

## ASOR Statement on Gifts of Antiquities

As a matter of principle, ASOR will not accept gifts of antiquities. ASOR, however, may help facilitate a donation of antiquities to a museum or other appropriate curation facility provided

- (a) documentation acceptable to ASOR is provided to demonstrate that such antiquities were not acquired by an individual or institution, including the prospective donor, through purchase or donation after April 24, 1972, the effective date of the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property,
- (b) the facilitated donation would not otherwise be disqualified by Section 2.11 of the ASOR Gift Acceptance Policy if ASOR were to accept, rather than help facilitate, the gift,
- (c) the facilitation is approved by the Board of Trustees,
- (d) under no circumstances will ASOR take physical possession of such antiquities or otherwise derive any benefit from them or their facilitated donation, and
- (e) under no circumstances will ASOR provide appraisals or estimates of the value of any antiquity.

For purposes of this Policy, the term “antiquities” means, *inter alia*, coins, texts, pottery, statues, artworks, textiles, and other portable relics pertaining to the history and cultures of the Near East and wider Mediterranean, from earliest times.