

# ACADEMIC PROGRAM

## 2017 ASOR ANNUAL MEETING

The Westin Boston Waterfront, Boston, Massachusetts

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\* The presenter's name will be underlined if they are not the first author or only author*

### Wednesday, November 15

**7:00–8:15pm**      **Plenary Address**  
Harbor Ballroom

Irene J. Winter, (Professor Emerita, former William Dorr Boardman Professor of Fine Arts, Harvard University), “Archaeology, Object History, Art History: Questions of Definition and Discipline.”

**8:30–10:00pm**      **Opening Reception**  
Marina Ballroom

### Thursday, November 16

**8:20–10:25am**      **Session 1**

**1A. Archaeology of Mesopotamia**  
Harbor 1

*Theme: This session presents new excavations and new work on old excavations in Mesopotamia, understood broadly.*

CHAIR: Lauren Ristvet (University of Pennsylvania)

PRESENTERS:

8:20  
Introduction (5 min.)

8:25  
Emily Hammer (University of Pennsylvania), “The City and Landscape of Ur: An Aerial, Satellite, and Ground Reassessment” (15 min.)

8:45  
Andrea Polcaro (University of Perugia) and Davide Nadali (Sapienza University of

Rome), “Results of the First Three Campaigns of Excavation (2015–2017) to Tell Zurghul, Ancient Nigin, in Southern Iraq” (15 min.)

9:05

Darren Ashby (University of Pennsylvania), “A New Interpretation of the Bagara and the Ibgal, Two Religious Complexes from Tell al-Hiba, Ancient Lagash” (15 min.)

9:25

Jennifer R. Pournelle (University of South Carolina), Liviu Giosan (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution), and Aimen Al Rubaie (University of Basra), “A Brain Coral’s Memoir of a Mesopotamian Port” (15 min.)

9:45

Arthur Stefanski (University of Toronto), “State Formation and the Emergence of Imperialism in the Akkadian Period at Khafajah” (15 min.)

10:05

Mark Schwartz (Grand Valley State University) and David Hollander (University of South Florida), “Evolving Colonies: A Reconstruction of Middle to Late Uruk Exchange Dynamics as Seen through Analyses of Ancient Trade Goods” (15 min.)

**1B. Yerushalayim, Al Quds, Jerusalem: Recent Developments and Problems in the Archaeological and Historical Studies from the Bronze Age to Medieval Periods I**  
Harbor 2

CHAIR: Yuval Gadot (Tel Aviv University)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Israel Finkelstein (Tel Aviv University), Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University), and Ido Koch (Tel Aviv University), “The Mound on the Mount: A Possible Solution to the Problem with Jerusalem” (15 min.)

8:40

Yuval Baruch (Israel Antiquities Authority), “The Temple Mount: Results of the Archaeological Investigations of the Past Decade” (15 min.)

9:00

David Gurevich (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) "Ancient Water Supply, GIS, and Archives: The Northern Aqueduct of the Temple Mount" (15 min.)

9:20

Guy Steibel (Tel Aviv University), “‘A Light Unto the Nations’—Symbolic Architecture of Religious Buildings” (15 min.)

9:40

Beatrice St. Laurent (Bridgewater State University), “Mu‘awiya’s Urban Vision for Early Islamic Jerusalem, 638-680” (15 min.)

10:00

Gideon Avni (Israel Antiquity Authority), Discussant (15 min.)

### **1C. Integrating Organic Residue Analysis into Archaeology (Workshop)**

Harbor 3

*Theme: OpenARCHEM (<http://openarchem.org>) is an open and collaborative database to facilitate the sharing of scientific datasets especially as they pertain to organic residue analysis (ORA). This workshop seeks to gather both specialists and non-specialists to discuss obstacles and best practices while offering feedback on the beta version of the OpenARCHEM database.*

CHAIRS: Andrew J. Koh (Brandeis University) and Kate J. Birney (Wesleyan University)

PRESENTERS:

*Part I: ORA in Practice*

8:20

Andrew J. Koh (Brandeis University), Opening Remarks (5 min.)

8:25

Elsa Perruchini (University of Glasgow), Claudia Glatz (University of Glasgow), and Jaime Toney (University of Glasgow), “Can’t Touch This!: Preventing Excavation and Post-Excavation Contamination” (10 min.)

8:35

Zuzana Chovanec (Tulsa Community College), “Transforming Chemistry into Anthropology: Issues in the Interpretation of Analytical Results” (10 min.)

8:45

Alison M. Crandall (University of California, Los Angeles), “Field ORA in the Storerooms of Tel Kabri” (10 min.)

8:55

Andrew J. Koh (Brandeis University) and Kate J. Birney (Wesleyan University), “The Value of Legacy ORA Data and Objects: Case Studies” (10 min.)

*Part II: Building for the Future*

9:05

Kate J. Birney (Wesleyan University), Introductory Remarks (5 min.)

9:10

Andrea M. Berlin (Boston University), “The Levantine Ceramics Project” (10 min.)

9:20

Anna K. Krohn (Brandeis University), “Designing the OpenARCHEM Archaeometric Database” (10 min.)

9:30

Eric H. Cline (George Washington University), Discussant (10 min.)

9:40

General Discussion (45 min.)

## **1D. Ancient Inscriptions I**

Burroughs

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

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Brent Davis (University of Melbourne), “The Phaistos Disk: A New Way of Viewing the Language behind the Script” (15 min.)

8:45

Federico Zangani (Brown University), “The Satirical Letter of Hori on 8 Ostraca from the Museo Egizio of Turin” (15 min.)

9:05

Aren Wilson-Wright (Universität Zürich), “Māt Gets a Promotion: A Revised Reading of Sinai 349” (15 min.)

9:25

Douglas Petrovich (The Bible Seminary), “Egyptian Elements in the Proto-Consonantal Hebrew Inscriptions of the Bronze Age” (15 min.)

9:45

Jessie DeGrado (University of Chicago), “The God ŠYY in the Second Amulet from Arslan Tash” (15 min.)

10:05

Tracy Spurrier (University of Toronto), “Not Just Another Brick in the Wall: New Shalmaneser III Inscriptions in the Nimrud Tombs” (15 min.)

## **1E. Reports on Current Excavations**

Carlton

*Theme: This session serves as an opportunity for current excavations, both ASOR-affiliated and non-affiliated, to report on their latest findings.*

CHAIRS: Jack Green (Cornell University) and Robert Homsher (Harvard University)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Carrie Duncan (University of Missouri), Robert Darby (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), and Erin Darby (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), “The 2017 Season at the ‘Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project, Jordan” (15 min.)

8:40

James Riley Strange (Samford University), “A Report of the 2016 and 2017 Shikhin Excavation Project” (15 min.)

9:00

Michael G. Hasel (Institute of Archaeology, Southern Adventist University), “Socoh of the Judean Shephelah: The 2010 Survey” (15 min.)

9:20

Nicholaus Pumphrey (Baker University) and Ann E. Killebrew (Pennsylvania State University), “Tel Akko Total Archaeology Project: Preliminary Report on Eight Seasons of Excavation and Survey” (15 min.)

9:40

Erez Ben-Yosef (Tel Aviv University), Sabine Kleiman (Tel Aviv University), and Assaf Kleiman (Tel Aviv University), “Social and Chronological Aspects of Early Iron Age Copper Production in the Southern Arabah: New Ceramic and Radiocarbon Studies of the Central Timna Valley Project (CTV)” (15 min.)

10:00

Daniel Warner (New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary), “One Thing Leads to

Another?: New Insights on the Development of Tel Gezer from Eight Seasons of Excavations of the Gezer Water System” (15 min.)

## **1F. Archaeology of the Ancient Near East: Bronze and Iron Ages I**

Lewis

CHAIR: Eric Lee Welch (University of Kansas)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Susan Cohen (Montana State University), “Diet, Drink, and Death: The Transition from the Intermediate to the Middle Bronze Age in the Southern Levant” (15 min.)

8:45

Naama Yahalom-Mack (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Irina Segal (Geological Survey of Israel), and Israel Finkelstein (Tel Aviv University), “The Complexity of the Late Bronze Age Mediterranean Copper Trade: A View from the Southern Levant” (15 min.)

9:05

Igor Kreimerman (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Destructions at the End of the Late Bronze Age: A Comparison between the Northern Levant, the Southern Levant, and Cyprus” (15 min.)

9:25

Margreet Steiner (Independent Scholar), “The Late Bronze Age Temple at Deir Alla: A Reassessment” (15 min.)

9:45

Tiffany Earley-Spadoni (University of Central Florida), Arthur Petrosyan (Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, National Academy of Sciences, Armenia), and Boris Gasparyan (Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, National Academy of Sciences, Armenia), “Digital Storytelling as Public Archaeology: Results from the 2017 Vayots Dzor Fortress Landscapes Project (Armenia)” (15 min.)

10:05

General Discussion

## **1G. Study of Violence from the Region of the Ancient Near East and Its Neighbors I**

Otis

*Theme: Violence from the region of the ancient Near East and its neighbors: anthropology and hermeneutics of text and image analysis.*

CHAIRS: Vanessa Juloux (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris Sciences et Lettres Research University) and Leann Pace (Wake Forest University)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Tracy Lemos (Huron University College; University of Western Ontario), “Order from Chaos: The Mental and the Material in Explanations of Ancient Near Eastern Violence” (20 min.)

8:50

Amanda Morrow (University of Wisconsin–Madison), “Poetics of Violence in Neo-Babylonian Period Judah: An Anthropological Approach to Violence in the Archaeological and Textual Record” (20 min.)

9:15

Seth Richardson (University of Chicago) and Steven Garfinkle (Western Washington University), “Community Violence in the Middle Bronze Age” (20 min.)

9:40

Laura Battini (Laboratoire PROCLAC-Collège de France), “The Message of Violence and Its Audience in Third Millennium B.C. Mesopotamia” (20 min.)

#### **1H. Madaba Plains Project at 50: Tall Hisban Stone**

*Theme: Contextualizing MPP at Tall Hisban. This is the first of three sessions marking 50 years of research in Jordan by the Madaba Plains Project or MPP. The goal is to present a history of the people, ideas, and research agendas that shaped fieldwork priorities and strategies at each site.*

CHAIRS: Oystein LaBianca (Andrews University) and Lawrence Geraty (La Sierra University)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Lawrence Geraty (La Sierra University), “Contextualizing the Quest for Biblical Heshbon at Tall Hisban” (20 min.)

8:45

Bert de Vries (Calvin College), "Contextualizing the Quest for Early Christianity at Esbus" (20 min.)

9:10

Bethany Walker (University of Bonn), "Contextualizing the Quest for Islamic Housban at Tall Hisban" (20 min.)

9:35

Frode Jacobsen (Western Norway University of Applied Sciences), "Al Musallah: Local Ideas about Tall Hisban" (20 min.)

10:00

Oystein LaBianca (Andrews University), "Contextualizing the Quest for Theories of the Longue Durée at Tall Hisban" (20 min.)

## **II. Peoples of the Mountain: Settlement Dynamics in the Galilean Highlands I**

Webster

*Theme: Settlement Patterns, Subsistence Modes, and Socio-political Developments from the Chalcolithic Period to the Iron Age*

CHAIRS: Uri Davidovich (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Ido Wachtel (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Dina Shalem (Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee), "Was There a Galilean Cultural Entity in the Late Chalcolithic Period?" (20 min.)

8:45

Austin Hill (Dartmouth College), Yorke Rowan (Oriental Institute, University of Chicago), and Morag Kersel (DePaul University), "Filling in the Gaps: Fifth Millennium B.C.E. Villages in the Galilee" (20 min.)

9:10

Uri Davidovich (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), "The Emergence of Highland Polities: Qedesh and the Upper Galilee during the Early Bronze Age" (20 min.)

9:35

Ido Wachtel (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), "Settlement Shifts and Demographic Changes in the Upper Galilee during the Bronze and Iron Ages" (20 min.)

10:00



Karen Covello-Paran (Israel Antiquities Authority), “Socio-economic Strategies at Ramat Razim, a Mid-second Millennium B.C.E. Site on the Slopes of Mt. Canaan, Upper Galilee” (20 min.)

**1J. The Cultural Mosaic of Maresha: Reconstructing Domestic and Ritual Life from Subterranean Contexts**

Hancock

CHAIR: Ian Stern (Hebrew Union College; Archaeological Seminars Institute)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Ian Stern (Hebrew Union College; Archaeological Seminars Institute), “The Cultic Remains from Maresha Subterranean Complex 169” (25 min.)

8:55

Adi Erlich (University of Haifa), “Terracotta Figurines from SC 169: Between Koine and Local Traditions” (25 min.)

9:25

Gerald Finkielsztein (Israel Antiquity Authority), “Hellenistic Maresha: *Instrumenta*, Trade, Administration and History” (25 min.)

9:55

Esther Eshel (Bar Ilan University), “The Aramaic Texts from Maresha” (25 min.)

**10:25–10:40am      Coffee Break**

Galleria

**10:40am–12:45pm    Session 2**

**2A. The Archaeology of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq I**

Harbor 1

*Theme: Recent research focused on the Chalcolithic and Bronze Age of the Kurdistan Region.*

CHAIR: Jason Ur (Harvard University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Gil Stein (University of Chicago), “Kurdish Chalcolithic Conundra: Regional Identities and Local Variation at Surezha and Greater Mesopotamia” (15 min.)

11:05

Agnese Vacca (Sapienza University of Rome), “Recent Results from Ongoing Archaeological Researches at Helawa, Southwest Erbil Plain, Iraqi Kurdistan: New Data on the Late Chalcolithic and Late Bronze Age Periods” (15 min.)

11:25

Tim Skuldbøl (University of Copenhagen), Carlo Colantoni (University of Leicester), and Mette Marie Hald (National Museum of Denmark), “Exploring the Anatomy and Development of Early Urbanism in NE Iraq. Five Years of Investigations by the Danish Archaeological Expedition to Iraq (DAEI)” (15 min.)

11:45

Martin Uildriks (Brown University), “Living on the Edge: Calculating Flood Damage in the Dūkan Reservoir” (15 min.)

12:05

Marshall Schurtz (University of Pennsylvania), “Locating Kakmum: Searching for the Bronze Age Polity of the Northern Zagros” (15 min.)

12:25

Jason Ur (Harvard University) and Nader Babakr (Directorate of Antiquities, Erbil Governorate, Kurdistan Region of Iraq), “The Evolution of the Assyrian Landscape in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq” (15 min.)

**2B. Yerushalayim, Al Quds, Jerusalem: Recent Developments and Problems in the Archaeological and Historical Studies from the Bronze Age to Medieval Periods II**  
Harbor 2

CHAIR: Gideon Avni (Israel Antiquities Authority)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Omer Sergi (Tel Aviv University) “The Emergence of Judah as a Political Entity between Jerusalem and Benjamin” (15 min.)

11:00

Yuval Gadot (Tel Aviv University) and Johanna Regev (Weizmann Institute of Science), “The Elusive Stratum 13: Evaluating New Finds from Iron Age Levels in Jerusalem and Their Contribution for Understanding the City’s Growth” (15 min.)

11:20

Abra Spiciarich (Tel Aviv University), Omri Lernau (Independent Scholar), and Lidar Sapir-Hen (Tel Aviv University) "Animal Economy of Jerusalem in the Eighth Century B.C.E. in Light of 30 Years of Publications" (15 min.)

11:40

Zubair Adawi (Israel Antiquities Authority), “Biblical Netofa, Byzantine Metoba, and Early Islamic Umm Tuba—A Multi-period Settlement on the Road from Bethlehem to Jerusalem (15 min.)

12:00

Helena Roth (Tel Aviv University), “Talking Trash: The Role of Botanical Remains in the Identification of Garbage in Archaeology” (15 min.)

12:20

Amit Re'em (Israel Antiquities Authority), “The Tomb of David and the Room of the Last Supper on Mount Sion: New Findings—Theories vs. Reality” (15 min.)

## **2C. Archaeology of Israel I**

### **Harbor 3**

*Theme: This session focuses on the presentation of data from recent excavations of Bronze and Iron Age sites in Israel.*

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

#### **PRESENTERS:**

10:40

Aren Maeir (Bar-Ilan University), “The 2017 Season of Excavations at Tell es-Safi/Gath” (20 min.)

11:05

Nava Panitz-Cohen (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “A Unique Architectural Quarter at Ninth Century B.C.E. Tel Rehov” (20 min.)

11:30

Avraham Faust (Bar-Ilan University), “Tel ‘Eton in the Tenth Century B.C.E.: The Resettlement of the Shephelah in the Iron Age IIA and the United Monarchy” (20 min.)

11:55

Robert Mullins (Azusa Pacific University), Naama Yahalom-Mack (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), and Nava Panitz-Cohen (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Results of the Fifth Season of Excavations at Tel Abel Beth Maacah” (20 min.)

12:20

Assaf Yasur-Landau (University of Haifa), Eric Cline (George Washington University), and Andrew Koh (Brandeis University), “Preliminary Report on the Results of the 2017 Excavation Season at Tel Kabri” (20 min.)

## **2D. Ancient Inscriptions II**

Burroughs

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

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

K. Lawson Younger, Jr. (Trinity International University–Divinity School), “Arameans in the Zagros: The Cuneiform and Aramaic Evidence” (15 min.)

11:05

Jan Dušek (Charles University, Prague), “Dating the Aramaic Stela Sefire I” (15 min.)

11:25

Matthew Richey (University of Chicago), “A Bull Figurine with an Old Aramaic Inscription” (15 min.)

11:45

Bezalel Porten (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Provenanced Aramaic Ostraca from the Land of Israel” (15 min.)

12:05

Robert Deutsch (Independent Scholar), “Revising the Reading of Recently Published Hebrew Seals and Seal Impressions” (15 min.)

12:25

Samantha Lindgren (Johns Hopkins University), “Siloam Tunnel Inscription, among Its Contemporaries” (15 min.)

## **2E. Career Options for ASOR Members: The Academy and Beyond**

Carlton

CHAIR: Emily Miller Bonney (California State University, Fullerton)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Johanna Best (Smithsonian Institution), "Working 'For The Increase and Diffusion of Knowledge': Being A Public Fellow at the Smithsonian" (25 min.)

11:10

Andrew Cohen (U.S. Department of State), "The Federal Government as a Career Option: A Perspective from the State Department's Civil Service" (25 min.)

