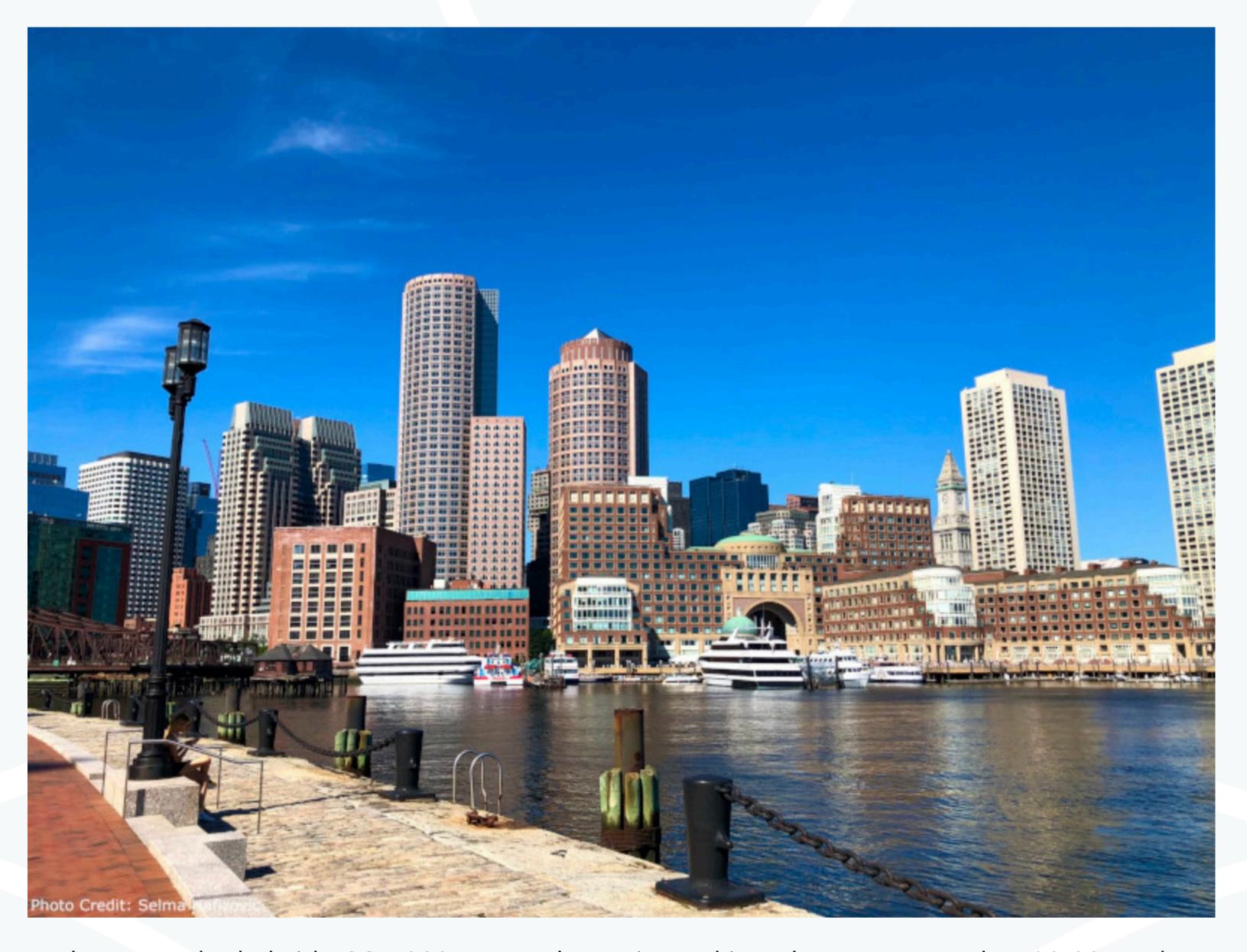


Digital Welcome Packet for Boston and Online Attendees









Welcome to the hybrid ASOR 2024 Annual Meeting, taking place on November 20-23, at the <u>Hilton Boston Park Plaza</u> and online via Zoom. Please read this Digital Welcome Packet containing 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 Boston.

Attendees in Boston should read on to learn about the city and hotel, as well as how to download the Annual Meeting Mobile App on page 5 — the primary way to follow the program, create a custom schedule, view abstracts, and network with attendees.

Virtual Attendees should skip to page 8 for important information on how to attend sessions and workshops via Zoom links located in the ASOR Online Portal - <u>2024 Online Schedule</u>.

We are thrilled to welcome you in Boston and/or online! Please read on to learn more.





Land Acknowledgement and History

The 2024 ASOR Annual Meeting takes place on land that has been the home of the Massachusett and other Native peoples of North America for 13,000 years. Today, Boston is home to thousands of Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We pay respect to the people of the Massachusett Tribe, and honor the land which remains sacred to the Massachusett People.

During your time in Boston, please take a moment to learn about the history of Native and enslaved peoples in this region, and the ongoing resiliency and vibrancy of Native, Black, and immigrant communities today. Learn more about the rich history of Boston here.

Boston Highlights:

While in Boston, enjoy free admission to the <u>Harvard Museum of the Ancient Near East</u> (HMANE) and the <u>Museum of Fine Arts</u>. Bring your ASOR name badge for free admission. Boston is also home to fabulous nightlife, museums, activities, and diverse culinary scene. To learn more, please visit our <u>Getting to Know Boston</u> page.

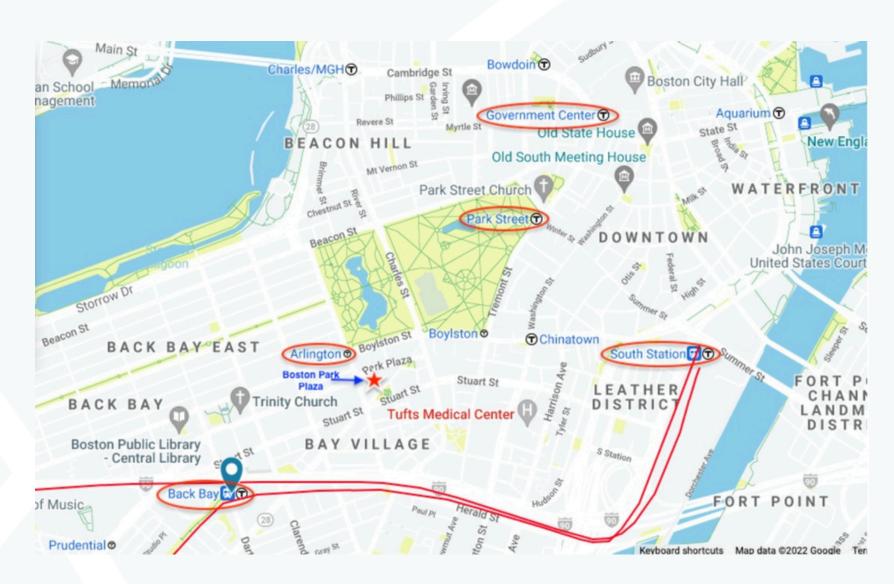
Getting Around:

Public Transportation is an easy and cheap option for getting around Boston.

