

2023 Stevan B. Dana Fieldwork Participation Scholarships

DONOR IMPACT REPORT



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2023 Donor Impact Summary

\$18,000

awarded for
fieldwork
scholarships
in 2023

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Scholarships
Awarded

Colleges & Universities of Recipients:

University of Regina
Ohio University
University of California, Los Angeles
Ecole du Louvre
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
University of Strasbourg
Florida State University

Excavation/Fieldwork Sites:

Tel Hazor (5)
Tel Abel Beth-Maacah
Huqoq
Tel Lachish
Caesarea Maritima





Good Morning from Tel Hazor!

“This summer, I had the privilege of spending six weeks participating in the first season of the Lower City excavation of Tel Hazor, sponsored by the University of Haifa. I would like to thank both ASOR and the donors for their generosity in this scholarship”



Kevin, unofficial office mascot and amateur pottery enthusiast, seen here patrolling the pottery cemetery (where non-indicative sherds are laid to rest, and Kevin is not supposed to be)

TAYLOR GRUESER

Ohio University
Excavation Site: Tel Hazor



The last day of the dig! Enjoying the sunrise.

Taylor Grueser is a graduate student at Ohio University, where she is working on her Master’s degree in Mathematics. As an undergraduate, she majored in Astrophysics, Classical Civilizations, Mathematics, and Russian. She first went to Hazor ten years ago, and since then has found herself irresistibly drawn to the intersection between mathematics/statistics/data analysis and archaeology.

“From my time at Hazor this summer, I have developed a passionate interest in the storage and preservation of archaeological data, and the systems and tools used for this. I am excited to continue exploring this passion and can’t wait for next year!”

SARAH HARRINGTON

University of California, Los Angeles

Excavation Site: Tel Abel
Beth-Maacah



Sarah excavating in Area A Downtown.

Sarah Harrington is a Ph.D. Student in Levantine Archaeology at UCLA. She is researching rituals of the Ancient Near East and the archaeological material associated with them. This summer she was an Assistant Area Supervisor in Area A Downtown at Tel Abel Beth-Maacah.



A cow decided to help us sift one morning!



Sarah (left) and a volunteer excavating a probe.



My squares (T15/A15) with the Lebanese hills in the background.



CAMILLE KOERIN

University of Strasbourg
Excavation Site: Tel Lachish

“Your donation to ASOR has enabled me to take part in one of the most interesting and enjoyable excavations I have ever been involved in, as well as to work on my own research for a day at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, and for that I send you all my gratitude from France, where I am back.

Merci, merci du fond du cœur pour cette opportunité !”

(amethyst ?) bead found during the excavation of the Middle Bronze Age square

Camille is a PhD Student in Near Eastern Archaeology and Egyptology in Strasbourg (France) and Bonn (Germany). She studies the interaction between Egypt and Mesopotamia during the 4th Millennium.



excavation area of the Austrian expedition protected by the “shade cloak”



double bucket chain during the morning

“Please continue to donate to ASOR, so that you can help other students and young researchers to have incredible experiences like I did! I would like as many young researchers as possible to live the same experience.”

HANIA KANTZER

University of North Carolina at
Chapel Hill
Excavation Site: Huqoq



Hania working on site (photo by Jim Haberman)

Hania is a sophomore at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill studying chemistry and Asian studies. This summer she was a grateful recipient of the Dana Scholarship through ASOR, and was able to work as a student researcher on the Huqoq Excavation Project



Professor Jodi Magness with current and former UNC students at the Huqoq excavations (photo by Jim Haberman)

“I can’t say that I didn’t expect how talented, hardworking, and experienced the professors I worked under were; the knowledge they imparted to us students was extraordinary just like their CVs would tell you. What I did not expect the level of personal support and kindness they extended.

I will never forget how these experts at the top of their field still made time to guide me, an undergraduate fresh out of my first year in college.

They didn’t just lead by example; they also provided invaluable mentorship. Months later, I am still brushing off the dust from my work clothes, yet what remains even more vividly from this experience than the dust on my belongings or the treasured trowel displayed on my shelf are the wonderful memories of my first adventure in archaeology!”



On one of our field trips to visit Gamla



View of the Ottoman mosque from the top of the Temple Platform in Caesarea Maritima's Old City. The mosque has been converted into a restaurant.

Isaac Lang is a second-year master's student at Florida State University, studying Classical archaeology under the supervision of Dr. Andrea DeGiorgi. His research interests include Eastern Mediterranean archaeology, Ottoman archaeology, cultural heritage, modern Middle Eastern history, and statehood and nationalism in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Isaac intends to pursue a PhD in archaeology following the completion of his master's degree.



