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## ASOR ANNUAL MEETING SURVEY AND THE FUTURE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

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Eric H. Cline, Chair of Program Committee  
Andrew G. Vaughn, Executive Director

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During the spring ASOR board meeting, Eric Cline (Vice President for Programs) and Andy Vaughn (Executive Director) led a three-hour discussion on the ASOR Annual Meeting. Representatives from the three research centers (ACOR, AIAR, and CAARI) attended the meeting as well as many members of ASOR's Board of Trustees. The reason for the discussion was to explore in an open-ended fashion issues that revolved around the Annual Meeting and the changing environment for the Annual Meeting.

Cline and Vaughn reported that it was becoming increasingly difficult to hold the ASOR Annual Meeting in close conjunction with the SBL Annual Meeting because market factors had changed. While ASOR has developed a strong, independent meeting over the past ten years, the market for hotels is much more competitive than it was in previous years. We are now in a sellers market rather than a buyers market – in other words, the hotels and conference centers are much more selective in the proposals that they entertain, and the prices have therefore risen. At least three factors make it difficult for ASOR to compete with SBL in selecting hotels in the future: 1) SBL signed its contracts 5+ years ago when it was a buyers market; 2) SBL has much more buying power from guaranteed room nights and food/ beverage revenue; and 3) ASOR is "thrifty" in terms of our food/ beverage expenditures, while at the same time being a "space hog" (to use a term that one industry representative told us) in terms of meeting rooms required.

They also told the participants that the situation becomes doubly challenging when ASOR is restricted with regard to the cities where it can negotiate for hotel space. We are in a situation where SBL decides on the venue about 6 years in advance, and then we have to search for adequate hotel room and meeting space after SBL has already locked up many of the good hotels.

In years past this worked out because of the above-mentioned buyers market, but the situation has changed. Therefore, the ASOR board and the three research centers explored the possibility of holding the ASOR annual meeting at a separate date and place from the SBL annual meeting. It should be emphasized that nothing concrete was decided. In fact, ASOR signed a contract for the 2009 annual meeting in New Orleans (to meet just before the SBL conference). We plan to hold a members meeting in San Diego where all ASOR members can weigh in on the future of the annual meeting. In order to facilitate that discussion and to make it more productive, the ASOR board requested that Cline and Vaughn conduct a member survey concerning the Annual Meeting.

This article summarizes the results of the survey, but all of the survey data can be viewed in unabridged form accessed from the ASOR main web page – <http://www.asor.org> – under the heading "Membership Survey Results."

Of the 354 people who completed the survey, nearly 75% of the respondents had attended at least one Annual Meeting in the past three years, more than half (54.2%) had attended last year's Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, and one-third (33%) had attended all three Annual Meetings held during the past three years. Over 82% stated that they planned to attend or were interested in attending at least one Annual Meeting in the next three years. We thus saw an indication that the Annual Meeting has been a success and that many ASOR members are interested in attending in the future.

In terms of the people who completed the survey, we found that the vast majority were professionals (70%) and graduate students (21%). Lay members made up only 6%, while "other" made up only 3% of the respondents.

We also found that while the largest number of respondents came from the northeastern U.S. (29%), followed by the western U.S. (23%), more respondents (about 16%) came from outside North America than from the midwestern U.S. (15%),

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the southeastern U.S. (10%), or Canada (7%). In addition, almost as many respondents came specifically from Israel (6%) as from all of Europe combined (6%), while a total of 4% came from various other countries.

The survey also took note of respondents who said they were interested in attending an Annual Meeting in the future. Of the 286 people who answered “yes” to that question, the following observations can be made:

✳ The vast majority attend the Annual Meeting to either present a paper or hear papers.

✳ About one-third of these respondents attend to help with a job search.

✳ While many people attend board meetings, this did not seem to be the primary reason that most of these respondents attend the meeting.

✳ The Annual Meeting is not like a vacation for most of these respondents.

✳ The location of the meeting in a first-tier city (e.g., New York, Boston, New Orleans, San Francisco) was not important for most of these respondents.

✳ Visiting with friends was important, but it was not the most important factor for most of these respondents.

Moreover, the 286 people who said that they would be interested in attending an Annual Meeting in the future also said the following:

In terms of willingness to attend an ASOR Annual Meeting that was held in February, March, or April, rather than in November, the response was just under 50% for those likely or very likely to attend, as opposed to those who indicated that they would not be likely to attend (nearly 28%) or who had no preference (24%). The number of people responding “yes” or changing from unlikely to “no preference” to this question increased when asked if they would attend if the room rates were \$30–\$50 less than the rates for first-tier cities (this would be what we would expect if we were to meet in a city like Charlotte, NC, or Nashville, TN, as opposed to New Orleans or Boston).

In terms of geographical interest, respondents ranked sessions related to Israel and/or Palestine highest (29%) among their areas of interest, while Jordan and Mesopotamia tied for second place (at 16.5% each), with Cyprus next (just over 7%), and Egypt last (at 3%). In terms of

interest in topics, “sessions that may be termed anthropological” achieved the best “first to worst” ratio overall: 27% of the respondents ranked this topic first or second, while only 10% ranked it ninth or tenth (out of 10) in terms of interest. Epigraphy fared the worst, with only 9% of the participants ranking the topic first or second and 34% ranking it ninth or tenth among their interests; Landscape Archaeology/GIS didn’t do much better, with 10% of the respondents ranking it first or second and 31% ranking it ninth or tenth among their interests.

Interestingly, “sessions that are somehow related to the Bible” were ranked by nearly 25% of the respondents who would attend a future meeting as a topic in which they were least interested. What makes this last statistic most intriguing, though, is that interest in the Bible (and by extension, topics dealing with the Bible, such as Biblical Archaeology) among these respondents is apparently very polarized—looking further at the “first to worst” ratio overall, as we have done for the above sessions, almost 32% of the respondents ranked this topic first or second, but nearly 35% ranked it ninth or tenth in terms of interest. This is particularly interesting, since almost two-thirds (64%) of these responding members selected “Biblical Archaeology” as one of their areas of specialty.

Finally, many of the narrative comments encourage ASOR to stay *with* SBL, but at the same time many of the members encouraged a wider split *from* SBL. What do all these data mean for the future of the ASOR Annual Meeting? That is of course yet to be determined. These data indicate that the vast majority of the responding ASOR members find the Annual Meeting professionally productive, so we are hopeful that the meeting will continue to grow. At the same time, it is clear that ASOR is at a cross-roads and that we will soon need to choose how to continue the Annual Meeting, as well as when and where to hold it. We hope that everyone will go to see all of the survey data in its unabridged form from the link on the ASOR web site (<http://www.asor.org>) and that all members will plan to attend the members’ meeting this year in San Diego and give their input that will play an important part in determining the future shape and timing of the Annual Meeting. ASOR is eager to receive your input and suggestions. ✳

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**Join the American Schools of  
Oriental Research  
on November 14–17, 2007,  
for our Annual Meeting at the  
Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina,  
San Diego, CA**

### **Wednesday Plenary Session**

**Plenary Introduction by**

**Robert R. Cargill (The UCLA Qumran Visualization Project)**

*“A Virtual Tour of Qumran”*

**Plenary Speaker**

**Jodi Magness (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)**

*“The Current State of Qumran Archaeology”*

#### **This Year's New Featured Themes:**

- \* New Insights from Tell Dor, Israel
- \* Copyright Law for Archaeologists and other Academics
- \* The Madaba Plains Project After 40 Years
- \* The Tel Zayit Abecedary
- \* Social Aspects of Human and Animal Sacrifice  
in the Ancient Near East
- \* Problems in Ceramic Typology
- \* Eastern Mediterranean Diasporas:  
Cultural and Economic Implication
- \* The Ties that Bind:  
Social Integration in Near Eastern Antiquity
- \* Israel's Political Landscape
- \* Ethnoarchaeology of Ancient Pottery

#### **Also of note:**

- Students and Junior Scholars luncheon and workshop on “Presenting the Perfect Paper”
- Reception at the San Diego Museum of Man exhibition “Journey to the Copper Age: Archaeology of the Holy Land”

***See you in San Diego!***

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# ASOR ANNUAL MEETING

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM — WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

### Wednesday 14 November

7:00 – 8:30pm

#### Plenary Session

*Eric H Cline*, Presiding

*Robert R. Cargill* (The UCLA Qumran Visualization Project)  
“A Virtual Tour of Qumran” (10 min.)

*Jodi Magness* (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)  
“The Current State of Qumran Archaeology” (60 min.)

### Thursday 15 November

8:30–10:30am

#### Hebrew Bible, History, and Archaeology I

*Daniel C. Browning, Jr.* (William Carey College), Presiding

*Oded Lipschits* (Tel Aviv University), *Manfred Oeming* (Heidelberg University), and *Yuval Gadot* (Hebrew Union College), “New Discoveries, New Interpretations and a Fresh Look on the Administrative Center at Ramat Rahel during the Late Iron Age and Persian Periods” (20 min.)

*Richard Hess* (Denver Seminary), “Katuwas and Rehoboam: Rebellion Stories in the West Semitic World” (20 min.)

General Discussion (20 min.)

*Deborah Cantrell* (Vanderbilt University), “The Horsemen of Israel” (20 min.)

*Uzi Leibner* (Hebrew University), “The Origins of the Jewish Galilee of the Early Roman Period” (20 min.)

General Discussion (20 min.)

#### The Byzantine and Early Islamic Near East

*Theme: Crossing Boundaries: Cultural Exchange in the 6th through 8th Centuries*

*Debra Foran* (University of Toronto), and *Asa Eger* (University of Chicago), Presiding

*Debra Foran* (University of Toronto), “Relations between Monastic and Lay Communities in the Byzantine Period at Ma'in, Jordan” (20 min.)