11:40

Charles Jones (The Pennsylvania State University), "Living an #Alt-Ac Life" (25 min.)

12:10

Suzi Wilczynski (Dig-It! Games), "From the Known to the Unknown: Utilizing Archaeology in Software Development" (25 min.)

## **2F. Archaeology of the Ancient Near East: Bronze and Iron Ages II**

Lewis

CHAIR: Eric Lee Welch (University of Kansas)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Ian Cipin (University College London), "EB III Jezreel and its Significance in a Regional Context" (15 min.)

11:05

Nadeshda Knudsen (Tel Aviv University), "The Terracotta Herd: Zoomorphic Figurines in the Early Bronze Age Southern Levant" (15 min.)

11:25

Gilad Itach (Israel Antiquities Authority; Bar-Ilan University), Dor Golan (Israel Antiquities Authority), "'The Thinker': A Unique MB II Burial Complex from Tel Yehud" (15 min.)

11:45

Jeffrey Chadwick (Brigham Young University Jerusalem Center), “How to Build a Glacis: Construction Dynamics of the MB II Fortifications at Tell es-Safi/Gath” (15 min.)

12:05

Robert Homsher (Harvard University) and Melissa Cradic (University of California, Berkeley), “Rethinking Amorites” (15 min.)

12:25

Golan Shalvi (University of Haifa), Shay Bar (University of Haifa), Shlomo Shoval (The Open University of Israel), and Ayelet Gilboa (University of Haifa), “The Tel Esur Courtyard House: A Glimpse into the Lives of the Lower Classes in Rural Areas in Late Bronze Age Canaan” (15 min.)

## **2G. Study of Violence from the Region of the Ancient Near East and Its Neighbors II** Otis

*Theme: Violence from the region of the ancient Near East and its neighbors: anthropology and hermeneutics of text and image analysis.*

CHAIRS: Vanessa Juloux (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris Sciences et Lettres Research University) and Leann Pace (Wake Forest University)

### PRESENTERS:

10:40

Niv Allon (The Metropolitan Museum of Art), “Cruel Art: Ancient Egyptian Violence in Literary Texts and Tomb Art” (20 min.)

11:00

Angelos Papadopoulos (College Year in Athens [CYA] Greece), “Images of Battle and Hunting in the Late Bronze Age: Why Is the Aegean So Different from Its Eastern Neighbors?” (20 min.)

11:20

Anne-Caroline Rendu Loisel (University of Strasbourg), “Senses and Violence in Cuneiform Texts (Second–First Millenium B.C.)” (20 min.)

11:40

General Discussion (20 min.)

12:00

Terhi Nurmikko-Fuller (Australian National University) and Sanna Nurmikko-Metsola (Brunel University London), “A Strategy of Violence? Using Game Theory to Analyze Political Power in the Ancient Near East” (25 min.)

12:25

General Discussion (20 min.)

**2H. Madaba Plains Project at 50: Tall al-‘Umayri  
Stone**

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CHAIRS: Douglas Clark (La Sierra University) and Larry Herr (Burman University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Timothy Harrison (University of Toronto), “Contextualizing MPP at Tall al-‘Umayri: The Early Bronze Age” (20 min.)

11:05

Kent Bramlett (La Sierra University), “Contextualizing MPP at Tall al-‘Umayri: The Late Bronze Age” (20 min.)

11:30

Douglas Clark (La Sierra University), “Contextualizing MPP at Tall al-‘Umayri: The Early Iron Age” (20 min.)

11:55

Larry Herr (Burman University), “Contextualizing MPP at Tall al-‘Umayri: The Late Iron Age and Early Persian Period” (20 min.)

12:20

Gary Christopherson (University of Arizona), “What Happened When the Tall al-‘Umayri Regional Survey Met Fernand Braudel’s Temporal Hierarchy?” (20 min.)

**2I. Peoples of the Mountain: Settlement Dynamics in the Galilean Highlands II  
Webster**

*Theme: The Hellenistic, Roman, and Byzantine Periods in Galilee—Society, Ethnicity, and Materiality*

CHAIR: Andrea M. Berlin (Boston University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Uzi Leibner (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Material Culture, Settlement, and Ethnicity in Hellenistic Period Galilee” (20 min.)

11:05

Roi Sabar (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Ethnic Boundaries and Settlement History in the Eastern Upper Galilee during the Hellenistic, Roman, and Byzantine Periods: Results of a High Resolution Site Survey” (20 min.)

11:30

Mordechai Aviam (Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee), “Phoenician Material Culture Influence in Upper Galilee during the Hellenistic, Roman, and Byzantine Periods” (20 min.)

11:55

Jacob Ashkenazi (Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee) and Mordechai Aviam (Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee), “Economic Growth and Religious Materiality in Christian Galilee in Late Antiquity” (20 min.)

12:20

A.D. Riddle (Trinity International University), “The Evidentiary Bases for Mapping Ancient Roads in Southern Lebanon” (20 min.)

## **2J. Houses and Households in the Near East: Archaeology and History I**

Hancock

*Theme: Foundation Deposits and Household Ritualized Burials. Presentations explore the purpose of foundation deposits in domestic contexts and offer a particular focus on the burial of humans, including infants, and animals as part of these ritualized deposits.*

CHAIRS: Aaron Brody (Pacific School of Religion) and Sharon R. Steadman (SUNY Cortland)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Miriam Müller (Leiden University), “Foundation Ceremonies in Near Eastern and Egyptian Domestic Architecture” (15 min.)

11:05



Yağmur Heffron (University College London), “Domestic Space and Religious Admixture in Kültepe-Kanesh” (15 min.)

11:25

Haskel Greenfield (University of Manitoba), Tina Greenfield (University of Saskatchewan), Elizabeth Arnold (Grand Valley State University), Aren Maeir (Bar-Ilan University), “A Bunch of Asses: Recent Asinine Discoveries from Early Bronze Tell es-Safi/Gath” (15 min.)

11:45

Melissa Cradic (University of California, Berkeley), “Residential Burial and Social Memory in the Middle Bronze Age Levant” (15 min.)

12:05

Timothy Matney (University of Akron), “Infant Burial Practices as Domestic Funerary Ritual at Early Bronze Age Titriş Höyük” (15 min.)

12:25

Burcu Yıldırım (Middle East Technical University), Laurel D. Hackley (Brown University), and Sharon R. Steadman (SUNY Cortland), “Sanctifying the House: Child Burial in Prehistoric Anatolia” (15 min.)

### **1:00–1:55pm Junior Scholars’ Panel**

Harbor 1

CHAIR: Heather Dana Davis Parker (Johns Hopkins University)

1:10

Vanessa Juloux (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris Sciences et Lettres Research University), “What Exactly Are the Digital Humanities and Why Should Scholars of the Ancient Near East Care?”

### **2:00–4:05pm            Session 3**

#### **3A. The Archaeology of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq II**

Harbor 1

*Theme: Recent research focused on the Late Bronze Age and Iron Age (Neo-Assyrian Period) in the Kurdistan Region.*

CHAIR: Jason Ur (Harvard University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Claudia Glatz (University of Glasgow), and Jesse Casana (Dartmouth College), “Sketching out Imperial *Handlungsräume* in the Zagros-Mesopotamian Interface—Recent Results from the Sirwan Regional Project and Khani Masi Excavations” (15 min.)

2:25

Hasam Qasim (Directorate of Antiquities, Duhok Governorate, Kurdistan Region of Iraq), “A New Neo-Assyrian Palace at Sêmêl Hill Rescue Excavations of the Duhok Directorate of Antiquities in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq” (15 min.)

2:45

Shin Nishiyama (Chubu University), “Iron Age Village and City in Iraqi Kurdistan: Results from Qalat Said Ahmadan and Yasin Tepe” (15 min.)

3:05

Maria Grazia Masetti-Rouault (École Pratique des Hautes Études / Paris Sciences et Lettres Research University), “Before the Assyrians, After the Assyrians: News from Qasr Shemamok” (15 min.)

3:25

Lisa Cooper (University of British Columbia), “Archaeological Reflections of Identity in the Late Assyrian Period Remains at Bestansur, Kurdistan” (15 min.)

3:45

Jason Herrmann (University of Tübingen) and Paola Sconzo (University of Tübingen), “Environmental Influences on Survey Results and Settlement Patterns, Eastern Ḥabur Region, Iraqi Kurdistan” (15 min.)

### **3B. Archaeology and Biblical Studies I**

Harbor 2

*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)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Aaron Demsky (Bar-Ilan University), “Rabbi Estori Haparhi, the Father of Biblical Historical Geography” (15 min.)

2:25

Dale Manor (Harding University), “Toys ‘R’ Us at Tel Beth-Shemesh” (15 min.)

2:45

Peter Feinman (Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education), “Rethinking Israel: The 400-Year Stories of the Hyksos and Israel” (15 min.)

3:05

Richard Hess (Denver Seminary), “Cultural Contexts Compared: The Onomastic Profiles of the Books of Joshua and Judges” (15 min.)

3:25

Amit Dagan (Bar-Ilan University) and Aren Maeir (Bar-Ilan University), “‘And the Gods of the Philistines’ (Judges 10:6): Understanding Philistine Cultic Practices in Light of Archaeological and Textual Evidence” (15 min.)

3:45

Robert Miller (The Catholic University of America), “The Archaeology of Midianite Religion and Yahweh’s Southern Origins” (15 min.)

### **3C. Archaeology of Israel II**

Harbor 3

*Theme: This session focuses on the presentation of data from recent excavations of Bronze and Iron Age sites in Israel.*

CHAIR: J. P. Dessel (University of Tennessee, Knoxville) and Rachel Hallote (Purchase College SUNY)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Haggai Cohen Klonymus (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “The Renewed Excavation in Teluliyot Batashi—A View from the Southernmost Wadi Rabah Sites” (15 min.)

2:25

Marcin Czarnowicz (Jagiellonian University in Kraków), Krzysztof Ciałowicz (Jagiellonian University in Kraków), Agnieszka Ochał-Czarnowicz (Jagiellonian

University in Kraków), Yuval Yekutieli (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), Eli Cohen-Sasson (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), Eliot Braun (Jagiellonian University in Kraków), Dmitry Yegorov (Israel Antiquities Authority), and Ianir Milevski (Israel Antiquities Authority), “Tel Erani: The Jagellonian and Ben-Gurion Universities and Israel Antiquities Authority Excavations (2013-2017)” (15 min.)

2:45

Geoffrey Ludvik (University of Wisconsin–Madison), “Hard Stone Beads and Socio-Economic Interaction in the Intermediate Bronze Age: Tracing Foreign Connections with Israel in the Third Millennium B.C.E.” (15 min.)

3:05

Jacob Damm (Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, University of California, Los Angeles), “Pots and People: Imperial Collapse and Identity Negotiation at New Kingdom Jaffa” (15 min.)

3:25

Jeffrey Blakely (University of Wisconsin–Madison), “The So-Called ‘Governor’s Residencies’ at Tell el-Hesi” (15 min.)

3:45

Zvi Lederman (Tel Aviv University), “Water for the Royal Horses: Rethinking Iron Age II Water Systems” (15 min.)

### **3D. Ancient Inscriptions III**

Burroughs

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

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Janling Fu (Harvard University), “A Thick Description of the Tabnit Sarcophagus” (15 min.)

2:25

Andrew Burlingame (University of Chicago), “Eshmunazor’s Last Full ‘Measure’ of Devotion? An Old Reading and a New Interpretation of KAI 14:19” (15 min.)

2:45

Dov Gera (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), “The Greek Inscriptions from Maresha” (15 min.)

3:05

Gil Gambash (University of Haifa) and Assaf Yasur-Landau (University of Haifa), “Governor of Judea, Patron of Dor: A New Inscription of Gargilius Antiquus” (15 min.)

3:25

Gaby Abou Samra (Lebanese University), “The Arabic Inscriptions in Deir Es-Salib Church in the Qadisha Valley (Lebanon)” (15 min.)

3:45

General Discussion (20 min.)

### **3E. Southern Phoenicia Initiative I (Workshop)**

Carlton

*The Southern Phoenicia Initiative is a newly formed working group that seeks to establish research ties across key sites in the region of southern Phoenicia. We aim to use the workshop to outline common agendas of the group, develop research questions, and propose common protocols for projects.*

CHAIR: Becky Martin (Boston University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Ilan Sharon (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “The Southern Phoenicia Initiative: Defining Space and Chronology” (10 min.)

2:15

Ayelet Gilboa (University of Haifa), “Early Iron Age Phoenicia as a Construct and Tool” (10 min.)

2:25

Becky Martin (Boston University), “‘Phoenicianism’ in the Persian Period: Definitions and Problems” (10 min.)

2:35

Jessica Nitschke (Stellenbosch University; University of Cape Town), “Southern Phoenicia in the Hellenistic and Roman Eras” (10 min.)

2:45

Assaf Yasur-Landau (University of Haifa), “The Contribution of Underwater Archaeology to the Study of Southern Phoenicia” (10 min.)

2:55

Discussion (20 min.)

3:15

Meir Edrey (Tel Aviv University), “Burial Diversity in Phoenicia and Its Social Implications” (15 min.)

3:30

Paula Waiman-Barak (University of Haifa), “Phoenician Maritime Transport Containers of the Early Iron Age, a Provenance Analysis” (15 min.)

3:45

Discussion (20 min.)

### **3F. Archaeology of the Ancient Near East: Bronze and Iron Ages III**

Lewis

CHAIR: Eric Lee Welch (University of Kansas)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Itzhaq Shai (Ariel University), Debi Cassuto (Bar-Ilan University), and Chris McKinny (Texas A&M University Corpus Christi), “Tel Burna Archaeological Project: The Results of the 2016–2017 Seasons” (15 min.)

2:25

Hoo-Goo Kang (Seoul Jangsin University), “The City Gate of Tel Lachish Level V: Where Is It?” (15 min.)

2:45

Gerald Mattingly (Johnson University) and Mark Green (Indiana State University), “Where the Lines of Evidence Converge: Dating the Origin of Khirbat al-Mudaybi‘, on Central Jordan’s Karak Plateau” (15 min.)

3:05

Yifat Thareani (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Jerusalem), “Movers and Shakers of the Ancient Near East: Assyria’s Deportation Policy in Light of the Archaeological Evidence from Tel Dan” (15 min.)

3:25

Assaf Kleiman (Tel Aviv University) “The Invisible Kingdom? Settlement Oscillations in the Northern Jordan Valley and State Formation in Southwestern Syria” (15 min.)

3:45

David Kertai (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “The Architecture of the Gaze: Palace J/K at Zincirli” (15 min.)

### **3G. Connectivities in The Near East: Social Impact of Shifting Networks I**

Otis

*Theme: Connectivity and its impact from the Neolithic period through the Bronze Ages will be the focus of this session, covering regions from Anatolia, the Levant, and reaching Egypt. Chronological discourse as well as a look into material culture will be presented.*

CHAIR: Barbara Horejs (Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology [OREA], Austrian Academy of Sciences)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Barbara Horejs (Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology [OREA], Austrian Academy of Sciences) and Arkadiusz Marciniak (Poznan University), “Connecting and Constructing: Pathways to the Late Neolithic of Central and Western Anatolia” (20 min.)

2:25

Christoph Schwall (Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology [OREA], Austrian Academy of Sciences), Barbara Horejs (Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology [OREA], Austrian Academy of Sciences), Moritz Numrich (Curt-Engelhorn-Centre Archaeometry), and Ernst Pernicka (Curt-Engelhorn-Centre Archaeometry; Institute of Geosciences, Heidelberg University), “The Early Bronze Age Gold Treasures of Troy and Related Finds: Indicators for the Connectivity of Rising Elites?” (20 min.)

2:50

Felix Höflmayer (Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology [OREA], Austrian Academy of Sciences) and Katharina Streit (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Tracing Transformations in the Southern Levant at the Transition from the Middle to the Late Bronze Age” (20 min.)

3:15

Katharina Streit (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Fluctuating Connectivity of the Levant and Mesopotamia—A Longue Durée View of Long Distance Ties from the Pottery Neolithic to the Early Bronze Age” (20 min.)

3:40

Bettina Bader (Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology [OREA], Austrian Academy of Sciences), “Technological and Morphological Differences in Pottery Production in Egypt in the Second Intermediate Period (1700–1550 B.C.): Signs of Changing Regional Connectivity?” (20 min.)

### **3H. Madaba Plains Project at 50: Tall Jalul**

Stone

CHAIR: Randall Younker (Andrews University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

David Merling (Andrews University) and Randall Younker (Andrews University), “In the Trenches at Jalul: Struggles, Strategies, Discoveries” (20 min.)

2:25

Constance Gane (Andrews University), “Jalul and the Empires of the North” (20 min.)

2:50

Paul Gregor (Andrews University), “Tall Jalul: What Happened to Amorite Heshbon?” (20 min.)

3:15

Paul Ray (Andrews University), “Jalul and the Mesha Inscription: Was Tall Jalul Biblical Bezer?” (20 min.)

3:40

Randall Younker (Andrews University), “Jalul and the Modified High Chronology for the Iron Age IIA–B” (20 min.)

### **3I. The Synagogue at Horvat Kur**

Webster

CHAIR: Byron R. McCane (Florida Atlantic University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00



Stefan Münger (Institute of Jewish Studies, University of Bern), “Introduction to the Kinneret Regional Project” (10 min.)

2:15

Tine Rassalle (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), Rick Bonnie (University of Helsinki), and Annalize Reeder (University of Augsburg), “Architecture and Stratigraphy of the Horvat Kur Synagogue Area” (15 min.)

2:35

Philip Bes (Leiden University) and Dennis Braeckmans (Leiden University), “Fifty Shades of Clay: Roman and Byzantine Pottery from the Horvat Kur Synagogue (Galilee, Israel)” (15 min.)

2:55

Patrick Wyssmann (University of Bern), “The Numismatic Evidence from Horvat Kur” (15 min.)

3:15

Jürgen Zangenberg (Leiden University), “The ‘Mysterious’ Stone Table and Its Functional Context in the Synagogue at Horvat Kur (Galilee)” (15 min.)

3:35

Byron R. McCane (Florida Atlantic University), “The Mosaic Floor in the Horvat Kur Synagogue: Context and Interpretation” (15 min.)

3:55

Discussion (10 min.)

