# ANNUAL MEETING 2023 Chicago & Hybrid | November 15-18

# WELCOME CHICAGO AND HYBRID 2023 ANNUAL MEETING









Welcome to the hybrid ASOR 2023 Annual Meeting, November 15-18, at the Hilton Chicago and online via Zoom. Please read this Digital Welcome Packet with important information for online attendees, as well as everything that in-person attendees will need to know about the schedule, the hotel, and special events in Chicago.

This is ASOR's first-ever hybrid Annual Meeting with both in-person and remote participation taking place at the same time over ASOR's traditional November meeting dates. We hope you enjoy the format and that you'll continue to enjoy the recorded proceedings of the meeting for months to come.

Virtual Attendees – skip to page 20 for instructions on how to access the sessions and workshops from ASOR's Virtual Meeting Platform via Zoom.

**Attendees in Chicago** can follow along with <u>ASOR's 2023 Online Academic Program</u> and bookmark the sessions and workshop they would like to attend.

Read on to learn more!



# Welcome to the Hilton Chicago

### **Parking**

Self-parking is available for \$69 per 24 hours. You can enter Hilton Chicago's Parking Garage on Wabash Avenue or Balbo Street.

Valet parking is also available for \$82 per 24 hours.

ASOR has a limited number of discounted parking passes available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact <a href="mailto:programs@asor.org">programs@asor.org</a> to request a discounted parking pass.

### Dining

The Hilton Chicago is home to four restaurants and bars offering a variety of options for meals.

<u>Herb N' Kitchen</u> is an urban market that offers Starbucks coffee, baked goods, artisan salads and sandwiches, and many other gourmet bites. Guests can place orders ahead of time and either have it delivered to their room or schedule a pick-up time. Their hours of operation are 6am-11pm Monday through Thursday, and 6am-12am on Friday and Saturday.

<u>720 South Bar and Grill</u> is a combined restaurant and bar with different selections based on the time of day. <u>720 South Grill</u> offers a daily full breakfast buffet and an a la carte lunch menu during the daytime hours, and 720 South Bar provides a menu of burgers and light bites as well as <u>cocktails</u> and a wine selection in the evening.

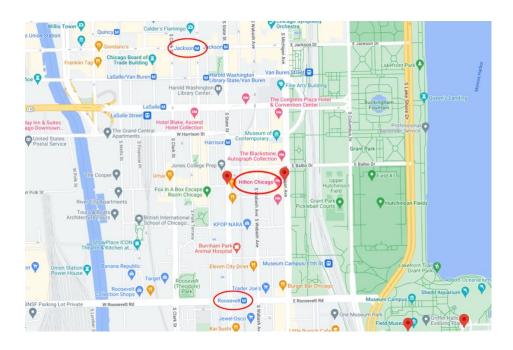
<u>Kitty O'Sheas</u> is one of Chicago's most famous authentic Irish pubs featuring an all day menu as well as brunch options. Stop in for some traditional Irish favorites or for a fun relaxed evening environment.

There are plenty of nearby restaurants providing a range of selections as well as prices, including <u>Lou Malnati's Pizzeria</u>, <u>Eleven City Diner</u>, <u>Acanto</u>, and more. You can also visit <u>this webpage</u> to explore the variety of casual and fine dining options available in Chicago.



### **Getting Around**

Public transportation is the most convenient and cheapest option for navigating Chicago. While many locations are within walking distance, the CTA provides bus routes as well as the "L" trains. The CTA website offers a trip planner to route the most convenient directions to your desired destination.



If you are flying into O'Hare Airport, take the CTA Blue Line train to the Jackson stop and walk 0.6 miles southeast to arrive at the Hilton Chicago. If you are flying into Midway Airport, take the CTA Orange Line train to the Roosevelt stop and walk 0.5 miles north to arrive at the Hilton Chicago.

Please be aware that, due to road construction, there will be increased traffic flow and delays from O'Hare Airport to Chicago.

There are also taxis and rideshares available throughout the city, but those prices may differ depending on the time of day.

### **Chicago Highlights**

While in Chicago, enjoy free admission to the Field Museum at the Museum Campus as well as the Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures (ISAC) Museum at the University of Chicago.

The Field Museum and the ISAC Museum will be offering free admission to ASOR Annual Meeting attendees from November 15-21. Attendees should present their ASOR Name Badge at the Admissions Desk. Information on current exhibits, hours, and locations can be found here for the <u>Field Museum</u> and here for the <u>ISAC Museum</u>.