The **MBTA**, or simply the "T", is Boston's inclusive transportation system. Use the MBTA <u>Trip</u>

<u>Planner</u>, which lets you plan your T ride from start to finish. A map of the T subways can be found <u>here</u>.

For alternative methods of transportation, please see our <u>additional travel information</u> webpage.



The closest T stops to the Boston Park Plaza are the Arlington Street (Green Line) and Back Bay (Orange Line) Stations. From the airport you can take the blue line to Government Center and switch to the Green Line to Arlington T Station, which is approximately 500 feet from the hotel entrance. Other options include the Logan Express (LEX) from the airport to Back Bay Station (about a half mile from the hotel) or the free Silver Line bus to South Station (approximately .8 miles from the hotel).

Hotel Information

Hotel Information

This year's Annual Meeting takes place at the Hilton Boston Park Plaza, located at 50 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116.

Parking:

Valet parking is available for \$68 per night. There is no self-parking at the hotel. Self-parking is available at the Motor Mart Garage located across the street from the hotel (entrance at 201 Stuart Street).

Dining:

Save 10% with your ASOR name badge at the Hilton Boston Park Plaza's signature restaurant, Off The Common, featuring all-day dining in the hotel lobby. At the hotel you will also find a full-service Starbucks, M.J.'s O'Connor's Irish pub, and Strega Italiano – a modern restaurant with exceptional Italian Cuisine. There are several nearby dining options for quick-bites or a nice dinner with vegetarian (v), halal (h), and kosher (k) options.

- <u>Bacco's Wine & Cheese</u> order ahead/take out sandwich options
- Beatnic (k) (v)
- Cafe Landwer (k)
- <u>Chipotle</u>
- <u>CityPlace</u> located in the State Transportation Building, features an indoor food court
- The Halal Guys (h)

- <u>Legal Sea Foods</u>
- Life Alive Organic Café (v)
- Maggiano's
- Milk Street Cafe (k)
- Shah's Halal Food (h)
- <u>Tatte Bakery</u>

Wi-Fi Information

To access free Wi-Fi for the Annual Meeting, please use the following network name and passcode.

Network: **ASOR Annual Meeting**

Access Code: ASOR2024

ASOR 2024 Boston Hybrid Schedule for In-Person Attendees:

The 2024 ASOR Hybrid Annual Meeting will begin on Wednesday, November 20th. **The ASOR registration desks will be open from 2:00-8:30pm and the Exhibit Hall opens at 4:00pm EST.** Dr. Fikri Kulakoğlu will give the <u>Plenary Address</u>, "Transition from Early Bronze Age to Middle Bronze Age at Kültepe: Architecture, Figurines and Seals" at 7:00pm. Academic sessions are held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:15am to 6:30pm EST.

PDF versions of the academic program, business schedule, and abstracts can be viewed, downloaded, and printed from the <u>Annual Meeting Schedules Page.</u> Please check back often for schedule updates.

ASOR Annual Meeting App

ASOR is thrilled to announce the 2024 Annual Meeting App, hosted by <u>Guidebook</u>. The Annual Meeting Mobile App is the primary way to follow along with all of the sessions, workshops, business meetings, and special events. Download the mobile app and create your profile to connect with other attendees, create a custom schedule, view paper abstracts, and more. Please follow these instructions to download and access the Annual Meeting App!

- 1. Download the Guidebook App.
- 2. Navigate to "Passphrase" at the bottom bar.
- 3. Enter the passphrase: asor2024
- 4. Download the "ASOR 2024 Annual Meeting" Guide and enjoy!

For an in-depth guide on how to use the Annual Meeting Guidebook App, please view <u>this presentation</u>, paired with images to help navigate all the features of the new app.



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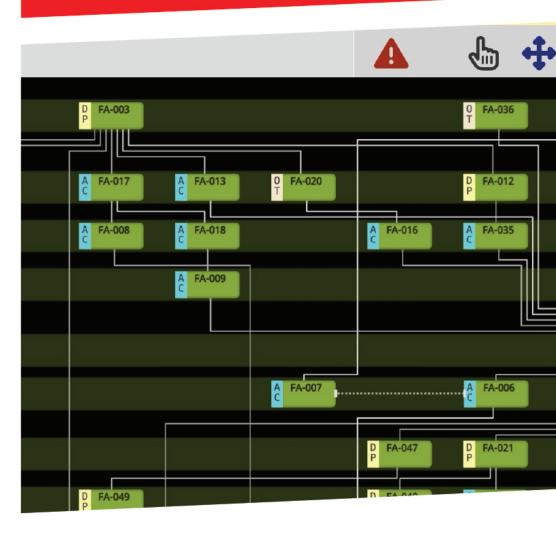
Leslie Anne Warden, Director Kom el-Hisn Provincialism Project

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Didi el-Behaedi, Director Memphis Kom el-Fakhry Archaeological Project



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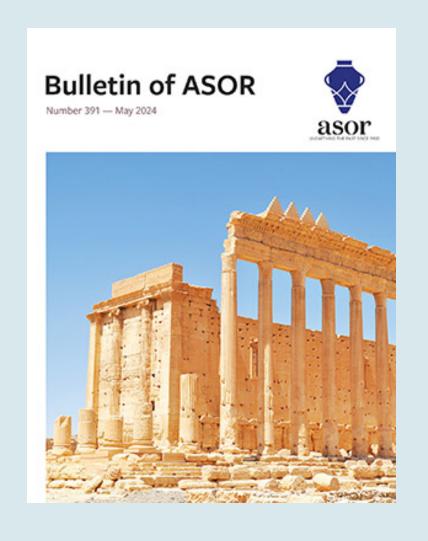
View and download floorpans of ASOR's meeting spaces at the Hilton Boston Park Plaza here.