### **3J. Houses and Households in the Near East: Archaeology and History II**

Hancock

*Theme: Social Identity and Material Culture. Presentations explore the interconnection between houses and structures, material culture, and the social identity imparted by both building and objects.*

CHAIR: Laura Battini (Laboratoire PROCLAC–Collège de France, Paris)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Monique Vincent (La Sierra University), “Households, Communities, and Dimensions of Social Identity in the Early Iron Age at Tall al-‘Umayri, Jordan” (20 min.)

2:25

Clemens Reichel (University of Toronto / Royal Ontario Museum), “House or Household? Intricate Overlaps between Domestic and Administrative/Economic Space in Late Chalcolithic Hamoukar” (20 min.)

2:50

Janelle Batkin-Hall (University of Michigan), “Live and Let Dye: Fabrication and Dye Characterization of Roman-Period ‘Dolls’ from Karanis, Egypt” (20 min.)

3:15

S. Thomas Parker (North Carolina State University), “Ceramic Imports to Petra: Domestic versus Funerary Contexts” (20 min.)

3:40

Heather D. Baker (University of Toronto), “Quantifying the Use of Space in the Babylonian House of the First Millennium B.C.” (20 min.)

### **3K. Object, Text, and Image: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Seals, Sealing Practices, and Administration I**

Griffin

*Theme: Object, Text, and Image: Views through Object and Administrative Function and Context*

CHAIRS: Sarah J. Scott (Wagner College) and Oya Topcuoglu (Northwestern University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Denise Schmandt-Besserat (University of Texas), “Early Administrative Technologies: Tokens And Seals” (15 min)

2:25

Holly Pittman (University of Pennsylvania), “Appropriated Images: What Do They Tell Us about Cultural Interaction in the Bronze Age of Exchange?” (15 min)

2:45

Clelia Paladre (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, French National Center for Scientific Research—CNRS), “The Early Third Millennium B.C.E. Seal Impressions from Susa Housed in the Louvre Museum—A New Contribution” (15 min)

3:05

Diana Stein (Birkbeck, University of London), “A New Angle on the Contest Scene: Exploring Its Context on Seals and Sealings of the Third Millennium B.C.” (15 min.)

3:25

Ann-Kathrin Jeske (University of Vienna), “Reassessment of Seals and Scarabs to Reconstruct Egyptian Engagement in the Southern and Central Levant” (15 min)

3:45

Marta Ameri (Colby College), “Imagery and Material Choice in the Glyptic Arts of the Harappan World” (15 min.)

**4:20–6:25pm          Session 4**

**4A. The Archaeology of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq III**

Harbor 1

*Theme: Recent research focused on the Hellenistic, Parthian, Sasanian, and Islamic Periods in the Kurdistan Region.*

CHAIR: Jason Ur (Harvard University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Rocco Palermo (University of Groningen), “Empires and the Rural Landscape: New Data from the Land of Nineveh Archaeological Project and the Erbil Plain Archaeological Survey for the Seleucid, Parthian, and Sasanian Periods” (15 min.)

4:45

Tina Greenfield (University of Saskatchewan), “Frontiers of Empires—A Zooarchaeological Perspective of the Neo-Assyrian and Hellenistic Presence along the Zagros Foothills of Kurdistan” (15 min.)

5:05

Gianfilippo Terribili (Sapienza University of Rome) and Camilla Insom (L’Orientale University of Naples), “In the Shade of a Tree: Religious Patterns in the Kurdistan Region from Late Antiquity to Modern Times” (15 min.)

5:25

Kyra Kaercher (University of Cambridge), “Excavations at Gird-i Dasht, 2013–2016” (15 min.)

5:45

Luca Colliva (Sapienza University of Rome), “Preliminary Results of the MAIKI—Italian Archaeological Mission in Iraqi Kurdistan—2016 and 2017 Campaigns” (15 min.)

6:05

John MacGinnis (British Museum), “The Darband-i Rania Archaeological Project” (15 min.)

#### **4B. Archaeology and Biblical Studies II**

Harbor 2

*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)

Introduction (5 min.)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Rami Arav (University of Nebraska at Omaha), “‘I was a city wall, and my breasts were like towers; then I was in his eyes as one who brings peace’ (Songs of Solomon 8:10): Walls and Towers in the Archaeology of the Iron Age Southern Levant” (15 min.)

4:40

Jean-Philippe Delorme (University of Toronto), “Pekah and Aram-Damascus: An Onomastic Investigation into the Name of Pekah of Israel and its Historical Implications” (15 min.)

5:00

Mitka R. Golub (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Shira J. Golani (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Judean Personal Names in the Book of Jeremiah in Light of Archaeological Evidence” (15 min.)

5:20

Yossi Nagar (Israel Antiquities Authority), Hanania Hizmi (Israel Antiquities Authority), and Yevgeny Aharonovich (Israel Antiquities Authority), “The People of Qumran—New Discoveries and Paleo-demographic Interpretations” (15 min.)

5:40

Oren Gutfeld (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Ahiad Ovadia (The Hebrew

University of Jerusalem), “Old Cave–New Project: The Renewed Excavations in Qumran Cave 53” (15 min.)

6:00

Clint Burnett (Boston College), “Gaius (Caligula) and His Almost Sojourn in Yahweh’s Temple” (15 min.)

#### **4C. Archaeology and History of Feasting and Foodways**

Harbor 3

CHAIRS: Margaret Cohen (W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research), Deirdre Fulton (Baylor University), and Elizabeth Arnold (Grand Valley State University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Melissa Sharp (University of Tübingen), “Under the Influence: Communal Drinking, Ceramic Styles, and Identity in the Third Millennium B.C. Syrian Jezirah” (15 min.)

4:45

Daniel Griswold (University at Buffalo), “Feasting and Elite Emulation in the Fifteenth Century Sharon Plain” (15 min.)

5:05

Lidar Sapir-Hen (Tel Aviv University), “Livestock Animals as Symbol and Wealth in the Late Bronze Age–Iron Age in the Southern Levant” (15 min.)

5:25

Elizabeth Arnold (Grand Valley State University), Deirdre Fulton (Baylor University), and James Fulton (Baylor University), “Feeding the Philistine City: An Isotopic Investigation of Animal Resources at Ashkelon in the Iron Age I” (15 min.)

5:45

Laura Mazow (East Carolina University), “The Host and the Hosted: Commensal Politics, Feasting Traditions and Cultural (Mis)understandings at Samson's Wedding” (15 min.)

6:05

Andrew Danielson (University of California, Los Angeles), “Edom in Judah: A Case Study on ‘Edomite’ Presence, Interaction, and Identity in the Negev” (15 min.)

#### **4D. The History of the Early Alphabet**

Burroughs

CHAIRS: Orly Goldwasser (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Thomas Schneider (University of British Columbia)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Ben Haring (Leiden University), “The Earliest Alphabet as a Case of Bricolage” (15 min.)

4:45

Aaron Koller (Yeshiva University), “Early History of the Alphabet: The First Half-Millennium” (15 min.)

5:05

Orly Goldwasser (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “The Role of Egypt in the Development of the Alphabet during the Second Millennium B.C.E.” (15 min.)

5:25

Alice Mandell (University of Wisconsin–Madison), “Script Choice and Iconicity in Canaan: Rethinking the ‘Short’ Alphabetic Texts” (15 min.)

5:45

Christopher Rollston (George Washington University), “The Early Alphabet West and East: Ugarit, Megiddo, and Babylonia” (15 min.)

6:05

Thomas Schneider (University of British Columbia), “Egyptian Transcription Systems for Semitic Languages and the Semitic Alphabet Sequences” (15 min.)

#### **4E. Southern Phoenicia Initiative II (Workshop)**

Carlton

CHAIR: Ilan Sharon (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Golan Shalvi (University of Haifa), “The Tel Shiqmona Project: Salvaging a Phoenician Centre at the Margins of Phoenicia” (15 min.)

4:45

Elizabeth Bloch-Smith (Princeton Theological Seminary), Gunnar Lehmann (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), and David Schloen (University of Chicago), “New Excavations at Tell Keisan, 2016” (15 min.)

5:05

Ehud Arkin Shalev (University of Haifa), Ayelet Gilboa (University of Haifa), Ilan Sharon (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), and Assaf Yasur-Landau (University of Haifa), “Iron Age Coastal Structures at Tel Dor: Results of the 2016 and 2017 Underwater Excavation Seasons” (15 min.)

5:25

Sveta Matskevich (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Paula Waiman-Barak (University of Haifa), “Tell Sites Along Nahal Taninim as an Inland Extension of the Maritime Trade Network” (15 min.)

5:45

Bronwen Manning-Rozenblum (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Shifting Sands: Transitions within Late Iron Age Ceramic Assemblages along the Carmel Coast of Southern Phoenicia” (15 min.)

6:05

Barak Monnickendam-Givon (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Engagement and Non-Engagement: The Study of Behavioral Changes in Southern Phoenicia” (15 min.)

#### **4F. Archaeology of the Near East: Classical Periods I**

Lewis

CHAIR: Michael S. Zimmerman (Bridgewater State University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Orit Peleg-Barkat (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Continuity and Change in Rural Judaea in the Hellenistic and Roman Periods: The Case of Horvat Midras” (20 min.)

4:45

Brian Coussens (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), “Bring Out Your Dead (to the Desert): The Herodium Mausoleum and the Funerary Landscape of the Judean Wilderness” (20 min.)

5:10

Anat Cohen-Weinberger (Israel Antiquities Authority) and Achim Lichtenberger (Ruhr Universität), “Late Roman Workshops of Beit Nattif Figurines: Petrography, Typology, and Style” (20 min.)

5:35

Shulamit Miller (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Living Large: The Houses and Daily Life of Late Antique Palestine’s Upper Ten” (20 min.)

6:00

Mitchel Allen (Scholarly Roadside Service; Archaeological Research Facility, University of California, Berkeley) and William B. Trousdale (National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution), “Cultural Complexity in Parthia Sistan, Afghanistan” (20 min.)

#### **4G. Connectivities in The Near East: Social Impact of Shifting Networks II**

Otis

*Technological and economical approaches and tracing influences of material culture in this regard involving Egypt, the Levant, and reaching into Mesopotamia will be considered particularly with regard to connectivity.*

CHAIR: Felix Höflmayer (Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology [OREA], Austrian Academy of Sciences)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Christian Knoblauch (Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology [OREA], Austrian Academy of Sciences), “Connectivity in the Egyptian Nile Valley—A Technological (and Social) Approach to Understanding Supra-regional and Regional Processes (2200–1750 B.C.E.)” (20 min.)

4:45

Reinhard Jung (Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology [OREA], Austrian Academy of Sciences), “Exchange of Goods—Exchange of Commodities? Greece and the Levant in the Second Millennium B.C.E.” (20 min.)

5:10

Teresa Bürge (Institute for Oriental and European Archaeology [OREA], Austrian Academy of Sciences), “The Late Bronze to Early Iron Age Transition in Transjordan: Eastern Mediterranean Material Influences” (20 min.)

5:35



Joseph Lehner (University of Central Florida) “Finance, Production, and Connectivity in Hittite Central Anatolia: New Metallurgical Data from Hattusa” (20 min.)

#### **4H. Border Dynamics in the 10th Century B.C.E. Levant: A Junior Scholars' Panel** Stone

*Theme: This panel addresses recent research by junior scholars into strategies of border administration and inter-cultural interaction in the tenth century B.C.E. Levant. Papers address key sites and new discoveries in ancient Israel, Judah, and the Transjordan.*

CHAIRS: Geoffrey Ludvik (University of Wisconsin) and Lydia Buckner (Mississippi State University)

#### PRESENTERS:

4:20

Lydia Buckner (Mississippi State University), “Opening Remarks” (15 min.)

4:35

Zachary Thomas (Macquarie University) and Kyle Keimer (Macquarie University), “The Expansion of the United Monarchy and Its Strategies of Power and Control” (20 min.)

5:00

Abelardo Rivas (Andrews University), “Jalul as a Border City in Iron Age Transjordan?” (20 min.)

5:25

Chris McKinny (Texas A&M University Corpus Christi), “Pressing On: Identifying the ‘Other’ Gath and Its Implications for Understanding the Border between the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah” (20 min.)

5:50

Geoffrey Ludvik (University of Wisconsin) and Lydia Buckner (Mississippi State University), “Border Dynamics in the 10th Century B.C.E.: A Response from the Tell el-Hesi Region” (20 min.)

6:15

Lydia Buckner (Mississippi State University), “Closing Remarks” (5 min.)

#### **4I. New Light on Persian Period Judah**

Webster

*Theme: The 205 years between 539/538 and 333 B.C.E., the so-called “Persian period,” are a well-defined period from the historical point of view. For Judah, this is the*

*beginning of the Second Temple Period. This session will explore some basic archaeological questions regarding the understanding of the material culture of this period.*

CHAIR: Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University), “Introduction to the Third Session and Summarizing the Three Years of Discussion the Persian Period” (20 min.)

4:45

Lester Grabbe (University of Hull), “The Governor of Yehud—Inside Out” (20 min.)

5:10

Aharon Tavger (Ariel University), “The Northern Boundary of the Province of Yehud: An Updated Archaeological View from the North” (20 min.)

5:35

Pirchia Eyall (Israel Antiquities Authority), “New Insights on the Southern Shephelah in the Persian Period” (20 min.)

6:00

Lucas Schulte (University of Nebraska–Lincoln), “Judean Adaptations of Persian Propaganda: A Comparison of Isaiah 44–45 and Nehemiah 2 to Achaemenid-Period Inscriptions of Babylon and Egypt” (20 min.)

#### **4J. New Discoveries at Beth She‘arim**

Hancock

*Theme: Beth She‘arim was an important Jewish town in the Galilee during the Roman period, the home of famous sages and a popular cemetery for Jews from Roman Palestine and the Diaspora. New discoveries and studies from recent years will be presented in this session.*

CHAIR: Adi Erlich (University of Haifa)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Rona-Shani Evyasaf (Technion–Israel Institute of Technology) and Adi Erlich (University of Haifa), “The Haifa University Excavations at Beth She‘arim: An Overview of the Results of the 2014–2017 Seasons on the Sheikh Abreik Hill” (15 min.)

4:45

Ran Kaftory (University of Haifa), “An Early Roman Period Structure and a Middle Roman Period Building on the Hilltop of Beth She‘arim” (15 min.)

5:05

Fanny Vitto (Israel Antiquities Authority), “A Gateway and an Industrial Area on the Eastern Edge of Beth She‘arim (Area X)” (15 min.)

5:25

Mechael Osband (University of Haifa; Ohalo College), “The Settlement of Beth She‘arim in Light of the Pottery: A Revised Chronological Perspective” (15 min.)

5:45

Tsvika Tsuk (Israel Nature and Parks Authority), Iosi Bordowicz (Israel Nature and Parks Authority), and Achia Kohn-Tavor (Independent Archaeologist), “Impressive Reservoir and Aqueduct in Beth She‘arim National Park, Israel” (15 min.)

6:05

Zeev Weiss (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Beth She‘arim and Beyond: Urban Necropoleis in Roman and Late Antique Galilee” (15 min.)

#### **4K. Object, Text, and Image: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Seals, Sealing Practices, and Administration II**

Griffin

*Theme: Object, Text, and Image: Views from Individual Identities*

CHAIRS: Sarah J. Scott (Wagner College) and Oya Topcuoglu (Northwestern University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Melinda Nelson-Hurst (Tulane University), “Spheres of Economic and Administrative Control: Textual, Visual, and Archaeological Evidence for Female and Male Sealers” (20 min)

4:45

Oya Topcuoglu (Northwestern University), “The Seals of Šamši-Adad: Ideology, Iconography, Identity” (20 min.)

5:10

Christina Chandler (Bryn Mawr College), Annalisa Azzoni (Vanderbilt University), Mark Garrison (Trinity University) and Erin Daly (University of Chicago), “The Chamberlain and the Queen: An Inscribed Seal and Administrative Networks at Persepolis” (20 min.)

5:35

Anne Goddeeris (Ghent University) and Katrien De Graef (Ghent University), “Dangerous Liaisons? Temple Personnel with Royal Seals in the Old Babylonian Period” (20 min.)

6:00

Katherine Burge (University of Pennsylvania), “The Internal Administration of the Eastern Lower Town Palace at Tell Leilan” (20 min.)

## **Friday, November 17**

**8:20–10:25am      Session 5**

### **5A. Landscapes of Settlement in the Ancient Near East**

Harbor 1

CHAIRS: Emily Hammer (University of Pennsylvania) and Jesse Casana (Dartmouth College)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Emily Boak (Oriental Institute, University of Chicago), and Kathryn Franklin (Oriental Institute, University of Chicago), “Graveyard of Empires, Cradle of Commerce: Remotely-sensed Research of Early Modern Travel Infrastructure in Afghanistan” (15 min.)

8:45

Anthony Lauricella (University of Chicago), and Emily Hammer (University of Pennsylvania), “Mound Volume as a Proxy for Settlement Intensity in Southern Bactria” (15 min.)

9:05

Mehrnoush Soroush (Harvard University), “Water History and Urbanism on the Susiana Plain in the Age of Transition” (15 min.)

9:25

Georgia Andreou (Cornell University), “The River Valley as a Study Unit and Conceptual Boundary in Settlement Studies: The Case of South-Central Cyprus” (15 min.)

9:45

Evie Gassner (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “‘Water, Water, Everywhere’—Water as a Landscape Element in Herod's Building Projects” (15 min.)

10:05

Norma Franklin (University of Haifa; W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research), “Revealing Greater Jezreel” (15 min.)

## **5B. Senses and Sensibility in the Near East I**

Harbor 2

*Theme: This year's Senses and Sensibility session highlights aspects of intentionality in the exploration of senses and sense-making in the ancient Near East. Papers explore what forms of sensory experience are intentionally constructed in activities and encounters of past worlds, how we might access intentionality, and how best to understand such intentions with respect to particular social and cultural contexts. Also considered are unintentional sensory phenomena, the involuntary and at times overlooked sensory aspects that are equally formidable and impactful in a variety of encounters between agents and spaces.*

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

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Saana Svärd (University of Helsinki) and Aleksi Sahala (University of Helsinki), “Am I Seeing Things? Language Technology Approach to ‘Seeing’ in Akkadian” (20 min.)

8:45

Dora Goldsmith (Egyptology Seminar, Freie Universität Berlin), “The Archaeology of Smell in Ancient Egypt—A Cultural Anthropological Study Based on Written Sources: An Olfactory Hierarchy Manifested in the Realm of Gods, Temples, Kings, Royals, and Ordinary People” (20 min.)