There are many other museums and attractions close by in the South Loop, like the Art Institute of Chicago, the Chicago Theatre, Grant Park, Millennium Park, and more. Check out some of the highlights <u>here</u>.

### **WiFi Information**

From any meeting space within the Hilton Chicago, join the "Hilton Chicago Meeting" wireless network on your device. Upon opening your browser, you will be redirected to a splash page. When prompted, enter the access code "ASOR23"



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### ASOR 2023 Chicago Hybrid Schedule for In-Person Attendees:

The 2023 ASOR Hybrid Annual Meeting will begin on Wednesday, November 15th. **The ASOR registration desks will be open from 12:00-8:30pm and the Exhibit Hall opens at 4:00pm CST.** Dr. Rubina Raja will give the <u>Plenary Address</u>, "Death by Data? Or What Has a Decade of Research on Palmyrene Funerary Sculpture Taught Us about the Ancient World?" at 7:00pm. Academic sessions are held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:20am to 6:25pm CST. View all of the sessions, workshops, business meetings, and special events taking place in Chicago and virtually at the links below. Please check back often for schedule updates.

• <u>Online Version (in Oxford Abstracts) of ASOR 2023 Academic Program</u> – Complete schedule with presentations and abstract links. *This online version is the most up-to-date schedule*.

Please take a look at all of the 2023 Annual Meeting Schedules and Programs <u>here</u>. These will be updated continuously to reflect the most current schedule.

### Instructions how to navigate the Online Schedule via Oxford Abstracts:

- Please access Oxford Abstracts through the <u>link here</u>You may log-in with the email you used to submit an abstract, or by creating a free account.
- Click on any of the Session blocks on any day to see a list of each session's presenters and their abstracts. Click on the bookmark symbol (red arrow) to bookmark a session for your personalized schedule.

NOVEMBER



8:20-10:25am

Archaeology of Cyprus

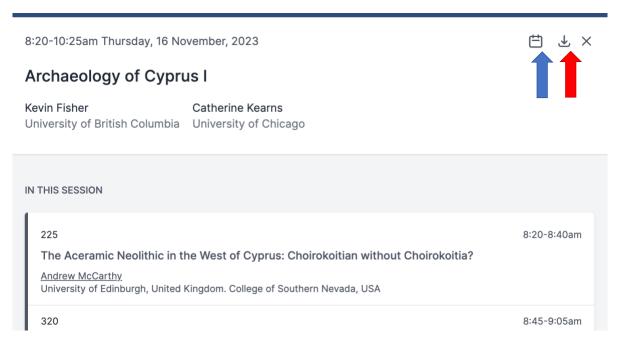
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Archaeology of the Near East: Bronze and Iron Ages I 8:20-10:25am

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 From the pop-up window below, you can click on any paper and presenter to see more details. Click the download button at the top right to access a PDF version of the session and abstracts (red arrow). Click the calendar button at the top right to add the session to your personal calendar (blue arrow).



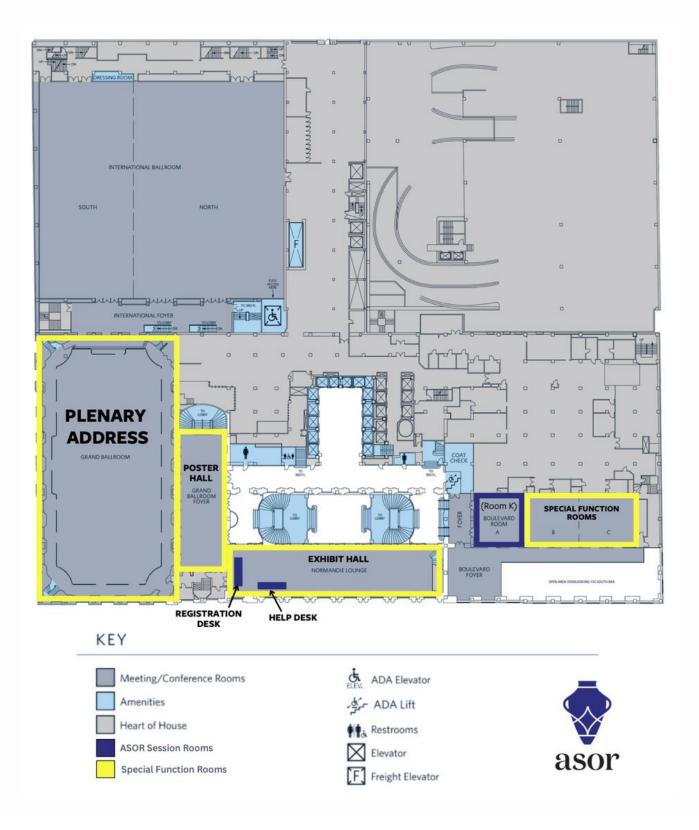
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SESSION DETAILS	IN THIS SESSION		
Archaeology of Cyprus I © 8:20-10:25am Thursday, 16 November, 2023	8:20-8:40am The Aceramic Neolithic in the West of Cyprus: Choirokoitian without Choirokoitia?		
	8:45-9:05am Laroumena/Arkhangelos: A Middle Cypriot Settlement in Kalavasos		
	9:10-9:30am The Bronze Age Settlement of Kissonerga-Skalia		
	9:35-9:55am Monuments, Structure, and Space at Late Bronze Age Maroni, Cyprus		
	10:00-10:20am Investigating Early Hellenistic Cyprus: Excavations at Pyla- Vigla, 2022-23		
	Archaeology of Cyprus I		

