia and presents the results of excavations and surveys.

CHAIR: *Levent Atici* (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Arkadiusz Marciniak, (University of Poznan), “The Late Neolithic Architecture and Inhabited Space in Central Anatolia. The Excavations in the TPC Area at Çatalhöyük East” (20 min.)

8:45

Sharon R. Steadman, (The State University of New York College at Cortland) and *Gregory McMahon*, (University of New Hampshire), “Discoveries in the 2015 Season at Çadır Höyük in North Central Anatolia” (20 min.)

9:10

Stephen Batiuk, (University of Toronto) and *Timothy Harrison* (University of Toronto), “The Tell Tayinat Archaeological Project 2013–2015” (20 min.)

9:35

Cumhur Tanriver, (Ege University), “Old Smyrna: New Excavations in a Premier Anatolian City” (20 min.)

10:00

Timothy Matney, (University of Akron), “Urban Anatomy and City Planning at a Neo-Assyrian Regional Center: Results of Geophysical Surveys at Ziyaret Tepe/Tushhan” (20 min.)

1G. Pigments, Paints, and Polychromies in the Ancient Near Eastern Context (II): Experiencing and Reconstructing the Colors of the Ancient Near East

Venetian V & VI

Theme: This workshop is addressed to professionals from conservation science, museum studies, archaeology and history working on the role of color in the ancient Near Eastern art and architecture.

CHAIRS: *Alexander Nagel* (Smithsonian Institution) and *Shiyanthi Thavapalan* (Yale University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Astrid Nunn (University of Würzburg), “Polychromy on Mesopotamian Stone Statues” (20 min.)

8:45

Sebastiano Soldi (National Archaeological Museum), “Colored Glazed Ceramics from Tell Afis and Zincirli: Examples of Architectural Devices in the Northern Levant during the Iron Age” (20 min.)

9:10

Kai Kaniuth (University of Munich), “Two Neo-Babylonian Glazed Bricks from Borsippa” (20 min.)

9:35

Susanne Ebbinghaus Eremin (Straus Center for Conservation and Technical Studies, Harvard Art Museums) and *Katherine Eremin* (Straus Center for Conservation and Technical Studies, Harvard Art Museums), “Dazzling Colors? Questions about the Original Polychromy of a Relief from Persepolis” (20 min.)

10:00

General Discussion (25 min.)

1H. Archaeology of Monasticism

Trippe

Theme: Relationships between Monasteries and Settlements

CHAIR: *Asa Eger* (University of North Carolina at Greensboro), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introductin (5 min.)

8:25

Jennifer Westerfeld (University of Louisville), “Tracing Monastic Activity in Upper Egypt: the 'Nunnery' at Abydos Revisited” (15 min.)

8:45

Mark Schuler (Concordia University), “*oikos* to Monastery: an Interpretative Possibility for the Northeast Insula at Antiochia Hippos” (15 min.)

9:05

Cynthia Villagomez (Winston-Salem State University), “The Economic Production And Networks Of Syrian Monasteries In Late Antiquity And The Early Islamic Period” (15 min.)

9:25

Veronica Kalas (Freelance Academic), “Cappadocian Rock-Carved Settlements and Byzantine Monasticism” (15 min.)

9:45

Alessandra Ricci (Koç University), “Connecting Physical Landscapes: Middle Byzantine Monasteries in Constantinople’s Asian Hinterland” (15 min.)

10:05

Fotini Kondyli (University of Virginia), “Shared Experiences and Contested Spaces: Monastic Landscapes in Late Byzantine Northern Aegean” (15 min.)

10:25-10:40 Coffee Break (Windsor C & Pre-Function)

2A. Reports on Current Excavations—ASOR Affiliated
Windsor A

CHAIR: *James Osborne* (University of Chicago), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Bethany Walker (University of Bonn), “New Perspectives on Village Life at Tall Hisban, Middle Islamic Period” (20 min.)

11:05

James Riley Strange (Samford University), “Report of the 2015 Season of the Shikhin Excavation Project” (20 min.)

11:30

Robert Chadwick (Bishops University), “A Newly Discovered Cave Tomb at Khirbat al-Mudayna on the Wadi ath-Thamad” (20 min.)

11:55

Steven Ortiz (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary) and *Samuel Wolff* (Israel Antiquities Authority), “Excavations at Tel Gezer: An Update on the Last Three Seasons” (20 min.)

12:20

Eric Cline (George Washington University), *Assaf Yasur-Landau* (University of Haifa), and *Andrew Koh* (Brandeis University), “Results of the 2015 Excavation Season at Tel Kabri, Israel” (20 min.)

2B. The Levantine Early Bronze III: Re-evaluation and New Vistas I

Windsor B

Theme: Given the new, higher Early Bronze Age chronology, the session is a timely re-evaluation of current scholarly syntheses in the Levantine EB III. Papers address interconnections, urbanization, periodization, and new vistas on the period. This session is a follow-up to the 2014 ASOR session on the Levantine Early Bronze IV period.

CHAIR: *Suzanne Richard* (Gannon University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Stefania Mazzoni (University of Florence), “Northern Levant in EB III: the International Landscape of Secondary Urbanization” (20 min.)

11:05

Melissa Kennedy (The University of Sydney, Australia), “Developing Urbanism in the EB III of the Upper Orontes, Syria: Ceramics, Chronology and Foreign Relations” (20 min.)

11:30

Karin Sowada (Macquarie University, Australia), “New Chronological Synchronisms between Egypt and the Levant during the Third Millennium BC” (20 min.)

11:55

Marta D'Andrea (Sapienza University of Rome) and *Agnese Vacca* (Italian Archaeological Expedition to Ebla), “Evidence for Connectivity between the northern and southern Levant During EB III” (20 min.)

12:20

Valentina Tumolo (Biblisch-Archäologischen Instituts (BAI) der Ev.-Theologischen Fakultät - Eberhard-Karls-Universität), *Felix Höflmayer* (OREA Institut für Orientalische und Europäische Archäologie), “The EB III Evidence at Khirbet ez-Zeraqon: Re-evaluation of the Occupational Sequence in the Light of the High Early Bronze Age Chronology for the Southern Levant” (20 min.)

2C. Archaeology of the Near East: Bronze and Iron Ages I

Windsor D

Theme: Ceramics and related analyses

CHAIR: *Erin D. Darby* (University of Tennessee), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Mara Horowitz (Purchase College SUNY), “A Drink Among Friends: The Crater Across 1,000 Years at Tell Atchana-Alalakh” (20 min.)

11:05

Zuzana Chovanec (State University of New York at Albany), *Shlomo Bunimovitz* (Tel Aviv University), and *Zvi Lederman* (Tel Aviv University), “Was There Indeed a Late Bronze Opium Trade? New Evidence from Organic Residue Analysis (ORA) of Base Ring I Juglets from Tel Beth-Shemesh, Israel” (20 min.)

11:30

David Ben-Shlomo (Institute of Archaeology, Ariel University), “Pottery Production in Iron Age Jerusalem” (20 min.)

11:55

Margreet Steiner (Independent Scholar), “The Case of Enigmatic Cypro-Phoenician Juglets” (20 min.)

12:20

Barak Monnickendam-Givon (Boston University and Hebrew University), “Local Style in Global Fashion: Pottery Production at Tel Dor during the Classical Periods.” (20 min.)

2D. Archaeology and Biblical Studies II

Windsor E

Theme: This session explores the intersections between and among history, archaeology, and the Jewish and/or Christian Bibles and related texts.

CHAIR: *Jonathan Rosenbaum* (Gratz College), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Elizabeth Bloch-Smith (Villanova University), “The Impact of Siege Warfare on Biblical Conceptualizations of Yahweh” (20 min.)

11:10

Omer Sergi (Tel Aviv University), “Why Were the Omride Palaces Obliterated in Act and Memory?” (20 min.)

11:35

Mitka Golub (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Theophoric Elements in Names on Unprovenanced Hebrew Bullae: A Comparative Study” (20 min.)

12:00

Erin Hall (Tel Aviv University), “Benjaminite-Judahite Tensions in Persian Period Yehud”

12:20

Clint Burnett (Boston College), “Misappropriation and Manipulation; The Abuse of Archaeological Materials in The Reconstruction of The Worship of Roman Emperors in Anatolia and Its Significance for Interpreting The Letters of Paul” (20 min.)

2E. Technology in Archaeology: Recent Work in the Archaeological Sciences

Venetian I & II

CHAIR: *Andrew J. Koh* (Brandeis University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Steven Karacic (Bryn Mawr College) and *Arlo Weil* (Bryn Mawr College), “Estimated Firing Temperatures for Pottery from Tarsus-Gözlükule Using Magnetic Susceptibility” (15 min.)

11:05

Zvi C. Koren (Shenkar College of Engineering, Design and Art), “Molluscan Purple Pigments from the Phoenician, Persian, and Roman Periods: Scientific Results” (20 min.)

11:30

Danial Perry (Utah Valley University), “Three-Dimensional Laser Scanning Methods and Techniques Implemented at the Beit Lehi, Israel Archaeological Dig Site” (20 min.)

11:55

Alice Hunt (University of Georgia) and *Robert Speakman* (University of Georgia), “Portable XRF Analysis of Archaeological Ceramics: the Good, the Bad, the Reality” (20 min.)

12:20

Carolyn Swan (University College London, Qatar), “Analyzing the Chemical Composition of Glass Artifacts from the Islamic Port of Ayla (Jordan)” (20 min.)

2F. Archaeology of Anatolia II

Venetian III & IV

CHAIR: *Levent Atici* (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Jason Kennedy, (Binghamton University), “Ceramic Use and Commensal Relations at Ubaid Kenan Tepe: A Use-Alteration Perspective” (20 min.)

11:05

Pinar Durgun, (Brown University), “Extramural Cemeteries and their Importance in Reconstructing the Social Systems in the Early Bronze Age Anatolia” (20 min.)

11:30

Sarah MacIntosh (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), *Levent Atici* (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), *Sachihiro Omural* (Japanese Institute of Anatolian Archaeology), “Is There a Correlation between Sociopolitical Organization and Bone, Antler, and Ivory Technology? Preliminary Data from the Central Anatolian Bronze and Iron Age Site Kaman-Kalehöyük” (20 min.)

11:55

Sarah E. Adcock (University of Chicago), “The Bigger They Are, The Harder They Fall? Exploring the Late Bronze Collapse at the Hittite Capital and a Rural Town” (20 min.)

12:20

Jennifer Ross, (Hood College), “Of Moulds and Mends: Changes in Technological Systems from the Late Bronze Age to the Iron Age on the Anatolian Plateau” (20 min.)

2G. Archaeology of Feasting and Foodways

Venetian V & VI

CHAIRS: *Janling Fu* (Harvard University), *Jonathan Greer* (Grand Rapids Theological Seminary), and *Cynthia Shafer-Elliott* (William Jessup University), Presiding

Theme: Production

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Andrew McCarthy (CAARI, Cyprus), “Playing with Fire: Experimental Neolithic Cooking in Cyprus” (15 min.)

11:05

Elizabeth R. Arnold (Grand Valley State University), *Jonathan S. Greer* (Grand Rapids Theological Seminary), *David Ilan* (Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology), and *Yifat Thareani* (Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology), “Local Meals? Imported Sacrifices? An Isotopic Investigation of Animal Resources at the Site of Tel Dan” (15 min).

11:25

Jesica Jayd Lewis (North Carolina State University), “*Syssitia* and Pre-Roman Cretan Society” (15 min.)

11:45

John Marston (Boston University) and *Kathleen Forste* (Boston University), “Investigating Economic and Social Impacts of Agricultural Production and Consumption at Islamic Ashkelon” (15 min.)

12:05

Deirdre Fulton (Baylor University), “In the Shadow of the Great Tel: Consumption at Tel Megiddo East” (15 min.)

12:25

Janling Fu (Harvard University), “Red-slipped and Burnished Pottery as a Proxy for Feasting Activity” (15 min)

2H. From Diospolis (Lod) to Ramla - A Case Study for Measuring Changes in Settlement and Society in the Byzantine and Early Islamic Near East

Trippe

Theme: The session focus is on Byzantine Lod-Diospolis and Early Islamic Ramla, presenting the results of recent excavations, and elaborating on the development and changes in settlement and society within the cities and their hinterlands in the Byzantine and Early Islamic periods.

CHAIR: *Gideon Avni* (Israel Antiquities Authority), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Yehiel Zelinger (Israel Antiquities Authority), “Diospolis and its Hinterland during the Roman and the Byzantine Periods.” (25 min.)