9:10

Paul Flesher (University of Wyoming), “Acoustic Typology of Ancient Synagogues in Greater Galilee” (20 min.)

9:35

Allison Thomason (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville), “Getting Inside Teumann’s Head: Material Evidence for Sensing, Emotion, and Cognition in the Neo-Assyrian Period” (20 min.)

10:00

Irene J. Winter (Harvard University), “Mesopotamian Ritual as Gesamtkunstwerk” (20 min.)

### **5C. Cultural Heritage Management: Methods, Practices, and Case Studies I**

Harbor 3

CHAIR: Glenn J. Corbett (American Center of Oriental Research)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Joseph Greene (Harvard University), “Cultural Resource Management in Jordan, 30 Years On” (20 min.)

8:45

Mohammed El-Khalili (Hashemite University and University of Petra), Nizar Al Adarbeh (University of Jordan/Hamdi Mango Center for Scientific Research), and Abeer Al Bawab (University of Jordan/Hamdi Mango Center for Scientific Research), “Restoration and Rehabilitation of the Roman Nymphaeum in Amman: ‘Nymphaeum Archaeological Park’” (20 min.)

9:10

Suzanne Richard (Gannon University), Marta D’Andrea (Sapienza University of Rome), Douglas R. Clark (La Sierra University), and Andrea Polcaro (University of Perugia), “Community Engagement to Protect Cultural Heritage in Jordan: The Madaba Regional Archaeological Museum Project (MRAMP)” (20 min.)

9:35

Jenna Morton (PAX Foundation), “Measuring Cultural Heritage Preservation through Community Engagement Related to the Umm al-Jimal Interpretive and Hospitality Center in Umm al-Jimal, Jordan” (20 min.)

10:00

Erin Linn-Tynen (Integrated Heritage Project), “Putting the ‘Sustainable’ in Sustainable Heritage Management: Case Studies from Jordan and Cambodia” (20 min.)

### **5E. Archaeology of Cyprus I**

Carlton

*Theme: This session focuses on current archaeological research in Cyprus from prehistory to the modern period. Presentations include reports on archaeological fieldwork and survey, artifactual studies, as well as more focused methodological or theoretical discussions.*

CHAIRS: Nancy Serwint (Arizona State University) and Walter Crist (Arizona State University)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Lindy Crewe (Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute), "Excavating Souskiou-Laona Chalcolithic Cemetery" (20 min.)

8:45

Peter Fischer (University of Gothenburg) and Teresa Bürge (OREA, Austrian Academy of Sciences), "Tombs and Offering Pits at the Late Bronze Age Metropolis of Hala Sultan Tekke, Cyprus: Results from the Excavations in 2016" (20 min.)

9:10

Paula Waiman-Barak (University of Haifa), Anna Georgiadou (University of Cyprus), and Ayelet Gilboa (University of Haifa), "Early Iron Age Cypro-Phoenician Interactions: Cypro-Geometric Ceramics from Tel Dor and Cyprus, a Study of Ceramic Petrography" (20 min.)

9:35

Giorgos Bourogiannis (Museum of Mediterranean and Near Eastern Antiquities [Medelhavsmuseet], Stockholm), "The Ayia Irini Project at the Medelhavsmuseet, Stockholm: New Research on an Old Excavation" (20 min.)

10:00

Andrew McCarthy (University of Edinburgh), Kathryn Grossman (North Carolina State University), Tate Paulette (Brown University), Lisa Graham (University of Edinburgh), Christine Markussen (University of Vienna), "A Transriverine Hellenistic Settlement at Prastio-Mesorotsos, Cyprus" (20 min.)

## **5F. Archaeology of the Near East: Classical Periods II**

Lewis

CHAIR: Michael S. Zimmerman (Bridgewater State University)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Sharon Herbert (University of Michigan), “Phoenician Funerary Mask Impressions from the Kedesh Archive” (20 min.)

8:45

John Harmon (Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary), “The Sanctuary of Mizpe Yammim: A Proposed Explanation for Its Unusual Location” (20 min.)

9:10

Marcela Zapata Meza (Universidad Anáhuac México Sur, Magdala Center Archaeological Project) and Jordan Ryan (Wheaton College, Magdala Center Archaeological Project), “Rethinking the Layout of the Magdala Synagogue” (20 min.)

9:35

Barak Monnickendam-Givon (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Tel ‘Akko’s Periphery during the Classical Periods” (20 min.)

10:00

Alexandra Ratzlaff (Boston University), “Tel Achziv in the Hellenistic and Roman Periods” (20 min.)

## **5H. Death and Dying in the Ancient Near East**

Stone

*Theme: This session aims to challenge typical cultural-historical approaches to mortuary archaeology, focusing instead on the practices of death and dying, including change and continuity in mortuary objects and rituals, the use of burial spaces, and expressions of social memory, especially in periods that are under-represented in ancient Near Eastern study.*

CHAIRS: Stephanie Selover (University of Washington) and Pinar Durgun (Brown University)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Maria Forza (Freie Universität Berlin), “Cremations Burials at Tell Halaf: a Theory of Reconstruction of a Post-Mortem Ritual” (15 min.)

8:45

David Ilan (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Jerusalem) and Yorke Rowan (University of Chicago) “Reconstructing the Stages of Dying, Death, and Rebirth in the Chalcolithic of the Southern Levant” (15 min.)



9:05

Lanah Haddad (University of Frankfurt), “Burying Family Members of the Settlement Founder Generation during the Early Bronze Age in Northern Mesopotamia” (15 min.)

9:25

Tara Ingman (Koç University), “Changing Mortuary Practices at Tell Atchana, Ancient Alalakh, and the Use of GIS Modeling” (15 min.)

9:45

Petra Creamer (University of Pennsylvania), “Invoking Memory within the Neo-Assyrian Royal and Domestic Mortuary Cults: Combining Material, Spatial, and Textual Evidence” (15 min.)

10:05

Sophie Moore (Brown University), “Memory and Burial at Historic Çatalhöyük” (15 min.)

## **5I. Meeting the Expenses: Ancient Near Eastern Economies I**

Webster

*Theme: Measuring Value—Hoards and Systems of Weight. The economies of the ancient Near East, moving beyond the dichotomy between “ancient” and “modern” economy. In this year our theme includes measuring systems and ways of defining value, wealth deposits (hoards), and economic modes of exchange.*

CHAIR: Raz Kletter (University of Helsinki)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Ianir Milevski (Israel Antiquities Authority), “Before Weighting: Prehistoric Economies of the Southern Levant” (20 min.)

8:45

Lorenz Rahmstorf (University of Göttingen), “Hoards With Weights in the Third Millennium B.C.E. between the Aegean and the Indus” (20 min.)

9:10

William Hafford (University of Pennsylvania), “Early Bronze Age Silver Hoards in the Diyala” (20 min.)

9:35

Judy Bjorkman (Independent Scholar), “Interpreting Ancient Hoards and Ritual Deposits” (20 min.)

10:00

Maribel Dorka Moreno (Heidelberg University), "Late Bronze Age Metal Hoards from Greece: Approaches to Identification and Interpretation" (20 min.)

## **5J. Baths and Bathing in the East**

Hancock

*Theme: This session brings together international and North American scholars to present and discuss recent research on baths and bathing in the Near East. Papers cover a wide geographic and temporal spread, and they include presentations on recent fieldwork, comparative analyses, architectural studies, and the social use of baths.*

CHAIR: Craig A. Harvey (University of Michigan)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Eyal Regev (Bar-Ilan University), "Jewish Purity and Greco-Roman Pleasure: Hot Baths and the Ritual Baths from the Hasmoneans to Herod" (20 min.)

8:50

M. Barbara Reeves (Queen's University), "Elevated Luxury: The Nabataean Villa Bathhouse at Wadi Ramm" (15 min.)

9:10

Sophie Tews (Independent Scholar) and Craig A. Harvey (University of Michigan), "The Newly Discovered Bath on the Petra North Ridge: An Initial Report" (15 min.)

9:30

Robert Darby (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), "Awash in Change: Roman Military Bathhouses in the East from the First–Fourth Centuries" (15 min.)

9:50

Thibaud Fournet (French Institute for the Near East), "Zenobia's Baths in Palmyra (Syria): an Assessment" (15 min.)

10:10

General Discussion (15 min.)

**10:25–10:40am**      **Coffee Break**  
Galleria

**10:40am–12:45pm**    **Session 6**

**6A. Archaeology of Lebanon I**

Harbor 1

*Theme: The focus of this session is on current archaeological fieldwork and researches in Lebanon.*

CHAIR: Hanan Charaf (Lebanese University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Gassia Artin (Maison de l’Orient et de la Méditerranée), “Lebanon During the Chalcolithic Period” (20 min.)

11:05

Graham Philip (Durham University), Kamal Badreshany (Durham University), Melissa Kennedy (University of Sydney), and Hélène Sader (American University of Beirut), “Excavations at Koubba: Pathways to ‘Complexity’ in Northern Lebanon. A Regional Perspective” (20 min.)

11:30

Melissa Kennedy (University of Sydney) and Kamal Badreshany (Durham University), “Koubba, North Lebanon: The Ceramics and Their Regional Context” (20 min.)

11:55

Claude Doumet-Serhal (Director, Sidon Excavations), “Sidon in the Iron Age I: A Haven of Continuity” (20 min.)

12:20

Sarkis el-Khoury (General Directorate of Antiquities-DGA, Lebanon), “Overview of Recent Archaeological Activities in Lebanon” (20 min.)

**6B. Senses and Sensibility in the Near East II**

Harbor 2

*Theme: This year’s Senses and Sensibility session highlights aspects of intentionality in the exploration of senses and sense-making in the ancient Near East. Papers explore what forms of sensory experience are intentionally constructed in activities and encounters of past worlds, how we might access intentionality, and how best to*

*understand such intentions with respect to particular social and cultural contexts. Also considered are unintentional sensory phenomena, the involuntary and at times overlooked sensory aspects that are equally formidable and impactful in a variety of encounters between agents and spaces.*

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

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Kiersten Neumann (Oriental Institute, University of Chicago), “To Touch Upon: A Tactile Exploration of the Apadana Reliefs at Persepolis” (20 min.)

11:05

Neville McFerrin (Sweet Briar College), “The Tangible Self: Materiality and Haptic Negotiations of Agency in, on, and at Persepolis” (20 min.)

11:30

Sarah J. Scott (Wagner College), “Skin on Skin: Exploring Surface Relationships between Seals and Impressions” (20 min.)

11:55

Laurel Hackley (Brown University), “‘You Go to a Place Difficult of Access:’ Multi-sensory Engagement with Ancient Amulets” (20 min.)

12:20

General Discussion (25 min.)

## **6C. Cultural Heritage Management: Methods, Practices, and Case Studies II**

Harbor 3

CHAIR: Suzanne Davis (Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, University of Michigan)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Thomas Roby (The Getty Conservation Institute), Leslie Friedman (The Getty Conservation Institute), Livia Alberti (Independent Conservator), Ermanno Carbonara (Independent Conservator), Moheddine Chaouali (Institut National du Patrimoine, Tunis), and Hamida Rhouma (Institut National du Patrimoine, Tunis), “The Conservation Plan for Mosaics at Bulla Regia: A Component of the MOSAIKON Model Field Project” (20 min.)

11:05

Rachel Aronin (Harvard University), “‘To Make One Know the Place Beforehand’: Integrating Archival Data and 3D Visualization on the Digital Giza Website” (20 min.)

11:30

Boaz Gross (Tel Aviv University), “Why 1700 C.E.? The Possible Contribution of Archaeological Research into the Last 300 Years: The Case of Beit Nattif” (20 min.)

11:55

Leann Pace (Wake Forest University), “Teaching Cultural Heritage Management at a Divinity School: A Case Study in Answering the Call for Education outside of the Discipline” (20 min.)

12:20

Paul Christians (Stanford University), “Cultural Heritage, Distributive Politics, and Public-Private Cultural Development in Qatar” (20 min.)

*6D. This session has been moved to Thursday, 4K.*

## **6E. Archaeology of Cyprus II**

Carlton

*Theme: This session focuses on current archaeological research in Cyprus from prehistory to the modern period. Presentations include reports on archaeological fieldwork and survey, artifactual studies, as well as more focused methodological or theoretical discussions.*

CHAIRS: Nancy Serwint (Arizona State University) and Walter Crist (Arizona State University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Thomas Landvatter (Reed College), “Cremation Practice and Social Meaning in the Ptolemaic East Mediterranean” (15 min.)

11:00

Karolina Rosińska-Balik (Jagiellonian University in Kraków), “Architectural Features of the Agora of Paphos (Cyprus)—Some Remarks” (15 min.)

11:20

Nancy Serwint (Arizona State University), “The Workshops of Ancient Arsinoe” (15 min.)

11:40

Pamela Gaber (Lycoming College), “The 2017 Season of the Lycoming College Expedition to Idalion, Cyprus” (15 min.)

12:00

R. Scott Moore (Indiana University of Pennsylvania), Brandon Olson (Metropolitan State University of Denver), and William Caraher (University of North Dakota), “The Circulation of Imported Fine Wares on Cyprus in the Roman and Late Roman Periods” (15 minutes)

12:20

Ann-Marie Knoblauch (Virginia Tech), “Excavating Cesnola: Public Interest in Archaeological Field Techniques in 1880s New York” (15 min.)

## **6F. Antiochia Hippos of the Decapolis and Its Territorium**

Lewis

*Theme: Antiochia Hippos (Sussita) of the Decapolis is the last polis to be unearthed in the Land of Israel. The city, founded upon Sussita Mountain, is the center of on-going archaeological research started at 2000. In recent years, the research has expanded to Sussita's saddle-ridge area and the Territorium of Hippos.*

CHAIR: Michael Eisenberg (University of Haifa)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Chaim Ben David (Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee) and Mechael Osband (University of Haifa; Ohalo College), “The Territorial Borders and the Rural Settlements of the Hippos District during the Roman and Byzantine Periods: the Current State of Research and the Contribution from the Recent Excavations at Khirbet Majduliyya” (15 min.)

11:05

Adam Pažout (University of Haifa), “Regional Defenses in the Territory of Hippos: A Spatial Analysis Approach” (15 min.)

11:25

Michael Eisenberg (University of Haifa), “The Urban Expansion at Hippos (Sussita) during the Roman Period: a Newly Excavated Sanctuary at the Saddle-Ridge” (15 min.)

11:45

Arleta Kowalewska (University of Haifa), “The Southern Bathhouse of Antiochia Hippos” (15 min.)

12:05

Stephen Chambers (Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Canada), “A Story in Glass: How Distribution Patterns Assist in the Reconstruction of the History of the Northeast Insula” (15 min.)

12:25

Mark Schuler (Concordia University, St. Paul), “Re-visioning Structures and Spaces: a History of the Northeast Insula at Antiochia Hippos” (15 min.)

## **6H. Ambiguity in the Ancient Near East: Mental Constructs, Material Records, and Their Interpretations I**

Stone

*Theme: Papers in this session explore interaction with the divine world, and the labeling and classification of divine beings.*

CHAIR: Daniel E. Fleming (New York University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Daniel E. Fleming (New York University), Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Seth Richardson (University of Chicago), “Uncertain Omens and the Ambiguous Future: Prediction and Query as Figure and Ground” (15 min.)

11:05

Elizabeth Knott (New York University), “What’s in a Name? Ištar as Common Noun and Divine Name” (15 min.)

11:25

Nancy Highcock (New York University), “City and God: The Materiality of Old Assyrian Assur” (15 min.)

11:45

Michael Stahl (New York University), “Challenging the Concept of the ‘City God’: <sup>d</sup>NIN.URTA’s Social and Political Agency at Emar” (15 min.)

12:05

Jennifer Singletary (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen), “The Holy Ones: Taxonomies of Divine Beings in the Hebrew Bible” (15 min.)

12:25

Lauren McCormick (Syracuse University), “Fleeting Identity in the Judean Pillar Figurines” (15 min.)

## **6I. Meeting the Expenses: Ancient Near Eastern Economies II**

Webster

*Theme: Measuring Value—Hoardings and Systems of Weight. The economies of the Ancient Near-East, moving beyond the dichotomy between “ancient” and “modern” economy. In this year our theme includes measuring systems and ways of defining value, wealth deposits (hoards), and economic modes of exchange.*

CHAIR: Lorenz Rahmstorf (University of Göttingen)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Karl Petruso (University of Texas at Arlington), “A Theory of Everything in Ancient Weight Metrology?” (15 min.)

11:05

Raz Kletter (University of Helsinki), “Major Changes on the Road to Small Change: Scale Weights, Hoards, and Modes of Exchange” (15 min.)

11:25

Graciela Gestoso Singer (CEHAO–Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina), “Beyond Amarna: Hoards, Tribute, Gifts, and Exchange of Metals in the Levant” (15 min.)

11:45

Eran Arie (The Israel Museum, Jerusalem), “A New Jewelry Hoard from Iron Age I Megiddo” (15min.)

12:05

Tzilla Eshel (University of Haifa), Naama Yahalom-Mack (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Sarel Shalev (University of Haifa), Yigal Erel (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Ayelet Gilboa (University of Haifa), “Silver Hoards in the Bronze and Iron Age Southern Levant: How was the Quality of Silver Monitored?” (15 min.)

12:25

General Discussion (20 min.)

## **6J. New Studies on Tel Azekah**

Hancock

CHAIR: Yuval Gadot (Tel Aviv University)



PRESENTERS:

10:40

Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University), “Fortifications, Destructions, and the Life in Between: Azekah after Five Seasons of Excavations” (5 min.)

10:45

Joshua Errington (Tel Aviv University; Macquarie University), “Processes in the Site Formation of Tel Azekah: A Test Case for the Modification of Landscape in the *Longue Durée*” (15 min.)

11:05

Sabine Kleiman (Tel Aviv University) and Maya Hadash (Tel Aviv University), “Azekah’s Regional and Inter-regional Connections during the 13th and 12th Centuries B.C.E.: A Narrative from Its Ceramic Evidence” (15 min.)

11:25

Lyndelle Webster (Tel Aviv University), “A Radiocarbon-Based Chronology for Late Bronze Age Tel Azekah” (15 min.)

