

Brief Vitae

Joe D. Seger

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Earned Degrees:

Th.D. Harvard University, 1965 (Archaeology, Near Eastern Languages and Literature, Old Testament History and Religion)

B.D. Eden Theological Seminary, 1960 (Old Testament, Philosophy of Religion)

B.A. Elmhurst College, 1957 (History, Philosophy and Religion)

Academic and Professional Honors:

Alumni Merit Award, Elmhurst College, 2007

(Recognition as a distinguished alumni for career accomplishments)

Richard J. Scheuer Medal, American Schools of Oriental Research, 2006

(Recognition for career service and professional contributions to the organization and discipline)

Sower Award, Nebraska Committee for the Humanities, 1979

(Recognition for significant contribution to public understanding of the Humanities)

Rockefeller Doctoral Fellow, 1963-64

Robert Pfeiffer Traveling Fellowship, Harvard University, 1962

Graduate Honors Scholarship, Eden Theological Seminary, 1960

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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| 1964-69 | Associate Professor, Old Testament and Archaeology, and Curator, the Museum of Anthropology, The Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford, CT |
| 1969-74 | Archaeological Director, Hebrew Union College Biblical and Archaeological School, Jerusalem, Israel. |
| 1974-75 | Visiting Museum Research Professor, Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles, CA |
| 1975 | Instructor, Religious Studies and Anthropology, California State University, Fullerton California. |
| 1976-77 | Visiting Professor of Art History and Biblical Archeology, College of Fine Arts, University of Nebraska at Omaha, NE |
| 1977-81 | Chairman, Humanities Program and Visiting Professor of Religious Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Nebraska at Omaha, NE |
| 1982-87 | Middle Eastern Archaeologist, Cobb Institute of Archaeology; Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Mississippi State University |
| 1988-2014 | Director, Cobb Institute of Archaeology; Middle Eastern Archaeologist; Professor of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University. |
| 2015-present | Director Emeritus Cobb Institute of Archaeology; Professor Emeritus of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University |

ARCHAEOLOGICAL CAREER

Joe Seger's career as an archaeologist began with participation in the Joint Expedition to Tell Balatah, Shechem, in 1962 and 1964, and he served as Field Director in 1969. His dissertation work at Harvard involved study of the 17th-16th century B.C., Middle Bronze II C, ceramic corpus from the site. From 1964-69 he taught at the Hartford Seminary Foundation in Connecticut and was a member of the Core Staff during Phase I of the Hebrew Union College excavations at Tell Gezer (1966-71). He spent five years as Director of the Hebrew Union College Biblical and Archaeological School in Jerusalem (1969-1974) and was Director of Phase II work at Gezer (1971-74). In 1975 he organized the Lahav Research Project (LRP) excavations at Tell Halif. Seger came to Mississippi State University in 1982 as Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion. In 1988 he was promoted to Full Professor with tenure in the PR Department. In the same year he was appointed Director of the Cobb Institute of Archaeology.

Seeger's research interests include Near Eastern archaeology and field methods, Old Testament history and literature, ancient Semitic languages, and ancient Near Eastern religions and cultures. He is an expert in ceramic analysis and excavation techniques. Along with numerous articles and reports he is author of *Gezer V: The Field I Caves* (1988) and contributor to and editor of other volumes in the Gezer series. He is series editor for the Lahav Research Project final report series and co-author of *Lahav VI: Excavations in Field I* (with Paul Jacobs; 2017) and of *Lahav VII: Ethnoarchaeology in the Lahav Environs* (with Karen Seger; 2018).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO ASOR

Since 1975 Seger has served on the Boards of ASOR and of the W.F. Albright Institute (AIAR). From 1988-1994 he was President of the AIAR and from 1996-2002 he served as ASOR President. Since that time he has served on the Management Committee and the Executive Committee of ASOR and for a brief time (May-August, 2006) he served as Ad Interim Chair of the ASOR Board. In November of 2006 he was Awarded ASOR's Scheuer Medal.