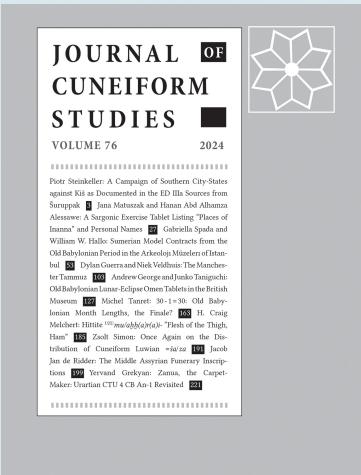
The ASOR Registration and Help Desk are located on the Mezzanine Level (second floor).

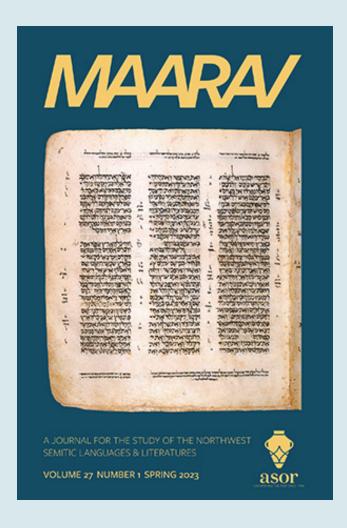




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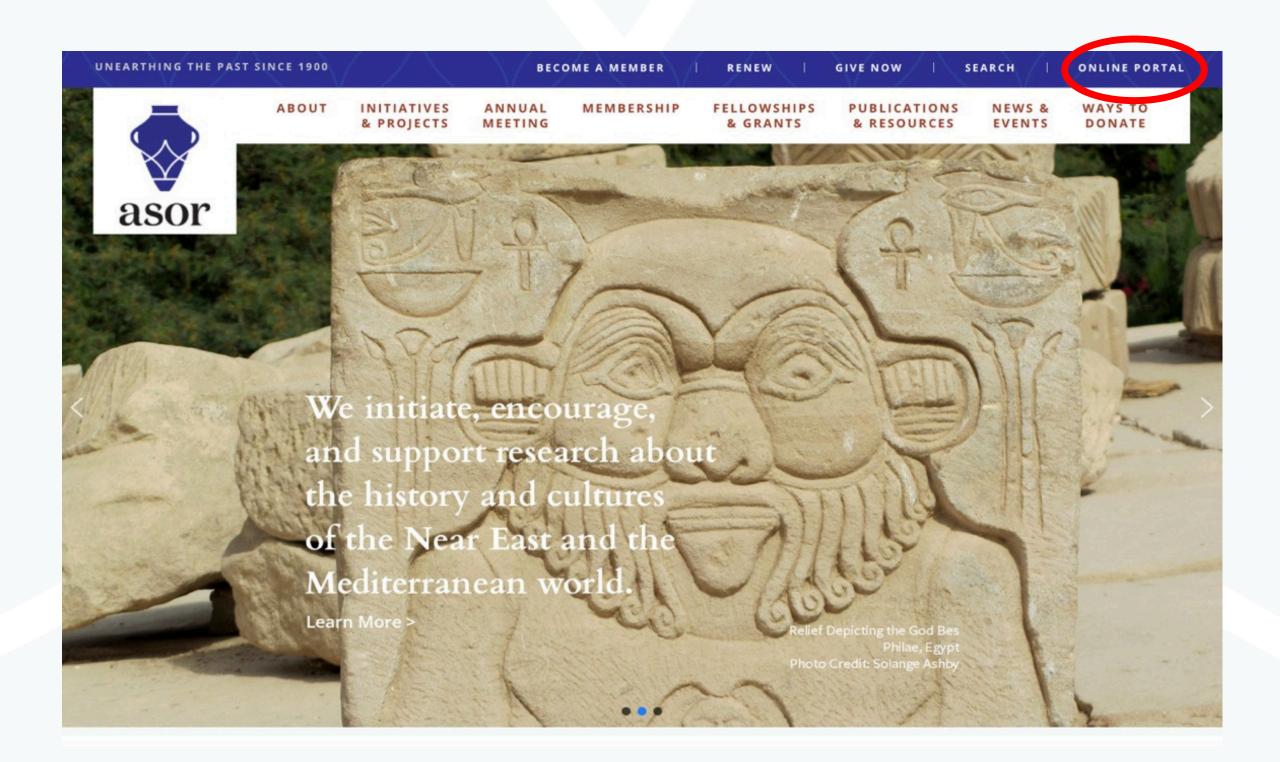


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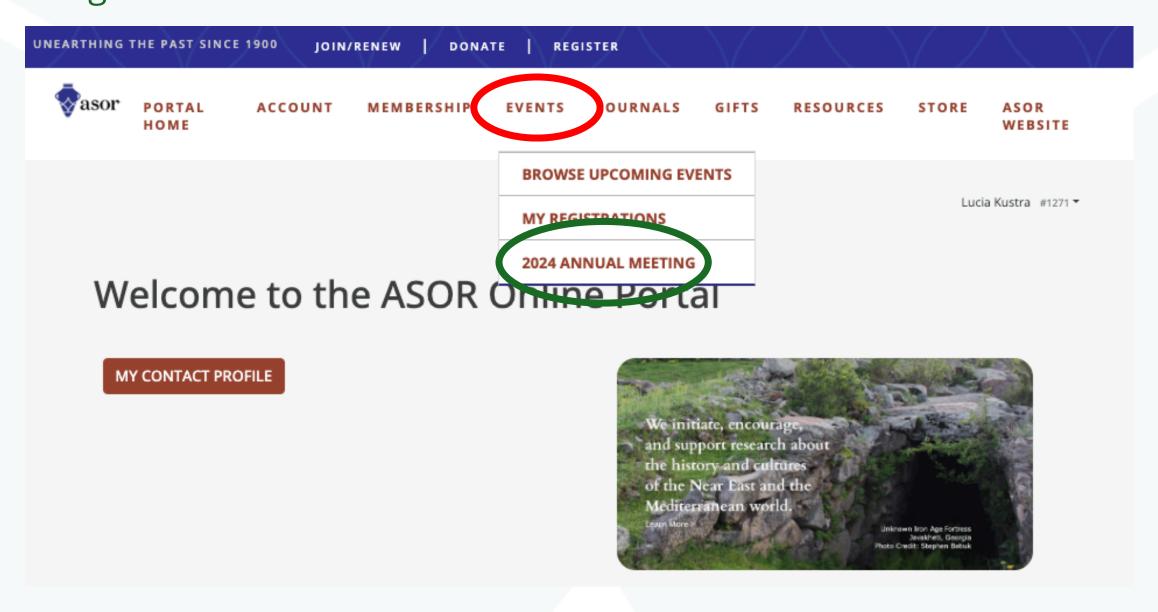
ASOR 2024 Boston Hybrid Schedule for Virtual Attendees:

Please utilize the ASOR Online Portal to access the Annual Meeting virtually.