## **ASOR Meeting Space – Second Floor**

View and download floorplans of ASOR's meeting space at the Hilton Chicago here.

The ASOR Registration and Help Desk are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the Normandie Lounge. You will also find the Exhibit Hall, Poster Hall, and Grand Ballroom access here.



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### **2023 ASOR ANNUAL MEETING**

# HIGHLIGHTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

There is no cost to attend any event but some events may require advance registration.

### Wednesday, November 15

#### 7:00pm CST

# ASOR Annual Meeting Plenary Address (Grand Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Dr. Rubina Raja (Aarhus University and director of the Danish National Research Foundation's Centre of Excellence for Urban Network Evolutions) will present, "Death by Data? Or What Has a Decade of Research on Palmyrene Funerary Sculpture Taught Us about the Ancient World?" Also available online for virtual attendees.

### 8:30pm CST

### Welcome Reception (Grand Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Following the Plenary Address, ASOR Annual Meeting attendees are invited to network, socialize, and enjoy light refreshments as we get ready for a busy three days of sessions, workshops, posters, and fun.

### Friday, November 17

### 12:55pm CST

### ASOR Members' Meeting, Sharon Herbert, Presiding (Waldorf, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

Bring your lunch and come for an update on the business of ASOR and the 2023 Honors and Awards.

### 6:30pm CST

### Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute (CAARI) Reception (Grand Tradition, Lobby Level)

#### 8:00pm CST

# Early Career Scholars' Reception (720 Bar, Lobby Level)

This event is for registered ASOR attendees who are Early Career Scholars. There is no cost to attend, but space is limited and ECS members must sign up in advance <u>here</u>.

### Thursday, November 16

### 1:00-2:00pm CST

**Roundtable Discussions (Grand Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)** Bring your lunch and attend one of three roundtable discussions. Space is limited – please sign up <u>here</u>.

### 6:30pm CST

Celebration in Honor of Thomas E. Levy's Festschrift (Continental Ballroom A, Lobby Level) Please RSVP to attend this event. The link for advance registration can be found <u>here</u>.

9:00pm CST University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Reception (Grand Tradition, Lobby Level)

### Saturday, November 18

#### 10:25-10:45am CST

ASOR Raffle Drawing (Normandie Lounge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) A fun event to highlight ASOR Exhibitors during the morning coffee break. Join us to see if your raffle ticket is a winner.

### 12:45-2:00pm CST

### Initiative on the Status of Women Mentor Lunch (Boulevard C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Spend your lunch break with 4 women in leadership roles at ASOR. Please register for this event <u>here</u>.

### 12:45-2:00pm CST

ASOR Poster Session (Grand Ballroom Foyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) Visit the ASOR Poster Hall throughout the Annual Meeting and come to the Poster Session on Saturday to talk with the presenters and ask questions.

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# <u>Reserve Your</u> <u>Spot Here</u>

Wednesday, November 15 3:00 - 5:00pm CST Ward Hall at the Field Museum 1400 S. DuSable Lake Shore Dr. (Enter via the West door)

Transportation is not provided.

# Lecture and First Kings of Europe Exhibit Walkthrough

ASOR 2023 Annual Meeting attendees are invited to a free lecture at the Field Museum by William A. Parkinson, Curator and Professor of Anthropology at the Field Museum of Natural History and University of Illinois at Chicago. Following the lecture, enjoy a walk-through of the First Kings Exhibit. An ASOR name badge will be required for entry.