11:15

Hagit Torge (Israel Antiquities Authority), “New Discoveries in Roman Diospolis (Lod): A Wealthy Villa with Magnificent Mosaic Floors.” (25 min.)

11:45

Oren Gutfeld (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Who Built the City of Ramla? New Discoveries from the Excavation North of the White Mosque” (25 min.)

12:15

Amir Gorzalczany (Israel Antiquities Authority), “New Insights on Early Islamic Industry and Urbanism in the Light of the IAA Excavations South of Ramla” (25 min.)

12:45-1:45pm ASOR Members’ Meeting, Susan Ackerman, Presiding (Windsor D)

3A. Hesi Regional Project: Survey of Results

Windsor A

CHAIR: *James W. Hardin* (Cobb Institute of Archaeology, Mississippi State University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Christofer Howell (Cobb Institute of Archaeology, Mississippi State University) and *Geoffrey E. Ludvik* (University of Wisconsin—Madison), “Technology, Style, and Meaning: A Contextual Approach to a Faience Amulet from Khirbet Summeily” (20 min.)

2:30

Dylan Karges (Cobb Institute of Archaeology, Mississippi State University), “Creativity in the Archaeological Record: A Potter’s Experiment Frozen in Time” (20 min.)

2:55

Michele D. Stilling (University of Minnesota) and *Joshua M. Feinberg* (Institute for Rock Magnetism, University of Minnesota), “Archaeomagnetic Dating at Khirbet Summeily: New Results and their Application to Addressing the Iron I/IIA Chronology Debate” (20 min.)

3:20

Fred L. Horton (Wake Forest University), “Hesi and Monasticism” (20 min.)

3:45

Jeffrey A. Blakely (University of Wisconsin—Madison), *Lawrence E. Toombs* (deceased), and *Roger W. Anderson, Jr.* (deceased), “The Economic Base of Early Bronze Age Hesi” (15 min.)

3B. Archaeology of Egypt

Windsor B

Theme: Egyptian Archaeology and Levantine Connections

CHAIR: *Gregory D. Mumford* (University of Alabama, Birmingham), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Joanna Debowska-Ludwin (Jagiellonian University in Krakow) and *Karolina Rosinska-Balik* (Jagiellonian University in Krakow), “Egyptian Witness: Imported Egyptian Pottery in the Fourth Millennium B.C. Levant” (20 min.)

2:25

James K. Hoffmeier (Trinity International University), “New Kingdom (Late Bronze Age) Burial Practices on the Eastern Frontier” (20 min.)

2:50

Krystal V. L. Pierce (Brigham Young University), “Building 1500 at Beth-Shean in Light of New Kingdom Egyptian Cultural Identity” (20 min.)

3:15

Jacob Damm (UCLA, The Cotsen Institute), “Egyptian Ceramic Acquisition and Use Strategies at New Kingdom Jaffa: To Import, or Not to Import?” (20 min.)

3:40

Jennifer Gates-Foster (University of North Carolina), “Supplying the Eastern Desert: the Early Ptolemaic Pottery from Samut, Egypt” (20 min.)

3C. Archaeology of the Near East: Bronze and Iron Ages II

Windsor D

Theme: Excavation results

CHAIR: *Erin Darby* (University of Tennessee), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Kent V. Bramlett (La Sierra University), *E. R. Taylor* (University of California), *Monique Vincent* (University of Chicago), and *Douglas R. Clark* (La Sierra University), “New 14C Dates for Late Bronze and Iron I Strata from Tall al-‘Umayri” (25 min.)

2:30

Itzhaq Shai (Ariel University), “Tel Burna Archaeological Project: The Results of the 2014–2015 Seasons” (25 min.)

3:00

Lucas Petit (National Museum of Antiquities) and *Zeidan Kafafi* (Yarmouk University), “Tell Damiyah: A Late Iron Age Sanctuary for Traders and Travelers?” (25 min.)

3:30

Charles Wilson (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary), *Brian Stachowski* (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary), *Steven Ortiz* (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary), and *Samuel Wolff* (Israel Antiquities Authority), “An Iron IIB Elite Four-Room House at Gezer: Finds, Function, and Comparanda” (25 min.)

3D. Ancient Inscriptions I

Windsor E

CHAIRS: *Heather Dana Davis Parker* (Johns Hopkins University) and *Michael Langlois* (University of Strasbourg), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Jasmina Osterman (University of Zagreb), “Role of the Scribes (SANGA) in the Late Uruk Administrative Organization” (20 min.)

2:25

Jen Thum (Brown University), “‘Ramses Was Here’: The Mechanics of Royal Rock Inscriptions at the Ends of the Egyptian World” (20 min.)

2:50

Miller Prosser (University of Chicago), “Why Don't These Figures Add Up? Examining Texts from the Royal Palace of Ugarit” (20 min.)

3:15

Aren Wilson-Wright (The University of Texas at Austin), “New Resources for the Study of the Sinaitic Inscriptions” (20 min.)

3:40

John Gee (Brigham Young University) and *Aaron Schade* (Brigham Young University), “Categories of Volition in Luwian and Phoenician Inscriptions: Functioning Subordinating and Volitional Forms” (20 min.)

3E. GIS and Remote Sensing in Archaeology I

Venetian I & II

Theme: Reports on archaeological research on the ancient Near East using geospatial or remote sensing technologies. This session focuses on GIS-based applications.

CHAIR: *Kevin D. Fisher* (University of British Columbia), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Tara Ingman (Koç University), “3D GIS Mapping of an Extramural Cemetery at Tell Atchana, Ancient Alalakh” (25 min.)

2:35

Tiffany Earley-Spadoni (Johns Hopkins University), “Landscapes of Warfare: Fire-Beacon Networks, Surveillance and Espionage in the Ancient Near East” (25 min.)

3:05

Paul Christians (Open Hand Studios) and *Jeff DeKock* (Umm el-Jimal Project), “Developing a Community-Based, Open Source, Online Project GIS at Umm el-Jimal” (25 min.)

3:35

General Discussion (30 min.)

3F. Archaeology of Iran I

Venetian III & IV

CHAIR: Holly Pittman (University of Pennsylvania), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (10 min.)

2:10

Hojjat Darabi (Razi University, Kermanshah), “Food Resource Management and Transition to the Neolithic Period in Western Iran” (25 min.)

2:40

Mohammad Hossein Azizi Kharanaghi (Iranian Cultural Heritage, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization), “New Evidence on the Early Neolithic Period in the Fars Region, Southern Iran” (25 min.)

3:10

Kathleen Downey (Ohio State University), “Last Hours: A Reexamination of Soldiers Excavated at Hasanlu Tepe, Iran” (25 min.)

3:40

General Discussion (25 min.)

3G. Object Biography for Archaeologists II: The Object As Magnet I (Workshop)

Venetian V & VI

Theme: THE OBJECT AS MAGNET In year two, we ask through what agency objects modify their essence and accrue meaning. This session considers the dynamic identity of six objects, exploring the “enchantment” we experience when we encounter—or interpret—the archaeological artifact.

CHAIR: *Rick Hauser* (University of Minnesota), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Sarah Kjelt Costello (University of Houston–Clear Lake), “Discerning Biography, Ancient and Modern” (15 min.)

2:25

Emily Miller Bonney (California State University, Fullerton), “An Object of Desire: The Faience Votary from Knossos” (15 min.)

2:45

Louise Steel (University of Wales, Trinity Saint David), “Enchanting Objects: Exploring the Biography of Gaming Stones at Arediou, Cyprus in the Late Bronze Age” (15 min.)

3:05

Annelies Van de Ven (University of Melbourne), “Objects of Displacement: The Affective Journey of the Cyrus Cylinder” (15 min.)

3:25

Ann-Marie Knoblauch (Virginia Tech University), “The Head from Lang’s Dump” (15 min.)

3:45

Ilan Sharon (Hebrew University) and *Ayelet Gilboa* (University of Haifa), “One (Broken) Potsherd as an Image of the Entire Universe” (15 min.)

3H. Archaeology of the Byzantine Near East

Trippe

CHAIR: *Melissa Bailey* (University of Maryland, Baltimore County), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Marica Cassis (Memorial University of Newfoundland), “The Byzantine Settlement at Çadır Höyük” (20 min.)

2:30

Kenneth G Holum (University of Maryland), “Julian of Ascaloon and the Archaeologists” (20 min.)

2:55

Michael Zimmerman (Bridgewater State University), “The Economy of Byzantine Caesarea and Quantitative Analysis of Finewares and Other Ceramic Evidence from Field C” (20 min.)

3:20

Darlene Brooks Hedstrom (Wittenberg University), “An Archaeological Study of Byzantine Monastic Cooking” (20 min.)

3:45 *Ian Randall* (Brown University), “Byzantium's Maritime Frontier: Perception and Entanglement on the Islands of the Eastern Mediterranean” (20 min.)

4A. Archaeology of Israel

Windsor A

Theme: Current field work in the Bronze and Iron Ages of Israel

CHAIR: *J. P. Dessel* (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Robert Mullins (Azusa Pacific University) and *Nava Panitz-Cohen* (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Results of the Third Season of Excavations at Abel Beth Maacah” (20 min.)

4:50

Norma Franklin (University of Haifa) and *Jennie Ebeling* (University of Evansville), “Exploring 7,000 Years of Settlement: The Jezreel Expedition, the First Four Years” (20 min.)

5:15

Brian Janeway (Dothan Archaeology Project), “Investigations at Tell Dothan: The Western Cemetery” (15 min.)

5:35

Avraham Faust (Bar-Ilan University) and *Hayah Katz* (The Open University), “The Birth, Life, and Death of an Iron Age Four-Room House at Tel ‘Eton, Israel” (20 min.)

6:00

James Hardin (Mississippi State University) and *Jeffrey Blakely* (University of Wisconsin–Madison), “A Consideration of the Iron Age I and Iron Age II occupations from Khirbet Summeily and Tell el-Hesi” (20 min.)

4B. The Archaeology and History of Egypt's First Intermediate Period

Windsor B

Theme: The so-called First Intermediate Period (ca. 2150-2050 B.C.E.) continues to be one of the most controversially discussed periods of ancient Egyptian history. This session will attempt to shed new light on this period, including new archaeological evidence.

CHAIRS: *Thomas Schneider* (University of British Columbia) and *Felix Höflmayer* (Austrian Academy of Sciences), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Thomas Schneider (University of British Columbia), “Egypt’s First Intermediate Period: A Crisis in History or Historiography?” (25 min.)

4:55

Glenn Godenho (The University of Liverpool), “Current Work at the Tomb of Ankhtifi, Near Mo’alla, by the University of Liverpool” (25 min.)

5:25

Arkadiy Demidchik (Novosibirsk State University and Novosibirsk State Pedagogical University), “The Sixth Heracleopolitan King Merikare Khety” (25 min.)

5:55

Felix Höflmayer (Austrian Academy of Sciences), “Egypt and the Levant at the dawn of the First Intermediate Period” (25 min.)

4C. Archaeology of the Near East: Bronze and Iron Ages III

Windsor D

CHAIR: *Eric Welch* (University of Kansas), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Ido Koch (University of Zurich), “Developing an Empire: The Egyptian-Canaanite Interface and the Trajectories of the Egyptian Empire in Canaan” (25 min.)

4:55

Thaddeus Nelson (Stony Brook University), “Fruit of the Warp Weighted Loom? Reconstructing the Relationship between Weaving Technology and Textile Quality in the Iron Age II Levant” (25 min.)

5:25

George Pierce (Brigham Young University), “A Tale of Two Cities: Ashkelon and Jaffa as Maritime Gateways and Central Places” (25 min.)

5:55

Igor Kreimerman (Hebrew University), “War, Conquest, and Destruction: How are They Related?” (25 min.)

4D. Ancient Inscriptions II

Windsor E

CHAIRS: *Heather Dana Davis Parker* (Johns Hopkins University) and *Michael Langlois* (University of Strasbourg), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Anat Mendel (The Hebrew University) and *Eran Arie* (The Israel Museum), “Lachish Inscriptions Revisited: Bullae, Ostraca, and Other Written Finds from a Royal Judahite Center” (20 min.)

4:45

Jody Washburn (University of California, Los Angeles), “Prayers in Caves—A Reevaluation of the Beit Lei and el-Qôm Inscriptions” (20 min.)

5:10

Aaron Demsky (Bar-Ilan University), “Three-Tier-Names from the End of the Judean Monarchy” (20 min.)

5:35

David Graf (University of Miami), “Central Jordan Epigraphic Survey” (20 min.)

6:00

Mordechai Aviam (Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee) and *Jacob Ashkenazi* (Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee), “Five Newly Discovered Greek and Aramaic Inscriptions and Reinterpreting another Greek Inscription from the Ancient Jewish Cemetery of Sepphoris in Galilee” (20 min.)

