

Nominees: ASOR Committees

Bill Caraher: for a second three-year term as a member of the Program Committee (January 1, 2016- December 31, 2018).

Associate Professor
Department of History
University of North Dakota.

From <http://www.und.edu/instruct/wcaraher/HomePage.html>:

His primary teaching interests are Greek, Roman, and Byzantine History, and Early Christianity. He also teaches undergraduate classes in historical methodology and a graduate seminar in historiography.

He took his B.A. from University of Richmond in 1994 and his Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in 2003. His dissertation focused on the influence of Early Christian ritual and architecture on ecclesiastical and social authority in 5th-7th century Greece.

Bill also maintains active research interests in survey archaeology, as the co-director of Pyla-Koutsopetria Archaeological Project in Cyprus and participates in the continued archaeological research associated with the Eastern Korinthia Archaeological Survey and the Ohio State Excavations at Isthmia. Recently, Bill has become interested in database management and GIS application in archaeological research.

Helen Dixon: for an initial three-year term as a member of the Program Committee (January 1, 2016- December 31, 2018).

Postdoc, Center of Excellence in "Changes in Sacred Texts and Traditions," Team One: Society and Religion in the Ancient Near East
Academy of Finland, University of Helsinki

Chair of the ASOR session "Archaeology of Lebanon"
Postdoctoral Member of the ASOR Junior Scholars Committee

From <https://tuhat.halvi.helsinki.fi/portal/en/persons/helen-dixon%2856259a2c-f8a6-4b7a-b579-d05201622c5a%29.html>:

Latest projects

Society and Religion in the Ancient Near East

Nissinen, M., Kletter, R., Mattila, R., de Hulster, I., Silverman, J., Svärd, S., Valkama, K., Alstola, T., Saarelainen, K., Saari, S., Tapiola, E., Tynjä, T., Töyräänvuori, J. & Dixon, H.

From <http://helsinki.academia.edu/HelenDixon>:

Dissertation

Phoenician Mortuary Practice in the Iron Age I-III (ca. 1200 – ca. 300 BCE) Central Coastal Levant

Papers

"Blue from Babylon": Notes from the Curatorial Trenches

By Helen M Dixon and Margaret Root

Writing Persepolis in Judah: Achaemenid Kingship in Chronicles

Conference Presentations

"Reconstructing Neo-Babylonian Policy in the Phoenician Levant," Current Historiography on Ancient Israel and Judah (Diana Edelman, Chair), SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 23, 2014.

"Exploring the Social Roles of Levantine Phoenician Women," Session on Gender in the Ancient Near East, ASOR Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 20, 2014.

"Reexamining Phoenician Dog Burials in Light of Northern Levantine Mortuary Practices," American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting

"Friend in Life; Symbol in Death: Understanding Intentional Dog Burials from the Phoenician Levant," 16th Annual Mediterranean Studies Association (MSA) Congress

"Guidelines from the Museum Field: An Assessment of Ethical Standards for the Acquisition, Study, and Display of Unprovenienced Artifacts from the ICOM, AAM, and other Museum-Oriented Institutions," American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting

"The Changing Face of Phoenician Burial Practice: The Iron II – Persian Transition in the Levantine Homeland," American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting

"A Database of Burials from the Phoenician Homeland," American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting

"Commemoration at Khaldeh: Reconstructing Burial Practices in the Phoenician Homeland," Society for American Anthropology (SAA) Annual Meeting

David Ilan: for an initial three-year term as a member of the Program Committee (January 1, 2016- December 31, 2018).

Director, Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology, Hebrew Union College (Jerusalem)

From <http://huc.edu/directory/david-ilan>:

Dr. David Ilan is a native of Los Angeles and has lived in Israel since 1976. He completed his BA and MA degrees at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and his PhD at Tel Aviv University. Dr. Ilan has excavated at Tel Arad with Ruth Amiran, Tel Dan with Avraham Biran and at Tel Megiddo with Israel Finkelstein, David Ussishkin and Baruch Halpern. Following a three year stint as lecturer at Tel Aviv University in the Department of Archaeology, he is now director of the Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology at the Jerusalem campus of the Hebrew Union College. Dr. Ilan was the Zemsky Visiting Professor of Judaic Studies at Johns Hopkins University in 2006-7. His publications deal with a wide range of subjects: the Middle Bronze Age of the southern Levant, the archaeology of death, northern Israel in the early Iron Age, community and archaeology and the problem of antiquities plunder and trade. He is preparing a series of final publications on the Tel Dan excavations with the staff of the Nelson Glueck School. David lives with his partner Lilach in Jerusalem. They have four sons between them.