11:45

Karl Berendt (University of Alberta), “The People Left Behind: Disaster Skeletal Assemblage at Tel Azekah, Israel” (15 min.)

12:05

Ido Koch (Tel Aviv University) and Sarah Richardson (University of Manitoba), “A Late Bronze Age III Workshop at Tel Azekah” (15 min.)

12:25

Alexandra Wrathall (Tel Aviv University), “The Resettlement of Azekah: The Iron Age IIA-IIB Ceramic Transition” (15 min.)

**12:45–2:00pm**      **ASOR Members’ Meeting**

Harbor 1

**2:00–4:05pm**      **Session 7**

**7A. Archaeology of Lebanon II**

Harbor 1

*Theme: The focus of this session is on current archaeological fieldwork and researches in Lebanon.*

CHAIR: Hanan Charaf (Lebanese University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Jeanine Abdul Massih (Lebanese University) and Shin Nishiyama (Chubu University), “New Archaeological Observations and Documentations in the Bekaa Valley, Lebanon” (20 min.)

2:25

Paul Newson (American University of Beirut), “Landscape Archaeology in the Central Bekaa: Challenges and Opportunities” (20 min.)

2:50

Zeina Fani Alpi (Lebanese University) and Frédéric Alpi (Institut Français du Proche-Orient), “Eros/Putti Figures during the Greco-Roman Period in Lebanon” (20 min.)

3:15

Anis Chaaya (Lebanese University), “New Insights into the Medieval Castle of Gbail/Byblos, Lebanon” (20 min.)

3:40

Nada Hérou (Lebanese University), “An Early Image of the Virgin on a Tomb from Tyre: An Iconographical Approach” (20 min.)

**7B. Art Historical Approaches to the Near East I**

Harbor 2

*Theme: Challenging the Past. Papers in this session challenge previous approaches to art objects and offer new interpretations of these works.*

CHAIR: Allison Thomason (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Pedro Azara (UPC-ETSAB, Barcelona) and Marc Marin (UPC-ETSAB, Barcelona), “Sumer and the Modern Paradigm” (20 min.)

2:25

Virginia Herrmann (University of Tübingen), “Appropriation and Emulation in the Iron Age Gate Sculptures from Zincirli-Sam’al” (20 min.)

2:50

Ariel Winderbaum (Tel Aviv University), “Images of Belief in Iron Age IIA Jerusalem: Iconic Inspection into the Belief Systems of Jerusalem at the Genesis of the Judahite Kingdom” (20 min.)

3:15

Alison Barclay (Saint Mary's University), "New Thoughts on the 'Syrianizing' Bronzes from Mt. Ida, Crete, Ninth-Eighth Centuries B.C.E." (20 mins.)

3:40

Shannon Martino (School of the Art Institute) and Matthew Martino (University of Chicago Laboratory Schools), "Visualizing Museum Collections in Place and through Time" (20 min.)

## **7C. Glass in the Ancient Near East**

Harbor 3

CHAIRS: Katherine Larson (Corning Museum of Glass) and Carolyn Swan (University College London, Qatar)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Tori Benson (Cranfield Forensic Institute, Cranfield University), Angela McDonald (Centre for Open Studies, Glasgow), and Andrew J. Shortland (Cranfield Forensic Institute, Cranfield University), "Analysis of Near Eastern Early Glass Beads Found in Egypt and a Hint to the Origin of Glass?" (25 min.)

2:35

Katharina Schmidt (German Protestant Institute of Archaeology, Amman), "Innovations in Iron Age Mesopotamian Glass Technology" (25 min.)

3:05

Laure Dussubieux (The Field Museum), "Production and Circulation of the Glass Beads from Kish, Iraq" (25 min.)

3:35

Katherine Eremin (Harvard Art Museums), Elizabeth LaDuc (University College London), Elizabeth Molacek (Harvard Art Museums), Patrick Degryse (Centre for Archaeological Sciences, Leuven), and Andrew J. Shortland (Cranfield Forensic Institute, Cranfield University), "Glass within the Tethys Pavement at Harvard University: Analysis and Interpretation" (25 min.)

## **7D. Archaeology of Jordan I**

Burroughs

*Theme: Early Bronze through Iron Ages*

CHAIRS: Marta D'Andrea (Sapienza University of Rome) and M. Barbara Reeves (Queen's University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Michael Orellana Mendez (Andrews University), "Building an Iron IIB-IIC Pottery Assemblage for Tall Jalul" (20 min.)

2:25

Trisha Broy (Andrews University), "Working toward a Definition of the Collared-rim Pithos" (20 min.)

2:50

Friedbert Ninow (La Sierra University; Friedensau Adventist University), Monique Vincent (La Sierra University), and Kent Bramlett (La Sierra University), "The 2017 Season of Excavation at Khirbat al-Balu'a—In Search of Patterns of Settlement" (20 min.)

3:15

Robert D. Bates (Andrews University) and Paul J. Ray, Jr. (Andrews University), "Between the Roads: An Update on the Iron Age Roads at Tall Jalul 2016–2017" (20 min.)

3:40

Wilma Wetterstrom (Semitic Museum, Harvard University; Ancient Egypt Research Associates) and Joseph Greene (Semitic Museum, Harvard University), "Unpublished Plant Remains from Tell el-Kheleifeh Provide New Insights into an Edomite Entrepôt" (20 min.)

## **7E. Archaeology of Cyprus III**

Carlton

*Theme: Presented in honor of Stuart Swiny, this session contains research inspired by his contributions to Cypriot archaeology. The papers demonstrate the continued breadth of his influence on the practice and interpretation of archaeology in Cyprus and expand on diverse aspects of his scholarship including settlement patterns, games, and subsistence strategies.*

CHAIRS: Nancy Serwint (Arizona State University) and Walter Crist (Arizona State University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Katelyn DiBenedetto (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), “The First Permanent Settlers of Cyprus: Pushing the Neolithic Boundaries” (15 min.)

2:20

Walter Crist (Arizona State University), “Changing the Game: Bronze Age Gaming Stones from Cyprus” (15 min.)

2:40

Louise Steel (University of Wales Trinity Saint David), “What Happened in Room 103 at Aredhiou?” (15 min.)

3:00

Kevin Fisher (University of British Columbia), “From Duplex to Courtyard House: Re-assessing Bronze Age Social Change on Cyprus” (15 min.)

3:20

A. Bernard Knapp (University of Glasgow), “Piracy and Pirates in the Prehistoric Mediterranean” (15 min.)

3:40

Joanna S. Smith (University of Pennsylvania), “Facing a Crowd: Dedicatory and Museum Displays of Cypriot Art” (15 min.)

**7F. Archaeology of Iran**

Lewis

CHAIR: Holly Pittman (University of Pennsylvania)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Golnaz Hossein Mardi (University of Toronto), “The Petrographic Analysis of the Dalma Pottery in Central Zagros, Iran” (15 min.)

2:25

Marcin Wagner (University of Warsaw), “The Temple of Fire from Topaz Gala Depe in Southern Turkmenistan” (15 min.)

2:45

Possum Pincé (Ghent University), “The Production and Distribution of Late Bronze Age

Ceramics in the Kur River Basin (Fars, Iran)—New Insights Based on Handheld X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometry and Thin Section Petrography” (15 min.)

3:05

Serenella Mancini (Sapienza University of Rome) and Agnese Fusaro (University of Barcelona), “Estakhr (Fars): An Archaeological Reassessment of the Pottery Corpus” (15 min.)

3:25

Breton Langendorfer (University of Pennsylvania), “Serpentine Surfaces: Snakes and Animated Textures in the ‘Intercultural Style’ Objects from Jiroft, Iran” (5 min.)

3:45

Benjamin Mutin (Harvard University; French National Center for Scientific Research—CNRS) and Omran Garazhian (University of Neyshabur), “Recent Archaeological Research in the Southern Periphery of the Lut Desert, Iran” (15 min.)

## **7G. The CRANE Project I**

Otis

*Theme: Large-Scale Data Integration and Analysis in Near Eastern Archaeology*

CHAIR: Timothy P. Harrison (University of Toronto)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Sandra Schloen (University of Chicago) and Miller Prosser (University of Chicago), “Integration as Inspiration: Achieving Research Goals Using the Online Cultural and Historical Research Environment (OCHRE)” (20 min.)

2:25

Stanley Klassen (University of Toronto), “CRANE Data Integration: Results after the First Five Years” (20 min.)

2:50

Darren Joblonkay (University of Toronto), “Archaeological Data Mining: A Digital Key to Unlocking the Past” (20 min.)

3:15

Andy Chow (University of Toronto) and Eugene Fiume (University of Toronto), “The CRANE Ceramics Project: The Challenges of Automated Sherd Matching” (20 min.)

3:40

Stephen Batiuk (University of Toronto), “3D Visualization Tools for Analysis, Publication, and Public Outreach” (20 min.)

## **7H. Ambiguity in the Ancient Near East: Mental Constructs, Material Records, and Their Interpretations II**

Stone

*Theme: From the archaeological record to the textual record, the papers of this session explore the applicability of modern classifications to ancient evidence.*

CHAIRS: Elizabeth Knott (New York University) and Lauren McCormick (Syracuse University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Bruce Routledge (University of Liverpool), “Duration Not Sequence: Rethinking Tell Formation at Tall Dhiban, Jordan” (20 min.)

2:25

James Osborne (University of Chicago), “Ambiguous Nation-States: Diaspora and the Rise of the Syro-Anatolian Culture Complex” (20 min.)

2:50

Jacob Lauinger (Johns Hopkins University), “The Statue of Idrimi Inscription: Composite Text or Pastiche?” (20 min.)

3:15

Vanessa Juloux (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris Sciences et Lettres Research University), “What about Considering an Author’s Intentionality for Revisiting a Text-Genre of a Narrative Story? A Concrete Example with the Cycle of Ba‘lu and ‘Anatu” (20 min.)

3:40

General Discussion (25 min.)

## **7I. Archaeology of the Southern Levant I**

Webster

CHAIR: Owen Chesnut (North Central Michigan College)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Holly Winter (University of Sydney), “Palaces of the Dead: A New Perspective on Middle Bronze Age Palaces in the Southern Levant” (15 min.)

2:25

Nurith Goshen (University of Pennsylvania; Israel Museum), “Building for Power: The Role of Construction in the Establishment of MBA South Levantine Rulership” (15 min.)

2:45

Shay Bar (University of Haifa), Ayelet Gilboa (University of Haifa), and Michael Eisenberg (University of Haifa), “Renewed Excavations at Tel Shiqmona: The Project, the Iron Age Strata, and the Transition from a Small Village to a Border Town between Israel and Phoenicia” (15 min.)

3:05

Shirly Ben-Dor Evian (Israel Museum; Tel Aviv University), “Follow the Negebite Ware Road: The Copper Exchange Network in the Early Iron Age Southern Levant” (15 min.)

3:25

Heidi Fessler (Independent Researcher), “Transit Corridors and Assyrian Warfare Strategy in the Kingdom of Israel” (15 min.)

3:45

David Sugimoto (Keio University), “Construction Period and Function of the Tower at Burj Beitin, Palestine: Preliminary Considerations Based on Recent Excavations” (15 min.)

## **7J. Caesarea Maritima Session in Memory of Kenneth G. Holum: Renewed Excavations, Recent Discoveries**

Hancock

*Theme: After a general pause early in the new millennium, archaeological research at Caesarea, King Herod's celebrated port city, has once again taken center stage since 2014. The papers here present a preliminary look at the important and illuminating results, in particular as they relate to the discoveries of the 1990s.*

CHAIR: Peter Gendelman (Israel Antiquities Authority)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Peter Gendelman (Israel Antiquities Authority) and Mohamad Hater (Israel Antiquities Authority), “The Western Façade of the Roma and Augustus Temple Platform” (20 min.)



2:25

Rivka Gersht (Tel Aviv University; Oranim Academic College of Education), “Caesarea Sculpted Stones: New Excavations, New Perspectives” (20 min.)

2:50

Uzi Ad (Israel Antiquities Authority) and Yoav Arbel (Israel Antiquities Authority), “New Discoveries in the Harbour Quarter: The Northern Warehouse Complex” (20 min.)

3:15

Jacob Sharvit (Israel Antiquities Authority), “Sunken Treasures from Sebastos, Caesarea’s Harbor, and the Continuity of an Ancient Haven” (20 min.)

3:40

Beverly Goodman Tchernov (University of Haifa), “Caesarea Tsunamis: New Islamic-Era Evidence from Abandoned Warehouses” (20 min.)

**4:20–6:25pm          Session 8**

### **8A. GIS and Remote Sensing in Archaeology**

Harbor 1

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

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

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Marco Ramazzotti (Sapienza University of Rome), “Encoding the Space: The Epistemic Frames of the Atlas of the Ancient Near East (AANE)” (20 min.)

4:45

Jeffrey C. Howry (Harvard University), “Journeys of the Curator—Recreating the Travelogues of David Lyon in the Near East” (20 min.)

5:10

Carrie Fulton (University of Toronto), Andrew Fulton (Independent Scholar), Andrew Viduka (Flinders University), and Sturt Manning (Cornell University), “Using Photogrammetry in Large-area Survey of the Late Bronze Age Anchorage at Maroni-Tsaroukkas, Cyprus” (20 min.)

5:35

Howard Cyr (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), “Connecting the Dots: Benefits of an

Integrated Geoarchaeological and Geophysical Approach at `Ayn Gharandal, a Late Roman Fort in Southern Jordan” (20 min.)

6:00

Jane C. Skinner (Penn State University), Jamie Quartermaine (Oxford Archaeology), Michal Artzy (University of Haifa), and Ann E. Killebrew (Penn State University), “An Integrated Use of GIS, Photogrammetry, and LiDAR to Reconstruct Tel Akko, Israel and Its Hinterland” (20 min.)

## **8B. Art Historical Approaches to the Near East II**

Harbor 2

*Theme: Bringing Art to Life. Papers in this session seek to reconstruct practices and spaces of past worlds and material encounters by adopting innovative approaches to the visual culture, architecture, and material traces of the ancient Near East.*

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

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Helen Dixon (Wofford College), “The ‘Look’ and ‘Feel’ of Levantine Phoenician Sacred Space” (20 min.)

4:45

Avary Taylor (Johns Hopkins University), “Experiencing ‘Embroidered’ Spaces: The Garment Details in the Bas-Reliefs at the Northwest Palace of Nimrud” (20 min.)

5:10

Türkan Pilavcı (Columbia University), “Channeling the Liquid, Doubling the Act: Ovoid Shaped Relief Vases in Hittite Libation” (20 min.)

5:35

Liat Naeh (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “What May (and May Not) Be Divided in Half: Images of Plants, Hathor-like Goddesses, and Banquet on Bronze Age Inlays in the Levant” (20 min.)

6:00

Agnete Lassen (Yale University), “Hidden and Revealed—Kassite Seal Stones in the Yale Babylonian Collection” (20 min.)

## **8C. Rethinking Israel**

*\*Joint session with the Society of Biblical Literature*

Harbor 3

*Theme: Israel Finkelstein will be retiring soon from his teaching post at Tel Aviv University. His impressive scientific work is varied archaeologically, chronologically, geographically, and thematically. In this session we wish to celebrate a unique tome in honor of his work, with the title "Rethinking Israel," where scholars and friends from different fields of research re-examine, re-evaluate, or respond to subjects that Israel has written about, reflecting on the selected subject from their own perspective.*

CHAIR: Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University), "Introductory Remarks on Rethinking Israel" (5 min.)

4:25

Neil Silberman (University of Massachusetts Amherst), "The Ever-Changing History of Israel" (20 min.)

4:50

Eric Cline (The George Washington University), "Israel and Archaeology: Person, Place, and Influence" (20 min.)

5:15

Matthew J. Adams (W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research) and Yuval Gadot (Tel Aviv University), "Megiddo through the Ages" (20 min.)

5:40

Dafna Langgut (Tel Aviv University), "More Than Meets the Eye: Microarchaeology at Megiddo" (20 min.)

6:05

Israel Finkelstein (Tel Aviv University), "Rethinking Israel? A Proper Answer" (20 min.)

## **8D. Archaeology of Jordan II**

Burroughs

*Theme: Hellenistic to Modern Periods*

CHAIRS: Marta D'Andrea (Sapienza University of Rome), M. Barbara Reeves (Queen's University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Debra Foran (Wilfrid Laurier University), “The 2017 Excavations at the Ancient Town of Nebo (Khirbat al-Mukhayyat)” (15 min.)

4:40

Cynthia Finlayson (Brigham Young University), “The Nabataean Coins of Ad-Deir: New Numismatic Evidence from the Ad-Deir Plateau, Petra” (15 min.)

5:00

Leigh-Ann Bedal (Penn State Behrend) and Robert Wenning (University of Münster), “Hidden in Plain View: An Overlooked Betyl in the Shadow of Petra’s Khazneh” (15 min.)

5:20

David Culclasure, (American School of Classical Studies at Athens), “Supplying the Roman Military in Wadi Arabah during Late Antiquity” (15 min.)

5:40

Noor Mulder-Hymans (University of Groningen), “The Bread Ovens and Egg Ovens of Tell Abu Sarbut in the Roman and Abbasid Period” (15 min.)

6:00

Arwa Massadeh (Department of Antiquities of Jordan), “Al-Balu‘a between the Site and People” (15 min.)

**8E. Digging “Lustily” into Cypriot Prehistory: Studies in Honor of Stuart Swiny  
Carlton**

*Theme: This symposium is inspired by the life, work, and legacy of Stuart Swiny and addresses his contributions to Cypriot archaeology as long-time director of CAARI and dedicated mentor and professor at the University at Albany. Papers in this session are presented by colleagues, family, and students.*

CHAIRS: Zuzana Chovanec (Tulsa Community College) and Walter Crist (Arizona State University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Helena Wylde Swiny (Harvard University), “Why Cyprus?” (15 min.)

4:45

Francesca Chelazzi (University of Glasgow), “Settlement Archaeology in Bronze Age

Cyprus: The Pioneering Legacy of Stuart Swiny in the Southwest Forty Years Later” (15 min.)

5:05

Thomas Davis (Tandy Institute for Archaeology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary), “The House of the Dancing Bird” (15 min.)

5:25

Laura Swantek (Arizona State University) and William Weir (University of Cincinnati), “A Dig of a ‘Certain Kind’: Stuart Swiny and the Past and Future Potential of *Sotira Kaminoudhia*” (15 min.)