1. Navigate to the ASOR Home Page to access the Online Portal, located in the top right corner of the home page. Please see this video for further information if you have trouble logging in.



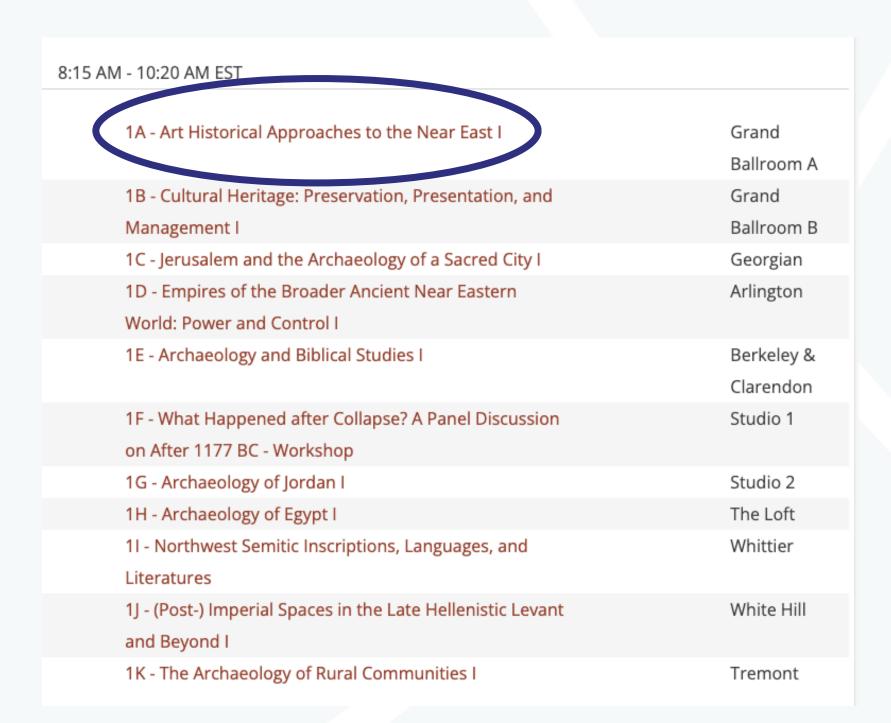
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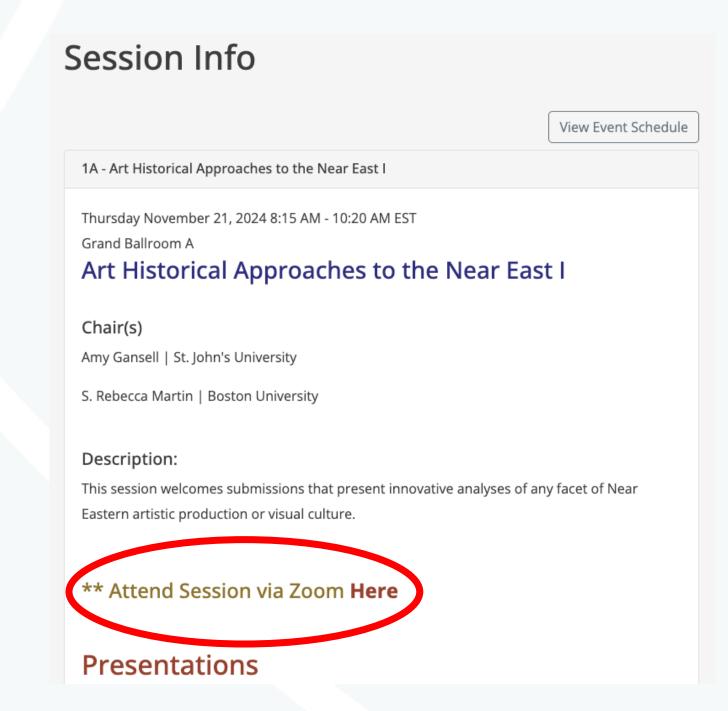


6. Click "Schedule" located on the top banner. To view presentations, abstracts, and time assignments, click on the session/workshop name.



7. To attend sessions and workshops on Zoom, click on the session/workshop and navigate to the Zoom link.





By attending ASOR's Annual Meeting in-person or online, you agree to comply with ASOR's policies, which are linked below.

- ASOR Annual Meeting <u>Participation Terms and Rules</u>
- ASOR Code of Conduct
- ASOR Policy on Professional Conduct

If you have any issues accessing the Online Schedule, accessing the ASOR Online Portal, or attending sessions, please contact <u>Jared Koller</u>. All sessions will be recorded and uploaded with the consent of the presenters after the Annual Meeting.

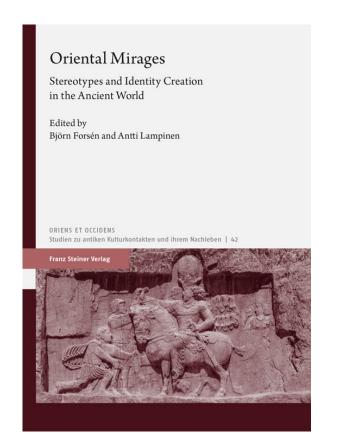
We thank you for attending virtually, and hope you enjoy the 2024 Annual Meeting.