Selected Publications and Edited Works

D. Ilan and Y. Rowan. Deconstructing and Recomposing the Narrative of Spiritual Life in the Chalcolithic of the Southern Levant (4500–3600 B.C.E.), Pp. 89-113 in: *Beyond Belief: the Archaeology of Religion and Ritual* (ed. Y. Rowan). (Archeological Papers of the American Anthropological Association Vol. 21). Arlington, Virginia: American Anthropological Association. 2012.

D. Ilan. Biblical Archaeology as Social Action – Two Case Studies, Pp. 69-80 in: *Future Directions of Biblical Archaeology* (ed. T.E. Levy). London: Equinox. 2010.

D. Ilan. Mortuary Practices in Early Bronze Age Canaan. *Near Eastern Archaeology* 65 (2003): 92-104.

A. Biran, D. Ilan and R. Greenberg. *Dan I: History of Excavation, the Neolithic Settlement, the Early Bronze Age Levels and the Middle Bronze Age Tombs*, Annual of the Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology, Jerusalem: Hebrew Union College. 1996

D. Ilan. *Dan IV: The Early Iron Age Levels*. Annual of the Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology, Jerusalem: Hebrew Union College (in press).

Public Lecture Topics

The Bible and Archaeology: where they meet, where they don't and why

New Gleanings from the Excavations at Tel Dan (or The Hidden Secrets of Ancient Tel Dan, Israel)

Who Were the Biblical Danites? An Archaeological Perspective (the more academic version is titled: Who were the Danites? Acculturation and Socioeconomic Change at Tel Dan (Israel) in the Early Iron Age (1200-1000 BCE)

The Archaeology of Pilgrimage in Ancient Israel: Tel Dan in the Iron Age II (950-600 BCE)

The Dawn of Imperialism: Egyptians at Megiddo in the Early Bronze Age (3500-2900 BCE).

Death in Canaan: Mortuary Practices and Religious Belief in the Bronze Age (3500-1200 BCE).

The Mystery of the Missing Dagger Blade: a window into the collapse of empires and the beginnings of Israel

What's New in the Archaeology of Israel: a Subjective Selection of the Most Significant Finds of the Last 10 years and Why they are Important

Temples, Treasures and the Dominion of Death: Spiritual Life and Ritual Practice in the Mysterious Chalcolithic Culture of Canaan circa 4000 BCE

How Ancient Israel Began: a New Archaeological Perspective

"Thou Shalt Make No Graven Image": an Archaeological Speculation on the Origins of the Second Commandment

Lauren Monroe: for a second three-year term as a member of the Honors and Awards Committee (January 1, 2016- December 31, 2018).

Associate Professor and Department Chair
Departemnt of Near Eastern Studies
Cornell University

From <http://neareasternstudies.cornell.edu/people/detail.cfm?netid=lm283>:

Monroe received her PhD in Bible and Ancient Near East from the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University. Her teaching interests include Hebrew Bible and Biblical Hebrew at all levels, Syro-Palestinian Archaeology, and Ancient Israelite Religious and Social History. She is particularly interested in the way what it meant to be “Israelite” changed over time, and how such changes are reflected in the stratigraphy of the biblical text and the archaeological tel. She has brought Cornell students with her to excavate at an array of archaeological sites in Israel, including Tel Zayit, Tel Rehov, and Abel Beth Maacah. In her book, *Josiah's Reform and the Dynamics of Defilement: Israelite Rites of Violence and the Making of a Biblical Text* (Oxford University Press, 2011) she explored the 7th century BCE religious reforms of the Judean King Josiah, whose rites of violence are a formative moment in the Bible's representation of the emergence of monotheism. She is currently working on a monograph on the emergence of the Bible's Joseph traditions; and a large-scale research project entitled *Tidings From Sheba*, which addresses how South Arabian Sabaean inscriptions from Yemen illuminate ancient Israelite society, politics and religion.

Selected Publications

2008 Review of K. van der Toorn, *Scribal Culture and the Making of the Hebrew Bible*, *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*

2007 “A Holiness Substratum in the Deuteronomistic Account of Josiah's Reform,” in M. Leuchter, ed., *Scribes Before and After 587 BCE: A Conversation* (*Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 7; 2007) 42-53.

2006 "Israelite, Moabite and Sabaean War-herem Traditions and the Forging of National Identity: Reconsidering the Sabaean Text RES 3945 in Light of Biblical and Moabite Evidence," *Vetus Testamentum* 57 (2007) 318-341.