5:45

Zuzana Chovanec (Tulsa Community College) and Sean M. Rafferty (University at Albany), “A Legacy of Education and Collaboration: Stuart Swiny’s Role in Cypriot Studies at the University at Albany” (15 min.)

6:05

Alan Simmons (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), “Thinking Outside the Hippo: A Personal Tribute to Stuart Swiny” (15 min.)

## **8F. History of Archaeology**

Lewis

CHAIR: Kevin M. McGeough (University of Lethbridge)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Rannfrid Thelle (Wichita State University), “Early Explorations of the ‘City of David’ in the Context of British and German Agendas in the Holy Land” (25 min.)

4:50

Caitlin Chaves Yates (Metropolitan Museum of Art), “Archaeology’s Role in the Development of the Ancient Near Eastern Art Department at the Metropolitan Museum of Art” (25 min.)

5:20

Sveta Matskevich (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), and Daphna Tsoran (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Lost & Found: The Institute of Archaeology (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Israel Exploration Society Archival Collections” (25 min.)

5:50

Kevin M. McGeough (University of Lethbridge), Discussant (25 min.)

## **8G. The CRANE Project II**

Otis

*Theme: Chronology, Regional Landscapes, and Paleoenvironmental Reconstruction*

CHAIR: Timothy P. Harrison (University of Toronto)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Sturt Manning (Cornell University) and Brita Lorentzen (Cornell University), “Highly Resolved Timeframes for the CRANE Project: Bayesian Chronological Modeling on Orontes Sites from the Third to First Millennia B.C.E.” (20 min)

4:45

Dominique Langis-Barsetti (University of Toronto), “The CRANE Site Database Project” (20 min.)

5:10

Kamal Badreshany (Durham University), Graham Philip (Durham University), and Melissa Kennedy (University of Sydney), “Ceramic Development in the Upper Orontes Basin from the Neolithic to the Late Bronze Age: Dealing with the Challenge of Diffuse and Dynamic Ceramic Regionalism in Ancient Syria” (20 min.)

5:35

Doğa Karakaya (University of Tübingen), “Current Progress in Archaeobotanical Research at Tell Tayinat and Zincirli” (20 min)

6:00

Lynn Welton (University of Toronto), “Modeling the Interaction of Social and Environmental Processes in the Orontes Watershed: The CRANE Simulation Project” (20 min.)

## **8H. Ambiguity in the Ancient Near East: Mental Constructs, Material Records, and Their Interpretations III**

Stone

*Theme: The papers in this session interpret particular writings, spaces, and types of objects.*

CHAIRS: Elizabeth Knott (New York University) and Lauren McCormick (Syracuse University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Jay Crisostomo (University of Michigan) and Eduardo Escobar (Stevanovich Institute for the Formation of Knowledge, University of Chicago), “An Assortment of Kinds: Determinatives in Cuneiform Scholarship” (20 min.)

4:45

Martin Worthington (University of Cambridge and Institute for the Study of the Ancient World), “The Rain, the Wheat, and the Trick” (20 min.)

5:10

Gina Konstantopoulos (University of Helsinki), “Public and Private: the Role of Text and Ritual in Constructing and Maintaining Protected Spaces in Mesopotamia” (20 min.)

5:35

Miriam Said (University of California, Berkeley), “Stamped and Staring: Pazuzu Stamp Seals and the Ambiguity of Form” (20 min.)

6:00

Victoria Almansa-Villatoro (Brown University), “An Image that Means Another: Syncretism and the Case-Study of a Mummiform Dwarf” (20 min.)

**8I. Archaeology of the Southern Levant II**

Webster

CHAIR: Owen Chesnut (North Central Michigan College)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Joshua Walton (Capital University), “The Iron Age IIB Remains from Ashkelon: A Preliminary Report” (20 min.)

4:45

Vanessa Workman (Bar-Ilan University) and Adi Eliyahu-Behar (Bar-Ilan University), “Early Iron Workshops at Tel Megiddo and Tell es-Safi/Gath: Comparative Analysis of Working Debris and Paraphernalia” (20 min.)

5:10

Eric Welch (University of Kansas), “The Gats of Gath: Ninth Century Olive Oil Production in Area K at Tell es-Safi/Gath” (20 min.)

5:35

Barry M. Gittlen (Towson University), “An Enigmatic Death At Tel Miqne/Ekron, Stratum IB” (20 min.)

6:00

Casey Sharp (University of Haifa), Ladislav Smejda (University of West Bohemia), Itzhaq Shai (Ariel University), and Chris McKinny (Bar-Ilan University), “New Methods in Excavating the Periphery: Tel Burna Area C in the Bronze and Iron Ages” (20 min.)

## **8J. Religion in “Edom”**

Hancock

*Theme: Papers in this session draw upon multiple approaches to Iron Age religion in southern Israel and Jordan, focusing on sites and artifacts that, traditionally, have been associated with the territory of Edom or the Edomites.*

CHAIRS: Erin Darby (University of Tennessee, Knoxville) and Andrea Creel (University of California, Berkeley)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Juan Manuel Tebes (University of Michigan), “Late Bronze Age/Iron Age Extra-mural Shrines of the Arid Southern Levant and the Syro-Arabian Desert Cultic Architecture” (20 min.)

4:45

Regine Hunziker-Rodewald (University of Strasbourg), “Ready to Give Birth—Towards an Interpretation of the Iron Age Female Terracotta Figurines from Edom” (20 min.)

5:10

Joel Burnett (Baylor University), “Do We Have an Image of Qaus? Ceramic Anthropomorphic Statues in Edom and Beyond” (20 min.)

5:35

Andrea Creel (University California, Berkeley), “Connectivity on the Edge of Empire: Horvat Qitmit as Ritual Node in a Landscape of Movement” (20 min.)

6:00

Erin Darby (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), “Religion and Edomite Expansion: The View from ‘En Hazeva” (20 min.)

**6:30–10:30pm**

**Digital Archaeology Demo Showcase and Reception**

Marina 2–4



## **Saturday, November 18**

**8:20–10:25am      Session 9**

### **9A. Developing Isotopic Investigations in the Ancient Near East and Caucasus Harbor 1**

*Theme: In recent years, biogeochemical analysis has gained pace in the archaeology of the Near East and Caucasus, embracing a holistic understanding of human ecology. Having focused on Environment and Mobility in 2016, this year's session focuses on diet and other practices, methodological advances, and region-specific challenges in research design.*

CHAIRS: G. Bike Yazıcıoğlu-Santamaria (University of Chicago) and Maureen E. Marshall (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Estelle Herrscher (Aix Marseille University; French National Center for Scientific Research—CNRS), Liana Bitadze (Tbilisi State University), Modwene Poulmarc'h (ArchéOrient; French National Center for Scientific Research—CNRS), Nikolos Vanishvili (Georgian National Museum), Giorgi Bedianashvili (Georgian National Museum), Gela Giunashvili (Georgian National Museum), Giorgi Gogochuri (Georgian National Museum), Kakha Kakhiani (Georgian National Museum), Johny Kozsiashvili (Kashuri Museum, Georgia), Bitdzina Murvanidze (Georgian National Museum), Elena Rova (University of Venice), Guy André (Aix Marseille University; French National Center for Scientific Research—CNRS), “Dietary Practice Changes during the Bronze Age in the Southern Caucasus: Evidence of Millet Consumption Using a Multi-isotopic Approach” (20 min.)

8:50

Benjamin Irvine (Freie Universität Berlin), “Stable Isotopes of Sulphur to Further Investigate Dietary Habits in Anatolian Early Bronze Age Populations” (20 min.)

9:15

G. Bike Yazıcıoğlu-Santamaria (University of Chicago) and Lynn Welton (University of Toronto), “A Reassessment of  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  Data from Human Remains at the Anatolian Bronze Age Sites of Kültepe and Ikiztepe: New Observations in Light of Weaning Age” (20 min.)

9:40

Maureen E. Marshall (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), “The Biogeochemistry of Agro-pastoralism in the Bronze Age Tsaghkahovit Plain, Armenia” (20 min.)

10:05

Stanley H. Ambrose (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Discussant (10 min.)

10:15

General Discussion (10 min.)

## **9B. Approaches to Dress and the Body I**

Harbor 2

*Theme: Traces of practices relating to dress and the body are present in many ways in the archaeological, textual, and visual records of the ancient world, from the physical remains of dressed bodies, to images depicting them, to texts describing such aspects as textile production and sumptuary customs. Previous scholarship has provided useful typological frameworks but has often viewed these objects as static trappings of status and gender. The goal of this session is to illuminate the dynamic role of dress and the body in the performance and construction of aspects of individual and social identity, and to encourage collaborative dialogue within the study of dress and the body in antiquity.*

CHAIR: Megan Cifarelli (Manhattanville College)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Amir Golani (Israel Antiquities Authority), “Beyond Ornamentation: Contextualizing Research of Personal Adornment in the Ancient Near East” (20 min.)

8:45

Nili Fox (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati), “Sanctifying Body Marking: Biblical and Archaeological Evidence” (20 min.)

9:10

Christine Palmer (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary), “Israelite High Priestly Apparel: Constructing an Identity between Human and Divine” (20 min.)

9:35

Sarah Mady (The Graduate Center at the City University of New York), “Transvestite Female Saints in Byzantine Traditions: The Case of Marina of Qalamoun” (20 min.)

10:00

Betty Hensellek (Cornell University; Metropolitan Museum of Art), “Banqueting, Dress, and the Idealized Sogdian Merchant” (20 min.)

**9C. Theoretical and Anthropological Approaches to the Ancient Near East**

Harbor 3

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

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Anne Chapin (Brevard College), “The Expert’s Eye: Theory, Method, and Connoisseurship in Aegean Fresco Studies” (15 min.)

8:45

Neil Erskine-Fisher (University of Glasgow), “Religiosity in Routine: Movement, Landscape, and Bridging the Data-Theory Divide” (15 min.)

9:05

Christopher Brinker (Johns Hopkins University), “The Rehabilitation of Segmentary Lineage Systems as a Heuristic Model” (15 min.)

9:25

Kristine Garroay (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles), “Childist Archaeology: Children, Toys, and Skill Transmission in Ancient Israel” (15 min.)

9:45

Maurits Ertsen (Delft University of Technology), “‘Youths in the Future, Elderly in the Past, but Ancestors in the Present’—Time and Space in Ancient Near Eastern Irrigation” (15 min.)

10:05

Frederic Brandfon (Expedition to the Coastal Plain of Israel), “Digging a Hole and Telling a Tale: Science and Art in Archaeology” (15 min.)

**9D. Putting your Degree to Work: How to Apply for Careers Inside *and* Outside the Academy (Workshop)**

Burroughs

CHAIRS: Tiffany Earley-Spadoni (University of Central Florida) and Fred Winter (F. A. Winter Associates)

*This workshop will discuss the often overlooked practical aspects of seeking employment such as CVs vs. resumes, cover letters, networking, dossiers, references, when to apply, etc. It will be led by Fred Winter, who worked first as a tenured university professor, subsequently for the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Department of Education, and presently runs his own consulting firm addressing non-traditional academic employment; and Tiffany Earley-Spadoni, who previously worked in the private and public sectors and is now a tenure-track university professor. They will focus the discussion on the unique traits of academic vs. private-public job markets and how to apply for each. This workshop is meant to complement the “Careers Options for ASOR Members” session.*

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

Carlton

*Theme: This session presents papers that examine past human resources (flora and fauna) uses and human/environment interactions in the ancient Near East.*

CHAIRS: Melissa S. Rosenzweig (Miami University) and Madelynn von Baeyer (University of Connecticut)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Melina Seabrook (Stony Brook University) and Katheryn C. Twiss (Stony Brook University), “Animals of Ur: Preliminary Faunal Data from the Ur III and Old Babylonian Deposits” (15 min.)

8:45

Kathryn Grossman (North Carolina State University), “Animals in the Orontes Basin: Contextualizing the Zooarchaeological Assemblage from Tell Qarqur, Syria” (15 min.)

9:05

Edward F. Maher (North Central College), “Where the Wild Things Are: Non-Domesticated Animals from Late Bronze Age Jaffa” (15 min.)

9:25

Alexia Smith (University of Connecticut), Thomas Hart (University of Texas at Austin), Lucas Proctor (University of Connecticut), and Gil Stein (Oriental Institute, University of

Chicago), “Ubaid Period Agriculture and Fuel Use at Tell Zeidan, Syria: Integrating Macrobotanical and Phytolith Data” (15 min.)

9:45

Andrew Fairbairn (The University of Queensland) and Nathan Wright (McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, University of Cambridge), “Feasting and Burning in Middle Bronze Age Anatolia: Archaeobotanical Evidence for Elite Food Consumption from Büklükale” (15 min.)

10:05

John Marston (Boston University) and Kate J. Birney (Wesleyan University), “Hellenistic Agricultural Economy in the Southern Levant: New Evidence from Ashkelon” (15 min.)

## **9F. Ancient Texts and Modern Photographic and Digital Technologies**

Lewis

CHAIRS: Annalisa Azzoni (Vanderbilt University) and Christopher Rollston (George Washington University)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Jana Mynarova (Czech Institute of Egyptology, Charles University), “Acquisition and Adaptation of Cuneiform Writing in Peripheral Areas: A Case Study of Amarna Cuneiform Palaeography” (25 min.)

8:55

Michael B. Toth (University College London; R.B. Toth Associates), Roberta Mazza (University of Manchester), and William A. Christens-Barry (Equipoise Imaging), “New Technologies to Reveal Texts in Mummy Cartonnage” (25 min.)

9:25

Anat Mendel Geberovich (Tel Aviv University), Arie Shaus (Tel Aviv University), Shira Faigenbaum-Golovin (Tel Aviv University), and Barak Sober (Tel Aviv University), “Arad Ostrakon 16 Rediscovered via Multispectral Imaging” (25 min.)

9:55

Katherine Jones (The George Washington University), “Likely Lies: A Statistical Analysis of the Prevalence of Modern Forgeries” (25 min.)

## **9G. The Enigma of the Hyksos I**

Otis

CHAIRS: Manfred Bietak (Austrian Academy of Sciences) and Hanan Charaf (Lebanese University)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Danielle Candelora (University of California, Los Angeles), “Defining the Hyksos: A Reevaluation of the Term *Hk3 H3swt* and its Significance” (15 min.)

8:45

Aleksandra Ksiezak (University of Toronto), “Tell el-Yahudiyeh Ware in the Eastern Nile Delta—Production, Distribution, and Fabric Use Specialization at the Site of Tell el-Maskhuta during the Second Intermediate Period” (15 min.)

9:05

Ezra Marcus (University of Haifa), “Trade Floruit and Crisis: A Maritime Approach to the Hyksos Phenomenon” (15 min.)

9:25

Nina Maaranen (University of Bournemouth), “The Hyksos in Egypt—A Bioarchaeological Perspective” (15 min.)

9:45

Hendrik Bruins (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), Johannes van der Plicht (Groningen University; Leiden University), Lawrence Stager (Harvard University), and Michael Dee (Groningen University), “Middle Bronze Age Stratigraphies at Ashkelon and Tell el-Dab‘a: Radiocarbon Dating and Material Culture *Comparée* with Emphasis on the Hyksos Period” (15 min.)

10:05

General Discussion (20 min.)

## **9H. New Work on Sardis from the Harvard-Cornell Excavations to Sardis Stone**

CHAIRS: Nicholas Cahill (University of Wisconsin–Madison) and Jane DeRose Evans (Temple University)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Nicholas Cahill (University of Wisconsin–Madison), “The Lydian Palace at Sardis” (15 min.)

8:45

William Bruce (Gustavus Adolphus College), “Religious and Domestic Life in Lydian and Achaemenid Sardis” (15 min.)

9:05

Philip Stinson (University of Kansas) and Bahadır Yıldırım (Harvard Art Museums), “Architecture and Sculpture of a Julio-Claudian Temple in Central Sardis” (15 min.)

9:25

Vanessa Rousseau (Weisman Art Museum, University of Minnesota), “If These Walls Could Talk: Late Roman Decoration at Roman Sardis” (15 min.)

9:45

Frances Gallart Marqués (Independent Scholar; Archaeological Exploration of Sardis), “A Wink and a Smile: The Terracotta Quadrupeds of Late Roman Sardis” (15 min.)

10:05

Jane DeRose Evans (Temple University), “Coins and Pottery: Tracking the Numismatic Profile of Fourth and Fifth Century Sardis” (15 min.)

## **9I. Archaeology of the Southern Levant III**

Webster

CHAIR: Owen Chesnut (North Central Michigan College)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

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

8:45

Vered Eshed (Israel Antiquities Authority) and Avi Gopher (Israel Antiquities Authority), “Agriculture and Lifestyle: Paleodemography of the Pottery Neolithic (8500–6500 cal BP) Farming Populations in the Southern Levant” (20 min.)

9:10

Ralph Hawkins (Averett University) and David Ben-Shlomo (Ariel University), “The

Bedouin at Modern Ras el-Auja and the Early Iron Age Settlers at Khirbet el-Mastarah” (20 min.)

9:35

Daniel Leviathan (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Yosef Garfinkel (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “New Light on the Origin of the Triglyphs in the Doric Order” (20 min.)

10:00

Johanna Berkheij-Dol (Leiden University), “The Shape of Rounded Fenestrated Models and Their Contents: Were Shrine Models with a Hollow Base Ever Made to Contain a Figurine?” (20 min.)

## **9J. Mesopotamian Civilizations: The Economic Scope of Institutional Households I** Hancock

CHAIRS: Claudia Glatz (University of Glasgow), Jacob Lauinger (Johns Hopkins University), and Piotr Michalowski (University of Michigan)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Odette Boivin (University of Toronto), “Institutional Integration in the Sealand I Palace Economy” (25 min.)

8:50

Rune Rattenborg (Durham University), “The Scale and Extent of Institutional Household Economies of the Middle Bronze Age Jazīrah and the Bilād al-Šām: Critical Perspectives” (25 min.)

9:20

Tate Paulette (North Carolina State University), “Storing Like a State in Mesopotamia (4000–2000 B.C.) or: How Great Were the Great Organizations?” (25 min.)

9:50

Susanne Paulus (University of Chicago), “Investment, Debt, and Slavery—The Economy of Nippur in the Kassite Period” (25 min.)