The Field Museum is generously offering free general admission to the museum Wednesday, Nov. 15 – Tuesday, Nov. 21 for all registered ASOR Annual Meeting attendees with their name-badge.

# PRIVATE RECEPTION AT THE ISAC MUSEUM

7:00pm - 8:00pm OR 8:15pm - 9:15pm Saturday, November 18th

> <u>Reserve Your</u> <u>Spot Here</u>

Enjoy a complimentary private reception at the ISAC Museum following the ASOR Annual Meeting. Transportation is provided and advanced registration is required.

The ISAC Museum will be offering free general admission to the museum from Wednesday, Nov. 15 -Tuesday, Nov. 21 for all registered ASOR Annual Meeting attendees with their name-badge.

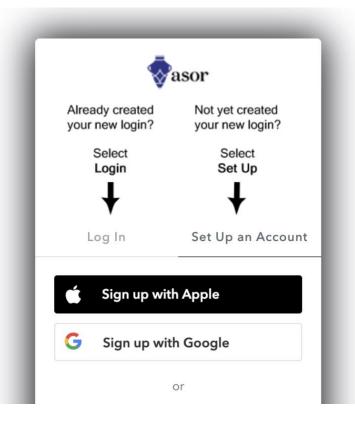
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Click on the 2023 ASOR Annual Meeting. This tab will take you to the 2023 Annual Meeting homepage which offers
many resources related to the Annual Meeting.



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• The schedule is split up by the sessions based on their respective time slots. You can click on any of the sessions to view the papers and their abstracts. In most of the sessions, each paper will also have a particular time within the session in which the paper will be presented.

Thursday, November 16, 2023		
Name	Speakers	Room
8:20 AM - 10:25 AM EDT		
1A - Archaeology of Cyprus I		Continental A
1B - Archaeology of the Near East: Bronze and Iron Ages I		Continental B
1C - Figuring Violence: Images of Terror and Terror of Images I		Continental C
1D - Reintegrating Africa in the Ancient World (Workshop)		Waldorf
1E - The Early Iron Age in Canaan, Israel, Judah, and Philistia		Astoria
1F - Theoretical and Anthropological Approaches to the Near East		Private Dining 2
1G - Archaeology of the Near East: The Classical Periods I		Lake Ontario
1H - Gardens of the Mediterranean and the Ancient Near East – A New Perspective I		Lake Michigan
1I - Archaeology and Biblical Studies I		Lake Huron
1J - Preserving the Cultural Heritage of the Madaba Region of Jordan (Workshop)		Lake Erie
1K - Archaeology of Religion in the Levant during the Second and First Millennia BCE I		Boulevard A

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1A - Archaeology of Cyprus I
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### ASOR 2025—Strengthening Our Foundation | Expanding Horizons—A Call to Action

In 2025, ASOR will be hitting its 125-year mark. Yes, fellow ASOR members and friends, our quasquicentennial is nearly upon us, and we have *cause to celebrate!* 

A first cause for celebration is that ASOR members continue to be engines of research, education, publication, and engagement about the history and cultures of the Near East and the wider Mediterranean world.

In light of recent events and conflicts, this work has never been more needed. So, amid celebration, we confront challenges. Worldwide threats to cultural heritage are a great concern, because we know that targeting people's cultural heritage is a first step toward violence and extremism. Also, such losses cannot be undone. The humanities bring this into focus, yet dollars to fund these departments and this research are being siphoned off elsewhere. Some professional organizations focused on past human experience are shrinking. Not so for ASOR!

*There is a second cause for celebration.* Our membership is expanding. ASOR is in solid financial shape. You have created a foundation for positive change and action.

To continue this momentum, ASOR has embarked on a grand challenge, a \$5 million dollar—\$5,000,000—fundraising initiative. *Our third cause for celebration* is that generous members already have pledged or given \$2.8 million dollars, with more coming.

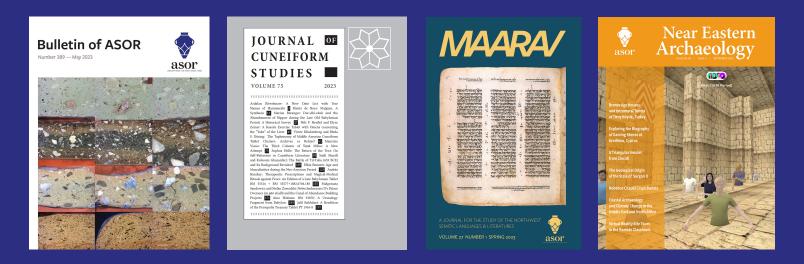
This is a call to action, asking you to help shape the future through the discovery, documenting, and protecting of cultural heritage in innovative ways. I ask you to think how you can join in this effort to equip ASOR to meet the challenges of this moment.

