

Brief Report to the ASOR Board of Trustees by Oystein S. LaBianca, CAP Chair  
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At its meeting last November 2013 the Committee on Archaeological Research and Policy (CAP) devoted the bulk of its time to reviewing 62 applications for affiliation. Compared to the previous two years, this was a very large number. The reason for this was an action taken three years ago allowing projects to be approved for three years, which meant that this year a lot of projects that were approved for three years in 2010 were again up for renewal. A complete list of currently approved projects is attached. The directors of all of these projects have been notified of committee actions and recommendations with regards to their projects, and their SNAPSHOT pages have been updated on the ASOR web page.

An issue that the CAP committee would welcome input on from ASOR Board members is whether and how to acknowledge projects whose CAP affiliation, for various reasons, have lapsed. A listing of projects that have lapsed during the tenure of the current chair is attached. Most of these projects have lapsed because the project is finished or dormant for the time being. The question is whether ASOR wishes to continue to publicize on its web site such lapsed project. Were a decision made to continue to list lapsed projects, it would require going back to the beginning of CAP in order to make the list of formerly affiliated projects complete. Ideally SNAPSHOT pages would also need to be produced for all former ASOR affiliated projects. How important is it that this be done? Should projects that were discontinued for reasons of failure to meet CAP standards be included? These are issues that we would welcome feedback on from the ASOR Board.

While CAP's role with promoting best practices through peer feedback on project plans remains one of its most important functions, several initiatives are underway that involve making CAP a useful resource for dig directors in other ways as well. A good example is its role in vetting applications by students and volunteers for various ASOR travel grants and fellowships. In addition to this, various CAP working groups have been active developing proposals for 1) revision of the Statement of CAP Standards and Ethics; 2) a CAP electronics tools inventory; 3) a CAP specialists director; and 4) a ASOR Global Challenges initiative. The latter would showcase CAP projects that include research components that specifically address global challenges such as sustainable development of food and water resources; climate change; peace and conflict; and resilience.

Finally, and as called for by its terms of reference, the classes that will make up the CAP committee over through 2017 were vetted and voted by the committee (see attached).

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## ASOR CAP PROJECTS 2014

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### Israel:

**22 CAP Applications Received** (8 field; 14 publication) from 41 male and 12 female directors and co-directors:

- The Leon Levy Expedition to Ashkelon. Daniel M. Master and Lawrence E. Stager (Field and Publication) **NEW**
- The Joint Expedition to Caesarea Maritima. Robert J. Bull and Vivian Bull (Publication)
- Tel Gezer Excavation and Publication Project. Steven Ortiz and Samuel Wolff (Field)
- Joint Archaeological Expedition to Tell el-Hesi. Jeffrey A. Blakely (Publication)
- Tell el-Hesi Regional Survey. Jeffrey A. Blakely and James W. Hardin, Jr. (Publication)
- Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project Excavations. Aaron A. Burke and Martin Peilstöcker (Field)
- Jezreel Expedition. Jennie Ebeling and Norma Franklin (Field) **NEW**
- Aegean Interactions with the Levant at Tel Kabri. Eric H. Cline and Assaf Yasur-Landau (Field)
- Tel Kedesh Excavations. Sharon Herbert and Andrea Berlin (Publication)
- The Fourth Expedition to Lachish. Yosef Garfinkel, Michael G. Hasel and Martin G. Klingbeil (Field) **NEW**
- Lahav Research Project, Phases I-II. Joe D. Seger (Publication)
- Lahav Research Project, Phase III. Paul Jacobs (Publication)
- Lahav Research Project, Phase IV. Oded Borowski (Publication)
- The Galilee Prehistory Project. Yorke Rowan and Morag Kersel (Field)
- Tel Miqne-Ekron Publications. S. Gitin and T. Dothan (Publication)
- The Neo-Assyrian Empire in the 7<sup>th</sup> Century. S. Gitin (Publication)
- The Promontory Palace Excavations. Kathryn Gleason (Publication)
- Joint Sepphoris Project (JSP)/Sepphoris Regional Project (SRP). Eric and Carol Meyers and Ben Gordon (Publication)
- Tell el-Wawiyat Excavation Project. Beth Albert Nakhai and J. P. Dessel (Publication)
- Yotvata Roman Fort Project. Jodi Magness and Gwyn Davies (Publication)
- The Zeitah Excavations. Ron E. Tappy (Field)
- Tell 'Ein Zippori (part of the SRP). J.P. Dessel, Carol Meyers, Eric Meyers (Publication) **NEW**