*Carolyn Swan* (Brown University), “Early Islamic Glass from Ayla: Further Investigations” (20 min.)

*Donald Whitcomb* (University of Chicago), “From Aqaba to Jerusalem: Palestinian Glazed Ceramics” (20 min.)

*Jodi Magness* (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), “Early Islamic Urbanism and Building Activity in Jerusalem and at Hammath Gader” (30 min.)

*Mahmoud Hawari* (University of Oxford), “The Transformation of Holy Places in the Topography of Jerusalem from the Late Byzantine to the Early Islamic Period” (25 min.)

#### לדור בדור מדור: New Insights from Tel Dor

*Jeffrey R. Zorn* (Cornell University), Presiding

*Ilan Sharon* (Hebrew University), “Twenty Years of Excavations at Dor... and Then Five?” (5 min.)

*Ayelet Gilboa* (Haifa University), “Early Iron Age Dor – An Interim Summary after 25 Years” (25 min.)

*Yiftah Shalev* (Hebrew University), “Was the Hippodamian Method Used at Dor? An Assessment of the Urban Layout of the Persian Period Town” (15 min.)

*S. Rebecca Martin* (University of California, Berkeley), “From ‘Dor’ to ‘Doros’: A New Approach to the Material Culture of the Persian Period” (15 min.)

*Elisabetta. Boaretto* (Weizmann Institute), “Tel Dor: On-site and Off-site Analysis of the Microscopic Record” (25 min.)

*Avshalom Karasik* (Weizmann Institute), “Pottery in High Resolution: Computerized Typological Classification Based on 3D Documentation and Automatic Drawing of Ceramic Shreds from Tel Dor, Israel” (15 min.)

*Noa Raban* (Haifa University), “Early Iron Age Dor: Faunal Insights” (15 min.)

#### Archaeology of Religion and the Sacred I

*Yorke Rowan* (NMNH, Smithsonian Institution), Presiding

*Cory D. Crawford* (Harvard University), “‘Ai Citadel Sanctuary A and the Demarcation of Sacred Space in Early Bronze Age Palestine” (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

*Hani Nur el Din* (Institute of Archaeology / Al-Quds University), “The Architectural Landscape of Sacred Areas at Sites in Bronze Age Palestine” (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

*Chang-Ho Ji* (La Sierra University), “The Iron I-II Settlement and Cultic Structures at Khirbat ‘Ataruz, Jordan: Excavating the High Place, Sanctuary, and Settlement Village” (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

*James Osborne* (Harvard University), “The Bench Tomb in Iron Age Judah: Secondary Mortuary Practice and Social Values” (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

*Jane DeRose Evans* (Temple University), “Mount Gerizim and the Temple of Zeus: landscape, sanctuary and symbol on coins of the second and third centuries CE.” (20 min.) Discussion (4 min.)

#### Archaeology of Anatolia I: Agency, Ethnicity, and Identity

*Jennifer Ross* (Hood College), Presiding

*Sharon R. Steadman* (SUNY Cortland), “Agency, Archaeology, and Architecture at Later Prehistoric Sites in Anatolia” (20 min.)

*Jennifer Piro* (New York University), “Pastoral Economies in the Northeastern Anatolian Highlands from the Mid-4<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Millennium B.C.” (20 min.)

# ASOR ANNUAL MEETING

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM — THURSDAY

*Paul Zimansky* (Stony Brook University), "Urartian Ethnicity and its Contemporary Communicants" (20 min.)

Discussion (10 min.)

*Timothy Matney* (University of Akron), "A Late Assyrian Ritual Hoard from Ziyaret Tepe, Turkey" (20 min.)

*Omur Harmansah* (Brown University), "Event Place Performance: Social Memory and Technological Agency in Early Iron Age Karkamis" (20 min.) – Discussion (10 min.)

**10:45am–12:45pm**

### Hebrew Bible, History, and Archaeology II

*Dale W. Manor* (Harding University), Presiding

*Eric Cline* (The George Washington University), "From Noah's Ark to the Ark of the Covenant and Beyond: A Call-to-Arms Against 'Junk Science,' Amateur Enthusiasts, and Uninformed Documentary Filmmakers" (20 minutes)

*Zvi Lederman* (Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University) and *Shlomo Bunimovitz* (Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University), "'Come, Let Us Meet Face to Face:' The Archaeological Implications of Amaziah's and Jehoash's Clash at Beth-Shemesh" (20 minutes)

General Discussion (20 minutes)

*Yosef Garfinkel* (Hebrew University) and *Saar Ganor* (Israel Antiquities Authority), "Khirbet Kiafa: Biblical Azekah?" (20 minutes)

*Carolina Aznar* (Saint Louis University, Madrid Campus), "Storage Jar Transportation and Exchange Types in the Iron Age II Southern Levant" (20 minutes)

General Discussion (20 minutes)

### Landscape Archaeology

*M. Peilstöcker* (Israel Antiquities Authority), Presiding

*Raanan Kislev* (Israel Antiquities Authority), "Urban archeology and conservation - Old Acre as a test case" (20 min.)

*Elie Hadad* (Israel Antiquities Authority), "Lod and Ramle (Israel): A Venture in Urban Archaeology" (20 min.)

*Rahel Bar-Natan* (Israel Antiquities Authority) and *Debbie Sklar-Parnes* (Independent Scholar), "A Jewish Settlement Revealed in the Shu'afat Neighborhood of Jerusalem" (15 min.)

*Celia Bergoffen* (Fashion Institute of New York), "Digging in New York City" (20 min.)

*Aaron Burke* (UCLA) and *Martin Peilstöcker* (Israel Antiquities Authority), "The Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project: Archaeological Exploration in an Urban Environment" (15 min.)

*Elizabeth Stone* (SUNY Stony Brook), "Mesopotamian Settlement Structure" (20 min.)

General Discussion (10 min.)

### Copyright Law for Archaeologists and Other Academics

*Jane Cahill* (Hebrew University), Presiding

*Beth Sufian* (Attorney at Law, Sufian & Passamano, L.L.P., Houston, Texas), "What a Copyright Is, How a Copyright Arises, Who Owns a Copyright, and What Rights a Copyright Bestows" (25 min.)

*James A. Passamano* (Attorney at Law, Sufian & Passamano, L.L.P., Houston, Texas), "Fair Use, Infringement, and Enforcement of a Copyright" (25 min.)

*John Stanford* (Solicitor, Legal Education and Training Consultant, and Immigration Judge, Cambridge, England), "Copyright Protection in the European Union and International Law" (25 min.)

*Erin Powers* (Principal, Powers MediaWorks, LLC, The Woodlands, Texas), "Strategic Communications Considerations for Archaeologists" (25 min.)

General Discussion (20 min.)

### Archaeology of Religion and the Sacred II

*Andrew Cohen* (Brandeis University), Presiding

*Brian Doak* (Harvard University), "'No statues or familiar images': Re-evaluating the Claim for Phoenician Aniconism" (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

*Steven Werlin* (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), "Jewish Art in Its Christian Context: Eagles and Angels in Late Antiquity" (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

*Michele Burns* (Independent Scholar), "The Mandorla in Christian Art: Light as Symbol and Substance (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

*Joe Uziel* (Bar Ilan University), "Religion in Middle and Late Bronze Age Canaan: What Changes, What Stays the Same and Why" (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

*Uzi Avner* (Arava Institute for Environmental Studies), "Nabatean Sanctuaries in Southern Sinai" (20 min.)

Discussion (4 min.)

### Archaeology of Anatolia II: Current Work

*Sharon R. Steadman* (SUNY Cortland), Presiding

*Yoko Nishimura* (UC Los Angeles), "A Close Look at the Spatial Organization in the Residential Quarters at Titris Höyük, A Small Urban Center in 3rd Millennium Upper Mesopotamia" (20 min.)

*Katsuji Kobayashi* (University of Melbourne), *Antonio Sagona* (University of Melbourne), *Janet Hergt* (University of Melbourne), and *Alan Greig* (University of Melbourne) "Obsidian Exploitation at Eastern Anatolia in the Late Prehistoric Periods" (20 min.)

*Peter Jablonka* (University of Tübingen), "From Citadel to City: Current Work at Bronze Age Troy" (20 min.)

Discussion (10 min.)

# ASOR ANNUAL MEETING

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM — THURSDAY

*Ann E. Killebrew* (Pennsylvania State University), *Marie-Henriette Gates* (Bilkent University), and *Gunnar Lehmann* (Ben Gurion University), "The Mopsos Survey (2004-2007 Seasons): Landscape Archaeology in the Issos and Iskenderun Regions, Eastern Cilicia" (20 min.)

*Brian Janeway* (University of Toronto), "Dating the Early Iron Age at Tell Ta'yinat in Southeast Turkey" (20 min.)

Discussion (10 min.)

### 12:30–2:30pm

#### Order and Conflict: Roundtables on the Agency Role of Empires in the Levant

*Theme: Inaugural Meeting of ASOR's Cross Border Research Initiative*  
*Øystein S. LaBianca* (Andrews University), Presiding

*Øystein S. LaBianca* (Andrews University), "The Agency Role of Empires in the Levant: An Introduction to ASOR's Cross Border Research Initiative." (20 mins.)

*Yuval Gadot* (Hebrew Union College), "Local Societies, Separatism and Globalization in Early Antiquity: Overview of an Emerging Research Collaboration" (10 mins.)

#### Roundtable Discussion on Early Antiquity Empires

*Thomas Levy* (UCSD), *Nils Anfinset* (University of Bergen), *Itzik Shai* (Bar Ilan University), *Joe Uziel* (Bar Ilan University) and *Yifat Thareani-Susely* (Jerusalem and Tel Aviv University), Facilitators

#### Roundtable Discussion on Classical Era Empires

*Bert deVries* (Calvin College) and *Øystein S. LaBianca* (Andrews University), Facilitators

#### Roundtable Discussion on Late Medieval and Early Modern Empires

*Bethany Walker* (Grand Valley State University) and *Anders Bjørkelo* (University of Bergen), Facilitators

### 12:45–2:00pm

#### Junior Scholar Committee Luncheon & Workshop

*Michael Homan* (Xavier University), "Presenting the Perfect Paper" (60 mins.)