4E. GIS and Remote Sensing in Archaeology II

Venetian I & II

CHAIR: *Kevin D. Fisher* (University of British Columbia), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Adam B. Prins (Durham University), *Stephanie Steinke* (University of North Dakota), *Matthew J. Adams* (Albright Institute of Archaeological Research), *Yotam Tepper* (Israel Antiquity Authority), and *Susan Cohen* (Montana State University), “Remote Sensing and Aerial Survey with a Heavy-Duty UAV in the Jezreel Valley, Israel” (25 min.)

4:55

Levi Keach (University of Nevada Las Vegas), “Refining the Spatial Accuracy of the *Ais Giorkis* Geodatabase using a Low-Cost UAV: Results of the 2015 Aerial Survey Project” (25 min.)

5:25

Matthew Howland (University of California, San Diego), *Mohammed Najjar* (UCSD Levantine and Cyber-Archaeology Laboratory) and *Thomas Levy* (University of California, San Diego), “Mapping with Low-Altitude Photography and Structure from Motion: A Comparative Case Study from Faynan, Jordan” (25 min.)

5:55

General Discussion (30 min.)

4F. Archaeology of Iran II

Venetian III & IV

CHAIR: *Holly Pittman* (University of Pennsylvania), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Ardeshtir Javanmardzadeh (Razi University of Kermanshah), “The Mehran Plain during the Fourth Millennium B.C., Southwestern Iran” (25 min.)

4:55

Nasir Eskandari, (University of Tehran and University of Jiroft), “Recent Dasht-e Lut Project: Prehistoric (fifth–third millennium B.C.) Settlement Development in the Western Edge of the Lut Desert, Southeastern Iran” (25 min.)

5:25

Reza Naseri (University of Zabol), *Mehrdad Malekzadeh* (Iranian Center for Archaeological Research), *Morteza Khanipoor* (University of Tehran), and *Sa’di Saeedyan* (University of Zabol), “The Salvage Excavation at Deh Dumen Cemetery, Kohgiluyeh va Boyer Ahmad Province (Southern Zagros, Iran)” (25 min.)

5:55

Narges Bayani (New York University), *Karim Alizadeh* (Harvard University), and *Siavash Samei* (University of Connecticut), “A Small Bone Container from Köhne Shahr, Northwestern Iran” (25 min.)

4G. Object Biography for Archaeologists II: The Object As Magnet II (Workshop) Venetian V & VI

Theme: THE OBJECT AS MAGNET In Year Two, we explore the richness of object biography as analytical tool. Two papers in this session take up objects as they are entangled in differing national identities and place. Three theoretical papers consider ritual reuse, multivocality and meaning, replication and the original.

CHAIR: *Nancy Serwint* (Arizona State University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Katharina Zinn (University of Wales, Trinity Saint David, UK; Swansea University, UK), “From Being an Overseer of Cattle in Egypt to Shaping Welsh Identity: Tangible Objects and Their Biographies as Medium of Intangible Heritage” (15 min.)

4:45

Annemarie Weyl Carr (Southern Methodist University), “Image, Place, and Object in the Identity of a Great Icon” (15 min.)

5:05

Brent Davis (University of Melbourne, Australia), “Enchantment and Meaning: Reuse of Ritual Objects” (15 min.)

5:25

William Caraher (University of North Dakota) and *R. Scott Moore* (Indiana University of Pennsylvania), “Objects, Clones, and Context” (15 min.)

5:45

Erin Walcek Averett (Creighton University) and *Derek Counts* (University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee), “‘Yes, Wonderful Things’: Artifact, Artiface, and Modern Ways of Looking” (15 min.)

6:05

Rick Hauser (University of Minnesota), Discussant (20 min.)

4H. Archaeology of the Crusader Period

Trippe

Theme: This session will examine different aspects of the Crusader period archaeology in Syria-Palestine.

CHAIRS: *Tracy Hoffman* (Independent Scholar) and *Tasha Vorderstrasse* (University of Chicago), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Hannah Buckingham (Cardiff University), “Material Culture in the Kingdom of Jerusalem” (20 min.)

4:50

Tasha Vorderstrasse (University of Chicago), “Archaeology and Charters in the Principality of Antioch and the County of Tripoli” (20 min.)

5:15

Alan Stahl (Princeton University), “Coinage of and in Antioch in the Crusader Period” (20 min.)

5:40

Tracy Hoffman (Independent Scholar), *Kathleen Forste* (Boston University), and *John Marston* (Boston University), “New Evidence for Agriculture and Economy at Crusader Period Ashkelon” (20 min.)

6:05

Concluding remarks (20 min.)

Friday, November 20, 2015

Sessions 5A – 8H

5A. New Light on Persian Period Judah – the Archaeological Perspective I

Windsor A

Theme: The goal of this session is to present the new Persian period archaeological finds from excavations in Judah and the areas around it, and to deal with the different historical interpretations of it, emphasizing the importance of the archaeological finds to the historical understanding of this period.

CHAIR: *Oded Lipschits* (Tel Aviv University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University), “Introduction: Problems and Developments in the Research of the Persian Period” (20 min.)

8:45

Nahshon Szanton (Israel Antiquities Authority), “Ethnic Markers in the Persian Period: Distribution Patterns of Cuboid Altars and Figurines in the Eyes of Judeans, Samaritans, and Pagans” (20 min.)

9:10

Ariel Winderbaum (Tel Aviv University), “Glyptic Evidence of Jerusalemite Bureaucracy in the Babylonian Period” (20 min.)

9:35

Dafna Langgut (Tel Aviv University), “Dry Climate during the Babylonian and the Early Phase of the Persian Periods and its Impact on Settlement Patterns in the Southern Levant” (20 min)

10:00

General Discussion (25 min.)

5B. Archaeology of the Southern Levant I

Windsor B

Theme: This session is dedicated to specific features, aspects, and /or objects from the Bronze Age to Roman period in the southern Levant as well as reports of current regional and site-specific projects.

CHAIR: *George A. Pierce* (Brigham Young University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Susan Cohen (Montana State University) “Theoretical and Methodological Approaches to the Study of Rural-Urban Interaction: The ESURA Project” (20 min.)

8:45

Karolina Rosinska-Balik (Institute of Archaeology, Jagiellonian University) and *Joanna Debowska-Ludwin* (Institute of Archaeology, Jagiellonian University), “Building Traditions at Two Distant Points on a Trade Route: The Case of Tell el-Farkha, Egypt and Tel Erani, Israel” (20 min.)

9:10

Tina Greenfield (University of Manitoba), *Haskel Greenfield* (University of Manitoba), *Aren Maeir* (Bar-Ilan University), *Annie Brown* (University of Manitoba), and *Itzick Shai* (Ariel University), “Household Variation in Domestic Neighborhoods from the Early Bronze of the Southern Levant: A Zooarchaeological Perspective from Area E, Tell es-Safi/Gath, Israel” (20 min.)

9:35

Leann Pace (Wake Forest University), “Flat as a Flitter: An Exploration of the Short-lived Popularity of the Flat-bottomed Cooking Pot in the Middle Bronze Levant” (20 min.)

10:00

Liat Naeh (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Uniformity of Craft and Elite Identity: The Bone and Ivory Inlays of the Bronze Age Levant” (20 min.)

5C. Archaeology of Jordan I

Windsor D

Theme: This session highlights social and material-cultural aspects of the Iron Age with a presentation on the transition from nomadic to sedentary life at Iraq al-Amir.

CHAIR: *Jesse Long* (Lubbock Christian University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Monique Vincent (University of Chicago), “Early Iron Age Households and Community at Tall al-‘Umayri, Jordan” (20 min.)

8:45

Abelardo Rivas (Andrews University), “Cultic Objects of Lights from Atarutz” (20 min.)

9:10

Brady Liss (University of California, San Diego), *Matthew Howland* (University of California, San Diego), *Craig Smitheram* (UCSD Levantine and Cyber Archaeology Lab), *Mohammad Najjar* (UCSD Levantine and Cyber Archaeology Lab), and *Thomas Levy* (University of California, San Diego), “Renewed Excavations at Khirbat al-Jariya: Investigating the Metallurgical Narrative of an Iron Age Smelting Site in Faynan” (20 min.)

9:35

Regine Hunziker-Rodewald (University of Strasbourg), “Rediscovering the Art of Jordan: Another Shiha Fragment” (20 min.)

10:00

Basem Al Mahamid (Department of Antiquities of Jordan) “Transition from Nomadic to Settled Life in Iraq al-Amir Village (1800–1950)” (20 min.)

5D. The Levantine Early Bronze Age III: Re-evaluation and New Vistas II

Windsor E

Theme: Given the new, higher Early Bronze Age chronology, the session is a timely re-evaluation of current scholarly syntheses in the Levantine EB III. Papers address interconnections, urbanization, periodization, and new vistas on the period. This session is a follow-up to the 2014 ASOR session on the Levantine Early Bronze IV period.

CHAIR: *Suzanne Richard* (Gannon University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Suzanne Richard (Gannon University), “The EB III Fortified Settlement at Khirbat Iskandar, Jordan” (25 min.)

8:55

Steven Collins (Trinity Southwest University), “The Early Bronze III Fortifications and Gateways of Tall el-Hammam: Data, Interpretations, and Insights from Ten Excavation Seasons”

9:25

Aaron Gidding (University of California, San Diego) and *Thomas Levy* (University of California, San Diego), “New Early Bronze III Chronological Considerations: Copper Production in Faynan and its Relationship to the Surrounding Region” (25 min.)

9:55

Haskel Greenfield (University of Manitoba), *Annie Brown* (University of Manitoba), *Elizabeth Arnold* (Grand Valley State University), *Itzhaq Shai* (Ariel University), and

Aren Maeir (Bar-Ilan University), “Biting and Carrying my “Ass” – Or How Not to Handle a Donkey During the Early Bronze of the Southern Levant!” (25 min.)

5E. GIS and Remote Sensing in Archaeology III

Venetian I & II

Theme: Reports on archaeological research on the ancient Near East using geospatial or remote sensing technologies.

CHAIR: *Kevin D. Fisher* (University of British Columbia), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Mitra Panahipour (University of Arkansas), “Remote Sensing Assessment of Ancient Irrigation Practices and Agricultural Potential in Upper Diyala River Valley, Kurdistan Region of Iraq” (20 min.)

8:50

Howard Cyr (University of Tennessee), “Geoarchaeological Analysis at ‘Ayn Gharandal: Environmental and Landscape Reconstructions of a Late Roman Fort in Southern Jordan” (20 min.)

9:15

Deland Wing (University of Manitoba), *Haskel Greenfield* (University of Manitoba), and *Aren Maeir* (Bar-Ilan University), “Terrestrial LiDAR Survey as a Technique for Analyzing Dimensions of Topographically Complex Sites: Preliminary Analysis of Tel Es-Safi/Gath, Israel” (20 min.)

9:40

Stephanie Brown (University of California, Berkeley), *Katie Simon* (University of Arkansas) and *Christine Markussen* (University of Vienna), “A Geophysical Survey of Iron Age Busayra in Southwest Jordan” (20 min.)

10:05

General Discussion (20 min.)

5F. Gender in the Ancient Near East I

Venetian III & IV

Theme: Session explores the art, archaeology, and texts of the ancient Near East through the lens of gender issues and the study of gender groups in antiquity. Papers could explore subjects such as the household and domestic life, industry and commerce, religion, etc. Other topics may also be included.

CHAIR: *Jennie Ebeling* (University of Evansville) Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Lisa Cakmak (Saint Louis Art Museum), “Aphrodite in the Archive: Exploring the Role of Women in the Hellenistic Archives of the Near East” (25 min.)

8:55

Agnès Garcia-Ventura (Università di Roma, Sapienza), “Engendering Ancient Near Eastern Studies through a Historiography of *Emesal* Studies” (25 min.)

9:25

Jean Li (Ryerson University), “Identity and Gender Constructions of Egyptian Women of the Third Intermediate Period: A View from Abydos” (25 min.)

9:55

Erin Darby (University of Tennessee), “Toward an Archaeology of Gender? Sex, Gender, and Differentiation in Ancient Near Eastern Terracottas” (20 min.)

5G. Archaeology of Syria

Venetian V & VI

Theme: Archaeological work undertaken in or relating to Syria: excavation reports, post-excavation data processing, and discussions of monuments in and artifacts from Syria.

CHAIR: *Clemens Reichel* (University of Toronto/Royal Ontario Museum), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Kathryn Grossman (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and *Gil Stein* (University of Chicago), “Intrasite Variability and Incipient Social Complexity at Ubaid Period Tell Zeidan, Syria” (25 min.)