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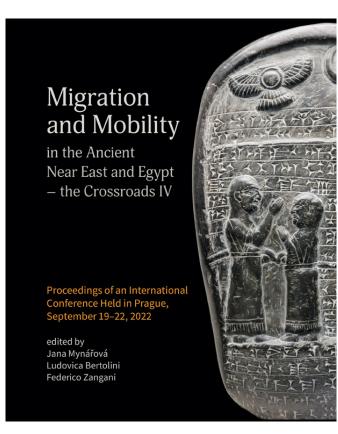
Stereotypes and Identity Creation in the Ancient World

edited by Björn Forsén and Antti Lampinen

Edward Said, in his seminal book *Orientalism*, perceived clear links between the ancient Greek and Roman stereotypes of the East and the prejudiced European nineteenth-century picture of the Muslim world, which was considered exotic, backward,

uncivilized, degenerate, and dangerous, in contrast with the Western societies that were seen as developed, rational, flexible, and, above all, superior. However, the reality is much more complex—shaped by both the imperialist perceptions of defeated enemies embraced by all Middle Eastern empires going back at least to the Assyrians, and the intermixed admiration and jealousy of the old "Eastern" traditions of learning.

341p (Franz Steiner Verlag, May 2024, Oriens et Occidens 42) paperback, 9783515136723, \$82.00. **Special Offer \$66.00**



Migration and Mobility in the Ancient Near East and Egypt

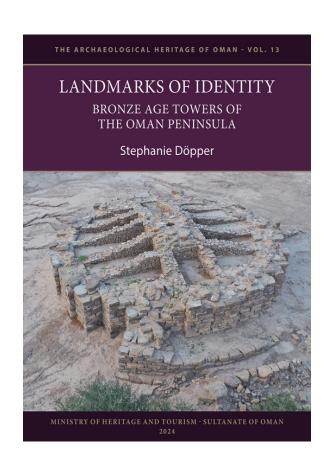
- the Crossroads IV

Proceeding of an International Conference Held in Prague, September 19–22, 2022

edited by Jana Mynárová, Ludovica Bertolini and Federico Zangani

The essays collected in this volume variously examine the political dimen-

sions of movement and mobility; how ideas, concepts, and languages move across boundaries; and the material evidence for cultural interactions. 442p (Lockwood Press, October 2024) hardcover, 9781957454108, \$99.95. Special Offer \$80.00; PDF eBook, 9781957454115, \$79.50



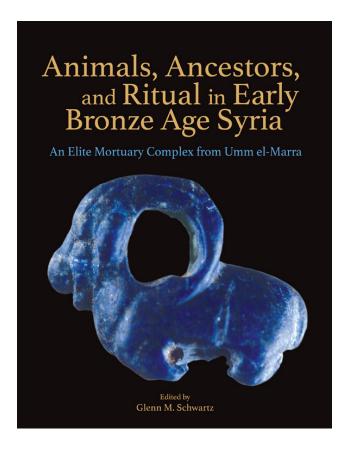
Landmarks of Identity Bronze Age Towers of the Oman Peninsula

by Stephanie Döpper

In the Early Bronze Age, monumental stone and mud-brick structures known as towers appeared on the landscape of the Oman Peninsula. Since then, they have served as distinctive landmarks of identity for the people of the region. This book aims to update the long-standing discussions on these

towers and to assess their chronological depth and their possible functions in the light of recent archaeological research.

238p (Archaeopress Publishing, July 2024, The Archaeological Heritage of Oman 13) paperback, 9781803278193, \$68.00. **Special Offer \$55.00**



Animals, Ancestors, and Ritual in Early Bronze Age Syria An Elite Mortuary Complex from Umm el-Marra

edited by Glenn M. Schwartz

This is the final report of the excavation of Tell Umm el-Marra in northern Syria, conducted in 1994–2010. It is likely the site of ancient Tuba, capital of a small kingdom in the Early and Middle Bronze periods, in the Jabbul plain between

Aleppo and northern Mesopotamia. Its study advances our understanding of early Syrian complex society beyond the big cities of Antiquity. Of particular importance in the Early Bronze excavations are the results from the site's necropolis. This site provides the first archaeological attestation of the kunga equids, unique in the archaeology of third-millennium Syria and Mesopotamia. 715p, 449 illus, 69 tbls (Cotsen Institute of Archaeology Press, February 2024) hardcover, 9781950446421, \$150.00. Special Offer \$120.00 PDF eBook, 9781950446438, \$120.00

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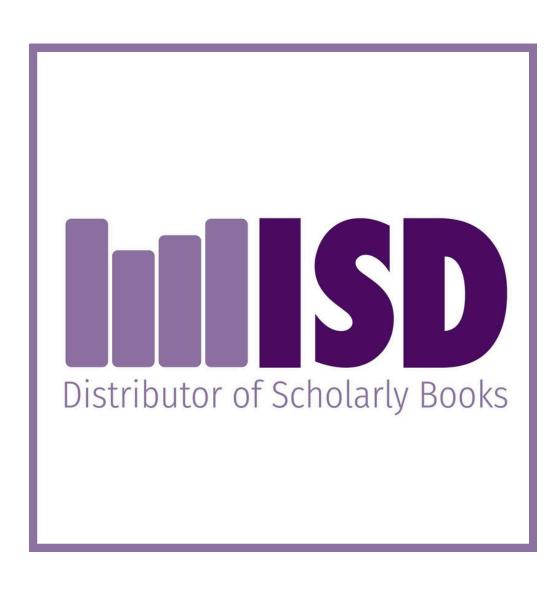


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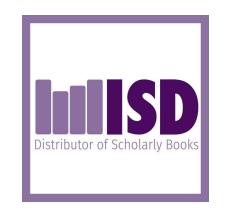


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HIGHLIGHTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

3:00 - 5:00pm EST

The Museum is Your Classroom Workshop | Harvard Art Museums

Register for <u>this free workshop</u> and learn how to creatively engage artifacts to create an interdisciplinary object-based activities. The workshop will be led by staff members of the Harvard Art Museums.

7:00 - 8:30pm EST

ASOR Annual Meeting Plenary Address | Grand Ballroom A

Fikri Kulakoğlu (Professor of Archaeology at Ankara University) will present "Transition from Early Bronze Age to Middle Bronze Age at Kültepe: Architecture, Figurines and Seals." Also available online for virtual attendees.

8:30 - 9:30pm EST

Welcome Reception | Grand Ballroom B

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



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

12:55 - 1:55pm EST

ASOR Member's Meeting | Georgian

Bring your lunch and come for an update on the business of ASOR and the 2024 Honors and Awards.

6:30 - 7:30pm EST

Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute (CAARI) Reception | Boylston

8:00 - 10:00pm EST

Early Career Scholars' Reception | Off the Common, 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 **must sign up here.**





THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

12:55 - 1:55pm EST

Early Career Scholars' Brown-Bag Lunch | Georgian

Bring your lunch and join us for *Publishing for Early Career Scholars: What You Didn't Know You Need to Know,* with information about publication processes.