Isaac and two volunteers (Gina, front, and Jason, back) excavating an Islamic structure in the early morning

“After excavating at the site, I now know that Caesarea Maritima will always form the cornerstone of my research interests... As such, and as a result of my wonderful excavation experience with the Caesarea Coastal Archaeological Project, I have decided to pursue a doctoral degree which will allow me to continue my studies of Caesarea Maritima's history and archaeology.”



The Roman aqueducts line the beaches to the north of the National Park

Daphné Lemaître is a third-year student in the Ecole du Louvre, Paris, France, in a curriculum that teaches general history of art and covers most eras and geographical areas in the world.

“I am an archeology and art history student of the Ecole du Louvre, Paris, France. I came to Hazor for the first time as a volunteer in 2022 and came back as an assistant supervisor in the 2023 season.

My two months stay in Israel has been one of the most intellectually stimulating experiences I have ever had, and I am forever grateful for the many archeologists I had the chance to meet for their dedication in the transmission of their knowledge to students like me.”



DAPHNÉ LEMAÎTRE

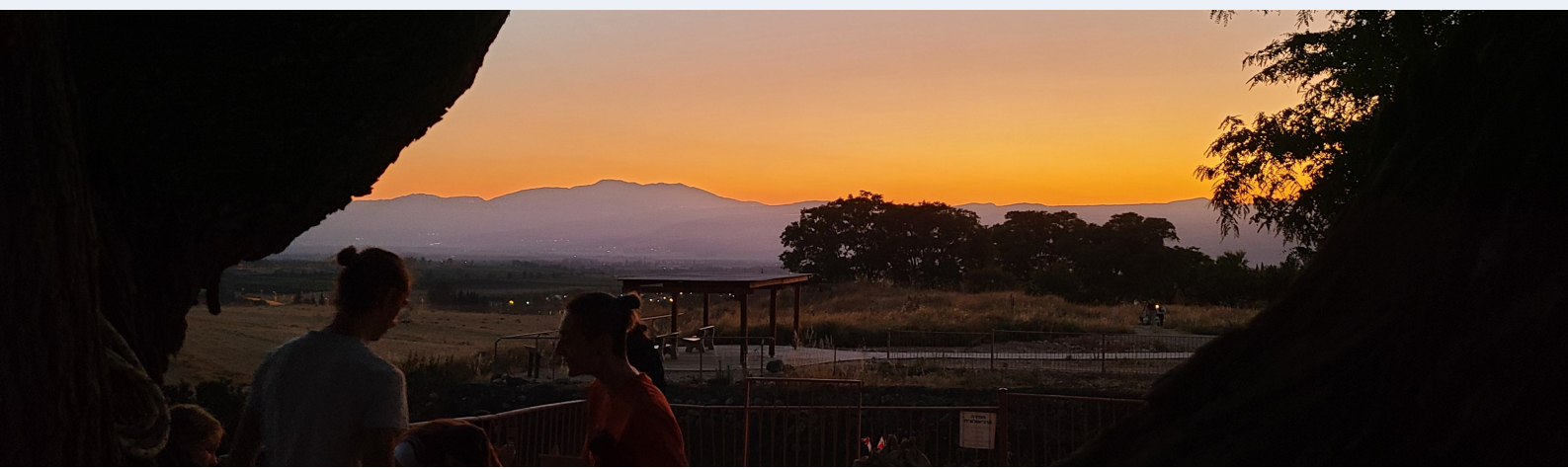
Ecole du Louvre

Excavation Site: Tel Hazor



“Each day had of course its own new challenges and none was like the other, their common ground was however the general overwhelming excitement of absorbing so much knowledge every day and the perspective to make new discoveries on the next one.

I would like to warmly thank the Tel Hazor team for their teaching, their kindness and all the laughs we shared during those weeks together. I also wholeheartedly thank ASOR and Mr. Steven B. Dana for the scholarship that made this beautiful experience possible.”



JOHN RINKS

Excavation Site: Tel Hazor



John standing above his square after 6 weeks of digging



John uncovering a middle bronze age juglet

“One of my favorite pictures from this summer at Tel Hazor Lower City is of me standing above the “hole” I helped dig in six weeks. By itself, the picture isn’t amazing. But when I tell the people I show it to that we started at ground level in the year 2023, and six weeks and nine feet later it was the year 1750 BC more than 3,700 years ago – it becomes amazing!

Lots of people like movies and books about time travel; sitting comfortably watching a movie or reading a book. I was there. I touched the stones and artifacts. I time traveled. Words cannot adequately express this phenomenon. You’ll just have to go to a dig one of these summers and see for yourself.”



John inspecting a stone mace head he uncovered

John Rinks is development director at a large Christian high school in Denver, Colorado. Prior to that he was an economics teacher for 18 years and in the defense industry for 15 years in southern California. John is married and has three children and eight grandchildren.



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