**CAP Applications Current** (No need to renew this year):

- Borders and Crossroads: Arameans, Phoenicians and Israelites. Robert Mullins and Nava Panitz-Cohen (Field, 2013)
- Excavations at Shikhin. James Riley Strange, David Fiensy and Mordechai Aviam (Field, 2013)

### Jordan:

**28 CAP Applications Received** (18 field; 10 publication) from 22 male and 14 female directors and co-directors:

- The Ad-Deir Monument and Plateau Project. Cynthia Finlayson (Field) **NEW**
- Azraq Marshes Archaeological and Paleoecological Project. April Nowell (Field)
- Paul W. Lapp's Excavations at Araq el-Emir. Nancy Lapp (Publication)
- Bir Madhkur Project. Andrew M. Smith II (Field)
- Busayra Cultural Heritage Project (BCHP). Benjamin W. Porter and Stephanie H. Brown (Field) **NEW**
- Dhiban Excavation and Development Project. Benjamin W. Porter and Danielle S. Fatkin (Field)
- Edom Lowlands Regional Archaeology Project. Thomas E. Levy and Mohammad Najjar (Field)
- Expedition to the Dead Sea Plain. R. Tom Schaub (Publication)
- Eastern Badia Archaeological Research Project. Gary O. Rollefson and Yorke M. Rowan (Field)
- Landscapes of the Dead: Aerial and Pedestrian Site Monitoring at Fifa, Jordan. Morag M. Kersel (Field) **NEW**
- Hesban Final Publication Series. Øystein S. LaBianca and Lawrence T. Geraty (Publication)
- Humayma Excavation Project, Fieldwork. M. Barbara Reeves (Field)
- Humayma Excavation Project, Publication Phase. John Peter Oleson (Publication)

- The Archaeological Expedition to Khirbat Iskandar, Jordan and its Environs. Suzanne Richard and Jesse C. Long, Jr. (Field)
- Karak Resources Project (KRP). Gerald L. Mattingly and James H. Pace (Field)
- Tell Madaba Archaeological Project. Debra Foran and Timothy P. Harrison (Publication) NEW
- MPP Tall Hisban Phase II. Øystein S. LaBianca and Bethany J. Walker (Field)
- Madaba Plains Project—Jalul. Randall W. Younker, Constance Gane and Paul Gregor (Field)
- Madaba Plains Project—‘Umayri Phase 1 Publication Project. Larry G. Herr and Douglas R. Clark (Publication)
- Madaba Plains Project—‘Umayri. Douglas R. Clark (Field)
- Khirbat al-Mukhayyat Archaeological Project. Debra Foran and Annlee Dolan (Field) NEW
- Petra Garden and Pool Complex Excavation Project. Leigh-Ann Bedal (Field)
- Publication of the Excavations at Tell er-Rumeith. Nancy Lapp (Publication)
- Reassessment of the Excavations at Tell Safut. Owen Chesnut (Publication)
- Roman Aqaba Project. S. Thomas Parker (Publication)
- The Shammakh to Ayl Archaeological Survey, Southern Jordan. Burton MacDonald (Field)
- Wadi ‘Arabah Earthquake Project. Tina M. Niemi (Field)
- Umm el-Jimal Project. Bert de Vries (Publication)

CAP Applications Current (No need to renew this year):