Your gift of support to ASOR makes a real difference. With your participation, ASOR can:

- 1. Increase membership support: You can strengthen and widen ASOR's geographic impact throughout the Middle East and North Africa with scholarships, research fellowships, and excavation project grants, many of which will benefit citizens from countries that lack resources.
- 2. Widen and expand ASOR's publications: You can ensure that ASOR continues to disseminate knowledge and educate the public in an economic climate where support for scholarship is shrinking.
- 3. Make ASOR more accessible to everyone: You can address financial need for access in North America, North Africa, the Middle East, and around the world. With you, ASOR can set an example with diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives that span language and cultural divides.
- 4. Grow Cultural Heritage Initiatives: You can support cultural heritage stabilization, documentation, and mitigation efforts. You can guarantee that ASOR continues to be seen as a world leader in protecting heritage and ensure the continuation of education and stewardship programs that combat violent extremism and misuse of heritage.
- 5. Develop Greater Online Access: You can fund innovations in the rapidly growing field of online and virtual resources to make research accessible to everyone with a computer, tablet, or phone.
- 6. Expand the Friends of ASOR Programs: You can help underwrite education and outreach programs that will broaden ASOR's membership and bring non-academic supporters with an interest in the ancient world to our organization.
- 7. Strengthen the Foundation of ASOR's Operations: You can safeguard ASOR's work to 2050 and beyond through the Annual Fund, or with endowment gifts to sustain operational staffing and capital needs at the James F. Strange Center.

These are but a few ideas. Studies of the human past have never faced greater obstacles, but ASOR has the financial stability and talent to find innovative solutions. Each of us is a critical part of this effort. If you and I do not respond to this call to action to shape the future of our profession and document and protect cultural heritage in innovative ways, who will? You can be part of this historic moment, creating change and making a legacy. Organizations thrive because of people like you. Please join in celebrating our 125th year with "ASOR 2025— Strengthening Our Foundation | Expanding Horizons—A Call to Action."

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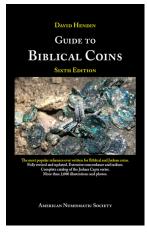
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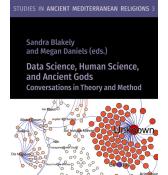


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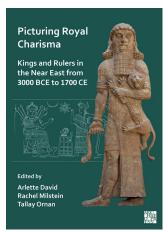
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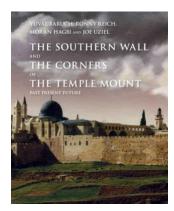
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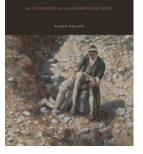
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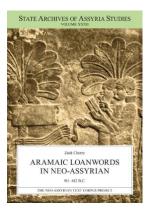
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Brown Bag Lunch Meeting & Panel: Teaching the Ancient World: Resources for all levels

> Thursday, Nov 16 12:45 - 2:00 PM Boulevard C, 2nd Floor \*Please bring your own lunch

### **Early Career Scholars Reception**

Friday, Nov 17 8:00 - 10:00 PM 720 South Bar (Lobby Level) \*Please sign up before the event



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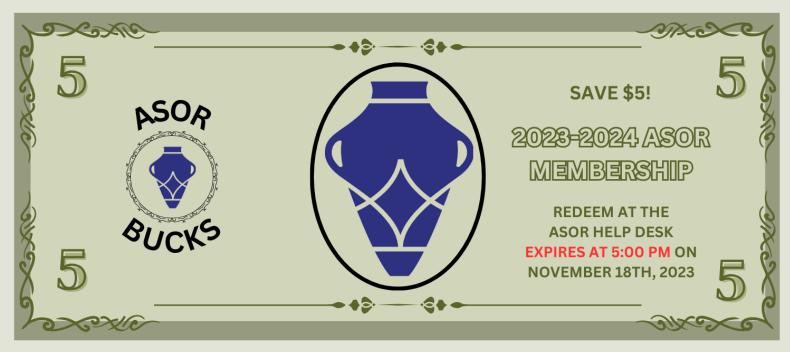
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