\*Preregistration is required for attendance, information is available at [www.asor.org/AM/JrScholars07.htm](http://www.asor.org/AM/JrScholars07.htm)

### 2:00–4:00pm

#### The Archaeology of Israel – New Developments

*Theme: Transitions in Prehistory in the Light of Recent Researches in Israel*

*Ofer Marder* (Israel Antiquities Authority), Presiding

*Michael Chazan* (University of Toronto), "Current Issues in the Archaeology of the Later Lower Paleolithic of the Levant" (20 min.)

*Ofer Marder* (Israel Antiquities Authority) and *A. Nigel Gorring-Morris* (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), "The Transition from the Upper Paleolithic to the Epipaleolithic in Israel according to Lithic Researches" (20 min.)

*Hamoudi Khalaily* (Israel Antiquities Authority), "The "Ghazalian Culture", a Transitional Phase from Pre-Pottery to the Early Pottery Neolithic Periods: Technological Innovation and Economic Adaptations" (20 min.)

*Yosef Garfinkel* (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), "The Middle Chalcolithic site of Tell Tsaf: 2004-2007 Seasons" (20 min.)

*Steven A. Rosen* (Ben-Gurion University), "Herding to Hunting: The Transition to Food Production in the Desert" (20 min.)  
General discussion (20 min.)

#### Current Excavations Non-ASOR Affiliated I

*David Ilan* (Hebrew Union College), Presiding

*Aren Maeir* (Bar-Ilan University), "The MB, LB and Iron Age levels at Tell es-Safi/Gath: Update for the 2006 and 2007 seasons" (25 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*Avraham Faust* (Bar-Ilan University), "The Tel 'Eton Excavations" (25 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*Stefan Münzer* (University of Bern/Switzerland), *Juha Pakkala* (University of Helsinki), *Jürgen Zangenberg* (Leiden University), and *Wolfgang Zwickel* (Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz), "Kinneret Regional Project - The 2007 Season" (25 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*Shawn Bubel* (University of Lethbridge) and *Dale Manor* (Harding University, Arkansas), "The Late Bronze-Iron Age Transition at Tel Beth-Shemesh: New Finds from the Northern Slope" (25 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

#### Art and Artifacts of the Ancient Near East: Context, Content, Contacts

*Marian H. Feldman* (University of California, Berkeley), Presiding

*Emily Hammer* (Harvard University), "Spatiality in the Palaces of Assurnasirpal II, Sargon II, and Sennacherib" (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

*Lisa Mallen* (Bryn Mawr College), "Esoteric Astroglyphs and the Assyrian Elite" (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

*Jennifer Ross* (Hood College), "The Archaic Metals List: Material Culture and Mental Codes at the Emergence of Urbanism" (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

*Cynthia Colburn* (Pepperdine University), "Prestige and Power in Third Millennium B.C.E. Crete and the Near East" (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

*Heather Jackson* (The University of Melbourne), "Erotes on the Euphrates? Redecorating the Walls of a Hellenistic House in Syria" (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

General Discussion (20 min.)

# ASOR ANNUAL MEETING

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM – THURSDAY

### Individual Submissions I

*Laura B. Mazow* (East Carolina University), Presiding

*Helen Malko* (Stony Brook University), “A Comparison of Social and Economic Organization of Cities and Small Settlements in Mesopotamia” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*Adolfo Muniz* (University of California, San Diego), “Early Bronze Age Economies of the Faynan District, Southern Jordan” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*Norma Franklin* (Tel Aviv University), “Water Systems: Getting to the Source” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*Emily Miller* (California State University, Fullerton), “The Cretan Beehive: The Evidence from Early Cretan Tombs for a Heterarchical Society” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*Michael Weigl* (The Catholic University of America), “An Examination of Construction Techniques in “Pillared Buildings” in Iron Age II Jordan” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

### The Madaba Plains Project After 40 Years I

*Lawrence T. Geraty* (La Sierra University), Presiding

*Lawrence T. Geraty* (La Sierra University), Introduction (10 min.)

*Larry G. Herr* (Canadian University College), “The Early Bronze, Middle Bronze, and Iron II at Tall al-Umayri” (25 min.)

*Douglas R. Clark* (La Sierra University), “The Late Bronze and Early Iron Ages at Tall al-Umayri” (25 min.)

*Randall W. Younker* (Andrews University), “Fifteen Years at Tall Jalul” (25 min.)

*Øystein S. LaBianca* (Andrews University), “Tall Hisban: Palimpsest of Great and Little Traditions of Transjordan and the Ancient Near East” (25 min.)

General Discussion (10 min.)

4:15–6:15pm

### The Tel Zayit Abecedary

*Ron Tappy* (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary) and *P. Kyle McCarter* (The Johns Hopkins University), Presiding

*Ron Tappy* (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary), “The Archaeological Context of the Tel Zayit Abecedary and Why That Context is Important” (10 min.)

*Christopher Rollston* (Emmanuel School of Religion – A Graduate Seminary), “Literacy, the Phoenician and Hebrew Script Series, and the Tel Zayit Abecedary” (25 min.)

*David Carr* (Union Theological Seminary, New York), “The Tel Zayit Abecedary in (Social) Context” (25 min.)

*Seth Sanders* (Trinity College), “Nonstate Writing and Early Iron Age Israel: Old Problems and New Connections” (25 min.)

*P. Kyle McCarter* (The Johns Hopkins University), Respondent (25 min.)

General Discussion (10 min.)

### The Madaba Plains Project After 40 Years II

*Douglas R. Clark* (La Sierra University), Presiding

*William G. Dever* (University of Arizona, emeritus), “Celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Madaba Plains Project” (25 min.)

*P. M. Michèle Daviau* (Wilfrid Laurier University), “Discovering Iron Age Towns in Central Jordan: The Legacy of the Madaba Plains Project” (25 min.)

*Timothy P. Harrison* (University of Toronto), “Beyond the MPP: A Regional Approach to the Archaeology of the Madaba Plain Region” (25 min.)

*Bethany J. Walker* (Grand Valley State University), “From the Madaba Plains to Northern Jordan” (25 min.)

General Discussion (20 min.)

### Current Excavations Non-ASOR Affiliated II

*Robert Mullins* (Azusa Pacific University), Presiding

*David Schloen* (University of Chicago) and *Amir Sumakai-Fink* (Tel Aviv University), “New Excavations at Zincirli (Ancient Sam'al)” (25 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*Steven Collins* (College of Archaeology & Biblical History, Trinity Southwest University), “Tall el-Hammam: A Key Witness to the Archaeology and History of the Southern Jordan Valley, Summary, Conclusions, and Recommendations from the '06/'07 Excavation Season” (25 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*Craig Bowman* (Rochester College), *Mark Shipp* (Austin Graduate School of Theology), and *Terrance Christian* (University of Texas, Austin), “Renewed Excavations at En Hazeva, 2005-2007” (25 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

### Individual Submissions II

*Benjamin Sidel* (East Carolina University), Presiding

*Miriam Clinton* (University of Pennsylvania), *Shannon Martino* (University of Pennsylvania), *George Myer* (Temple University), *Dennis Terry* (Temple University), *Eva Campo* (University of Pennsylvania Regional Nanotechnology Facility) and *Philip Betancourt* (Temple University), “Rapid Cooling Effects in Copper Smelting Slags from Chrysokamino” (20 min.)

*Isabelle Pafford* (University of California, Berkeley), “A Greek Sends a Persian to Egypt and Drives him Crazy: Medical Construction and Political Philosophy in Herodotus” (20 min.)

*Rachel Hallote* (Purchase College SUNY), “Photography and the American contribution to early “biblical” archaeology, 1870-1920” (20 min.)

*Theodore Burgh*, *Maurice Benson* and *Shane Baptista* (University of North Carolina, Wilmington), “Virtual Studies of the Past” (20 min.)

# ASOR ANNUAL MEETING

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM — THURSDAY & FRIDAY

*Darrell Rohl* (Andrews University), "Reassessing the Stratigraphy of Early Roman Esbus (Tall Hisban)" (20 min.)

*Lucas Petit* (University of Leiden), "The Deir 'Alla Regional Project: understanding settlement and abandonment behavior in the Middle Jordan Valley during Iron Age II" (20 min.)

### **The World of Women: Gender and Archaeology**

*Beth Alpert Nakhai* (The University of Arizona), Presiding

*Jeffrey R. Chadwick* (Brigham Young University), "Your Daughters...as Cooks and Bakers" - Women's Roles as Reflected in the Organization and Operation of an Eighth Century BCE Elite Zone Kitchen and Bakery at Tell es-Safi/Gath" (25 min.) - Discussion (5 min.)

*Kerry Adams* (The University of Arizona), "An Ethnoarchaeological Investigation of Shrine Site Creation and Evolution: Evidence for Iron Age Women's Pilgrimage?" (25 min.) - Discussion (5 min.)

*Kevin McGeough* (University of Lethbridge) and *Elizabeth Galway* (University of Lethbridge), "Working Egyptians of the World Unite!" How Edith Nesbit Used Near Eastern Archaeology and Children's Literature to Effect Social Change (20 min.) - Discussion (5 min.)

### **Roundtable Discussion:**

*Jennie Ebeling* (University of Evansville) and *Beth Alpert Nakhai* (The University of Arizona), Conveners

"Where are the Women in Near Eastern Archaeology? An Open Discussion on the Status of Women in the Profession" (30 min.)