2005 Review of Boyd Barrick, *The King and the Cemeteries: Towards a New Understanding of Josiah's Reform*, *Revue Biblique* (2005) 417-425.

1999 With Baruch Levine, “KTU 2.40: A mšr for the Sons and Daughters of Ugarit,” *Revue Biblique* 106/3 (1999) 321-344.

K. Lawson Younger: for a three-year term, after an initial one-year term, as a member of the Honors and Awards Committee (January 1, 2016- December 31, 2018).

Professor of Old Testament, Semitic Languages, and Ancient Near Eastern History
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

From <http://www.abel-beth-maacah.org/index.php/staff/advisory-board/59-prof-k-lawson-younger#display-misc>:

K. Lawson Younger, Jr. (Ph.D.) is Professor of Old Testament, Semitic Languages, and Ancient Near Eastern History at Trinity International University, Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois. He works in Assyriology and Aramaic epigraphy, as well as Hebrew Bible. Some of his publications include:

Ancient Conquest Accounts: A Study of Ancient Near Eastern and Biblical History Writing (1990)

The Context of Scripture. 3 Volumes (1997-2002)

Mesopotamia and the Bible. Comparative Explorations (2002)

Ugarit at Seventy-Five (2007)

He is a trustee of the American Schools of Oriental Research, as well as an active member of the American Oriental Society, the International Association of Assyriology, and the Society of Biblical Literature.

Among his many scholarly papers, he has given lectures at the British Academy and the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World (ISAW) at New York University. He has recently been the Seymour Gitin Distinguished Professor at the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem, Israel (2012-2013). He is presently working on a book on the Political History of the Arameans.

Bibliography of Relevant Articles

The Political History of the Arameans: From Their Origins to the End of Their Polities. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature (forthcoming).

2013a “Another Look at the Sû.hu Annals.” In *Festschrift for Avigdor (Victor) Hurowitz*. Edited by P. Machinist, E. Greenstein, M. Gruber and S. Yona. Beersheva: Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (forthcoming).

2013b “The Scripts of North Syria in the Early First Millennium: the Inscription of Yariri (KARKAMIŠ A15b) Once Again.” In « *Bible et Proche-Orient*. » *Volume d’hommages*

pour André Lemaire. Edited by Jean-Marie Durand and Josette Elayi. Paris: Gabalda (forthcoming).

2013c “Aram-Damascus.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Archaeology*. Edited by B. Alpert Nakhai. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press (forthcoming).

2013d James F. Osborne and K. Lawson Younger, Jr., “Chapter XX: Ostraca.” *Tell Tayinat. Final Report*. Edited by Heather Snow. Chicago: Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago (in press).

2013e “Aram.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible*. Edited by Michael D. Coogan. Oxford: Oxford University Press (forthcoming).

2013f “The Arameans.” In *World Around the Old Testament*. Edited by Brent Strawn and B. T. Arnold. Grand Rapids: Baker (forthcoming).

2013g “‘War and Peace’ in the Origins of the Arameans.” In *The Proceedings of the 52th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale*. Edited by H. Neumann, et al. SANTAG. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz (in press).

2012a “Another Look at an Aramaic Astral Bowl.” *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 71.2: 209-230.

2012b “Aram, Aramaeans.” In *The Wiley-Blackwell’s Encyclopedia of Ancient History*. Edited by Roger Bagnall, Kai Brodersen, Craige Champion, Andrew Erskine, and Sabine Hübner. Oxford: Blackwell’s.

2009 “Two Epigraphic Notes on the New Katumuwa Inscription from Zincirli.” *MAARAV* 16:159-179.

2007a “Some of What’s New in Old Aramaic Epigraphy.” *Near Eastern Archaeology* 70.3:138-146.

2007b “Neo-Assyrian and Israelite History in the Ninth Century: the Role of Shalmaneser III.” Pp. 237-271 in *Understanding the History of Israel*. Edited by H. G. M. Williamson. Proceedings of the British Academy 143. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2007c “The Late Bronze Age / Iron Age Transition and the Origins of the Arameans.” Pp. 131-174 in *Ugarit at Seventy-Five. Its Environs and the Bible*. Edited by K. L. Younger, Jr. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns.

2005 “‘Haza’el, Son of a Nobody’: Some Reflections in Light of Recent Study.” Pp. 245-270 in *Writing and Ancient Near Eastern Society. Papers in Honour of Alan R. Millard*. Edited by P. Bienkowski, C. Mee, and E. Slater. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 426. New York and London: T & T Clark.