- ‘Ayn Gharandal Archaeological Project. Robert Darby and Erin Darby (Field, affiliated 2012)
- Petra North Ridge Project. Megan A. Perry and S. Thomas Parker (Field, affiliated 2012)
- From Farms to Factories: Anthropogenic pollution in heavy metals as an indicator of industrialized production of copper in ancient Western Asia, Phase 2. Russell Adams (Field, affiliated 2013)
- Hellenistic Petra Project. David Graf (Field, affiliated 2013)

### Other Regions:

12 CAP Applications Received (5 field; 7 publication) from 11 male and 5 female directors and co-directors:

- Excavations at Kourion’s Amathous Gate Cemetery. Michael Given (Publication)
- Arediou *Vouppes*: A Bronze Age Farming Community on Cyprus. Louise Steel (Field)
- Agrarian Life and Landscape at Politiko-*Troullia*. Steve Falconer and Patricia Fall (Field)
- The Pyla-Koutsopetria Archaeological Project. R. Scott Moore and David Pettegrew (Publication)
- Early Bronze Excavations at Sotira-Kaminoudhia. Stuart Swiny (Publication)
- Troodos Archaeological and Environmental Survey Project. Michael Given and Vasiliki Kassianidou (Publication)
- Joint Expedition to Tell Balatah/Shechem. Edward F. Campbell, Jr. (Publication)
- The Excavation of Tell er Ras. Robert J. Bull and Vivian Bull (Publication)
- The Excavations of Paul W. Lapp at Taanach. Nancy Lapp (Publication)
- The Rowanduz Archaeological Program. Michael D. Danti (Field) NEW (provisional CAP acceptance)
- Belice Valley Project. Randall W. Younker and Elisabeth Lesnes (Field) NEW (CAP application is in progress)
- Tayinat Archaeological Project. Timothy P. Harrison (Field)

CAP Applications Current (No need to renew this year):

- Lycoming College Expedition to Idalion. Pamela Gaber (Field, affiliated 2012)
- The Early Neolithic of Cyprus—the *Ais Giorkis* Project. Alan Simmons (Field, affiliated 2013)

**Totals as of 02/4/14** (NOTE: Applications marked both field and publication are noted here as field):

ISRAEL: **22 CAP Applications Received** (8 field; 14 publication) + 2 current CAP field projects already approved  
**5 CAP Applications Outstanding** for affiliations expiring this year (3 field; 3 publication)

JORDAN: **28 CAP Applications Received** (18 field; 10 publication) + 4 current CAP field projects already approved  
**1 CAP Application Outstanding** for affiliations expiring this year (1 field; 1 publication)

OTHER: **12 CAP Applications Received** (5 field; 7 publication) + 2 current CAP field projects already approved  
**9 CAP Applications Outstanding** for affiliations expiring this year (6 field; 3 publication)

Total CAP Applications Received: 62

Total CAP Applications Outstanding: 15

Total CAP Projects currently approved (no need to apply this year): 8

## ASOR CAP Projects with Lapsed Affiliation between 2009-2014

### Israel:

- Tel Akko Total Archaeological Project. Ann E. Killebrew (2009-2013)
- Combined Caesarea Expeditions. Kenneth G. Holum (2009)
- Studies of the MB and Later Fortifications at Gezer. Joe D. Seger (2009) *This project is completed*
- The Gezer Gateway Project. John S. Holladay, Jr. (2009-2013)
- Gezer VI: The Objects from Phases I and II. Garth H. Gilmour (2009-2010) *This project is completed*
- Archaeological Excavations at Khirbet Qana. Tom McCollough (2011-2013)
- The University of South Florida Excavations at Sepphoris. James F. Strange (2009-2010)
- Southern Plain of Akko Project (SPAP). Carolina A. Aznar and Shalom Yankelevitz (2009-2013) *This project is reapplying in 2014(missed application deadline)*
- Excavations at Tel Zahara. Susan L. Cohen (2009-2013) *This project is completed*

### Jordan:

- Tell Nimrin Project. David W. McCreery and James Flanagan (2009-2010)
- Wadi ath-Thamad Project. P.M. Michèle Daviau (2009-2013)
- Bioarchaeology of North Jordan (Ya'amun). Jerome C. Rose and Mahmoud El-Najjar (2009-2010)