## **Friday 16 November**

**8:30-10:30am**

### **Ancient Inscriptions**

*Christopher A. Rollston* (Emmanuel School of Religion) and *Annalisa Azzoni* (Vanderbilt University), Presiding

*Aaron Demsky* (Bar Ilan University), "Hear the Alphabet: Understanding the Tel Zayit Abecedary" (25 min.)

*Itzhaq Shai* (Bar Ilan University) and *Alexander Zukerman* (Albright Institute of Archaeological Research), "The Royal City of the Philistines in the 'Azekah Inscription' and the History of Gath in the Eighth Century BCE" (30 min.)

*Lawson Younger* (Trinity International University, Divinity School), "Some of What's New in Old Aramaic Epigraphy" (25 min.)

*Eran Arie* (Tel Aviv University and Israel Museum) and *Yuval Goren* (Tel Aviv University), "Indelible Impression: The Judahite Correspondence According to Petrographic Analysis of Clay Bullae" (30 min.)

General Discussion (5 min.)

### **The Incense Trade Road from Arabia to the Southern Levant**

*Michael Jasmin* (The Semitic Museum - Harvard University) and *Yifat Thareani-Sussely* (Tel-Aviv University and the Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology), Presiding

*Crystal Fritz* (Bryn Mawr College), "Ceramic Correlates for Non-Sedentary Lifeways in Late Prehistoric South-East Arabia" (20 min.)

*Gregory Mumford* (University of Alabama, Birmingham), "The Egyptian Perspective of the Red-Sea Trade during the New Kingdom and Late Period" (20 min.)

*Yifat Thareani-Sussely* (Tel Aviv University and the Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology), "The Spirit of Clay: 'Edomite Pottery' and Social Awareness in the Late Iron Age" (20 min.)

*Stephen Batiuk* (University of Toronto), "South-Arabian Influence in Northern Ethiopia: Results of Eastern Tigray Archaeological Project 2005-2007" (20 min.)

*Israel Roll* (Tel Aviv University), "Reaching the Mediterranean Shore: The Environmental Aspects of the Incense Roads Crossing the Negev" (20 min.)

### **Ancient Mediterranean Trade**

*Barry M. Gittlen* (Baltimore Hebrew University), Presiding

*Hayah Katz* (The Open University of Israel), "The Ship from Uluburun and the Ship from Tyre: An International Trade Network in the Ancient Near East." (25 min.)

*Nicholas Blackwell* (Bryn Mawr College), "The Nature of Interaction between Cyprus and Sardinia at the Transition of the Late Bronze Age to the Early Iron Age." (20 min.)

*Shlomo Bunimovitz and Zvi Lederman* (Tel Aviv University), "Iron Age Iron: Collapse and Innovation." (25 min.)

*Barry J. Beitzel* (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School), "Joint Nautical Ventures on the Mediterranean Sea by Tyrian Phoenicians and Early Israelites." (20 min.)

*Mark E. Polzer* (Texas A&M University), "Phoenician Ships in Neo-Assyrian Art: An Analysis of the Ships Depicted in Bas-Reliefs from Sennacherib's Palace at Nineveh." (20 min.)

General Discussion (10 min.)

### **Prehistoric Archaeology I**

*April Nowell* (University of Victoria), Presiding

*Erez Ben-Yosef* (UC, San Diego), *Hagai Ron* (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), *Lisa Tauxe* (Scripps Institution of Oceanography), *Amotz Agnon* (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), *Thomas E. Levy* (UC, San Diego), *Uzi Avner* (Arava Institute for Environmental Studies) and *Mohammad Najjar* (Department of Antiquities of Jordan), "Archaeological Applications of New Approach to Archaeomagnetic Paleointensity Investigation" (20 min.) - Discussion (5 min.)



# ASOR ANNUAL MEETING

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM — FRIDAY

*Ofer Marder* (Israel Antiquities Authority) and *Ianir Milevski* (Israel Antiquities Authority), "The Lower Paleolithic Site of Revadim Quarry, Israel" (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)  
*Michael Neely* (Montana State University), "Techno-Typological Variability in the Late Epipaleolithic from the Wadi Juheira, West-Central Jordan" (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

### Theoretical and Anthropological Approaches to Near Eastern and East Mediterranean Art and Archaeology I

*Theme: The Future of the Past:*

*New Approaches in Biblical Archaeology*

*Louise Hitchcock* (University of Melbourne), Presiding

*Matthew Suriano* (University of California, Los Angeles), "The Marginality of the Dead: Funerary-Rites and the Concept of the Afterlife in Ancient Israel" (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*Morag Kersel* (University of Toronto), "Bridging the Divide – A Case Study in Archaeological Ethnography" (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*Jonathan Lawrence* (Canisius College), "Water, Water, Everywhere – Jewish and Christian Bathing Practices in India" (25 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*Eyal Regev* (Bar-Ilan University), "The Archaeology of Secularism: A Socio-Anthropological Analysis of Kh. Qumran" (30 min.) – Discussion (10 min.)

**10:45–12:45pm**

### Prehistoric Archaeology II

*Alan Simmons* (UNLV), Presiding

*Daniella E. Bar-Yosef Mayer* (University of Haifa) and *Naomi Porat* (*Geological Survey of Israel*), "Early Neolithic Stone Beads of Gilgal" (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*Alan Simmons* (UNLV), "The Role of Cyprus in the Neolithic World" (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*Joanne Clarke* (University of East Anglia), "On the Margins of Southwest Asia? Cyprus in the Later Neolithic Period" (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*April Nowell* (University of Victoria) and *Donald Henry* (University of Tulsa), "Patterns Observed in PPNB Points from Ayn Abu Nukhayla" (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*David Ilan* (Hebrew Union College) and *Yorke Rowan* (NMNH, Smithsonian Institution), "The Judean Desert as a Chalcolithic Necropolis" (20 min.)

*Omran Garazhian* (University of Tehran), "Cultural Changes of Chalcolithic Cultures to Bronze Age in Northern Iran" (20 min.)

### Theoretical and Anthropological Approaches to Near Eastern and East Mediterranean Art and Archaeology II

*Theme: The Future of the Past: Memory, Economy & Agency*

*Andrew P. McCarthy* (University of Edinburgh) and *Sarah Kieft Costello* (University of Houston), Presiding

*Alysia Fischer* (Miami University of Ohio), "Building an Anthropology of Craft" (20 min.) – Discussion (7 min.)

*Ann Shafer* (American University in Cairo), "Postmodernism on the Periphery: Neo-Assyrian Stelae in Review" (20 min.) – Discussion (7 min.)

*Jennifer Ramsay* (Simon Fraser University), "World Systems Theory and Its Application to Archaeobotanical Remains in the Near East" (20 min.) – Discussion (7 min.)

*Emily Anderson* (Yale University), "Questionable Individuals: Reassessing an Interpretive Commonplace" (30 min.) – Discussion (7 min.)

### Archaeology of Cyprus I

*Theme: Material as Culture: The Archaeology of 'Cypriote' Identity at Home and Abroad*

*Derek B. Counts* (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), Presiding

*Albert Ammerman* (Colgate University), "Two New Early Sites on Cyprus: Voyaging Toward an Island Identity" (25 min.)

*Joanne Clark* (University of East Anglia), "On the Margins of Southwest Asia? Cyprus in the Later Neolithic Period" (20 min.)

*Andrew McCarthy* (University of Edinburgh), "Identity on the Horizon: Viewshed Analysis of the Dhiarizos Valley in the Chalcolithic" (20 min.)

General Discussion (10 min.)

*A. Bernard Knapp* (University of Glasgow), "Materiality, Identity and Ideology on Prehistoric Cyprus" (20 min.)

*Matthew Spigelman* (New York University), "Competing Elite Strategies in the Middle to Late Bronze Age Transition on Cyprus" (20 min.)

General Discussion (5 min.)

### Reports on Current Excavations – ASOR-Affiliated

*M. L. Pruitt* (UC-Berkeley GTU), Presiding

*Jesse C. Long* (Lubbock Christian University), "Expedition 2007 to Khirbet Iskander, Jordan" (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*Jonathan Ferguson* (University of Toronto), "Rediscovering az-Za`faran and az-Zona: The Wadi ath-Thamad Project Regional Survey" (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*Rami Arav* (University of Nebraska at Omaha), "Bethsaida, Excavation Season of 2007" (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

*Michael Toumazou* (Davidson College), "Athienou Archaeological Project, 2007: Investigations at Athienou-Malloura, Cyprus" (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

# ASOR ANNUAL MEETING

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM — FRIDAY

### Social Aspects of Human and Animal Sacrifice in the Ancient Near East I

Glenn Schwartz (Johns Hopkins University), Presiding

Glenn Schwartz (Johns Hopkins University), "Social Aspects of Human and Animal Sacrifice: An Introduction" (20 min.)

Elizabeth Carter (UCLA), Stuart Campbell (University of Manchester), and Suellen Gauld (Santa Monica College), "Feasting on the Dead?" (20 min.)

Andrew Cohen (Brandeis University), "A Comparative Look at Human Sacrifice in the Royal Cemetery of Ur" (20 min.)

Discussion (10 min.)

Jill Weber (University of Pennsylvania), "Restoring Order: Death, Display and Authority" (20 min.)

Anne Porter (University of Southern California), "Death by Unnatural Causes: The Social Significance of Ritualized Killing" (20 min.)

Discussion (10 min.)

2:00–4:00pm

### Archaeology of Syria

Mark W. Chavalas (University of Wisconsin-La Crosse), Presiding

Adam Maskevich (Johns Hopkins University), "Umm el-Marra and the Mitanni Empire in Inland Syria" (20 min.)

Rudolph H. Dornemann (ASOR), "The 2007 Season of Excavations at Tell Qarqur, Syria" (30 min.)

Jesse Casana (University of Arkansas), "Settlement History and Environmental Change at Tell Qarqur" (20 min.)