8:55

Max Price (Harvard University), *Kathryn Grossman* (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), and *Tate Paulette* (Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World), “Pork Futures Past: The Pig Complex in the Cities of Early Bronze Age Northern Mesopotamia” (25 min.)

9:25

Tobias Helms (Institut für Archäologie und Kulturanthropologie), “Organizing the Defense of an Early Bronze Age City-State: The Fortifications of Tell Chuera, Northeastern Syria” (25 min.)

9:55

Matteo Merlino (University of Amsterdam), “The Power of Space: The Bit Hilani and the Syrian Architectural Tradition” (25 min.)

5H. Decline in the 11th Century C.E. in the Eastern Mediterranean and Near East? New Archaeological, Historical, and Environmental Approaches

Trippe

Theme: The session will focus on the accumulating evidence gathered from various disciplines, which present the basis for a comprehensive evaluation of settlement processes and environmental changes in the Eastern Mediterranean during the 10th and 11th centuries.

CHAIRS: *Katia Cytryn-Silverman* (The Hebrew University) and *Gideon Avni* (Israel Antiquities Authority), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Asa Eger (University of North Carolina at Greensboro), “The Lost Century in North Syria” (20 min.)

8:45

Katia Cytryn-Silverman (Hebrew University), “Tiberias: Apogee and Decline—the 10th–11th Centuries” (20 min.)

9:10

Gideon Avni (Israel Antiquities Authority), “Between Fustat and Ramla: The Decline and Fall of Urban Centers in the 10th–11th Centuries” (20 min.)

9:35

Lev Arie Kapitaikin (Tel Aviv University), “Levantine *Muqarnas* in Sicily: Syrian and Anatolian Connections” (20 min.)

10:00

Donald Whitcomb (University of Chicago), Discussant (20 min.)

10:25-10:40 Coffee Break (Windsor C & Pre-Function)

6A. New Light on Persian Period Judah: The Archaeological Perspective II

Windsor A

Theme: The goal of this session is to present the new Persian period archaeological finds from excavations in Judah and the areas around it, and to deal with the different historical interpretations of it, emphasizing the importance of the archaeological finds to the historical understanding of this period.

CHAIR: *Oded Lipschits* (Tel Aviv University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Gary Knoppers (University of Notre Dame), “Samaria and Judah from the Late Iron Age through the Persian Period: Observations on the Material and Literary Remains” (20 min.)

11:05

Nitsan Shalom (Tel Aviv University) and *Efrat Bocher* (Tel Aviv University), “Households in Judea and Samaria in the Persian Period” (20 min.)

11:30

Liora Freud (Tel Aviv University), “Between Early and Late Persian Period Pottery: Classification of Assemblages from New Excavations in Judah” (20 min.)

11:55

Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University), “From Iconography to Script: Changes in the Judahite System of the Stamped Jar Handles between the Babylonian and Persian Periods” (20 min.)

12:20

General Discussion (25 min.)

6B. Archaeology of the Southern Levant II

Windsor B

Theme: This session is dedicated to specific features, aspects, and /or objects from the Bronze Age to Roman period in the southern Levant as well as reports of current regional and site-specific projects.

CHAIR: *Krystal Pierce* (Brigham Young University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Titus Kennedy (Biola University), “Middle and Late Bronze Age Material in the Area of Khirbet et-Tell?” (20 min.)

11:05

Yuval Baruch (Israel Antiquities Authority) and *Ronny Reich* (University of Haifa),

“Some Archaeological Notes about the Southern Wall of the Herodian Temple Mount in Jerusalem” (20 min.)

11:30

Carl Savage (Drew University), “Three Coins in the Courtyard: What Might Antoninus Pius, Agrippa II, and Anthony and Cleopatra Tell Us About Jewish-Imperial Relations?” (20 min.)

11:55

Katharina Streit (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “The Ein el-Jarba Excavation Project: A Settlement in the Jezreel Valley from the Sixth Millennium B.C. and the Transregional Interaction of the Wadi Rabah Culture” (20 min.)

12:20

Sarah Witcher Kansa (Open Context/AAI), *Eric C. Kansa* (Open Context/AAI), and *William Caraher* (University of North Dakota), “Connecting the Dots: Data Publishing and Synthesis for the Archaeology of Cyprus” (20 min.)

6C. Archaeology of Jordan II

Windsor D

CHAIR: *S. Thomas Parker* (North Carolina State University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Leigh-Ann Bedal (Penn State Behrend) “A Woman’s Personal Assemblage from the Cave of the Petra Garden and Pool Complex” (25 min.)

11:15

Cynthia Finlayson (Brigham Young University), “New Excavations on the Ad-Deir Plateau: Seasons 2014–2015 of the Ad-Deir Monument and Plateau Project in Petra, Jordan” (25 min.)

11:45

Pamela Koulianos (North Carolina State University), “The Chronology of the Petra Garden and Pool Complex through Coarse Wares” (25 min.)

12:15

S. Thomas Parker (North Carolina State University), “A Nabataean and Late Roman Domestic Complex at Petra” (25 min.)

6D. Ancient Texts and Modern Photographic and Digital Technologies

Windsor E

CHAIR: *Christopher Rollston* (George Washington University) and *Annalisa Azzoni* (Vanderbilt University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Stephen Pfann (University of the Holy Land) and *Steven Cox* (University of the Holy Land) “A Multifaceted Approach toward the Imaging of Ancient Inscriptions” (20 min.)

11:05

David Hamidovic (University of Lausanne), “New Pictures for New Textual Reading and Reconstruction or Just a Mirage?” (20 min.)

11:30

Kaitlyn Solberg (University of British Columbia), *Chelsea A. M. Gardner* (University of British Columbia), and *Lisa Tweten* (University of British Columbia), “From Stone to Screen: Ancient Words in a Digital World” (20 min.)

11:55

Andrew Gross (The Catholic University of America), “Photographic Tools and the Reconstruction of the Temple Scroll” (20 min.)

12:20

Heather Dana Davis Parker (Johns Hopkins University) and *Christopher Rollston* (George Washington University), “Teaching Epigraphy in the 21st Century: The Epigraphic Digital Lab” (20 min.)

6E. The Role of Texts and Archaeology in the Study of New Testament

Backgrounds: Essays in Honor of James F. Strange I

Venetian I & II

Theme: Papers investigate the use of texts and archaeology in the study of New Testament backgrounds.

CHAIR: *James Riley Strange* (Samford University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Eric Meyers (Duke University), “New Testament Studies and Archaeology: When and How They Became a Field unto Itself” (25 min.)

11:15

Mark Chancey (Southern Methodist University), “Galilean Regionalism, the ‘Judean’ or ‘Jew’ Translation Debate, and the Gospel of John” (25 min.)

11:45

David Fiensy (Kentucky Christian University), “‘In the Days of His Flesh’: The Human Dimension of New Testament Persons” (25 min.)

12:15

Tom Blanton (Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago), Discussant (25 min.)

6F. Gender in the Ancient Near East II

Venetian III & IV

Theme: Session explores the art, archaeology, and texts of the Ancient Near East through the lens of gender issues and the study of gender groups in antiquity. Papers could explore subjects such as the household and domestic life, industry and commerce, religion, etc. Other topics may also be included.

CHAIR: Beth Alpert Nakhai (University of Arizona), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Nancy Serwint (Arizona State University), “Gifts for the Goddess: Votive Offerings at Ancient Marion” (25 min.)

11:15

Vanessa Juloux (Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes), “Guidelines for Collective e-Work to Study Relationships between Male and Female Agency in the Ancient Near East” (25 min.)

11:45

Kathryn Morgan (University of Pennsylvania), “Tangled Webs: Textiles, Economy, and Community in Iron Age Phrygia” (25 min.)

12:15

Barbara Bolognani (University of Bologna), “A Society of Horsemen? Handmade Syrian Horses and Riders Figurines during the First Millennium B.C.E.” (25 min.)

6G. Satellite-Based Monitoring of Cultural Heritage in Conflict Situations

Venetian V & VI

CHAIR: *Scott Branting* (University of Central Florida and American Schools of Oriental Research), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Robert Bewley (Oxford University), “Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East and North Africa” (15 min.)

11:05

Graham Philip (Durham University) and *Frank Braemer* (Université de Nice Sophia Antipolis, CNRS Pôle universitaire Saint Jean d'Angely, SJA3-CEPAM, France), “From Research Databases to Heritage Monitoring: Creating A sites and Monuments Record for Syria” (15 min.)

11:25

Tony Lauricella, *Emily Hammer* and *Josh Cannon* (University of Chicago), *Scott Branting* (American Schools of Oriental research), “Looting in Afghanistan: Remote Assessments using Multispectral Imagery and Principal Component Analysis” (15 min.)

11:45

Scott Branting (University of Central Florida and American Schools of Oriental Research), “ASOR Syrian Heritage Initiative (SHI): Mapping and Monitoring Cultural Heritage” (15 min.)

12:05

Elise Jakoby Laugier (University of Arkansas), *Mitra Panahipour* (University of Arkansas), and *Jesse Casana* (Dartmouth College), “Monitoring Syria's Cultural Heritage via Time-Sequenced DigitalGlobe Satellite Imagery” (15 min.)

12:25

Dominique Langis-Barsetti (University of Toronto), “The CRANE Site Database and GIS Project: Toward a Regional Understanding of the Orontes Watershed and Its Surroundings” (15 min.)

6H. Qasr Hisham: New Approaches for an Old Monument

Trippe

Theme: Khirbet al-Maffar is located north of Jericho in the Palestinian territories. Excavations from 1934 to 1948 made this early Islamic "desert castle" famous for its art and architecture. This session re-examines Maffar in the light of new data from the last five years of research.

CHAIRS: *Andrew Creekmore* (University of Northern Colorado) and *Donald Whitcomb* (University of Chicago), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Michael Jennings (University of Chicago), “Beyond the Wadi: Locating Khirbet al-Mafjar in the Jericho Plain” (15 min.)

11:05

Andrew Creekmore (University of Northern Colorado), “Architectural Patterns Revealed by Geophysics Research at Khirbet al-Mafjar” (15 min.)

11:25

Donald Whitcomb (University of Chicago), “The Mosques of Mafjar: A Sequence and some Implications for understanding Qasr Hisham” (15 min.)

11:45

Gregory Williams (University of Bonn), “A Cooking Installation at Mafjar and Patterns of Early Islamic Cooking in Palestine and Egypt” (15 min.)

12:05

Ignacio Arce (University of Copenhagen), “A New Umayyad Mosque at Khirbet al-Mafjar: A New Understanding from Architectural Stratigraphy” (15 min.)

12:25

Kristoffer Damgaard (University of Copenhagen), “Qasr Hisham and the Problem of Classification in Umayyad Architecture” (15 min.)

12:45-2:00pm Junior Scholars’ Panel Discussion (Venetian III & IV)

The Sound Minded Scholar: Balancing Work, Life and Relationships in Academic Careers

7A. Theoretical and Anthropological Approaches to the Near East I

Windsor A

Theme: Identity

CHAIRS: *Emily Miller Bonney* (California State University, Fullerton) and *Leann Pace* (Wake Forest University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Nancy Highcock (New York University), “Community Across Borders: the Forging of Assyrian Identity between Aššur and Anatolia” (20 min.)

2:25

Elizabeth Lang (Yale University), “Comparing Notes: Incorporating Anthropological Theory and Ethnographic Comparison to the Study of Grain Grinding in New Kingdom Egypt” (20 min.)

2:50

Melissa Cradic (University of California, Berkeley), “Personhood in the Bronze Age Levant: New Approaches to the Archaeology of Death and Burial” (20 min.)

3:15

Eyal Regev (Bar-Ilan University), “Social Individualism in First Century C.E. Judaea: The Archaeological Evidence” (20 min.)

3:40

David Gurevich (Harvard University), “Jerusalem and Mecca: New Perspective on Archaeology of Pilgrimage” (20 min.)

7B. Integrated Chronologies of the Bronze Age: Combining Historical, Archaeological, and Scientific Approaches

Windsor B

Theme: This session will present and discuss recent chronological research that combines different methodological approaches to the chronology of the Bronze Age ancient Near East and eastern Mediterranean.

CHAIRS: *Felix Höflmayer* (Austrian Academy of Sciences) and *Aaron A. Burke* (University of California, Los Angeles), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Pearce Paul Creasman (University of Arizona), “The Potential for Integrating Precise Chronology, Ancient Egypt, and Its Native Trees” (20 min.)

2:30

Regine Pruzsinszky (Universität Freiburg), “Mesopotamian Chronology Revisited” (20 min.)