12:55 - 1:55pm EST

Roundtable Discussions | The Square, Lobby Level

Sign up <u>here</u> to register to attend a roundtable discussion. Space is limited and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

8:00 - 10:00pm EST

W.F. Albright Institute for Archaeology Research Reception | Grand Ballroom A



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

12:45 - 2:00pm EST

Poster Session | Statler

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.

7:15-8:15pm | 8:30-9:30pm EST

HMANE Reception | HMANE

End the Annual Meeting with an evening surrounded by history at the Harvard Museum of the Ancient Near East! Space is very limited, sign up here!



Early Career Scholars Brown Bag Event:

"Publishing for Early Career Scholars: What You Didn't Know You Need to Know"

Thursday, Nov 21, 12:55-1:55pm | Georgian Room, Mezzanine Level. Bring your own lunch!

ASOR Members' Meeting

Friday, Nov 22, 12:55-1:55pm | Georgian Room, Mezzanine Level

Digging Up Data: A Showcase of Ongoing Digital Scholarship Projects Workshop

Friday, Nov 22, 4:25-6:30pm | Grand Ballroom A

Early Career Scholars' Reception*

Friday, Nov 22, 8:00-10:00pm | **Off the Common, Lobby Level** *Tickets are free, but space is limited. Advance sign-up is required. Click here to sign up.

Poster Session

Saturday, Nov 23, 12:45-2:00pm | Statler Room, Mezzanine Level

Early Career Scholars Hub

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- Drinks and light refreshments will be available. Two time options will be offered to accommodate as many people as possible.
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Register here.

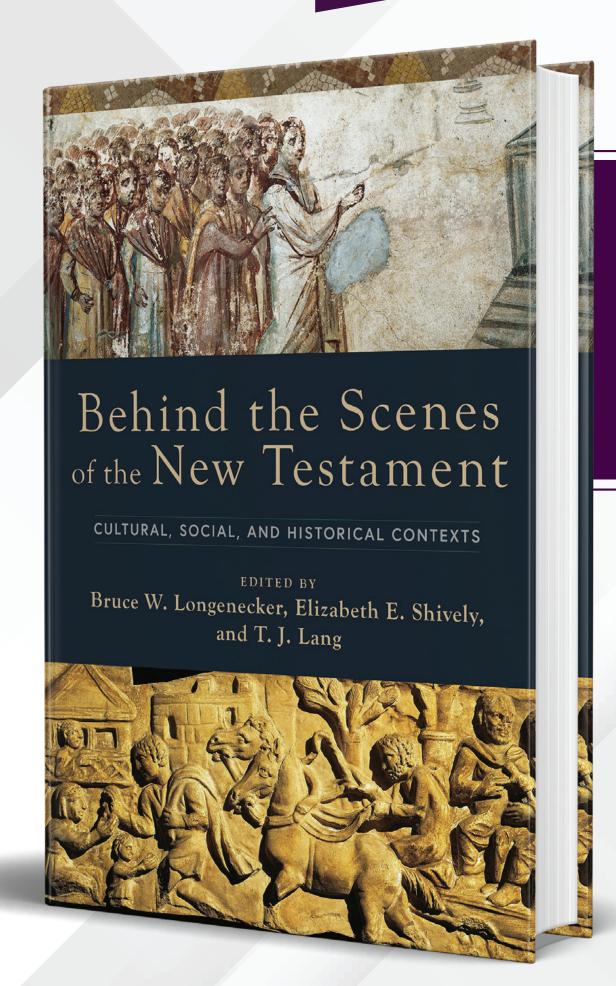
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Following the first reception, attendees will need to leave by 8:15pm so that the Museum can make room for second reception attendees at 8:30pm.

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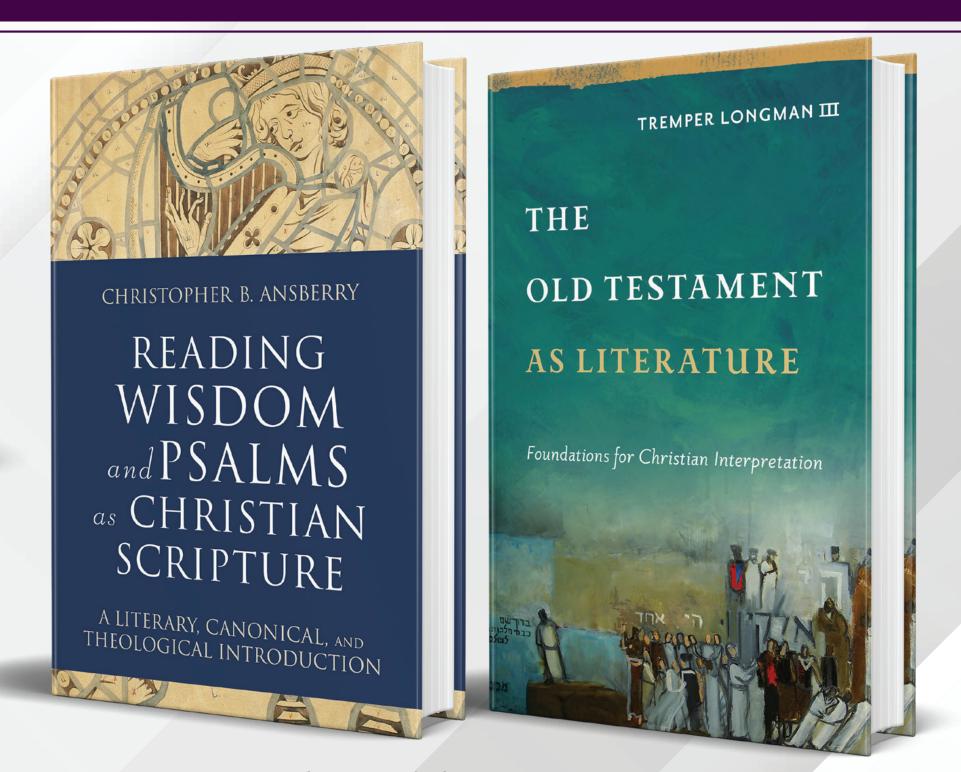
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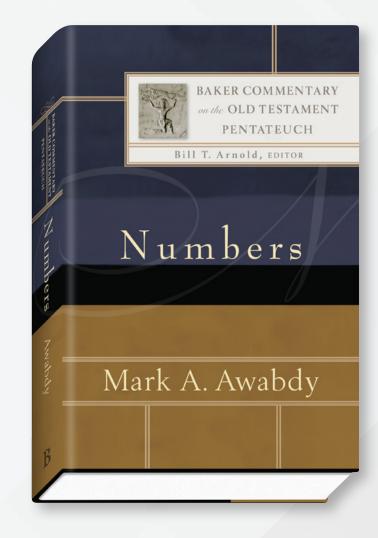