Laurent Tholbecq (Université Laval), "A New Joint Syro-Canadian Project on Hosn Suleiman (Jabal Ansariyeh, Syria): The Architectural Study of the Hellenistic and Roman Sanctuary of Baetocaecae" (20 min.)

Lidewijde de Jong (Stanford University), "Tombs in Roman Syria: Reconstructing Ancient Imperialism through Mortuary Practices" (20 min.)

### Social Aspects of Human and Animal Sacrifice in the Ancient Near East II

Anne Porter (University of Southern California), Presiding

Gillian Goslinga (University of California at Santa Cruz), "On Sakti-Filled Bodies and Divinities: An Anthropological Perspective on Animal Sacrifice and Ritual in Contemporary South India" (20 min.)

Brian Hesse (Pennsylvania State University), Paula Wapnish (Pennsylvania State University) and Jonathan Greer (Pennsylvania State University), "Sacrificial Animals? -- Between Evidence and Interpretation" (20 min.)

Discussion (10 min.)

Mary Voigt (College of William and Mary), "Patterns in the Deposition of Human Remains in Later Hellenistic Gordion: The Arguments for Human and Animal Sacrifice" (20 min.)

Baruch Levine (New York University), "The Biblical Evidence: Sacrifice as a Legitimizing Act," (20 min.)

Discussion (10 min.)

### Archaeology of Jordan

Leigh-Ann Bedal (Penn State Erie, The Behrend College), Presiding

Thomas E. Levy (University of California, San Diego) and Mohammad Najjar (Department of Antiquities of Jordan), "New Light on Edomite State Formation - the 2006 Excavations at Khirbat en-Nahas, Jordan" (20 min.) - Discussion (5 min.)

Mark Beherec (University of California, San Diego), "Relations of the Iron Age Dead: Wadi Fidan 40 and Its Neighbors" (20 min.) - Discussion (5 min.)

Leigh-Ann Bedal (Penn State Erie), "The Petra Garden & Pool-Complex, 2007" (20 min.) - Discussion (5 min.)

Martha Sharp Joukowsky (Brown University), "2006 Brown University Excavations at the Petra Great Temple" (20 min.) - Discussion (5 min.)

Eric Kansa (The Alexandria Archive Institute), Sarah Witcher Kansa (The Alexandria Archive Institute), and Martha Sharp Joukowsky (Brown University), "Petra, Open City: Online Publication of Digital Content from Brown University's Excavations at the Great Temple" (20 min.) - Discussion (5 min.)

### Material Culture in Ottoman Syro-Palestine

Theme: *The Ottoman Empire as a shaper of society and culture in the Levant.*

Bert de Vries (Calvin College), Presiding

Bert de Vries (Calvin College), "Introduction: Nostalgia for Empire" (5 min.)

Kamal Abdulfattah (Birzeit University), "History of relations between the center, Istanbul, and the periphery, the Levant" (25 min.)

Douglas Howard (Calvin College), "A view from the central bureaucracy in the 17th century" (25 min.)

Anders Bjørkelo (University of Bergen), "Ottoman reform and socio-economic change in Transjordan during the 19th Century" (25 min.)

Bethany Walker (Grand Valley State University), "Jordan's economy and culture under early Ottoman rule" (25 min.)

Discussion (15 min.)

# ASOR ANNUAL MEETING

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM — FRIDAY & SATURDAY

### The Archaeology of Cyprus II

*Theme: Material as Culture: The Archaeology of 'Cypriote' Identity at Home and Abroad*

Nancy Serwint (Arizona State University), Presiding

Nicolle Hirschfeld (Trinity University), "'Cypro-Minoan' beyond the Island" (20 min.)

Georgia Bazemore (Eastern Washington University), Symbols, Ethnic Identity, and Phonetic Meaning: The Cypriote Syllabic Writing System (20 min.)

General Discussion (10 min.)

Joanna S. Smith (Columbia University), "Changing Views of the Self and the Built Environment at Kition" (25 min.)

Ann-Marie Knoblauch (Virginia Tech University), "Iconography and Identity: The Case of Cyprus" (20 min.)

General Discussion (10 min.)

4:15–6:15pm

### ASOR Members Meeting

Eric Meyers, President (Duke University), Tammi Schneider, Vice President for Membership (Claremont Graduate University), and Eric Cline, Vice President of Programs, (George Washington University), Presiding

## Saturday 17 November

8:30–10:30am

### The Bioarchaeology of the Near East and Eastern Mediterranean I

*Theme: Population Movement and Postmortem Skeletal Modifications*

Jaime Ullinger (Ohio State University) Presiding

Susan Sheridan (University of Notre Dame), Alicia Cooper (University of Notre Dame), and Jaime Ullinger (Ohio State University), "The Bioarchaeology of Migration: Reconstructing Pilgrimage to Byzantine Jerusalem" (20 min.)

Roy King (Stanford University), Aaron Brody (Pacific School of Religion), and Peter Underhill (Stanford University), "Y Chromosome Evidence of Migration: MB IIA Southern Levant" (20 min.)

Nathan Kayne Harper (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), "Types No More: Biodistance and the Archaeologist" (20 min.)

Suellen Gauld (Santa Monica College), S. W. Kansa (Alexandria Archive Institute), and J.W. Oliver (Department of Anthropology, Illinois State Museum), "Feasting on the Dead? Osteological Evidence of Butchery and Cannibalism at Domuztepe, a Late Neolithic Settlement in Southern Anatolia" (20 min.)

Aharon Sasson (University of California San Diego), "Taphonomic Study of Faunal Remains in Tel Sites: A Case Study from Stratum II, Tel Beer-Sheba" (20 min.)  
General Discussion (20 min.)

### Workshop on the Roman Aqaba Project

*Theme: The Hinterland of Aila, a Roman Port on the Red Sea*

S. Thomas Parker (North Carolina State University), Presiding

Andrew M. Smith II (Dowling College), "Reconsidering the *territorium* of Roman Aila" (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

Gwyn Davies (Florida International University), "The Roman Fort at Yotvata in its Regional Context" (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

John Peter Oleson (University of Victoria), "Hawara (Humayma) as a Regional Economic Centre" (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

S. Thomas Parker (North Carolina State University), "Reconstructing the Economic Hinterland of Aila" (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

General Discussion (15 min.)

### Artifacts: The Inside Story

Elizabeth S. Friedman (Illinois Institute of Technology), Presiding

Joan Schneider (University of California, Riverside and California State Parks) and Philip LaPorta (City University of New York), "Where's the Source? Looking for the Sources of Basaltic Milling Implements and Vessels in the Southern Levant" (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

Peter Magee (Bryn Mawr College), "Imported and Local Behaviors and Vessels: ICP-MS/OES Analysis of Ceramics from an Iron Age settlement in Southeastern Arabia" (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

Peter Northover (University of Oxford), "Impurity Patterns and Metal Chronologies" (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

H. Xander Veldhuijzen (University College London), "Sacrificing Tuyères. The Role of Technical Ceramics in Early Iron Smelting (Tell Hammeh, Jordan; 930 CalBC) and Iron Smithing (Tel Beth-Shemesh; 900 CalBC)" (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

Lynn Swartz Dodd (University of Southern California), Meg Abraham (The Aerospace Corp.), and Ashley Sands (University of Southern California), "Direct Evidence for Bronze-making Techniques in the Upper Tigris River Region" (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)

# ASOR ANNUAL MEETING

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM — SATURDAY

### Archaeology of Iran I

*Theme: Chalcolithic to Bronze Age Research Projects*

Catherine A. Demos (University of California, Berkeley),

Presiding

Omran Garazhian (University of Bu-Ali Sina, Hamadan, Iran), "Cultural changes of Chalcolithic Cultures to Bronze Age in Northeastern Iran." (20 min.)

Mehdi Mortazavi (University of Sistan and Baluchistan), "Who were the Meluhha?" (20 min.)

Brian Wilson (University of Chicago), "Controlling colonists or colonists controlled: reexamining the relationship between Uruk traders and the town of Godin Tepe." (20 min.)

Lesley Frame (University of Arizona), "Reinterpreting a past excavation: metal production at Bronze Age Godin Tepe." (20 min.)

Azam Tohidlou (Iranian Center for Archaeological Research — ICAR), "The study of third millennium ceramics from Godin Tepe." (20 min.)

General Discussion (15 min.)

### Problems in Ceramic Typology

Celia Bergoffen (Fashion Institute of Technology), Presiding

Talia Goldman (Weizmann Institute of Science), "Assessing Individual Variability in Pottery Making: An Ethnoarchaeological Experiment on Iron Age Bowls from Tel Dor Using 3-D Recording and Mathematical Shape Analysis" (20 min.)

Hanan Charaf (University of Paris I and SCIEEM 2000), "Tell Arqa at the end of the Late Bronze Age: new evidence from recent excavations" (20 min.)

Robert Mullins (Azusa Pacific University), "A New Look at Alalakh during the Late Bronze Age: Stratigraphy, Pottery and Chronology" (20 min.)

Susan Ellis (Wayne State College), "Analysis of Oil Lamps from Abila in the St. Louis Collection" (20 min.)

Neil Smith (University of California, San Diego), "Ceramics and the Chronological Relationship between the Lowlands and Highlands of Ancient Edom: a typological and radiocarbon study of sites in the Faynan District and Showbak, Jordan" (20 min.)

General discussion (20 min.)

10:45–12:45am

### The Bioarchaeology of the Near East and Eastern Mediterranean II

*Theme: Health, Quality of Life, and Mortuary Issues*

Megan A. Perry (East Carolina University), Presiding

Jaime Ullinger (Ohio State University), "Health in Transition at Early Bronze Age Bab edh-Dhra'" (20 min.)

Jerome Rose and Melissa Zabecki (University of Arkansas), "Demography and Cribra Orbitalia among Commoners at New Kingdom Tell Amarna, Egypt" (20 min.)