2:55

Aaron A. Burke (University of California, Los Angeles) and *Felix Höflmayer* (Austrian Academy of Sciences), “Problematizing Scarabs: On the Limits of the Use of ‘Amenhotep III’s’ Scarabs for Dating Archaeological Contexts” (20 min.)

3:20

Shirly Ben Dor Evian (Tel Aviv University), “The End of the Late Bronze Age in the Southern Levant: Towards A New Philistine Paradigm” (20 min.)

3:45

Jana Mynářová (Charles University Prague), Discussant (20 min.)

7C. Archaeology of Jordan III

Windsor D

Theme: The ingenuity of Jordan’s population has enabled them to exploit regions that would otherwise seem inhospitable. This has led to the development of effective resource management, international trade networks, and socio-cultural groups that persist into modern times. This session will explore these themes across a wide range of time periods.

CHAIR: *Debra Foran* (Wilfrid Laurier University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Mark Green (Indiana State University), “Ancient Structures and Techniques to Capture and Store Runoff and Groundwater on Jordan's Eastern Karak Plateau” (20 min.)

2:25

Robert Darby (University of Tennessee) and *Craig A. Harvey* (University of Michigan), “The 2015 ‘Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project” (20 min.)

2:50

Tiffany Key (North Carolina State University), “Hidden Treasures in the Sand: A Ceramic Comparison of Desert Sites in Wadi Araba” (20 min.)

3:15

Christopher Mansfield (North Carolina State University) and *S. Thomas Parker* (North Carolina State University), “The Economic Implications of the Imported Amphorae of Roman Aqaba” (20 min.)

3:40

Hanadi al-Taher (Department of Antiquities of Jordan) “The Transitional Period between the Ayyubid-Mamluk and Ottoman Periods in the Light of the Archaeological Excavations at the Site of Umm Zuwaytina” (20 min.)

7D. Archaeology of Arabia I

Windsor E

CHAIR: *Michael Harrower* (Johns Hopkins University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Russell Gentry (North Carolina State University), “Between Nabataea and Hadrawmat: Transformation from Trade in the First Century” (25 min.)

2:35

William Zimmerle (University of Pennsylvania/Dhofar University Oman), “Crafting Arabian-Style Incense Burners in the Ancient Near East: Ethnographic Field Data on the Function and Form of Cuboid Incense Burners from the Dhofar Ethnoarchaeology Preservation Project (2011–2015)” (25 min.)

3:05

Geoffrey Ludvik (University of Wisconsin–Madison), *Jonathan Mark Kenoyer* (University of Wisconsin–Madison), and *Jeffrey Blakely* (University of Wisconsin–Madison), “Stone Beads of Wadi al-Jubah: An Analysis of Trade, Technology, and Geological Sourcing from Ancient Yemen” (25 min.)

3:35

Peter Magee (Bryn Mawr College), Discussant (25 min.)

7E. The Role of Texts and Archaeology in the Study of New Testament

Backgrounds: Essays in Honor of James F. Strange II

Venetian I & II

Theme: Papers investigate the use of texts and archaeology in the study of New Testament backgrounds.

CHAIR: *C. Thomas McCollough* (Centre College), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Jodi Magness (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), “Purity Observance Among Diaspora Jews” (25 min.)

2:30

Sharon Mattila (University of North Carolina at Pembroke), “The Distribution of Land among Villagers in Greco-Roman Palestine: An Unpublished Land Survey and the Comparative Data from Egypt” (25 min.)

3:00

Rick Bonnie (University of Helsinki), “How ‘Urban’ Was Tiberias in the First Century C.E.?” (25 min.)

3:30

R. Steven Notley (Nyack College), Discussant (25 min.)

7F. Myth, History, and Archaeology

Venetian III & IV

CHAIR: *Gregory Areshian* (University of California, Los Angeles), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Gregory Areshian (University of California, Los Angeles), “Dismembered, Defleshed, Burnt, and Buried in a Cave: Musings on Rituals and Myths of Chalcolithic Societies of the Near Eastern Highlands” (20 min.)

2:25

Dale Manor (Harding University), “Asherah ... Again: Dichotomy or Metonymy?” (20 min.)

2:50

Peter Feinman (Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education), “The Quarrel Story of Apophis and Seqenere: Set in the Past, Political Message for its Present” (20 min.)

3:15

Julia Fridman (Tel Aviv University), “The Export of a Levantine Goddess to the Western Mediterranean” (20 min.)

3:40

Helen Dixon (North Carolina State University), “Untangling Myth and History at the Neo-Babylonian Siege of Tyre” (20 min.)

7G. Bioarchaeology in the Near East

Venetian V & VI

CHAIR: *Megan A. Perry* (East Carolina University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Damien Huffer (Smithsonian Museum Conservation Institute), *Bruno Frohlich* (Department of Anthropology, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History), and *Christine France* (Smithsonian Museum Conservation Institute), “Meals to Go? A Diachronic Assessment of Diet and Mobility among Seminomadic Populations of the Southern Levant” (20 min.)

2:25

Lesley Gregoricka (University of South Alabama) and *Susan Sheridan* (University of Notre Dame), “Continuity of Conquest? A Multi-Isotope Approach to Investigating Identity in the Bronze–Iron Age Transition in the Southern Levant” (20 min.)

2:50

Douglas Clark (La Sierra University), *Suzanne Richard* (Gannon University), *Christian Anderson* (University of California, San Diego), *Lee Greer* (University of California, Irvine), *Lawrence Geraty* (La Sierra University), *Ervin Taylor* (University of California, Irvine), *Meagan Miller* (La Sierra University), *Ronald Nance* (La Sierra University), *Karimah Richardson* (University of California, Riverside), *Kent Bramlett* (La Sierra University), and *Kristina Reed* (La Sierra University), “aDNA Profiles of Four Humans from Bronze and Iron Age Jordan” (20 min.)

3:15

Megan Perry (East Carolina University), *Laurel Appleton* (East Carolina University), and *Courtney Canipe* (East Carolina University), “Bioarchaeological Reflections of Diet and Disease at First Century A.D. Petra, Jordan” (20 min.)

3:40

Kathryn Parker (East Carolina University) and *Megan Perry* (East Carolina University), “Isotopic Evidence for Mobility in the Early Islamic Period from Qasr Hallabat” (20 min.)

7H. Sicily and the Levant: Diachronic Perspectives on Interconnections

Trippe

CHAIRS: *Al Leonard* (University of Arizona) and *Randall Younker* (Andrews University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Justin Singleton (Andrews University), “Broadening the Geographical Context of Biblical Archaeology to the Central Mediterranean (Sicily)” (15 min.)

2:25

Shellie Cox (Andrews University), “A Reexamination of the Mortuary Basilica at San Miceli, Sicily” (15 min.)

2:45

Christopher Chadwick (Andrews University), “Excavations at San Miceli, Sicily: Two Seasons at a Late Roman Village” (15 min.)

3:05

Giorgia Lanzarone (Andrews University), “North African and Middle Eastern Influences in Early Christian Art in Sicily: The Case of the Mosaics in the Basilica of San Miceli in Salemi” (15 min.)

3:25

Sebastiano Tusa (University Suor Orsola Benincasa of Naples, Italy, and Soprintendenza del Mare, Regione Siciliana, Italy), “The Mediterranean Trading Port of Mursia (Pantelleria) at the Beginning of the Second Millennium B.C.” (15 min.)

3:45

Elisabeth Lesnes (Andrews University), “The Circulation of Ceramics in the Overall System of Mediterranean Exchanges: The Role of Sicily in Late Antiquity and Middle Ages” (15 min.)

8A. Theoretical and Anthropological Approaches to the Near East II

Windsor A

Theme: Visuality

CHAIRS: *Emily Miller Bonney* (California State University, Fullerton) and *Leann Pace* (Wake Forest University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Maria Luisa Cipolla (University of Rome La Sapienza), “The Custom of Erecting Tumuli of Bodies as Portrayed in the Stele of the Vultures: Just a Funerary Practice Or Something More?” (20 min.)

4:45

Joanna Smith (University of Pennsylvania), “Roles of the Unseen in the Ancient Near East and Mediterranean” (20 min.)

5:10

Anne Chapin (Brevard College), “The Expert’s Eye: Theory, Method, and Connoisseurship in Aegean Fresco Studies” (20 min.)

5:35

Matthew Naglak (University of Michigan), “The Treasury of Persepolis: A Space Syntax Analysis” (20 min.)

6:00

Hilary Gopnik (Emory University) and *Lara Fabian* (University of Pennsylvania), “Views of Points: VGA Analysis and Intervisibility in Iron Age Columned Halls” (20 min.)

8B. Near Eastern Archaeology as Salvage Operation: Ethics, Politics and Method Windsor B

Theme: Archaeological fieldwork in the Middle East has become a salvage operation in the context of late capitalist neoliberal development and military conflicts. This session opens to discussion the methodological, political, and ethical implications of salvage archaeology and salvage as an allegory that corresponds to all archaeological practice in the Middle East.

CHAIR: *Ömür Harmansah* (University of Illinois at Chicago), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Ömür Harmansah (University of Illinois at Chicago), “Near Eastern Archaeology as Salvage Operation” (15 min.)

4:40

Morag Kersel (DePaul University) “The Salvage Exception and the Protection of Cultural Heritage in the Eastern Mediterranean” (15 min.)

5:00

Lynn Dodd (University of Southern California), “Archaeological Salvage and Professional Responsibilities: Complications, Assumptions, and Possibilities” (15 min.)

5:20

Tim Matney (University of Akron), Discussant (10 min.)

5:35

Allison Cuneo (Boston University), “Assessing Archaeological ‘Significance’: Cultural Resource Management and Heritage Production in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq” (15 min.)

5:55

Boaz Gross (Israeli Institute of Archaeology) and *Yitzhak Paz* (Israel Antiquities Authority) “Ramat Bet Shemesh: Methods and Problems of Large-Scale Salvage Archaeology” (15 min.)

6:15

Bruce Routledge (University of Liverpool), Discussant (10 min.)

8C. Archaeology of Cyprus I

Windsor D

CHAIR: *Nancy Serwint* (Arizona State University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Katelyn DiBenedetto (University of Nevada Las Vegas), “Examining Possible Medicinal Plant Usage for Humans and Animals at the Early Neolithic Site of Kretou Marottou ‘Ais Giorkis (20 min.)

4:50

Laura Swantek (Arizona State University), “The Emergence of Social Complexity on Cyprus during the Prehistoric Bronze Age: A Complex Systems and Network Science Approach” (20 min.)

5:15

Kevin Fisher (University of British Columbia), “Investigating Late Bronze Age Urban Landscapes on Cyprus: The 2015 Season at Kalavassos-Ayios Dhimitrios” (20 min.)

5:40

Giorgos Bourogiannis (Medelhavsmuseet, Sweden), “Cypriote Evidence in the Early Iron Age Aegean: An Alternative View from the Cyclades” (20 min.)

6:05

Pamela Gaber (Lycoming College), “The 2015 Season of the Lycoming College Expedition to Idalion” (15 min.)

8D. Archaeology of Arabia II

Windsor E

CHAIR: *Peter Magee* (Bryn Mawr College), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Jennifer Swerida (Johns Hopkins University), “Defining the Umm an-Nar Domestic: A Work in Progress” (20 min.)

4:50

Jonathan Mark Kenoyer (University of Wisconsin–Madison), *Dennys Frenez* (University of Bologna, Italy), “Stone Beads of Prehistoric Oman: Continuities and Change in Technology and Style” (20 min.)

5:15

Megan Luthern (Temple University), *Lesley Gregoricka* (University of South Alabama), and *Kimberly Williams* (Temple University), “Ritual and Revisitation of Burial Mounds near Dhank, Oman” (20 min.)

5:40

Lloyd Weeks (University of New England, Australia), *Charlotte Cable* (University of New England, Australia), *Kristina Franke* (University of New England, Australia), *Naomi Sykes* (University of Nottingham, UK), *Matthew Jones* (University of Nottingham, UK), *Claire Newton* (Université du Québec à Rimouski, Canada), *Hussein Qandil* (Dubai Municipality, United Arab Emirates), *Hassan Zein* (Dubai Municipality, United Arab Emirates), *Mansour Boraik* (Dubai Municipality, United Arab Emirates), *Julian Bickersteth* (International Conservation Services, Australia), and *Karina Acton* (International Conservation Services, Australia), “New Collaborative Research at Saruq al-Hadid, Dubai, UAE: Results of the First Season” (20 min.)

6:05

Sophie Méry (University of Paris), Discussant (15 min.)