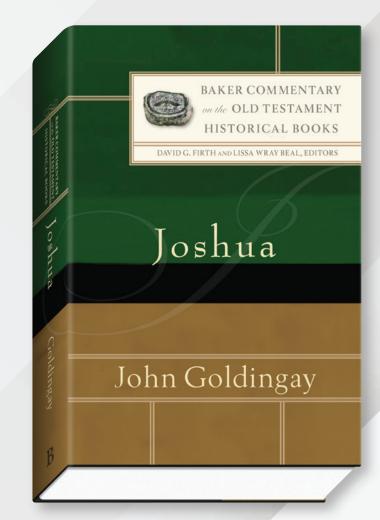
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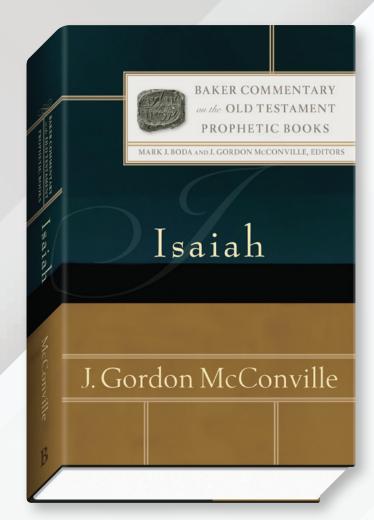
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The Baker Commentary on the Old Testament.







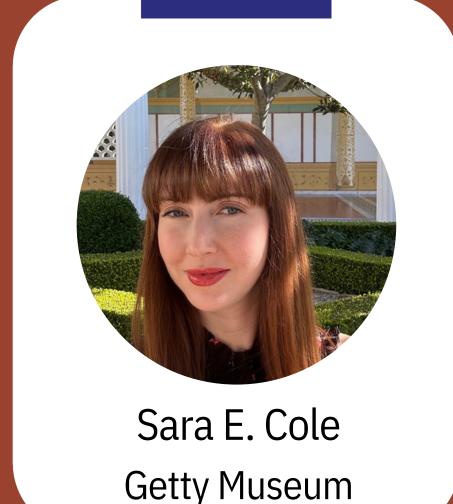
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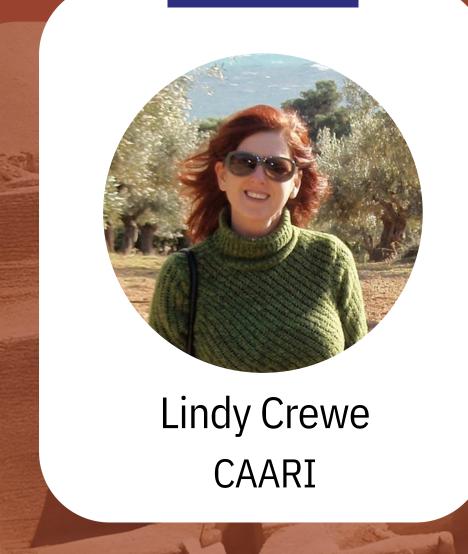
Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. ET "Who Were the Thracians? Exploring an Enigmatic Ancient Culture at the Getty Villa Museum"

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. ET "Archaeology and Heritage During Civil War in Sudan: What Can We Do?"

SPEAKER

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SPEAKER



Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. ET "Thirsty Work: Building and Brewing on Bronze Age Cyprus"

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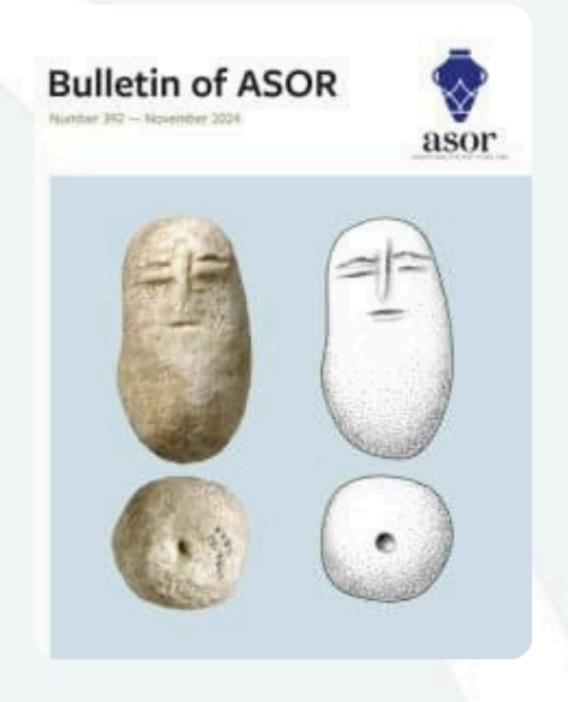
Meet with *Ancient*Near East Today

