

Harva L. Sheeler Fellowships

TELL EL-HESI, ISRAEL 2015-2024



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Donor Impact Report



Funding summary

Amount Awarded

\$14,000

Number of Fellowships

9



*View from atop Tell el-Hesi.
Photographed by Kara Larson*

2024 (research stipends)

Cody Carr (Mississippi State University)
Bailey Stephenson (Mississippi State University)

2022

Benjamin Hatfield (Mississippi State University)

2021 (research stipend)

Kara Larson (University of Michigan)

2019

Kara Larson (Mississippi State University)

2017

Kevin Williams (Mississippi State University)

2016

Geoffrey Ludvik (University of Wisconsin)

2015

Sophia Carman (East Carolina University)
Dylan Karges (Mississippi State University)

2024 Sheeler Research Scholarships: Cody Carr and Bailey Stephenson

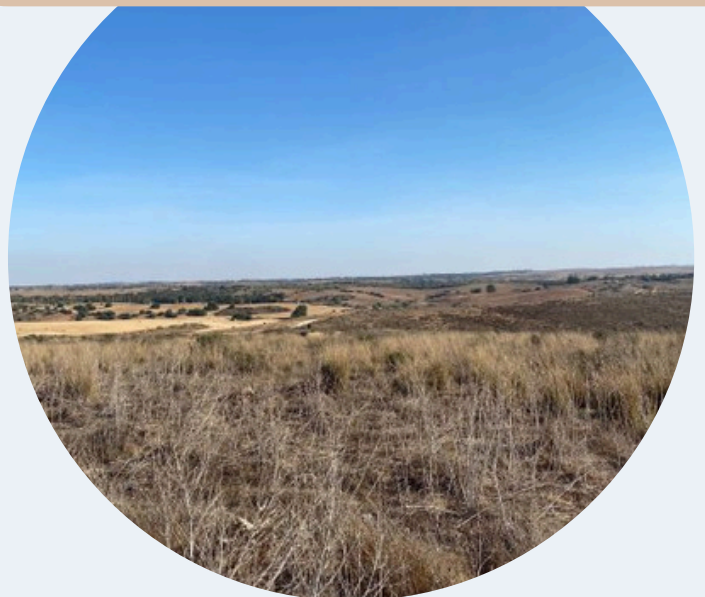


Bailey Stephenson is from Eupora, MS. She got her bachelor's degree in Anthropology at Mississippi State and is now pursuing her master's in applied Anthropology. Bailey is interested in the Mediterranean world in the Bronze and Iron Ages, as well as household archaeology.

Cody Carr is from Columbus, MS and got his bachelor's degree in Anthropology at Mississippi State. Cody is now pursuing his master's in applied Anthropology. He is interested in the Celtic world in the Bronze and Iron Ages, as well as household and hillfort archaeology.



“Because of the generous funds we received, we were able to successfully complete the work we set out to do.”



The Harva L. Sheeler Summer Research Scholarship allowed Bailey and Cody a chance to process archaeological material, both boxing and reboxing, from the Tel-el Hesi, Khirbet Summeily, and Lahav sites. This involved not only better curating them for long term storage, but also making them better accessible for future research and publication—as well as rearranging material from Tel-el Hesi, Khirbet Summeily, and Lahav sites in the Cobb Institute of Archaeology's Museum for renovation and rearranging of exhibits. In doing so, they were able to better associate objects and artifacts as well as learn how curation and storage of these items are done.

Rewarding and Unique Experiences



"This is the type of research that I really enjoy doing—making scans of the original field negatives and positives of the artifacts, pulling the available artifacts for examination, and analyzing the physical characteristics and history of the artifacts. The work not only gave me experience for my degree, but also my name on a publication."

- Cody Carr 2024



"I am currently in my first semester as a PhD student in archaeology at Lipscomb University. I did my research for my MA at Mississippi State University. However, Covid-19 kept me from ever visiting Israel, despite doing my MA thesis on Tell el-Hesi. I finally got the opportunity to go to Israel thanks in part to the Sheeler Scholarship."

- Benjamin Hatfield 2022

"I enjoyed having the opportunity to travel to and excavate in Israel! It was such a great and rewarding experience! All of it would not have been possible if it had not been for the Harva L. Sheeler Excavation Fellowship and ASOR! I can not thank you all enough!"

- Kevin Williams 2017



Building Lasting Connections



"I would like to formally thank the Harva L. Sheeler Excavation Fellowship donors again for allowing me to excavate, research, and study in Israel. Tell el-Hesi, and the surrounding Greater Hesi region, are staples in the history of archaeological investigation in the Near East and having the opportunity to be a part of that legacy was incredibly rewarding. My master's thesis would not have been feasible without this monumental award." – Kara Larson 2019

Kara has started her own project "A Multi-Survey Exploration of Residences Near Tell el-Hesi, Israel" and now has students working with her in the field.

"I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your generous donations that made my summer 2016 dissertation research in Israel as part of the Hesi project possible. Thanks to the generosity of your mother and family, as my first letter indicated, I was able to receive the 2016 Sheeler Fellowship. It was a great honor to receive this fellowship."

– Geoffrey Ludvik 2016

Both Kara Larson and Geoffery Ludvik are still involved with Tell el-Hesi!



**Thank you for
your continued
support!**