8E. Seals and Seal Use in the Ancient Near East

Venetian I & II

CHAIR: *Agnete W. Lassen* (Yale University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Sarah Scott (Wagner College), “To the Temple: Production, Reproduction, and Consumption in Early Dynastic Imagery” (15 min.)

4:45

Agnete W. Lassen (Yale University), “Glyptic Encounters: A Stylistic and Social Study of the Seal Impressions in the Šalim-Aššur Archive” (15 min.)

5:05

Marta Ameri (Colby College), “Who Holds the Keys? Using the Archaeological Indicators of Administrative Activity from Shahr-i Sokhta to Reconstruct Administrative Practice in Third Millennium B.C. Iran” (15 min.)

5:25

Oya Topçuoğlu (University of Chicago), “All the King’s (Wo)Men: Seals Of Royal Women in the Late Old Assyrian Period” (15 min.)

5:45

Alessandro Poggio (Scuola Normale Superiore), “Glyptic on the Fringe of the Persian Empire: Use and Ownership of the Polyhedral Seals” (15 min.)

6:05

Adam Green (New York University), “From Atelier to Guild: Seal Carvers in the Political Economy of the Harappan Civilization” (15 min.)

8F. Landscapes of Settlement in the Ancient Near East I

Venetian III & IV

CHAIR: *Jesse Casana* (Dartmouth College), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction

4:25

Dan Lawrence (Durham University), “Local, Regional, Imperial: Scales of Analysis and the Landscapes of the Sasanian Empire” (25 min.)

4:55

Emily Hammer (Oriental Institute, University of Chicago), “Mineralogical Hinterlands and Networks of Bronze and Iron Age Sites in Northeastern Afghanistan” (25 min.)

5:25

Paul Wordsworth (Oxford University), “Placing the Medieval City of Barda’a, Azerbaijan” (25 min.)

5:55

Lucas Stephens (University of Pennsylvania), “Network Analysis of Anatolian Land Routes” (25 min.)

8G. Conservation and Site Preservation in the Near East

Venetian V & VI

Theme: This session focuses on archaeological conservation and site preservation. Conservators and archaeologists will present successful models of archaeological heritage conservation from various regions of the Near East. The session will feature active discussion among the participants on issues such as documentation, research, reconstruction, site maintenance, funding, training, and outreach.

CHAIRS: *Suzanne Davis* (Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, University of Michigan) and *LeeAnn Barnes Gordon* (ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Tessa de Alarcon (Penn Museum), “The Power of Imaging: The Use of RTI and Special Photography as part of the Ur Digitization Project” (20 min.)

4:45

Melinda Hartwig (Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory University), “Conservation and Documentation in the 21st Century: A Case Study of the Tomb Chapel of Menna (TT 69)” (20 min.)

5:10

Matthew L. Vincent (Universidad de Murcia), *Chance Coughenour* (University of Stuttgart), *Mariano Flores Gutierrez* (Universidad de Murcia), *Victor Manuel Lopez-Menchero Bendicho* (Universidad de Murcia), *Dieter Fritsch* (University of Stuttgart), and *Marinos Ioannides* (Cyprus University of Technology), “Integrating Data: A Holistic Approach to Cultural Heritage Data—the Case of the Painted Church of Asinou, Cyprus from the EU Initial Training Network for Digital Cultural Heritage” (15 min.)

5:35

Bert de Vries (Calvin College) and *Muaffaq Hazza* (Al Beit University), “Reopening an Ancient Entrance for the Modern Community: Preservation and Rehabilitation of the Commodus Gate at Umm el-Jimal” (20 min.)

6:00

Suzanne Bott (University of Arizona), *Nancy Odegaard* (University of Arizona), *R. Brooks Jeffery* (University of Arizona), and *Atifa Rawan* (University of Arizona), “Cultural Landscapes and World Heritage under Siege: The Nexus of Site, Culture, Setting, and Extremists Examples from Bamiyan, Afghanistan, and Ninewa (Nineveh) Province, Iraq” (20 min.)

8H. Mesopotamian Civilizations: Borders, Identities, and Interactions

Trippe

Theme: This session aims to explore the role of borders — physical, political, social, conceptual — in the formation and negotiation of Mesopotamian political and social

groups as illuminated by the cuneiform record.

CHAIRS: *Piotr Michalowski* (University of Michigan) and *Jacob Lauinger* (Johns Hopkins University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (15 min.)

4:40

Ilona Zsolnay (University of Pennsylvania), “Betwixt and Between: The Mortally Precarious Position of a Divine Prison” (15 min.)

5:00

Beate Pongratz-Leisten (New York University), “Political Borders, Intercultural Exchange: The Texts from Tigunatum” (15 min.)

5:20

N. Ilgi Gercek (Istanbul University), “‘The Steepest Places’: A Study of Frontiers and Political Dissent in Hittite Anatolia” (15 min.)

5:40

Seth Richardson (University of Chicago) and *Tate Paulette* (Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and The Ancient World, Brown University), “Recasting the ‘Magic Circle’: The Politics of Food in an Incomplete State” (15 min.)

6:00

Karen Sonik (Auburn University), “Corporeal ‘Harbingers of Category Crisis’: Constructions (and Transgressions) of Identity Positions in the Ancient Near East” (15 min.)

Saturday, November 21, 2015

Sessions 9A – 12H

9A. Theoretical and Anthropological Approaches to the Near East III

Windsor A

Theme: Theorizing Culture

CHAIRS: *Emily Miller Bonney* (California State University, Fullerton) and *Leann Pace* (Wake Forest University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Rick Hauser (IIMAS: The International Institute for Mesopotamian Area Studies), “Surrogacy as a Marker of Cultural Transition” (20 min.)

8:45

Sarah Lange (University of Tübingen) and *Jennie Bradbury* (University of Oxford), “Digging Up the Dead: A New Approach to Understanding Secondary Burials in the Ancient Near East” (20 min.)

9:10

Fredric Brandfon (The Expedition to the Coastal Plain of Israel), “What Were They [Not] Thinking: Habitus, Mentalité, and Preconscious in Ancient Historiography” (20 min.)

9:35

Kevin McGeough (University of Lethbridge) and *Jerimy Cunningham* (University of Lethbridge), “Victorian Bible Customs Books as the Precursors of Biblical Ethnoarchaeology” (20 min.)

10:00

Thomas Middlebrook (Trinity International University), “The Role of Place and Royal Ideology in 2 Samuel 22” (20 min.)

9B. Museums and the Ancient Middle East: Curatorial Practice and Audiences I
Windsor B

CHAIRS: *Lucas Petit* (Dutch National Museum of Antiquities) and *Geoff Emberling* (University of Michigan), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Ariane Thomas (Musée du Louvre), “Exhibiting Ancient Near Eastern Antiquities in the Louvre” (15 min.)

8:45

Haim Gitler (The Israel Museum), “Curatorial Work at the Israel Museum: Bringing Exhibitions to Fruition” (15 min.)

9:05

Lutz Martin (Vorderasiatisches Museum), “The Museum of the Ancient Near East Berlin” (15 min.)

9:25

Pedro Azara (ETSAB-UPC, Spain), *Marc Marin* (ETSAB-UPC, Spain), and *Joan Borrell* (ETSAB-UPC, Spain), “Do Archaeological Exhibitions Exist, or What Do We Really Show at Archaeological Exhibitions? ‘Past and Present: Archaeology and Aesthetics’ Exhibition (ISAW, New York) Case Study” (15 min.)

9:45

Clemens Reichel (University of Toronto), “Conflicted Conscience: On Balancing Curatorial, Design, and Marketing Demands for a Blockbuster Exhibit” (15 min.)

10:05

General Discussion (20 min.)

9C. Archaeology of Cyprus II

Windsor D

CHAIR: Nancy Serwint (Arizona State University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Elizabeth Treptow (New York University), “Three Metal Bowls from Idalion: Where Did They Come From?” (20 min.)

8:50

Thomas Davis (Tandy Institute of Archaeology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary), “The Elusive Signature of the Jewish Diaspora on Roman Cyprus” (20 min.)

9:15

Lucas P. Grimsley (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary), *Laura A. Swantek* (Arizona State University), *William J. Weir* (University of Cincinnati), and *Thomas W. Davis* (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary), “Preliminary Results of the First Four Seasons of the Kourion Urban Space Project” (20 min.)

9:40

Justin Mann (East Carolina University), “A Comparison of Ceramic Types and Function within Medieval Cypriot Villages” (20 min.)

10:05

General Discussion (20 min.)

9D. Archaeology of the Black Sea and the Caucasus I

Windsor E

CHAIRS: *Elizabeth Fagan* (University of Chicago) and *Ryan Hughes* (University of Michigan), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Jessie Birkett-Rees (Monash University), “The Kura Route: Corridors in the Caucasus” (20 min.)

8:50

Ian Lindsay (Purdue University), *Maureen Marshall* (University of Chicago), and *Alan Greene* (Stanford University), “Settlement, Warfare, and Political Organization in the Bronze and Iron Age South Caucasus: A Preliminary Report on the Upper Kasakh River Valley Survey of Project ArAGATS” (20 min.)

9:15

Nathaniel Erb-Satullo (Harvard University), *Brian Gilmour* (Oxford University), and *Nana Khakhutiashvili* (Shota Rustaveli State University), “Direct Evidence for Late Bronze Age Tin-Bronze Alloying in the South Caucasus and the Case for Local Exploitation of Tin Deposits” (20 min.)

9:40

Ryan Hughes (University of Michigan), “Surveying the Western Caucasus: Navigating the Physical and Social Landscapes around Vani, Georgia” (20 min.)

10:05

General Discussion (20 min.)

9E. Art Historical Approaches to the Near East I

Venetian I & II

CHAIR: *Allison Thomason* (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Breton Langendorfer (University of Pennsylvania), “Akkad's Audiences: Elites and the Territorial State” (20 min.)

8:45

Melissa Eppihimer (University of Pittsburgh), “Sargon's Heroes: Visual Models and Cultural Memory in the Palace at Khorsabad” (20 min.)

9:10

Marian Feldman (Johns Hopkins University), “In Pursuit of Luxury (Arts) in Ancient Mesopotamia” (20 min.)

9:35

Robyn Price (University of Memphis), “‘Your Scent Is as Their Scent.’ The Invisible Presence in New Kingdom Egyptian Art” (20 min.)

10:00

Patricia Kim (University of Pennsylvania), “Terrestrial Imaginations of the Hellenistic Near East” (20 min.)

9F. Landscapes of Settlement in the Ancient Near East II

Venetian III & IV

CHAIR: *Emily Hammer* (Oriental Institute, University of Chicago), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction

8:25

Robert Homsher (Harvard University) and *Matthew Adams* (Albright Institute of Archaeological Research), “Ancient Landscapes of the Jezreel Valley: A Preliminary Report on Environmental Study” (25 min.)

8:55

Susanne Rutishauser (University of Bern), “Settlement History of the Cilician Plain from the Neolithic to the Iron Age” (25 min.)

9:25

James Osborne (University of Chicago), “Forced Migration in the Near East: Preliminary Results of the Tayinat Lower Town Project and the Erbil Plain Archaeological Survey” (25 min.)

9:55

Jesse Casana (Dartmouth College), “Regional-Scale Satellite Remote Sensing and the Search for Waššukanni” (25 min.)

9G. Archaeology of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq I

Venetian V & VI

CHAIR: Glenn Schwartz (Johns Hopkins University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Antionietta Catanzariti (University of California, Berkeley), “The Archaeological Landscape of the Qara Dagħ Valley: Results of a Recent Survey” (20 min.)

8:50

Paola Sconzo (University of Tübingen), “Settlement Patterns and Cultural Resources in the Mountains and Valleys of Iraqi Kurdistan: The Tübingen Eastern Habur Survey” (20 min.)

9:15

Marshall Schurtz (University of Pennsylvania), “Exploring Site Typology and Formation in Northeast Iraqi Kurdistan with Historical Ecology” (20 min.)

9:40

Melissa Sharp (University of Tübingen) and *Kyra Kaercher* (University of Pennsylvania Museum) “An Analysis of the Halaf Ceramic Assemblage from Banahilk, Iraq” (20 min.)

10:05

Agnese Vacca (Sapienza University of Rome) and *Luca Peyronel* (IULM University of Milan), “Italian Archaeological Researches at Helawa in the Southwestern Erbil Plain, Kurdistan, Iraq” (20 min.)

9H. Archaeology of the Natural Environment: Archaeobotany and Zooarchaeology in the Near East

Trippe

CHAIR: *Jennifer Ramsay* (The College at Brockport, SUNY), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Madelynn von Baeyer (University of Connecticut), “Household Work: Plant Use During the Late Chalcolithic at Çadır Höyük, Turkey” (20 min.)