Editor Jessica Nitschke



11:30 a.m.-12:55 p.m. in the Exhibit Area (Second Floor) on Friday, Nov. 22

Meet with *Bulletin of ASOR*'s Co-Editors



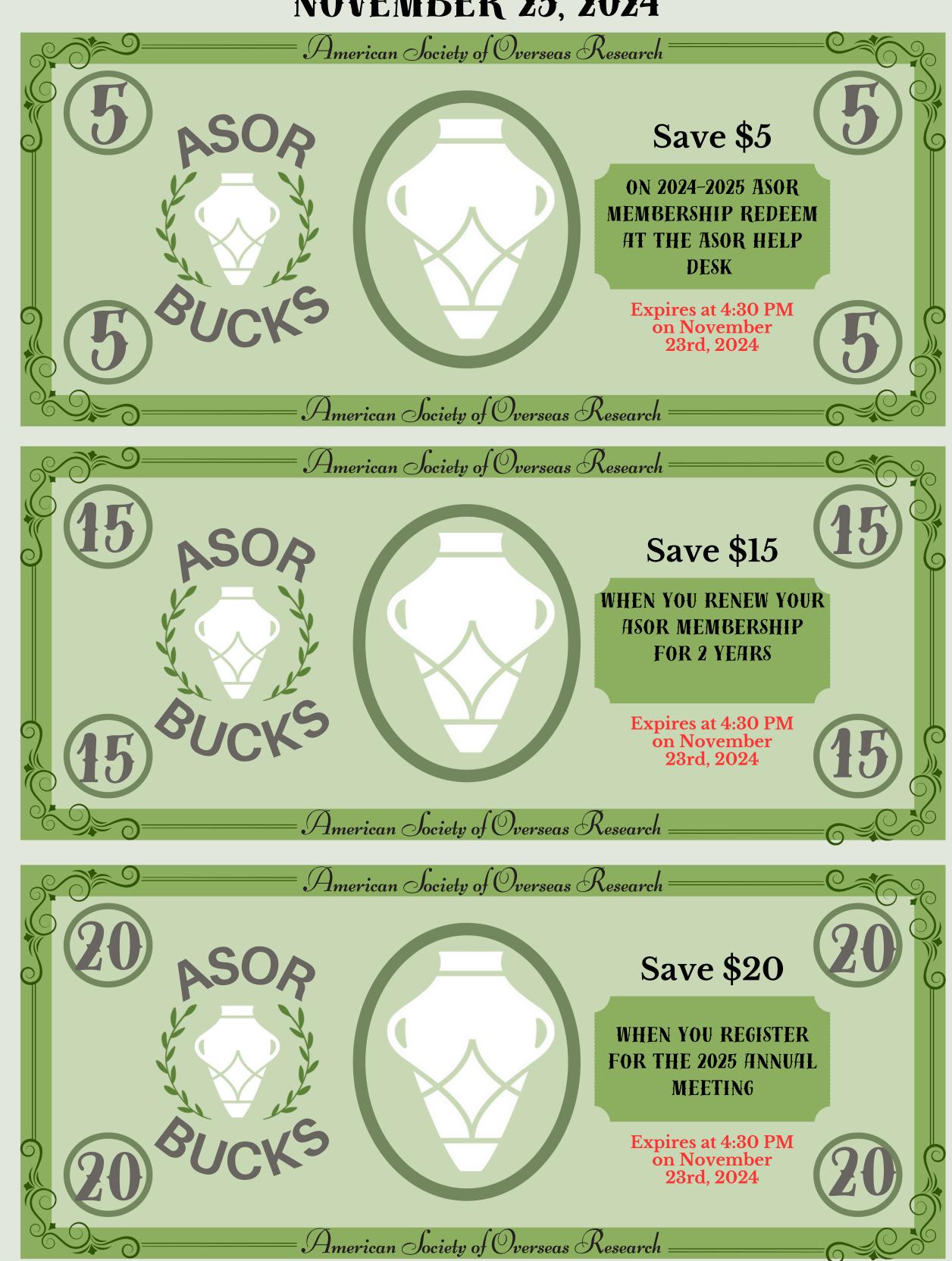
4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Hotel Lobby on Friday, Nov. 22



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Family Hang Out Room - 4th floor, Newbury Room

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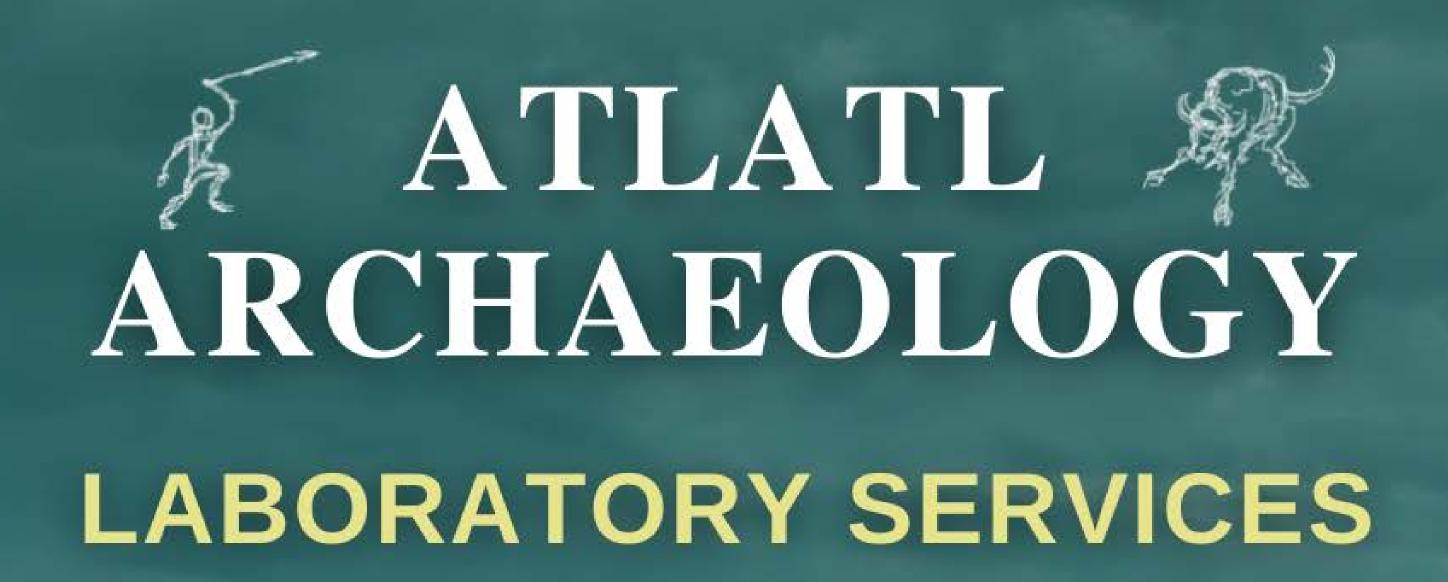
Early Career Scholars' Hub Room - 4th floor, Beacon Hill Room.

Check out the work of ASOR's DEI Committee:

"Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion within ASOR: The DEI Task Force and Committee"- Friday, November 22, 4:35-4:45pm in Studio 2, part of the *Diversifying West Asian Archaeology: Accessibility Barriers and Mitigating Strategies Workshop*, 4:25-6:30pm.

DEI Committee Table - Mezzanine Level, by registration. Stop by to learn more about the committee or if you just need a place to spend a few minutes in between sessions. Check out Hilton's list of accessible amenities <u>HERE</u>





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