**10:25–10:40am**      **Coffee Break**  
Galleria

**10:40am–12:45pm**    **Session 10**



## **10A. Archaeology of Arabia I**

Harbor 1

CHAIR: Jonathan Mark Kenoyer (University of Wisconsin–Madison) and Steven Karacic (Florida State University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Knut Bretzke (University of Tübingen) and Adrian Parker (Oxford Brookes University), “Exploring Behavioral Strategies in Late Pleistocene Hunter-Gatherers from the Desert Environments of Southeastern Arabia” (15 min.)

11:05

Rémy Crassard (The French National Center for Scientific Research, CNRS) and Yamandú Hilbert (The French National Center for Scientific Research, CNRS), “Naviform Technology from Saudi Arabia” (15 min.)

11:25

Thomas Van de Velde (Ghent University), “The Archaeology of the Petroleum Industry: the Surfacing of an Elamite Bitumen Industry in Southeast Arabia” (15 min.)

11:45

Marilisa Buta (University of Bologna), Dennys Frenez (University of Bologna), Eugenio Bortolini (IMF-CSIC, Spanish National Research Council), Vincent Charpentier (Maison de l'Archéologie et de l'Ethnologie), and Jonathan Mark Kenoyer (University of Wisconsin–Madison), “Bead Production in the Neolithic Coastal Communities of Southeastern Arabia: A Stylistic, Morphometric, and Technological Assessment” (15 min.)

12:05

Olivier Brunet (The French National Center for Scientific Research, CNRS), “Trends of Production of Carnelian Beads during the Bronze Age in the Oman Peninsula” (15 min.)

12:25

Jonathan Mark Kenoyer (University of Wisconsin–Madison), Dennys Frenez (University of Bologna), and Randall Law (University of Wisconsin–Madison), “Comparing Arabian and Indus Bead Technology and Trade from the Fourth to First Millennia B.C.E.” (15 min.)

## **10B. Approaches to Dress and the Body II**

## Harbor 2

*Theme: Traces of practices relating to dress and the body are present in many ways in the archaeological, textual, and visual records of the ancient world, from the physical remains of dressed bodies, to images depicting them, to texts describing such aspects as textile production and sumptuary customs. Previous scholarship has provided useful typological frameworks but has often viewed these objects as static trappings of status and gender. The goal of this session is to illuminate the dynamic role of dress and the body in the performance and construction of aspects of individual and social identity, and to encourage collaborative dialogue within the study of dress and the body in antiquity.*

CHAIR: Megan Cifarelli (Manhattanville College)

### PRESENTERS:

10:40

Emily Anderson (Johns Hopkins University), "Formulating Parallels: The Bodies of Man and Beast in Early Aegean Glyptic and Oral Narrative" (20 min.)

11:05

Josephine Verduci (University of Melbourne) and Brent Davis (University of Melbourne), "Adornment, Ritual, and Identity: Inscribed Minoan Jewellery" (20 min.)

11:30

Melissa Eppihimer (University of Pittsburgh), "Tassels, Cultural Identity, and Historical Memory in Royal Statues from Mari and Eshnunna" (20 min.)

11:55

Trudy Kawami (Independent Researcher), "Sumptuous Garb: Who Wears Fringe in Elamite Iran?" (20 min.)

12:20

General Discussion (25 min.)

## **10C. Archaeology of Anatolia I**

### Harbor 3

*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)

### PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Patrick Willett (University at Buffalo), Ralf Vandam (University of Leuven), Peter Biehl (University at Buffalo), and Jeroen Poblome (University of Leuven), “New Results from the Dereköy Archaeological Survey Project: Exploring the Cultural Past in the Marginal Landscapes of the Western Taurus Mountains, SW Turkey” (15 min.)

11:05

Levent Atici (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), “Complex Hunter-Gatherers of Upper Tigris Valley: New Zooarchaeological Data from Körtik Tepe, SE Turkey” (15 min.)

11:25

Benjamin Arbuckle (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), “Prehistoric Horse Exploitation on the Central Anatolian Plateau” (15 min.)

11:45

Sharon R. Steadman (SUNY Cortland), Gregory McMahon (University of New Hampshire), Jennifer C. Ross (Hood College), “Recent Investigations at Çadır Höyük on the North Central Anatolian Plateau” (15 min.)

12:05

Madelynn von Baeyer (University of Connecticut), “Farming at the Frontier: Plant Use during the Late Chalcolithic at Çadır Höyük, Turkey” (15 min.)

12:25

Lolita Nikolova (International Institute of Anthropology), “Anatolia and the Balkans during the Early Bronze Age (ca. 3600–2000 cal. B.C.E.)” (15 min.)

## **10D. Archaeologists Engaging Global Challenges**

Burroughs

CHAIRS: Catherine Foster (Ancient Middle East Education and Research Institute) and Erin Darby (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Suzi Wilczynski (Dig-It! Games), “Leveraging the Power of Gaming for Cultural Preservation” (25 min.)

11:15

Louise Hitchcock (University of Melbourne), “Aged Tasmanian Whiskey in Boston Is

the New Faience Rhyton in Cyprus: Globalization and Plutocracy, Populism, and Piracy” (25 min.)

11:45

Mitra Panahipour (University of Arkansas), “Settlement Expansion and Agricultural Intensification: The Case of a Sasanian Hinterland in Upper Diyala/Sirwan River Valley, Kurdistan” (25 min.)

12:15

Jody Michael Gordon (Wentworth Institute of Technology), “Globalizing the Past for Humanity’s Future: Globalization and Cosmopolitan Archaeologies” (25 min.)

**10E. The Tells of Two Cities: Did Tell es-Sultan and Tall el-Hammam Interact during the Middle Bronze Age?**

Carlton

CHAIRS: Steven Collins (Trinity Southwest University) and Lorenzo Nigro (Sapienza University of Rome)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Steven Collins (Trinity Southwest University), “Tall el-Hammam during the Middle Bronze Age: Data and Insights from 12 Excavation Seasons” (15 min.)

11:05

Carroll Kobs (Trinity Southwest University), “The Middle Bronze Age Fortifications of Tall el-Hammam as Seen in Field LA” (15 min.)

11:25

Gary Byers (Trinity Southwest University), “2,500 Years of Continuous Occupation Ends: Evidences of Tall el-Hammam’s Terminal Middle Bronze Age Destruction” (15 min.)

11:45

Daria Montanari (Sapienza University of Rome), “Weapons in Middle Bronze Age Tombs at Tell es-Sultan/Jericho: Types, Chronology and Implications” (15 min.)

12:05

Chiara Fiaccavento (Sapienza University of Rome), “The Fortifications of Tell es-Sultan/Jericho in the Middle Bronze Age: Evolution and Comparisons of a Major Levantine Defense System” (15 min.)

12:25

Lorenzo Nigro (Sapienza University of Rome), "Tell es-Sultan/Jericho in the Middle and Late Bronze Ages: A City-State of Palestine during the Second Millennium B.C.E." (15 min.)

### **10F. Strategies for Cultural Resource Protection in Libya**

Lewis

CHAIRS: Susan Kane (Oberlin College) and Mohamed Hesein (Omar al Mukhtar University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Susan Kane (Oberlin College), "Capacity Building for Cultural Resource Protection: The Work of the American Mission in Libya" (20 min.)

11:05

Mohamed Hesein (Omar al Mukhtar University), "Initiatives of the Centre for Archaeological Research and Studies, Omar al Mukhtar University in Libya" (20 min.)

11:30

Scott Branting (American Schools of Oriental Research; University of Central Florida), Susan Penacho (American Schools of Oriental Research), Angelica Costa (University of Central Florida), Paige Paulsen (University of Central Florida), and Samuel Martin (University of Central Florida), "ASOR CHI Satellite Analysis of Libyan Cultural Heritage" (20 min.)

11:55

Robert Bewley (Oxford University), "Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East and North Africa: Approach, Results, and Next Steps in Libya" (20 min.)

12:20

Will Raynolds (Columbia University), "Islamic Heritage in Libya: Too Sensitive to Protect?" (20 min.)

### **10G. The Enigma of the Hyksos II**

Otis

CHAIRS: Manfred Bietak (Austrian Academy of Sciences) and Hanan Charaf (Lebanese University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Manfred Bietak (Austrian Academy of Sciences), “Tracing the Origins of the Hyksos Elite of Egypt as Seen from a Comparative Study of Sacred Architecture” (15 min.)

11:00

Silvia Prell (Austrian Academy of Sciences), “Bronze Age Equid Burials in the Fertile Crescent” (15 min.)

11:20

Christine Lilyquist (Metropolitan Museum of Art), “The Impact of the Hyksos as Seen at Thebes” (15 min.)

11:40

Anna-Latifa Mourad (Austrian Academy of Sciences), “Cultural Interference? The Impact of the Hyksos Dynasty on Cultic Beliefs and Activities in Egypt” (15 min.)

12:00

Felice Israel (University of Genoa), Discussant (20 min.)

12:25

General Discussion (20 min.)

## **10H. Archaeology of Islamic Society**

Stone

CHAIR: Beatrice St. Laurent (Bridgewater State University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Asa Eger (University of North Carolina at Greensboro), “Bronze Surgical Instruments from Tüpraş Field, Turkey and the Islamic-Byzantine Medical Trade” (20 min.)

11:05

Gideon Avni (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Israel Antiquities Authority), “The Spread of Qanats in the Early Islamic World—A Case Study for the Transfer of Agricultural and Water Management Technologies” (20 min.)

11:30

Veronica Morriss (The University of Chicago), “Ribats and the Levantine Coastal Support Network” (20 min.)

11:55

Ian Jones (University of California, San Diego), Mohammad Najjar (University of California, San Diego), and Thomas E. Levy (University of California, San Diego), “An

Assemblage without a Slash: Ayyubid Ceramics from Khirbat Nuqayb al-Asaymir, Faynan, Southern Jordan” (20 min.)

12:20

Benjamin Saidel (East Carolina University), “Ethnoarchaeological Insights on the Sedentarization of the Terabin Bedouin during the British Mandate Period: A Case Study from the Tze’elim Survey Map (129) in the Western Negev” (20 min.)

## **10I. Gender in the Ancient Near East**

Webster

*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: Stephanie M. Langin-Hooper (Southern Methodist University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

S. Rebecca Martin (Boston University), “Representations of the Goddess Tanit” (15 min.)

11:05

Agnes Garcia-Ventura (IPOA, Universitat de Barcelona), “Amazons in Ancient Hattuša? On the Construction of Gender Roles and Stereotypes in the Early 20th Century C.E.” (15 min.)

11:25

Delanie Linden (Southern Methodist University), “Confronting the Status Quo: Cross-cultural Gender in the Portraits of the Ptolemies” (15 min.)

11:45

Amy Gansell (St. John's University), “Enthroning the Neo-Assyrian Queen” (15 min.)

12:05

Celia Bergoffen (Fashion Institute of Technology), “A New Interpretation of Philistine Ashdoda Figurines as Anthropomorphized Chairs” (15 min.)

12:25

Jillianne Laceste (Southern Methodist University), “Antiochus I and Ideal Masculinity at Nemrud Dag” (15 min.)

## **10J. Mesopotamian Civilizations: The Economic Scope of Institutional Households II**

Hancock

CHAIRS: Claudia Glatz (University of Glasgow), Jacob Lauinger (The Johns Hopkins University), and Piotr Michalowski (University of Michigan)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Noemi Borrelli (Università degli Studi di Napoli "l'Orientale"), Palmiro Notizia (CCHS-CSIC, Madrid), "No Man's Land: Searching What Lies beyond Temple and Palace in the Ur III Period" (25 min.)

11:10

Jesse Casana (Dartmouth College), "Counting Sheep: Wool, Wealth, and Institutionally-Managed Pastoralism in Bronze Age Mesopotamia" (25 min.)

11:40

Eloisa Casadei (Sapienza University of Rome), "Temple Agencies and Temple Economy in Fourth and Third Millennium B.C Southern Mesopotamia: an Archaeological Perspective" (25 min.)

12:10

Melanie Groß (Leiden University), "It Is All about the People: The Workforce of the Palace and Temple Institutions in the Neo-Assyrian Empire" (25 min.)

## **10K. Maritime Archaeology**

Griffin

CHAIR: Caroline Sauvage (Loyola Marymount University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Miroslav Bárta (Czech Institute of Egyptology, Charles University) and Douglas Inglis (Institute of Nautical Archaeology, Texas A&M University), "The Discovery of an Old Kingdom Boat at Abusir" (20 min.)

11:05

Caroline Sauvage (Loyola Marymount University) and Marie-Louise Nosch (Centre for Textile Research, University of Copenhagen), "The Fabric of the Sea—Sail Manufacture in the Late Bronze Age Eastern Mediterranean" (20 min.)

11:30



Amani Abu Hmid (University of Haifa; Israel Antiquities Authority) and Michal Artzy (University of Haifa), “Aegean Mercenaries in Akko during the Persian Period” (20 min.)

11:55

Stella Demesticha (University of Cyprus), “The Cargo of the Mazotos Shipwreck, Cyprus” (20 min.)

12:20

Zaraza Friedman (University of Haifa), “Ancient Navigation and Seaborne Trade in the Dead Sea, Israel” (20 min.)

**12:45–2:00pm**

**Projects on Parade Poster Session**

Galleria

**12:45–2:00pm**

**Initiative on the Status of Women in ASOR Mentoring Meeting: Speed Networking**

Marina 1

**2:00–4:05pm**

**Session 11**

**11A. Archaeology of Arabia II**

Harbor 1

CHAIR: Jonathan Mark Kenoyer (University of Wisconsin–Madison) and Steven Karacic (Florida State University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Jennifer Swerida (Johns Hopkins University), “Reading the Umm an-Nar Settlement” (15 min.)

2:25

Eli Dollarhide (New York University), “Mapping Magan: Investigating the Bronze Age Bat-‘Amlah Region in Oman” (15 min.)

2:45

Charlotte Cable (University of New England), Kristina Franke (University of New England), H el ene David-Cuny (Independent Scholar), Claire Newton (Universit e du Qu ebec   Rimouski), Steven Karacic (Florida State University), James Roberts

(University of New England), Ivan Stepanov (University of New England), Yaaqoub Yousif Al Ali (Dubai Municipality), Mansour Boraik Radwan (Dubai Municipality), and Lloyd Weeks (University of New England), “Saruq al-Hadid: New Insights from Three Years of Field and Laboratory Research” (15 min.)

3:05

James Roberts (University of New England), Lloyd Weeks (University of New England), Melanie Fillios (University of New England), Charlotte Cable (University of New England), Yaaqoub Yousif Al Ali (Dubai Municipality), Mansour Boraik Radwan (Dubai Municipality), and Hussein Qandil (Dubai Municipality), “The Faunal Remains from Saruq al-Hadid: a New Insight into Human-Animal Interactions in Prehistoric Southeastern Arabia” (15 min.)

3:25

Steven Karacic (Florida State University) and Peter Magee (Bryn Mawr College), “The Production of Common Wares in Iron Age II (1100-600 B.C.E.) Southeastern Arabia” (15 min.)

3:45

General Discussion

## **11B. Material Culture and Identities in the Eastern Mediterranean I**

### Harbor 2

*Theme: Identities from the Early Bronze to the Iron Ages.*

CHAIRS: Helen Malko (Fashion Institute of Technology) and Serdar Yalcin (Macalester College)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Anas Al Khabour (University of Gothenburg), “The Red-Black Burnished Ware (RBBW) People in Kura Araxes” (25 min.)

2:35

Jonathan White (University at Buffalo), “Prosthetics for Osiris: Disability and Accommodation in New Kingdom Egypt” (25 min.)

3:05

Catherine Steidl (Brown University), “Community Identities in Ionian Sanctuaries” (25 min.)

3:35

Leanna Kolonauski (Temple University), “A New Twist on an Old Tradition: Orientalizing Votive Offerings in the Shrine of Eileithyia on Crete” (25 min.)

### **11C. Archaeology of Anatolia II**

Harbor 3

*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)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Cheryl Anderson (Boise State University), Levent Atici (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), Andrew Fairbairn (University of Queensland), and Sachihiko Omura (Japanese Institute of Anatolian Archaeology), “Written in Bone? Testing a Multifaceted Approach to Studying Human Health in the Past” (15 min.)

2:25

Lorenzo d’Alfonso (Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University), “The Iron Age in Central Anatolia: New Insights from the Excavations at Niğde-Kınık Höyük” (15 min.)

2:45

Rachel Starry (Bryn Mawr College), “Arch Monuments in Roman Lycia: A Reconsideration of Architectural Form and Function within the Urban Landscape” (15 min.)

3:05

Michael Hoff (University of Nebraska), Rhys Townsend (Clark University), Ece Erdoğan (University of Nebraska), Birol Can (Uşak University), and Timothy Howe (St. Olaf College), “Antiochia ad Cragum Excavations: 2015–2017 Seasons” (15 min.)

3:25

Peter Cobb (University of Pennsylvania) and Elvan Cobb (Cornell University), “Investigating Routes among the Upper River Valleys of Western Anatolia” (15 min.)

3:45

Daniel C. Browning Jr. (University of Southern Mississippi) and David Maltzberger (Wayland Baptist University), “Memes, Moons, or Menorahs? Analysis of Claimed Syncretistic Jewish-Pagan Relief Symbols in Rough Cilicia” (15 min.)

## **11D. Altered States: Alternative Trajectories to Complexity in the Ancient Middle East I**

Burroughs

CHAIR: Geoff Emberling (University of Michigan)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (10 min.)

2:10

Yael Rotem (University of Pennsylvania), “The Transformation from Complex Village Society to Local Urbanism in the Southern Levant: New Observations in Light of the Evidence from the Central Jordan Valley in the Early Bronze Age I–II” (15 min.)

2:30

Meredith S. Chesson (University of Notre Dame), “Urbanism without Cities and Complexity without Elites? Social, Economic and Political Differentiation in the Early Bronze Age Southern Levant” (15 min.)

2:50

Aaron Burke (University of California, Los Angeles), “Trajectories in Amorite Hegemony during the Early Middle Bronze Age” (15 min.)

3:10

Raphael Greenberg (Tel Aviv University), “Rethinking the Fortified Centers of Second Millennium Canaan” (15 min.)

3:30

Elizabeth Minor (Wellesley College), “Invisible Kings: The Development of Royal Nubian Programs of Legitimization in the Classic Kerma Period” (15 min.)