Clark S. Larsen (Ohio State University), Simon Hillson (University College London), Lori Hager (University of California, Berkeley), Basak Boz (Selçuk University), Christopher Ruff (Johns Hopkins University), and Jessica Pearson (University of Liverpool), "Life Stresses at Çatalhöyük, A Neolithic Community in Central Anatolia, Turkey" (20 min.)

Brenda Baker (Arizona State University) and Amy Papalexandrou (University of Texas, Austin), "A Bioarchaeological Perspective on Burials and Basilicas of Medieval Polis, Cyprus" (20 min.)

Christina Torres-Ruff (Colorado College) and William J. Pestle (University of Illinois at Chicago), "Skeletal Biology and Mortuary Practices at Kish, Iraq: A Preliminary Investigation of the Human Remains Excavated by the Joint Oxford-Field Museum Expedition (1923-1933)" (20 min.)

### Current Issues in Palestinian Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Management

Robert R. Souders (Eastern Washington University) and Adel H. Yahya (Palestinian Association for Cultural Exchange), Presiding

Robert R. Souders (Eastern Washington University) & Salah Houdeliah (al-Quds University), "The Impact of Housing Development on Palestinian Cultural Heritage: Ramallah Province as a Case Study" (25 min.)

Mohammad Jaradat (Palestinian Department of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage), "Preventing Illicit Excavations in the Occupied Palestinian Territories: The Role of the Palestinian Department of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage" (25 min.)

Sandra Scham (Catholic University of America), "Getting the Word Out--Palestinian Cultural Heritage in the Media" (25 min.)

Adel H. Yahya (Palestinian Association for Cultural Exchange), "Impacts of the Israeli Separation Wall on Palestinian Heritage in the West Bank" (25 min.)

Hamed Salem (Birzeit University), Respondent (20 min.)

### Eastern Mediterranean Diasporas: Cultural and Economic Implications

Peter van Alfen (American Numismatic Society), Presiding

Kristoffer Momrak (University of Bergen), "Outside of society? Greeks in the East and Phoenicians in the West" (20 min.)

Catherine Aubert (IFAPO, Beirut), "The Greek Eastern Mediterranean diaspora in Beirut during the Hellenistic period" (20 min.)

Christine M. Thompson (University of California, Los Angeles), "Greek Economic Responses to the Phoenician Diaspora of the Early First Millennium BCE" (20 min.)

# ASOR ANNUAL MEETING

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM — SATURDAY

*Vadim Jigoulov* (University of Michigan), "Money Talks: Sidonian Coinage and its Connections with Persian Imperial Iconography" (20 min.)

*Peter van Alfen* (American Numismatic Society), "Market interface: diaspora communities and long distance trade" (20 min.)

General Discussion (30 min.)

### The Ties That Bind:

#### Social Integration in Near Eastern Antiquity

*Edward Maher* (The Field Museum), Organizer, *Jill Baker* (Albright Institute of Archaeological Research), Presiding

*Louise Hitchcock* (Centre for Classics and Archaeology, University of Melbourne), "Building the Ties that Bind: Integrating Elite Identity Through an 'International Style' of Monumental Architecture in the East Mediterranean" (18 min.)

*Abigail Limmer* (University of Arizona), "Jewelry as a Tool for Social Construction in the Iron Age II Southern Levant" (18 min.)

*Jill Baker* (Albright Institute of Archaeological Research), "Dry Bones, Living Sinew: The Funeral Kit that Binds" (15 min.)

*Susan Cohen* (Montana State University), "Orienting the Living and the Dead: Direction in Cult and Mortuary Practices in Canaan" (18 min.)

*Gloria London* (Lifetime Learning Center), "Feasts in Late Second Millennium B.C.E. at Tall al-'Umayri" (18 min.)

*Benjamin Porter* (Princeton University), "Discussant" (18 min.)

General Discussion (10 min.)

### Archaeology of Iran II

*Theme: Iron Age, Achaemenid and post-Achaemenid Research Projects*

*TBA*, Presiding

*Mehrdad Malekzadeh* (Iranian Center for Archaeological Research—ICAR), "Sangtarashan: an Iron Age site in Pish-Kuh, Luristan." (20 min.)

*Ali Mousavi* (Los Angeles County Museum of Art), "Pasargadae: new research and restoration project." (20 min.)

*Sabrina Maras* (University of California—Berkeley), "Monumental vs. Miniscule: the expression of Achaemenid power as seen in glyptic art." (20 min.)

*Alina Ayvazian* (University of California—Los Angeles), "Achaemenid sites in Armenia and the formation of the Armenian Kingdom: a progress report." (20 min.)

*Alireza Askari-Chaverdi* (Iranian Center for Archaeological Research—ICAR), "Recent post-Achaemenid Finds from southern Fars, Iran." (20 min.)

General Discussion (20 min.)

2:00–4:00pm

### Egypt and Canaan I

*K. Lawson Younger, Jr.* (Trinity International University), Presiding

*James K. Hoffmeier* (Trinity International University), "The Decoration & Destruction of the Gate of the Late Bronze Fort at Tell el-Borg (North Sinai)" (30 min.)

*Catherine Duff* (University of Toronto), "Levantine Ceramics and Economic Relations at Tell el-Borg in the Northwest Sinai" (30 min.)

*Peter Feinman* (Institute of History, Archaeology and Education), "Garden of Eden: Creation Story for the People of the Exodus" (30 min.)

Discussion (30 min.)

### Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Remote Sensing, and Archaeology

*Gary L. Christopherson* (University of Arizona), Presiding

*Kyle Knabb* (University of California, San Diego), "A Spatial Analysis of Khirbat en-Nahas: On the Outside Looking Inside" (25 min.)

*Sarah Parcak* (University of Alabama-Birmingham), "Settlement Patterns and Remote Sensing in Egyptian Archaeology" (25 min.)

*Gary L. Christopherson* (University of Arizona), "'Google' Archaeology: data and applications for everybody" (25 min.)

*Robert Cargill* (UCLA), "The Archaeology of Qumran: The Digitally Reconstructed Settlement and a Proposed Occupation Model" (25 min.)

### Israel's Political Landscape

*Seth L. Sanders* (Trinity College) and *Edward Silver* (University of Chicago), Presiding

*Rachel Havrelock* (University of Illinois at Chicago), "Between State and Empire: The Map of Israel's Land" (20 min.) – Discussion (10 min.)

*Yuval Gadot* (Hebrew Union College), *Oded Lipschits* (Tel Aviv University), and *Manfred Oeming* (University of Heidelberg), "Royal Landscape and Royal Architecture: Viewing Ramat Rahel from Afar" (20 min.) – Discussion (10 min.)

*Edward Silver* (University of Chicago), "Clay, Cloth and the Megillat-sefer: How Meaning becomes Material in the Jeremiah Narrative" (20 min.) – Discussion (10 min.)

*Tzemah Yoreh* (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), "The Altar and Memorial Geography in Biblical Literature" (20 min.) – Discussion (10 min.)

# ASOR ANNUAL MEETING

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM — SATURDAY

### Workshop on Caesarea Maritima

*Kenneth G. Holum* (University of Maryland), Presiding

*Kenneth G. Holum* (University of Maryland) "The Evolution of Caesarea's Urban Plan: New Understandings of Old Data" (25 min.)

*Michael Zimmerman* (Brown University) and *Martha K. Rissler* (Trinity College), "Roman Dining Practices at Caesarea Maritima: Reflections in the Ceramic Material" (25 min.)

*Moshe Fischer* (Tel Aviv University) "Caesarea Maritima Through Its Columns and Capitals, Part II" (25 min.)

*Carol Cope* (Institute for Galilean Archeology), "Shachita and Dahabiha Halal: Their Cultural Relationship and the Archaeological Record" (25 min.)

*Kenneth G. Holum* (University of Maryland), Discussion (15 min.)

### Ethnoarchaeology of Ancient Pottery

*Gloria London* (Tall al-'Umayri Teachers' Institute), Presiding

*Eleni Hasaki* (University of Arizona), "Ethnoarchaeology of Space: Size and Space Allocation of Pottery Workshops in Moknine, Tunisia" (20 min.) - Discussion (5 min.)

*Hamed Salem* (Birzeit University), "The Late Bronze Age Pottery Traditions and Craftsmanship at Tell Jenin-Palestine" (20 min.) - Discussion (5 min.)

*Suzanne Richard* (Gannon University) and *Paul Holdorf* (Kh. Iskander Expedition), "Final Analysis of the Quantitative Study of the Khirbet Iskander EB IV Ceramic Assemblage" (20 min.) - Discussion (5 min.)

*Anne McKinney Dehnisch* (Independent Researcher), "Creating Cookware in the Eastern Lower Galilee: Purview of the Housewife or the Professional?" (20 min.) - Discussion (5 min.)

*Niels Groot and Joris Dik* (Delft University of Technology), "The 'Ammonite' ceramic traditions in the Iron Age IIc/Persian Period pottery from Tell Deir 'Alla in the Jordan Valley" (20 min.)

# ASOR ANNUAL MEETING

## SCHEDULE OF RECEPTIONS & BUSINESS MEETINGS

### Wednesday November 14th

3:00-4:00pm Lindstrom Fellows Organizational Meeting, *Alexandra Ratzlaff*, Presiding

4:00-5:30pm Committee on Meetings and Programs, *Eric H. Cline*, Presiding

6:00-7:00pm Regional Affiliations Committee (CAP), *Suzanne Richard*, Presiding

8:30-10:30pm Welcome Reception, *Eric Meyers*, Presiding

### Thursday November 15th

7:00-8:30am *Bulletin of ASOR* (BASOR) Editorial Board, *James Weinstein*, Presiding

7:00-8:30am *Near Eastern Archaeology* (NEA) Editorial Board, *Jeff Blakely*, Presiding

7:00-8:30am Consultation of Dig Directors in Jordan, *Bethany Walker*, Presiding

12:45-2:00pm Jr. Scholars Luncheon & Workshop

12:45-2:00pm Madaba Plains Project Reception, *Lawrence T. Geraty*, Presiding

2:00-4:00pm ASOR Development Committee, *Terry Hofecker*, Presiding

8:00-9:00pm *Museum of Man* and ASOR Reception, featuring tours of the exhibit "Journey to the Copper Age: Archaeology in the Holy Land".

