



**2024**

DONOR  
IMPACT  
REPORT

**STEVAN B.  
DANA  
PROJECT  
GRANTS**

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# 2024 DONOR IMPACT SUMMARY

**\$20,000**

**4 grants  
awarded**

## THE SCHOLARS

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Jason T. Herrmann- University of Pennsylvania  
Sara A. James- University of Colorado Boulder  
Jennifer Ramsay- State University of New York Brockport  
Bethany J. Walker- University of Bonn



## "Phoenician Roots in a Punic City"

University of Pennsylvania  
Excavation site: Motya, Italy



Excavation continued in protected contexts adjacent to the Motya's fortification wall where some early 6th and 7th century contexts were preserved.



Ground-penetrating radar surveys were carried out on areas where we wanted to confirm our interpretations of the magnetic data or where other geophysical surveys would not be effective because of the surface conditions.

"We thank ASOR and the Stevan B. Dana project grant for enabling broad student participation in our 2024 field season. Because of this support, we have been able to come closer to having mapped the majority of Motya's ancient urban plan..."

## "The Brač Island Project"

University of Colorado Boulder  
Excavation site: Brač Island, Croatia



Hillfort of Gradina Rat, view of plateau and south slope from west end



Italian Matt-Painted Pottery fragments (ca. 600-500 BCE)

"We began presenting the results of these excavations in August 2024 at the annual meeting of the EAA (European Association of Archaeologists) and will spend part of next season preparing preliminary reports about the site. This grant will be warmly thanked as a supporter of this research which assisted with travel expenses and the analysis of C14 samples"

## "Exploring Continuity and Transition in Southern Jordan"

State University of New York, Brockport

Excavation site: Petra, Jordan



The project team in front of al-Khazneh (the Treasury) in Petra (from left to right, Dr. Bjorn Anderson, Dr. Jennifer Ramsay, Dr. Craig Harvey, Dr. Amanda Harman, Josh Feland and Abdullah al-Saket).



Feland conducting photogrammetry of funerary features.

"Thanks to the generous support of the Stevan B. Dana Project Grant we launched our first season of survey. The project aims to fill the gap in our understanding of the Iron Age to the Nabataean transitional period by focusing on cultural activities such as ritual, funerary, agriculture, and engineering practices."



## “Study of Cultivation Strategies at Khirbet Beit Loya”

University of Bonn

Excavation site: Khirbet Beit Loya, Israel



Excavation area showing crushed pottery in place



Terraced landscape at Khirbet Beit Loya



Analyzing macrobotanical samples

“With the funding provided by the Dana Grant for Israel, we are documenting cultivation strategies and soil enrichment practices from the nearby terraced fields (which are dated by OSL), and comparing them to crop processing and consumption practices in the village.”

# Lifetime Donor Summary Impact



**\$35,000**

Money  
awarded  
over the  
years

**7**

Total  
projects  
funded

Year	Recipient	Country	Project	Organizations & Universities of Recipients
2022	Sergio Alarcon Robledo	Egypt	North Saqqara Archaeological Survey	Harvard University
2023	Hamza Benattia	Morocco	Unveiling the Farming-Herding Communities of III-I Millennium B.C. Mediterranean Western Maghreb	University of Barcelona
2023	Anne Austin	Egypt	Bioarchaeology of Deir el-Medina Research Project	University of Missouri, St. Louis
2024	Jason T. Herrmann	Italy	Phoenician Roots in a Punic City	University of Pennsylvania
2024	Jennifer Ramsay	Jordan	Exploring Continuity and Transition in Southern Jordan	SUNY-Brockport
2024	Sara A. James	Croatia	The Brac Island Project	University of Colorado Boulder
2024	Bethany J. Walker	Israel	Khirbet Beit Loya	University of Bonn



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