8:50

Melissa Rosenzweig (Miami University), “Preliminary Archaeobotanical Results from Tel Akko, Israel” (20 min.)

9:15

Brita Lorentzen (Cornell University), *Ian Jones* (University of California, San Diego) and

Thomas E. Levy (University of California, San Diego), “Usage and Management of Woodlands Fueling Middle Islamic Copper Production in the Faynan, Jordan” (20 min.)

9:40

Jennifer Ramsay (*The College at Brockport, SUNY*) and *Christine Vögeli-Pakkala* (Humboldt University), “The Impact of Spice Plants on Medical Treatments” (20 min.)

10:05

General Discussion (20 min.)

10:25-10:40 Coffee Break (Windsor C & Pre-Function)

10B. Museums and the Ancient Middle East: Curatorial Practice and Audiences II
Windsor B

CHAIRS: *Lucas Petit* (Dutch National Museum of Antiquities) and *Geoff Emberling* (University of Michigan), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Paul Collins (University of Oxford, UK), “Museum Displays and the Creation of the Ancient Middle East” (15 min.)

11:05

Andrew Jamieson (The University of Melbourne, Australia) and *Annelies Van de Ven* (The University of Melbourne, Australia), “Curatorial Practice in Curriculum and Community Engagement of Near Eastern Archaeological Collections: The University of Melbourne’s Classics and Archaeology Collection” (15 min.)

11:25

Geoff Emberling (University of Michigan) and *Swarupa Anila* (Detroit Institute of Arts), “Negotiating Art and Technology: A Reinstalled Gallery of Ancient Middle Eastern Art at the Detroit Institute of Arts” (15 min.)

11:45

Jack Green (University of Chicago), “The Hisham’s Palace Site and Museum Project, Jericho” (15 min.)

12:05

Peter Lacovara (Emory University), Discussant (15 min.)

12:25

General Discussion (20 min.)

10C. The Iron Age I in the Levant: A View from the North I

Windsor D

Theme: This session deals with the period of the Iron Age I in the northern Levant. It aims at highlighting inter- and extra- regional interconnections by presenting the archaeological evidence from recent excavations with an emphasis on material characteristics and chronological implications.

CHAIRS: *Lynn Welton* (University of Chicago) and *Hanan Charaf* (University of Paris I), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (10 min.)

10:50

Fabrizio Venturi (Università degli Studi di Firenze), “The Late Bronze Age/Iron Age transition in the Northern Levant: Patterns of Transformation and Radiocarbon Dating from Tell Afis Phases V–IV” (25 min.)

11:20

Hanan Charaf (University of Paris I), “The Architectural and Material Characteristics of the Late 13th–Early 12th Century B.C. Level at Tell Arqa, Lebanon” (25 min.)

11:50

Sara Pizzimenti (Sapienza University of Rome), “The LB II–Iron Age I Transitional Phase at Tell Mardikh-Ebla. New Data from the Pottery and Stratigraphic Sequence of the Acropolis” (25 min.)

12:20

General Discussion (25 min.)

10D. Archaeology of the Black Sea and the Caucasus II

Windsor E

CHAIRS: *Ryan Hughes* (University of Michigan) and *Elizabeth Fagan* (University of Chicago), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Elizabeth Fagan (University of Chicago), “Defining Space and Time: Artashes I of Armenia” (20 min.)

11:10

Lara Fabian (University of Pennsylvania), “‘Sarmatians’ in the South Caucasus: Elusive or Illusory?” (20 min.)

11:35

Valeriya Kozlovskaya (Independent scholar) and *Sergey Ilyanshenko* (Independent scholar), “Sign-Bearing Artifacts of the Early Centuries C.E. from the Lower Don Region” (20 min.)

12:00

Aleksandra Michalewicz (University of Melbourne), “Use and Distribution of Pins at the Samtavro Cemetery in Mtskheta, Caucasian Iberia” (20 min.)

12:25

General Discussion (20 min.)

10E. Art Historical Approaches to the Near East II

Venetian I & II

CHAIR: *Kiersten Neumann* (Oriental Institute, University of Chicago), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Björn Anderson (University of Iowa), “Petra's Tomb 70 Revisited” (20 min.)

11:05

David Jacobson (University College London), “The Tau-Rho Monogram on Coins of Herod the Great” (20 min.)

11:30

David Maltsberger (Wayland Baptist University), “Textual Hints in Context: Menorah Iconography in Rough Cilicia and Paul's Earliest Christian Coverts” (20 min.)

11:55

Beatrice St. Laurent (Bridgewater State University), “Capitalizing Jerusalem: Mu'awiya's Urban Vision 638–680” (20 min.)

12:20

Ines Oberhollenzer (TU, Germany), “Syria, Resafa-Sergiupolis / Rusafat-Hisham: Painted Marbles” (20 min.)

10F. Infants as Votive Offerings in Ancient Carthage

Venetian III & IV

Theme: ASOR Punic Project Excavations at the Precinct of Tanit, Carthage, Tunisia, 1976-1979

CHAIRS: *Brien K. Garnand* (Howard University) and *Joseph A. Greene* (Harvard Semitic Museum), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Lawrence Stager (Harvard University), “Rites of Spring in the *tophet*” (15 min.)

11:05

Patricia Smith (The Hebrew University), “Cemetery or Sacrifice: The Bio-Archaeology of the Carthaginian *tophet*” (15 min.)

11:25

Brien Garnand (Howard University), *Deirdre Fulton* (Baylor University), and *Paula Hesse* (The Pennsylvania State University), “Sacrifice as Votive Offerings: The Nonhuman Faunal Remains” (15 min.)

11:45

Gioacchino Falsone (University of Palermo), *Paola Sconzo* (Eberard Karls Universität Tübingen), *Luca Sineo* (University of Palermo), and *Gabriele Lauria* (University of Palermo), “Child Cremations and Child Inhumations” (15 min.)

12:05

Valentina Melchiorri (Eberard Karls Universität Tübingen), “Children as Special Cultic Characters” (15 min.)

12:25

Paolo Xella (University of Pisa / Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche), “Playing the Devil’s Advocate: A Challenge to Nonsacrificial Theories” (15 min.)

10G. Archaeology of Mesopotamia I

Venetian V & VI

CHAIR: *Lauren M. Ristvet* (University of Pennsylvania), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Helen Malko (Columbia University), “Cultural Innovation and Continuity: Babylonia's Built Environment under the Kassites” (25 min.)

11:15

Holly Pittman (University of Pennsylvania), “Report on the Final Publication of Excavations at Al Hiba, Ancient Lagash, Southern Mesopotamia” (25 min.)

11:45

Reed Goodman (University of Pennsylvania), *Steve Renette* (University of Pennsylvania), and *Elizabeth Carter* (UCLA) “The Al-Hiba Site Survey Revisited: A Systematic Survey of the Sumerian City of Lagash” (25 min.)

12:15

Darren Ashby (University of Pennsylvania), “Feeding The Gods: The Material Remains of The ED IIIb Bagara Temple Complex at Tell al-Hiba, Ancient Lagash” (25 min.)

12:45-2:00pm Projects on Parade – Poster Session

Windsor C

CHAIRS: *Morag Kersel* (DePaul University) and *Jennifer Ramsay* (The College at Brockport, SUNY), Presiding

12:45-2:00pm Mentoring Meeting: Initiative on the Status of Women in ASOR

Hope 3

Beth Alpert Nakhai, Presiding

Vanessa Juloux (Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes), and *Agnès Garcia-Ventura* (Università di Roma, Sapienza), “A Platform for Gender Studies: *genderstudies.science*.”

11A. Methods of Historiography in the Study of Ancient Israel and the Levant

Windsor A

Theme: Assyria and the Levant in the Iron Age.

Methods of Historiography in the Study of Ancient Israel and the Levant is a special joint-session held with the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL). The session, Hebrew Bible, History, and Archaeology will take place at the SBL meeting on Sunday, November 22 at 4:00pm.

CHAIR: *Jacqueline Vayntrub* (Harvard University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Matthew J. Suriano (University of Maryland), “Assyria and the Hebrew Bible: Preliminary Remarks” (5 min.)

2:15

Jacob Lauinger (Johns Hopkins University), “Esarhaddon’s Succession Treaty as Literary Model for Deuteronomy: Some Thoughts on Method.” (15 min.)

2:35

Sara Milstein (University of British Columbia), “Nothing but the Truth? Near Eastern Scribes and the Production of Legal ‘Opinions.’” (15 min.)

2:55

Seth Sanders (University of California, Davis), “Bondage as Liberation: The Political Theology of Slavery in Late Iron Age Law.” (15 min.)

3:15

Peter Machinist (Harvard University), response (10 min.)

3:25

Bernard Levinson (University of Minnesota), response (10 min.)

3:35

General Discussion (30 min.)

11C. The Iron Age I in the Levant: A View from the North II

Windsor D

Theme: This session deals with the period of the Iron Age I in the northern Levant. It aims at highlighting inter- and extra- regional interconnections by presenting the archaeological evidence from recent excavations with an emphasis on material characteristics and chronological implications.

CHAIRS: *Hanan Charaf* (University of Paris I) and *Lynn Welton* (University of Chicago), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (10 min.)

2:10

Serdar Yalçın (Parsons School of Design), “Tarsus-Gözlükule during the Late Bronze–Early Iron Age Transition: Its Ceramics and Architecture” (25 min.)

2:40

Marina Pucci (Università degli Studi di Firenze), *Mara Horowitz* (SUNY Purchase), and *Robert Koehl* (Hunter College), “New Horizons: The Iron Age Sequence at Tell Atchana–Alalakh” (25 min.)

3:10

Lynn Welton (University of Chicago), “Examining the Resettlement of Tell Tayinat: The Evidence from the Earliest Iron I Levels” (25 min.)

3:40

General Discussion (25 min.)

11D. New Research on Pre-Islamic Central Asia I

Windsor E

Theme: Art and Archaeology

CHAIR: *Jeffrey D. Lerner* (Wake Forest University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Xin Wu (University of Pennsylvania), “The Landscape of Bactria and the Achaemenid Persian Empire” (15 min.)

2:25

Michele Minardi (University of Bordeaux, Ausonius Institute, France), “Excavations in Ancient Chorasmia: The Central Monument of Akshakhan-kala” (15 min.)

2:45

Charles C. Kolb (National Endowment for the Humanities, retired), “Grave Matters: Human Burials and Grave Goods from Aq Kupruk IV, Northern Afghanistan” (15 min.)

3:05

Charlotte Maxwell-Jones (University of Michigan), “Standardization in Pattern-Burnished Kushan Ceramics” (15 min.)

3:25

Soren Stark (Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University), *Fiona Kidd* (New York University, Abu Dabi), and *Djamal Mirzaakhmedov* (Institute of Archaeology, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan), “Environment and Land-Use Dynamics in Western Sogdiana between the Early Iron and the Middle Ages” (15 min.)

3:45

Patricia Kim (University of Pennsylvania), “The Right to Sight: Gender and Ritual at Balalyk-Tepe (Fifth–Seventh Centuries C.E.)” (15 min.)

11E. Theoretical and Methodological Approaches to the Study of Dress and the Body I

Venetian I & II

Theme: Dress, personal adornment, bodily modification, and representation play critical roles in the construction of identity in the ancient Near East, and the avenues by which these issues can be approached are myriad, and involve diverse disciplines including archaeology, anthropology, art history, and text studies. The goal of this session is to provide an opportunity to discuss different theoretical and methodological strategies for the interpretation of dress, personal ornament, and bodily representation, and to encourage collaborative dialogue within the field. Rather than simply presenting case studies, this session will feature papers that articulate the theoretical underpinnings as well as the methodological strategies employed.

CHAIR: *Megan Cifarelli* (Manhattanville College), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Abby Lillethun (Montclair State University), "Recreation of Dress of the Ancient Near East and Bronze Age Aegean: Assessing the Barriers" (25 min.)

2:35

Neville McFerrin (University of Michigan), "Fabrics of Inclusion: Deep Wearing and the Mimetic Potentials of Materiality on the Apadana Reliefs" (25 min.)

3:05

Kiersten Neumann (Oriental Institute, University of Chicago), "Dressed to the Divine Nines: Clothing the Gods of Assyria in the First Millennium B.C.E." (25 min.)

3:35

Allison Thomason (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville), "The Phenomenology and Sensory Experience of Dress in Mesopotamia" (25 min.)

11F. Archaeology of the Near East: The Classical Periods

Venetian III & IV

CHAIR: *Lisa A. Çakmak* (Saint Louis Art Museum), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Kate Birney (Wesleyan University), "To Rinse or to Receive? An Analysis of Second Century Stuccoed Rooms at Ashkelon" (20 min.)