### Friday November 16th

7:00-8:30am Outreach Committee, *Ellen Bedell*, Presiding

7:00-8:30am ASOR Honors and Awards Committee, *Sandra Scham*, Presiding

7:00-8:30am ASOR Lecture Series Committee, TBA, Presiding

8:30-10:30am CAARI Executive Committee, *Gus Feissel*, Presiding

8:30-10:30am ASOR Damascus Committee, *Jesse Casana*, Presiding

8:30-10:30am ASOR Committee on Publications (COP), *Jeffrey A. Blakely*, Presiding

8:30-11:00am AIAR Fellowships Committee, *Joan Branham*, Presiding

11:00-12:30pm AIAR Executive Committee, *Ed Wright*, Presiding

12:30-1:30pm AIAR Board of Trustees Luncheon, *Ed Wright*, Presiding

12:30–2:30pm ASOR Baghdad Committee,  
*Richard Zettler*, Presiding  
12:45–2:00pm Madaba Plains Project Staff Consultation,  
*Øystein LaBianca*, Presiding  
12:45–2:00pm Tell Gezer Staff and Consortium  
Consultation, *Steven Ortiz*, Presiding  
1:30–4:30pm AIAR Board of Trustees,  
*Ed Wright*, Presiding  
4:30–6:30pm ASOR Members Meeting, *Eric Meyers*,  
*Eric H. Cline* and *Tammi Schneider*, Presiding

### Saturday November 17th

7:00–8:30am Program Committee, *Jennie Ebeling* and  
*Yorke Rowan*, Presiding  
9:00am–5:00pm CAARI Board of Trustees,  
*Gus Feissel*, Presiding  
8:30–9:30am ASOR Membership Committee – Combined

8:30–10:30am ASOR Management & Finance Committee,  
*P.E. MacAllister*, Presiding  
8:30am–12:30pm Tell el Hesi Board & Publications  
Committee, *Jeffrey Blakely*, Presiding  
9:30–10:30am ASOR Membership Committee - Individual,  
*K. Lawson Younger*, Presiding  
9:30–10:30am ASOR Membership Committee - Institutional,  
*Tammi Schneider*, Presiding  
10:30–1:00pm ASOR Executive Committee,  
*P.E. MacAllister*, Presiding  
2:00–4:00pm ASOR Canada, *Larry Herr*, Presiding  
2:00–4:00pm Institutional Representatives Meeting,  
*Tammi Schneider*, Presiding  
2:00–6:00pm Committee on Archaeological Research and  
Policy (CARP), *Ann Killebrew*, Presiding  
2:00–6:00pm ACOR Board of Trustees,  
*Artemis Joukowsky*, Presiding

## 2007 ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION SAN DIEGO, CA – NOVEMBER 14-17

Please see our [Annual Meeting web page](#) for detailed schedules, information on housing and transportation, and online registration forms for the meeting and hotel:

<http://www.asor.org/AM/am.html>

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Park. For more details on transportation and San Diego attractions please visit the link “Hotel and San Diego” on our web page.

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### Registration Desk On-Site

The ASOR registration desk will be located in the Marble Registration Desk on the second level. All those preregistered should come to the ASOR registration desk to pick up their name tag, the final meeting program and abstract book.

#### Registration desk hours will be:

Wednesday Nov. 14	4pm to 7pm
Thursday Nov. 15	8am to 5pm
Friday Nov. 16	8am to 5pm
Saturday Nov. 17	8am to 12 noon

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## Special Evening Programs

### Plenary Session & Welcome Reception [Wednesday, Nov. 14th, 7:00pm]

The opening Plenary session on Wednesday night will begin with a welcome from ASOR's California representatives: David Noel Freedman (UCSD), Norma Kershaw (ASOR, AIAR), Dr. Tom Levy (UCSD), and Dr. Bill Schneidewind (UCLA). Participants will be treated to a "sneak peek" of the Qumran Visualization Project, presented by the program's creator Robert Cargill. The evening's main event will be Dr. Jodi Magness' plenary address on "The Current State of Qumran Archaeology". Dr. Magness is the Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her books include *The Archaeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls* and *Debating Qumran: Collected Essays on Its Archaeology*. Magness will offer a stimulating lecture on the archaeological context of the Dead Sea Scrolls and discuss various interpretations of the site. Following the plenary session there will be a welcome reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres, offering a chance for members to meet and greet.

### Journey to the Copper Age: Archaeology in the Holy Land Reception [Thursday, Nov. 15th, 8:00pm]

ASOR, the University of California San Diego – Department of Judaic Studies, and the San Diego Museum of Man will be sponsoring a reception in conjunction with the exhibit "Journey to the Copper Age: Archaeology in the Holy Land" featured at the San Diego Museum of Man. In addition to the reception the museum will be offering FREE tours of the exhibit to ASOR Annual Meeting participants. Located in Balboa Park in the historic California Quadrangle, the Museum of Man will be the backdrop for an evening of exploration into the Copper Age's creations and artistic expressions from 6,000 years ago. Guests will have the opportunity to tour this unique exhibit throughout the evening while they enjoy refreshments in the museum's main hall.

## New Sessions and Themes

New Sessions this year include:

- New Insights from Tell Dor, Israel
- Copyright Law for Archaeologists and other Academics
- The Madaba Plains Project After 40 Years
- The Tel Zayit Abecedary
- Social Aspects of Human and Animal Sacrifice in the Ancient Near East
- Problems in Ceramic Typology
- Eastern Mediterranean Diasporas:
  - Cultural and Economic Implication
- The Ties that Bind:
  - Social Integration in Near Eastern Antiquity
- Israel's Political Landscape
- Ethnoarchaeology of Ancient Pottery

Our existing sessions will cover recent research in Cyprus, Israel, and Jordan as well as Syria, Iran, and Anatolia, from prehistoric times to the Ottoman era.

## For Students and Junior Scholars

ASOR's student members and recent Ph.Ds will have the opportunity to formally convene for a luncheon and workshop from 12:45-2:00pm on Thursday, November 15th. The workshop will focus on how to effectively use PowerPoint, address a large audience, answer questions on the fly, get your ideas across to a general audience, and simply conquer the raging butterflies that accompany the mere thought of presenting a paper in public. The Junior Scholar Committee of ASOR has the answer to these issues and many more. Students and junior scholars are invited to a roundtable luncheon on "Presenting the Perfect Paper" by Dr. Michael Homan of Xavier University. Dr. Homan, the author of *The Bible for Dummies* among other notable books, works as both an archaeologist and textual scholar. His witty personality ensures an entertaining lunch discussing the intricacies of paper presentations. This event is free of cost (sponsored by ASOR) and includes a brown bag lunch. Preregistration is required, please visit the Junior Scholar Committee web page for details and to register ([www.asor.org/AM/JrScholars07.htm](http://www.asor.org/AM/JrScholars07.htm)). Information on the Junior Scholar's annual informal Meet & Greet will also be posted on their web page. Check back for details on the location of this year's social gathering.

## Program and Abstracts

The following pages detail the academic program for the meeting. The Abstract Book will also be available online October 15th. Both the final meeting program and abstract book will be available at the registration desk throughout the annual meeting. The ASOR web page with meeting details can be found at [www.asor.org/AM/am.html](http://www.asor.org/AM/am.html).

Come join us....



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## WEDNESDAY PLENARY SESSION

Plenary Introduction by

### Robert R. Cargill presents a glimpse into “Ancient Qumran: A Virtual Reality Tour”

ASOR members will be treated to a short introduction to the virtual world of Ancient Qumran. The Virtual Reality Tour is a fully reconstructed, real-time, interactive model of the site at Khirbet Qumran. *Ancient Qumran*, setting the standard for Qumran archaeology, allows the ancient site to literally emerge from its remains. Every room at Khirbet Qumran is reconstructed and furnished with artifacts. The result is a journey back in time and a glimpse into a world that influenced the birth of modern Judaism and Christianity.

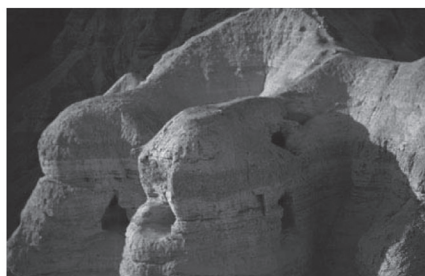


**The Creators:** The model is being designed by University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) doctoral candidate Robert R. Cargill, who is studying under Dr. William Schniedewind, Qumran Visualization Project Director and Chair of the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at UCLA. Cargill is trained in both Biblical Studies and archaeology, holds a Master of Divinity from Pepperdine University and is near completion of his Ph.D. in Second Temple Judaism and Archaeology. He has taught at Pepperdine University for four years.

PLENARY SPEAKER

### JODI MAGNESS

Professor, Department of Religious Studies  
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill



### “THE CURRENT STATE OF QUMRAN ARCHAEOLOGY”

Ever since de Vaux conducted excavations at Qumran in the 1950s, a majority of scholars have agreed with him that it was the community center of a Jewish sect who deposited the Dead Sea Scrolls in the nearby caves. However, over the last 20 years a vocal minority of scholars have identified Qumran differently - as a villa, manor house, fort, and commercial entrepot, for example. Yizhak Magen and Yuval Peleg, who recently conducted renewed excavations at Qumran, claim that it was a pottery production center. In this lecture we review the history of scholarly interpretation of the Qumran site and examine the validity of the different identifications.