## **11E. Talking about Gender-Related “Situations” in Our Workplaces (Workshop)**

Carlton

*Theme: The ASOR Initiative on the Status of Women workshop is designed to open the conversation about how to handle "situations." We are thinking broadly about gender-related issues that occur in a wide range of settings: in the field, in grad school, in the academy and other workplaces, and more. Such situations might impede professional development and advancement, hinder or obstruct scholarly engagement, impact family decisions, and/or cause personal trauma or distress. The workshop will include several short presentations – and will leave ample time for discussion. The focus will be on opening conversations, sharing ideas, and*

*considering solutions to problems shared by many of us. Toward that goal, the workshop will steer clear of detailed personal narratives, public accusations, and the like.*

CHAIR: Beth Alpert Nakhai (University of Arizona)

PRESENTERS (2:00-3:00)

Emily Miller Bonney (California State University, Fullerton), "Situations in the Academy"

Jennie Ebeling (University of Evansville), "Thoughts from a Woman in the Field Working with Women in the Field"

Laura Mazow (East Carolina University), "Teaching, Research and Service in the University Hallway"

Megan Cifarelli (Manhattanville College), "Mommy Tracks and the Mommy Tax"

Stefanie Elkins-Bates (Andrews University), "A Professional Woman Working in Jordan"

Open Discussion (3:00-4:05pm)

**11F. Papers in Honor of S. Thomas Parker in Celebration of the Publication of a Festschrift**

Lewis

CHAIR: Walter Ward (University of Alabama at Birmingham)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

John Oleson (University of Victoria), "The Trajanic Auxiliary Fort at Hauarra (Modern Humayma) in the Context of Recent Frontier Studies" (25 min.)

2:35

Andrew Smith II (George Washington University), "Nabataeans in the Hinterland of Petra" (25 min.)

3:05

Sarah Wenner (University of Cincinnati), "Wadi Rumm in Arabia Felix: An Analysis of the Ceramic Vessels from the Villa and Bathhouse" (25 min.)

3:35

Kenneth Holum\* (University of Maryland), “The Economy of Caesarea Palaestinae: Demographics” (25 min.) \*Paper to be read as a tribute to Kenneth Holum

### **11G. Israel’s Exodus in Transdisciplinary Perspective**

Otis

*This is the 2nd annual Exodus Session at ASOR and is a follow-up panel to the Exodus conference held at the University of California, San Diego, in 2013, which brought together 60 international scholars. The proceedings of the UCSD conference were published in 2015 (“Israel’s Exodus in Transdisciplinary Perspective,” Springer Nature). The session evaluates motifs of the Exodus narrative and their socio-cultural relevance in the first and second millennia B.C.E. as well as questions of history and historicity. The session thus spotlights new avenues for future research, from the angle of archaeological, historical, textual, cultural and geoscientific disciplines.*

CHAIRS: Lawrence Geraty (La Sierra University), Thomas E. Levy (University of California, San Diego), Thomas Schneider (University of British Columbia), and Brad C. Sparks (Archaeological Research Group)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Brad C. Sparks (Archaeological Research Group), “Scientific Chronology of the Exodus: Problems in Astronomy – Invalid Eclipse (25 min.)

2:35

Alison Gruseke (Yale University; General Theological Seminary), “*Throw Him in the River!* A Childist Interpretation of Exodus 2 in the Context of Exodus, the Moses Story, and Modern Exodus Studies” (25 min.)

3:05

John Gee (Brigham Young University), “The Canaanite Gods El and Yah in Egypt” (25 min.)

3:35

Caterina Moro (Sapienza Università di Roma), “Power and Disasters: The Plague of Earthquake in Artapanus’s Narrative of Exodus” (25 min.)

### **11H. Antioch—A Legacy Excavation and Its Aftermath**

Stone

*Theme: Part of an ongoing re-examination of the excavations of Antioch-on-the-Orontes (Antakya, Hatay Province, Turkey) carried out under the leadership of Princeton University from 1932 through 1939.*

CHAIR: Alan Stahl (Princeton University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Andrea U. De Giorgi (Florida State University), “Antioch on the Orontes: the Expedition Records” (20 min.)

2:25

Agnès Vokaer (Université Libre de Bruxelles), “The Late Roman Pottery from Sector 17-O in Antioch” (20 min.)

2:50

Katherine Eremin (Harvard University, Art Museums), Elizabeth LaDuc (University College London), Elizabeth Molacek (Harvard University, Art Museums), Patrick Degryse (KU Leuven-University), “New Research on a Tethys Pavement at Harvard University” (20 min.)

3:15

Kristina Neumann (University of Houston), “Counting Change at Antioch-on-the-Orontes with Digital Numismatics” (20 min.)

3:40

Ayse Henry, (Bilkent University), “An Antiochene Site through New Antiochene Perspectives: The Site of St. Symeon the Younger” (20 min.)

## **11I. Encoding Data for Digital Discovery I**

Webster

*Theme: This session demonstrates the value of cyber-research as a powerful resource for revealing otherwise imperceptible information about the ancient Near East. It aims to inspire new networks and designs for interdisciplinary digital collaboration and to establish a foundation for a field unified with linked open data projects.*

CHAIRS: Amy Gansell (St. John’s University) and Vanessa Juloux (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris Sciences et Lettres Research University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

David Falk (University of British Columbia), “Evaluating Chronological Hypotheses by Computer Analysis in Light of Low and Middle Chronological Frameworks” (15 min.)

2:25

Susanne Rutishauser (University of Bern), Sergio Alivernini (Academy of Science of the Czech Republic), and Edoardo Zanetti (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich), “The Rivers of Mesopotamia—Reconstruction of the Hydrology of Sumer” (15 min.)

2:45

Adam Anderson (University of California, Berkeley), “Network Analysis for Ancient Archival Reconstruction” (15 min.)

3:05

Katrien De Graef (Ghent University), “eSippar: Possibilities and Limitations of Prosopography in the Study of Old Babylonian Society” (15 min.)

3:25

Andrea Berlin (Boston University), “The Levantine Ceramics Project” (15 min.)

3:45

Marine Beranger (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris Sciences et Lettres Research University; Collège de France), “A New Glance at the Old Babylonian Letter-Writing Practice through Digital Technologies” (15 min.)

## **11J. Technology in Archaeology: Recent Work in the Archaeological Sciences**

Hancock

CHAIR: Andrew J. Koh (Brandeis University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Sahar al Khasawneh (Yarmouk University), Andrew Murray (Aarhus University), Kristina Thomsen (Technical University of Denmark), Dominik Bonatz (Freie Universität Berlin), Wael Abu-Azizeh (Maison de l'Orient et de la Méditerranée), and Mohammad Tarawneh (Al-Hussein Bin Talal University), “Dating a Near Eastern Desert Hunting Trap (Kite) Using Luminescence Rock Surface Dating” (15 min.)

2:25

Shawn Bubel (University of Lethbridge), “Phytolith Analysis of Sediment Samples from Tel Beth-Shemesh” (15 min.)



2:45

David Ben-Shlomo (Ariel University), “The Production of Cooking Pots in Iron Age II Judah” (15 min.)

3:05

Ortal Harosh (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Pots and Potters—Mimicking Ceramic Production in Antiquity” (15 min.)

3:25

Adam Prins (Durham University), “Recombinant Archaeology: Retroactive Digital Replacement of Removed or Destroyed Archaeological Remains” (15 min.)

3:45

Bradley Erickson (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), “Seeing Is Believing: Experiencing Ancient Light through the Reproduction and Digitalization of Byzantine Glass Oil Lamps” (15 min.)

**4:20–6:25pm          Session 12**

**12A. Archaeology of Arabia III**

Harbor 1

CHAIR: Jonathan Mark Kenoyer (University of Wisconsin–Madison) and Steven Karacic (Florida State University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Björn Anderson (University of Iowa), “Achaemenid Arabia: the Persian Perspective” (20 min.)

4:45

Alexander Nagel (Smithsonian Institution), “The Afterlife of a Qataban: Recent Research on South Arabian Archives and Material Culture from Yemen in Washington, D.C.” (20 min.)

5:10

Julian Jansen van Rensburg (Freie Universität), “Ancient Agricultural and Water Management Systems on the Island of Socotra” (20 min.)

5:35

Karol Juchniewicz (Polish Centre of Mediterranean Archaeology of the University of Warsaw), “Aynuna Archaeological Project – Some Considerations on the Pre-Islamic Coastal Settlement in Northwestern Arabia” (20 min.)

6:00

Ruth Young (University of Leicester), “Memory and Belonging in the Bat Oasis, Oman” (20 min.)

## **12B. Material Culture and Identities in the Eastern Mediterranean II**

Harbor 2

*Theme: Identities from Greco-Roman antiquity to the early modern era.*

CHAIRS: Helen Malko (Fashion Institute of Technology) and Serdar Yalcin (Macalester College)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Courtney Innes (University of British Columbia), “The Syncretic Synagogical Syntax: The Hammat Tiberias Synagogue” (25 min.)

4:55

Nicholas Al-Jeloo (University of Melbourne), “Shifting Identities: Conceptualizing Assyria and Assyrian Identity between Antiquity and Late Antiquity” (25 min.)

5:25

Federica Gigante (Warburg Institute, SOAS University of London), “Cultural Appropriation in the Shaping of Ottoman Identity” (25 min.)

5:55

Ebru Fatma Findik (Mustafa Kemal University), “Daily and Luxury among Turks and Greeks in Lycia during the Ottoman Period” (25 min.)

## **12C. Archaeology of Egypt**

Harbor 3

CHAIR: Krystal V. L. Pierce (Brigham Young University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Karolina Rosińska-Balik (Jagiellonian University in Krakow) and Joanna Dębowska-

Ludwin (Jagiellonian University in Krakow), “Reconstructing Early Egyptian Mortuary Architecture” (20 min.)

4:45

George A. Pierce (Brigham Young University) and Krystal V. L. Pierce (Brigham Young University), “An Inscribed Stela from the Stone Monument at Seila in Egypt” (20 min.)

5:10

Nicholas Picardo (Harvard University), “‘Where Did THAT Come From?!’ The Giza Project’s Development of Citation and Referencing Standards for 3D Archaeological Visualizations” (20 min.)

5:35

Pearce Paul Creasman (University of Arizona), “The 19th Dynasty Temple of Setepenra (Western Thebes, Egypt)” (20 min.)

6:00

Yigal Sity (Zinman Institute of Archaeology, University of Haifa), “Two Pivots of the 7th Century BC from Thebes, Egypt and the Beginning of Woodturning” (20 min.)

## **12D. Altered States: Alternative Trajectories to Complexity in the Ancient Middle East II**

Burroughs

CHAIR: Geoff Emberling (University of Michigan)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Geoff Emberling (University of Michigan), “Mobility and Political Authority in the Kingdom of Kush” (15 min.)

4:40

Adam T. Smith (Cornell University), “Trajectory and Refusal: Societies against the State in the Bronze Age Caucasus” (15 min.)

5:00

Lauren Ristvet (University of Pennsylvania), “A State without Cities: Alternate Paths of Complexity in the Caucasus” (15 min.)

5:20

Abbas Alizadeh (University of Chicago) and Atefeh Razmjoo (Mazandaran University), “Formation of an Early Territorial State: An Alternative Model of the Formation of the Early State in Southwestern Iran” (15 min.)

5:40

Joshua Wright (University of Aberdeen), Cheryl Makarewicz (University of Kiel), William Honeychurch (Yale University), and Amartuvshin Chunag (Mongolian Academy of Sciences), “Local Authority and Regional Gravity in the Formation of Pastoralist States” (15 min.)

6:00

Norman Yoffee (University of Michigan), Discussant (15 min.)

## **12E. Bioarchaeology of the Near East**

Carlton

CHAIR: Lesley Gregoricka (University of South Alabama)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Lesley Gregoricka (University of South Alabama), “Temporal Trends in Mobility and Subsistence Economy among the Tomb Builders of Umm an-Nar Island” (15 min.)

4:45

Maryann Calleja (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), “Commingled Tombs and GIS: Analyzing the Mortuary Context and Taphonomy at Bronze Age Tell Abraq” (15 min.)

5:05

Kathryn Marklein (The Ohio State University), “Life on the Limes of the Roman Empire: Biological Health in the Rural Town of Oymağaç, Turkey (Second–Fourth Centuries C.E.) (15 min.)

5:25

Jaime Ullinger (Quinnipiac University), “Health and Stress at Jericho” (15 min.)

5:45

Megan Perry (East Carolina University) and Emily Edwards (East Carolina University), “Fragility of Life at Late Ottoman Period Hesban” (15 min.)

6:05

Amanda Wissler (Arizona State University), “Absence of Evidence: Bioarchaeology of Mesopotamia” (15 min.)

## **12F. The Soft Power of Place—Cultural Diplomacy, Archaeology, and the Overseas Research Centers**

Lewis

CHAIR: Morag M. Kersel (DePaul University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Morag M. Kersel (DePaul University), “The Soft Power of Place—Cultural Diplomacy, Archaeology, and the ORCs (Overseas Research Centers)” (15 min.)

4:45

Gerry Scott (American Research Center in Egypt), “People Connecting People: Cultural Diplomacy and the Work of the American Research Center in Egypt” (15 min.)

5:05

Jennifer Thum (Brown University), “In Between and Beyond: Working in the Borderlands of ARCE and the Egyptian Empire” (15 min.)

5:25

Kathryn Franklin (Oriental Institute, University of Chicago) and Astghik Babajanyan (Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, Republic of Armenia), “The Power of Making Places: Collaborative Heritage and Working with the ARISC in Armenia” (15 min.)

5:45

Sarah Fairman (W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research), Melissa Cradic (University of California, Berkeley), Issa Sarie (Al-Quds University), and Matthew J. Adams (W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research), “Engaging American and Palestinian Cultural Heritage (EAPCH): A Collaborative Cultural Diplomacy Initiative at AIAR” (15 min.)

6:05

Matthew J. Adams (W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research), “The Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in East Jerusalem: The Challenges and Opportunities of an Overseas Research Center in Israel and Palestine” (15 min.)

## **12G. The Iron Age I in the Levant: A View from the North**

Otis

*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.*

CHAIR: Lynn Welton (University of Toronto)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Eric Jean (Hitit University), “Between Late Bronze Age and Iron Age in Cilicia: The Painted Local Wares from a Regional Perspective” (25 min.)

4:55

Brita Lorentzen (Cornell University), “A Diachronic Analysis of Wood Use in the Orontes Watershed during the Early Bronze–Iron Ages” (25 min.)

5:35

David Ilan (Hebrew Union College), Discussant (15 min.)

5:50

Claude Doumet-Serhal (Director, Sidon Excavations), Discussant (15 min.)

6:05

Timothy Harrison (University of Toronto), Discussant (15 min.)

## **12H. Archaeology of the Byzantine Near East**

Stone

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

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Walter Ward (University of Alabama at Birmingham), “Amphorae Distribution as Evidence of Trade Routes in Third Palestine” (15 min.)

4:45

Michael Zimmerman (Bridgewater State University), Martha Risser (Trinity College), and Elizabeth Hestand (Independent Scholar), “The Phasing and Stratigraphy of the Northern End of Field C at Caesarea Maritima” (15 min.)

5:05

Alan Stahl (Princeton University), “Byzantine Coinage Circulation in the Northeastern Mediterranean” (15 min.)

5:25

Melissa Bailey Kutner (University of Maryland, Baltimore County), “Byzantine Economic Networks at Dhiban, Jordan” (15 min.)

5:45

Charles Anthony Stewart (University of St. Thomas), “The Alexander-Heraclius Stele: a Byzantine Sculpture Discovered in Cyprus” (15 min.)

6:05

Stephen Humphreys (Durham University), “Crosses as Water Purification Devices in the Byzantine Near East” (15 min.)

## **12I. Encoding Data for Digital Discovery II**

Webster

*Theme: This session demonstrates the value of cyber-research as a powerful resource for revealing otherwise imperceptible information about the ancient Near East. It aims to inspire new networks and designs for interdisciplinary digital collaboration and to establish a foundation for a field unified with linked open data projects.*

CHAIRS: Amy Gansell (St. John’s University) and Vanessa Juloux (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris Sciences et Lettres Research University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Miller Prosser (University of Chicago), “Modeling Textual Data and Complex Writing Systems to Address Philological Research Questions in OCHRE” (15 min.)

4:45

Alessandro di Ludovico (Sapienza University of Rome), “Strategies, Reflections, Suggestions for an Optimized Digital Publication of Western Asiatic Cylinder Seals and Epigraphic Documents” (15 min.)

5:05

Sarah Witcher Kansa (Open Context, Alexandria Archive Institute), Eric Kansa (Open Context, Alexandria Archive Institute), William Caraher (University of North Dakota), Kevin McGeough (University of Lethbridge), and Charles E. Jones (Pennsylvania State

University), “Integrating Narrative and Data: Synergistic Publishing in the 21st Century” (15 min.)

5:25

Émilie Pagé-Perron (University of Toronto) and Terhi Nurmikko-Fuller (Australian National University), “Getting LOADED: Practical Considerations, Tools, and Workflows for Producing Linked Open Assyriological Data” (15 min.)

5:45

Gaia Lembi (Brown University) and Michael Satlow (Brown University) “Inscriptions of Israel/Palestine” (15 min.)

6:05

Doğu Kaan Eraslan (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris Sciences et Lettres Research University), “Notes on Encoding the Achaemenid Elamite Language with EpiDoc-TEI Based on an Encoding of DBa, Its Implications for the Study of the Elamite Language, and Some Guidelines on the Tag Usage for Similar Encoding Projects” (15 min.)

## **12J. Material Interconnections in the Levant during the Second Millennium B.C.E.**

Hancock

CHAIR: David Schloen (University of Chicago)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

David Schloen (University of Chicago) and Virginia Herrmann (University of Tübingen), “The Destruction of Zincirli at the End of the Middle Bronze Age” (25 min.)

4:50

Hanan Charaf (Lebanese University), “The Pottery of the LB I at Tell Arqa, Lebanon: A Marked Case of Continuity” (25 min.)

5:20

Elisabeth Wagner-Durand (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg), “Ups and Downs: The Transition from Middle to Late Bronze Age at Kamid el-Loz” (25 min.)

5:50

Shlomit Bechar (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “The Transition from Middle to Late Bronze Age at Hazor: A Ceramic Point of View” (25 min.)