### Other Regions:

- Akrotiri-Dreamer's Bay Ancient Port Project (ADBAPP). Bradley A. Ault (2009-2013) *This project is on hiatus for 2014*
- Athienou Archaeological Project. Michael K. Toumazou (2009)
- Kalavassos and Maroni Built Environments Project. Kevin D. Fisher, Sturt W. Manning and Michael Rogers (2010-2013) *This project is reapplying in 2014 (missed application deadline)*
- Excavation of an Iron Age Shipwreck at Kekova Adasi, Turkey. Elizabeth S. Greene (2009)
- The Souskiou Project: Community Integration in Prehistoric Cyprus. E. Peltenburg (2009-2013)
- Vasilikos Valley Project. Ian A. Todd and Alison South Todd (2008-2009?)
- The Wadi Tumilat Project. John S. Holladay, Jr. (2009-2013)
- Dilmun Bioarchaeology Project. Benjamin W. Porter and Alexis T. Boutin (2010-2013)
- Syro-American Expedition to Apamea, Syria (The Great Roman Theatre at Apamea). Cynthia Finlayson and Jamal Ramadan (2009-2013) *This project on hiatus due to the political situation*
- Syro-American Expedition to Palmyra, Syria (Search for the Missing Temple and Shrines of Atargatis, Malakbel, and Aglibol). Cynthia Finlayson and Walid al-As'ad (2009-2013) *This project on hiatus due to the political situation*
- Child Sacrifice at Carthage: Publication of the ASOR Punic Project. Lawrence E. Stager and Joseph A. Greene (2009)

- Tell Qarqur Expedition. Jesse Casana and Rudolph Dornemann (2009-2013)
- Mopsos Landscape Archaeology Project, Cilicia, Turkey. Ann E. Killebrew (2009-2013)

## ASOR CAP Committee Members as of January 2014

### 1. The 2014 CAP Committee

#### A. The 2014 CAP Committee Chairs:

- Øystein S. LaBianca, Chair (Andrews University; Anthropology, Ethnography)
- Thomas E. Levy, Chair-elect (University of California, San Diego; Anthropology, Cyber-Archaeology)

#### B. The 2014 CAP Committee Members:

- Levent Atici (Class of 2015; University of Nevada, Las Vegas; Anthropology, Zooarchaeology, Turkey)
- Doug Clark (Class of 2016; La Sierra University; Archaeology of Jordan; Bronze and Iron Age)
- Lynn Swartz Dodd (Class of 2016; University of Southern California; Ancient technology, Turkey)
- Catherine Foster (Class of 2014; Ancient Middle East Education and Research Institute, Household Archaeology; Museum Design)
- Kathryn Gleason (Class of 2017; Cornell University; Landscape and Garden Archaeology; Classical Archaeology)
- Philip Graham (Class of 2017; University of Connecticut; Archaeobotany; Neolithic to Ubaid Period)
- Jack Green (Class of 2015; University of Chicago; Levantine Archaeology; Museum Design)
- Carrie Hritz (Class of 2015; The Pennsylvania State University; Landscape Archaeology; GIS)
- Sarah Witcher Kansa (Class of 2014; The Alexandria Archive Institute; Zooarchaeology, Web publications)
- Daniel Master (Class of 2016; Wheaton College; Archaeology of Israel; Iron Age)
- April Nowell (Class of 2017; University of Victoria; Paleolithic Near East; Jordan)
- James Osborne (Class of 2015; University of Buffalo; Syro-Hittites, Turkey)
- Lauren Ristvet (Class of 2016; University of Pennsylvania; Anthropology, Syria)
- Yorke Rowan (Class of 2014; University of Chicago; Prehistoric Archaeology, Archaeology of Religion)
- Andrew Smith II (Class of 2017; The George Washington University; Greek and Roman Near East; Syria and Jordan)
- Alexia Smith (Class of 2014; University of Connecticut; Prehistoric Archaeology, Urbanism and State Formation)

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