2:25

Debra Foran (Wilfrid Laurier University) and *Annlee Dolan* (San Joaquin Delta College), “Ritual Immersion: Khirbat al-Mukhayyat during the Late Hellenistic Period” (20 min.)

2:50

Jonathan Ferguson (University of Toronto), “The Lost Nabataean Temples of Madaba and Khirbat az-Zuna in Central Jordan” (20 min.)

3:15

Noor Mulder-Hymans (Groningen University), “Recent Discoveries at Tell Abu Sarbut in the Eastern Jordan Valley” (20 min.)

3:40

Byron R. McCane (Wofford College), *Raimo Hakola* (University of Helsinki), *Stefan Muenger* (University of Bern), and *Juergen Zangenberg* (Universit t Leiden), “Religious Diversity in Byzantine Galilee: The Evidence from Horvat Kur” (20 min.)

11G. Archaeology of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq II

Venetian V & VI

CHAIR: *Kyra Kaercher* (University of Pennsylvania Museum), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Steve Renette (University of Pennsylvania), *Ricardo Cabral* (University of Coimbra), and *Andr  Tom * (University of Coimbra) “Kani Shaie Archaeological Project: Tracing the Beginning of the Bronze Age in the Zagros Foothills” (20 min.)

2:25

Lisa Cooper (University of British Columbia) “Investigations of a Late Assyrian Context at Bestansur, Sulaimaniyah Province, Iraqi Kurdistan” (20 min.)

2:50

Maurits Ertsen (Delft University of Technology) “The Hydraulic Landscape of Erbil, Kurdistan” (20 min.)

3:15

Luca Colliva (MAIKI-Sapienza, University of Rome), *Julian Bogdani* (MAIKI-Sapienza, University of Rome), and *Camilla Insom* (MAIKI-Sapienza, University of Rome) “Activities of the Italian Archaeological Mission in Iraqi Kurdistan (MAIKI)” (20 min.)

3:40

Gianfilippo Terribili (Sapienza, University of Rome) and *Luca Colliva* (Sapienza,

University of Rome) “A Forgotten Sasanian Sculpture: The Narseh’s Fifth Bust from the Paikuli Monument” (20 min.)

11H. Archaeology of Ritual and Religion I

Trippe

CHAIR: *Andrea Creel* (University of California, Berkeley), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Cynthia Shafer-Elliott (Jessup University), “Religious Feasting: A View from Tell Halif” (15 min.)

2:25

Sarah Craft (Florida State University), “Scales and Impacts of Christian Devotional Movement in Early Byzantine Cilicia” (15 min.)

2:45

Aaron Brody (Pacific School of Religion), “The Specialized Religion of Phoenician Seafarers” (15 min.)

3:05

Megan Nutzman (Old Dominion University), “Hammat Gader and Hammat Tiberias as *Hieroi Topoi*: Incubation and Healing at Hot Springs” (15 min.)

3:25

Turkan Pilavci (Columbia University), “The Act of Libation and its Material Manifestation in Hittite Art” (15 min.)

3:45

General Discussion (20 min.)

12A. Archaeologists Engaging Global Challenges

Windsor A

Theme: This session will provide long-term viewpoints on global challenges facing humanity in the 21st century through archaeological case studies and lay the foundation for future interface between archaeologists and policy makers.

CHAIR: *Erin D. Darby* (University of Tennessee), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Charles Carter (Seton Hall University), “I Can’t Breathe: Environmental Archaeology and Social Justice” (20 min.)

4:50

Alan Simmons (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), “Original Immigrants and Settling New Lands...Island Colonization and Land Management: Neolithic Lessons for the Present?” (20 min.)

5:15

Nicole Swartwood (Emory University), “Water Pollution and Public Health: A Geochemical Study of ‘Ayn Gharandal” (20 min.)

5:40

Gina Haney (World Monuments Fund) and *Alessandra Peruzzetto* (World Monuments Fund), “Planning for Change: The World Monuments Fund Cultural Heritage Conservation Management Program in Iraqi Kurdistan” (20 min.)

6:05

General Discussion (20 min.)

12C. Humayma After Three Decades: The Legacy and the Promise

Windsor D

Theme: Between 1986 and 2005 John P. Oleson directed archaeological research at Humayma, Jordan, and mentored countless numbers of budding archaeologists. In honor of Professor Oleson’s retirement in 2015, some of the site’s archaeologists discuss both what has been learned from Humayma and the site’s potential for future research.

CHAIRS: *M. Barbara Reeves* (Queen’s University) and *Craig A. Harvey* (University of Michigan), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

M. Barbara Reeves (Queen's University), “The Humayma Excavation Project: a Brief Introduction to Three Decades of Research” (20 min.)

4:45

Craig A. Harvey (University of Michigan), “Examining Humayma *Pes* by *Pes*: Using Ancient Units of Measurement to Inform Our Understanding of the Site’s Construction” (15 min.)

5:05

Milorad Nikolic (Memorial University of Newfoundland), “Visualizing Cavalry: *Equites sagittarii indigenae* at ancient Haurra” (15 min.)

5:25

Rebecca Foote (Khalili Collection of Islamic Art, UK), “*Ahlan wa sahan*: Expressions of Hospitality at Humayma and at Other *Qusur* in the Early Islamic Period (Late Seventh–Early Eighth Centuries)” (20 min.)

5:50

John Oleson (University of Victoria), “The Legacy and the Promise: Two Centuries of Research at Humayma” (20 min.)

6:15

Conclusions and Discussion (10 min.)

12D. New Research on Pre-Islamic Central Asia II

Windsor E

Theme: Numismatics

CHAIR: *Charlotte Maxwell-Jones* (University of Michigan), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Brian Muhs (University of Chicago) and *Tasha Vorderstrasse* (University of Chicago), “Economy, Documentation, and Coinage in Achaemenid and Hellenistic Bactria” (20 min.)

4:50

Frances A. Joseph (University of Houston), “Numismatic ‘Policy Packages’: Measuring Greco-Bactrian Political Power through Royal Coins” (20 min.)

5:15

Olivier Bordeaux (Paris-IV Sorbonne University, France), “The Monetary Politics of Eucratides I Based on a Die-Study” (20 min.)

5:40

Jeffrey D. Lerner (Wake Forest University), “Mithridates I and his Anabasis to Greek-Bactria” (20 min.)

6:05

Mark Gradoni (Indiana University), “The Sasanians in the East: Reassessing the

Chronology and Context of Early Sasanian Expansion and the Decline of the Kushan State in Central Asia” (20 min.)

12E. Theoretical and Methodological Approaches to the Study of Dress and the Body II

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PRESENTERS:

4:20

Josephine Verduci (University of Melbourne), “Early Iron Age Adornment within Southern Levantine Mortuary Contexts: An Argument for Existential Significance in Understanding Material Culture” (20 min.)

4:45

Abby Limmer (University of Arizona), “Jewelry Reconstruction and Presentation: Aesthetics and Accuracy” (20 min.)

5:10

Amy Gansell (St. John’s University), “Draped Garment Reconstruction from Material and Visual Evidence: A Study of Neo-Assyrian Queenly Dress” (20 min.)

5:35

Ayşe Bursali (Koç University), *Emma Baysal* (Trakya University), *Rana Özbal* (Koç University), *Hadi Özbal* (Bogaziçi University), and *Barış Yagci* (Koç University), “Neolithic Blue Beads in Northwest Turkey: The Social Significance of Skeuomorphism” (20 min.)

6:00

Mireille Lee (Vanderbilt University), “Body/Dress; Method/Theory; Ancient/Modern: Bringing It All Together” (20 min.)

12F. Maritime Archaeology

Venetian III & IV

Theme: This session explores aspects of maritime life ranging broadly from seaborne trade and cultural interaction to ship technology and harbor development in the eastern Mediterranean and Near East.

CHAIR: *Justin Leidwanger* (Stanford University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Carrie Fulton (Cornell University), *Andrew Viduka* (Australian National Government), *David Sewell* (University of Edinburgh), and *Sturt Manning* (Cornell University), “Assessing the Anchorage of Late Bronze Age Maroni-Tsaroukkas, Cyprus” (20 min.)

4:45

Shelley Wachsmann (Institute of Nautical Archaeology), “The 2014 Ioppa Maritima Expedition: Reconstructing Jaffa’s Maritime Heritage” (20 min.)

5:10

Michal Artzy (University of Haifa), “Geomorphology and Geopolitics: Two Adjacent and Concurrent Anchorages/Harbors” (20 min.)

5:35

Nicolas Carayon (University of Southampton), *Simon Keay* (University of Southampton), *Pascal Arnaud* (Université Lumière Lyon 2), *Ferreol Salomon* (University of Southampton), *Kris Strutt* (University of Southampton), *Sophie Hay* (University of Southampton and British School at Rome), *Mari-Carmen Morena Escobar* (University of Southampton), and *Graeme Earl* (University of Southampton), “New Directions in the Study of Rome’s Mediterranean Ports” (20 min.)

6:00

Caroline Sauvage (Loyola Marymount University), “A Maritime Ceremony to the Great Goddess: A Reinterpretation of the Dor Scapula” (20 min.)

12G. Archaeology of Mesopotamia II

Venetian V & VI

CHAIR: *Lauren M. Ristvet* (University of Pennsylvania), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

David Stronach (University of California, Berkeley), “The Hanging Gardens of Babylon: A View from Nineveh” (20 min.)

4:45

Claudia Glatz (University of Glasgow), “Alterity, Identity, and Connectivity in Mesopotamia’s Vertical Borderlands” (20 min.)

5:10

Muge Durusu-Tanriover (Brown University), “Out of Line: Border Formation and Deformation in the Hittite Empire” (20 min.)

5:35

J. Troy Samuels (University of Michigan), “Camel Drivers, Guides, and Guardsmen: Nonelite Networks at Achaemenid Persepolis” (20 min.)

6:00

M. Willis Monroe (Brown University), “Lions and Snakes and Ravens! Oh My! Visual Knowledge Production in Late-Babylonian Astrological Texts” (20 min.)

12H. Archaeology of Ritual and Religion II

Trippe

Theme: Bodies and Images, Gender and Ritual, Rituals and Gods

CHAIR: *Laura Wright* (Johns Hopkins University), Presiding

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Caitlin Clerkin (University of Michigan), “Manifesting Alexander’s Body: Alexander Aigiochos” (15 min.)

4:45

Gabrielle Borenstein (Cornell University), “Ancestral Countenance: The Anthropomorphic and Zoomorphic Ossuaries of Peqi’in, Israel” (15 min.)

5:05

Dina Shalem (Kinneret Institute for Galilean Archaeology), “Secondary Burial in the Chalcolithic Period: A Social Viewpoint” (15 min.)

5:25

Jeannette Boertien (University of Groningen), “Weaving Garments for the Gods or Producing Textiles for the Market: Artifacts, Cult, and Gender in the Religion of Ammon and Moab” (15 min.)

5:45

Jane DeRose Evans (Temple University), “*Superstitio? Religio? A Votive Deposit from Sardis, Turkey*” (20 min.)

6:05

Douglas Petrovich (University of Toronto), “The Case for Identifying the Deities Worshiped in Building II and Building XVI at Tell Tayinat during the Neo-Assyrian Occupation of the Site as Temples to Assur and Nabu” (15 min.)

Sunday, November 22, 2015

ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Symposium (Windsor Ballroom)

This event is free and open to the public. We encourage you to [R.S.V.P. in advance online](#) or by emailing asormtgs@bu.edu.

12:15-1:40pm ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives Luncheon & Keynote

Keynote Presentation: *Jesse Casana* (Dartmouth College)
“Using Satellites to Connect the Dots—Looted Antiquities, ISIL, and the Syrian Civil War”

** There is no fee to hear the keynote. A plated lunch is being offered for \$30 with advance purchase: <http://www.asor.org/news/2015/09/chi-symposium.html>*

1:45-4:15pm Project Summaries

(Tentative list of speakers—subject to change)

- Emily Hammer, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago (1:45-2:05)
- Graham Philip, University of Durham representing the Shirin Project (2:05-2:25)
- Amr Al-Azm, Shawnee State University (2:30-2:50)
- LeeAnn Barnes Gordon and Susan Penacho, ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives (2:50-3:10)
- Lauren Ristvet, Penn Cultural Heritage Center (3:10-3:30)
- J. N. Bradbury, Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East & North Africa, University of Oxford (3:30-3:50)
- Arnulf Hausleiter, German Archaeological Institute (3:55-4:15)

4:20-5:00pm Looting and the Demand for Conflict Antiquities?

(Panel Discussion)