Jodi Magness is the Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She received her B.A. in Archaeology and History from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and her Ph.D. in Classical Archaeology from the University of Pennsylvania. Her books include *The Archaeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls*, *The Archaeology of the Early Islamic Settlement in Palestine*, and *Debating Qumran: Collected Essays on Its Archaeology*.

## “CROSSING JORDAN”

### THE 10TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF JORDAN

Conference Co-Organizers

Barbara A. Porter, ACOR

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More than 220 participants from 21 countries assembled in late May 2007 at the Elliott School of International Affairs of the George Washington University (GWU) in Washington, D.C. for the 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan (ICHAJ). Held every three years since 1980, ICHAJ can now celebrate the successful completion of a landmark tenth conference, and this for the first time in North America.

Presenters concentrated on the theme of “Crossing Jordan,” including archaeological and historical issues as well as the conservation and presentation of sites and monuments. The theme is also articulated in a conference volume, *Crossing Jordan: North American Contributions to the Archaeology of Jordan*, edited by Thomas E. Levy, P.M. Michèle Daviau, Randall W. Younker, and May Shaer, and published by Equinox.

With a record 140 papers presented, the participants “crossed Jordan” in a variety of ways. They did so chronologically—from the prehistoric periods through modern times; thematically—from issues surrounding site preservation and museum development in order to conserve and present Jordan’s considerable cultural heritage, to the anthropological topics of religion and society; geographically—from all corners of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and beyond; intellectually—from techniques and technologies of the past to avant-garde approaches characteristic of today’s modern, digitized technological applications to archaeology.

Opening ceremonies featured a speech by HRH Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan, who with her father, HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal, has long been interested in and committed to historical and archaeological research in Jordan. It was her father, Prince El Hassan, who initiated the first ICHAJ

conference at Oxford in 1980. Her remarks reflected the royal family’s ongoing commitment to the highest principles of collaborative research, cultural management and the presentation of the rich variety of sites of interest to the Jordanian public and international visitors.

Major receptions opened and closed the conference on site at GWU and another took place at the Jordan Embassy and was hosted by HRH Ambassador Zeid Ra’ad Al-Husseini. The conference gala banquet occurred in the elegantly apportioned rotunda of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History, preceded by a reception in the newly and spectacularly renovated Hall of Mammals. The gala and its



*ICHAJ 10 participants who had attended the first ICHAJ conference at Oxford in 1980 (from left: Larry Geraty, Moawiyeh Ibrahim, Raouf Abujaber, Bert de Vries, Denyse Homès-Frederic, Marilyn and Tom Schaub and Kay Prag; Photo by Marvin T. Jones).*

reception were hosted by the Department of Antiquities of Jordan under the directorship of Dr. Fawwaz Al-Khrayseh and the American Center of Oriental Research, Amman, whose board chairman, Mr. Artemis A. W. Joukowsky, was the co-chair of the North American Committee with Douglas Clark.

For further information about the conference, visit the web site ([www.ICHAJ.org](http://www.ICHAJ.org)).✦

# THE AMERICAN CENTER OF ORIENTAL RESEARCH (AMMAN)

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF FELLOWSHIPS 2008–2009

Deadline for all applications is February 1, 2008

**The Kress Fellowship in the Art and Archaeology of Jordan:** One or more three- to six-month fellowships for pre-doctoral students completing dissertation research in an art historical topic: art history, archaeology, architectural history, and in some cases classical studies. Applicants must be Ph.D. candidates and U.S. citizens or foreign nationals who have matriculated at U.S. institutions. The maximum award for six months is \$18,500.

**ACOR-CAORC Fellowship:** Three or more two- to six-month fellowships for MA and pre-doctoral students. Fields of study include all areas of the humanities and the natural and social sciences. Topics should contribute to scholarship in Near Eastern studies. U.S. citizenship required. Maximum award is \$20,200. Subject to funding.

**ACOR-CAORC Post-Graduate Fellowship:** Two or more two- to six-month fellowships for post-doctoral scholars and scholars with a terminal degree in their field, pursuing research or publication projects in the natural and social sciences, humanities, and associated disciplines relating to the Near East. U.S. citizenship required. Maximum award is \$26,200. Subject to funding.

**National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship:** One four-month fellowship for scholars who have a Ph.D. or have completed their professional training. Fields of research include: modern and classical languages, linguistics, literature, history, jurisprudence, philosophy, archaeology, comparative religion, ethics, and the history, criticism, and theory of the arts. Social and political scientists are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or foreign nationals living in the U.S. three years immediately preceding the application deadline. The maximum award is \$20,000.

**The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation East-Central European Research Fellows Program:** Two or three three-month fellowships for scholars who have a Ph.D. or equivalent experience, pursuing research in any field of the humanities or social sciences that relates to the Near East. Applicants must be citizens of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, or Slovakia. The award is \$11,500.

**Jennifer C. Groot Fellowship:** Two or more awards of \$1,500 each to support beginners in archaeological fieldwork who have been accepted as staff members on archaeological projects with ASOR/CAP affiliation in Jordan. Open to undergraduate or graduate students of U.S. or Canadian citizenship.

**Bert and Sally de Vries Fellowship:** One award of \$1,000 to support a student for participation on an archaeological project. Senior project staff whose expenses are being borne largely by the project are ineligible. Open to enrolled undergraduate or graduate students of any nationality.

**Harrell Family Fellowship:** One award of \$1,500 to support a graduate student for participation on an archaeological project. Senior project staff whose expenses are being borne largely by the project are ineligible. Open to enrolled graduate students of any nationality.

**Pierre and Patricia Bikai Fellowship:** One or more awards for one to two months residency at ACOR. It is open to enrolled graduate students of any nationality participating on an archaeological project or conducting research in Jordan. The fellowship includes room and board at ACOR and a monthly stipend of \$400.

**James A. Sauer Fellowship:** One award of \$690 to a Jordanian graduate student, in Jordan or elsewhere, to advance his or her academic career in the field of archaeology, anthropology, conservation, or related areas. The award might be used for participation on an archaeological project, for research expenses, academic tuition, or travel to scholarly conferences. For the 2008-2009 funding cycle this competition is open only to Jordanian citizens.

**MacDonald/Sampson Fellowship:** One award for six weeks residency at ACOR and participation on an archaeological project or research in the fields of Ancient Near Eastern languages and history, archaeology, Bible studies, or comparative religion. The fellowship includes room and board at ACOR and a stipend of \$600. It is open to enrolled undergraduate or graduate students of Canadian citizenship or landed immigrant status.

**Kenneth W. Russell Fellowship:** One award of \$1,500 to support a graduate student for participation in an ACOR-approved archaeological research project, which has passed an academic review process. Senior project staff whose expenses are being borne largely by the project are ineligible. For this cycle the competition is closed to Jordanian students, but open to enrolled graduate students of all other nationalities.

**Frederick-Wenger Jordanian Educational Fellowship:** One award of \$1,400 to assist a Jordanian student with the cost of their education. Eligibility is not limited to a specific field of study, but preference will be given to study related to Jordan's cultural heritage. Open to enrolled undergraduate or graduate students of Jordanian citizenship.

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### Semitics Job Announcement

The **Department of Semitic and Egyptian Languages and Literatures at The Catholic University of America** invites applications for **two** full-time tenure-track positions in Hebrew philology, one senior and one junior. Candidates must be able to teach advanced graduate courses in biblical Hebrew, *and* have command of one or more of the following: Aramaic, Syriac, Akkadian, Ugaritic, Arabic, Northwest Semitic epigraphy, Comparative Semitics and Coptic. Expertise in linguistics is also desirable. Applicants must be able to contribute to the department's international reputation for excellence in graduate training and research. Interest and ability in expanding undergraduate education in Near Eastern languages, history, and religion are also welcome.

A letter of application, curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation should be sent by November 1, 2007 to Prof. Sidney Griffith, Chair of the Department of Semitic and Egyptian Languages and Literatures, 35 Mullen Library, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 20064. Applicants are invited to submit a representative sample of their scholarship (ca. 25 pages) which may be a work-in-progress and/or a chapter of a larger project. Questions may be addressed to Professor Griffith via e-mail: [Griffith@cua.edu](mailto:Griffith@cua.edu).

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## Archives Update for Fall 2007

Submitted by Rachel Hallote,  
Chair of the Archives Committee

In July 2007 the Archives Committee successfully submitted its application for an NEH grant. We expect to hear the results of the application in the spring.

During the process of completing the application, we have learned a lot more about our own archival holdings. Most of our material is in fair to good physical condition, but some will require significant conservation. The latter material includes photographs as well as maps and plans of sites, housed both in Boston and in the Albright Institute in Jerusalem.

Among the materials housed in Jerusalem are significant amounts of Clarence Fisher's notes, as well as papers of the Assyriologist Edmund Gordon, who did significant work on the Amarna materials.

The main goal of the first phase of the project is to create a finding aid that will ultimately be available online. The finding aid will encompass the archival holdings in the ASOR office in Boston, the Glueck material in the Semitic Museum at Harvard University, and the material in the Albright Institute in Jerusalem.

The Archives Committee consists of Eric Meyers, Rachel Hallote, Joseph Greene and Jeffrey Blakely. ❁

### Members Meeting Agenda – 2007 Annual Meeting Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina

November 16th, 2007

4:30 – 6:30pm

Fairbanks Room

Call to Order – President Eric Meyers

1. Roll Call – Secretary James Strange  
(by written circulation)
2. Agenda Approval
3. Memorial Moments – President Meyers
4. Welcome and Introductions  
– Board Chairman P.E. MacAllister
5. Financial Report Summary – circulated in paper form
6. Nominations Committee Report and Elections  
– Chair Jeffrey A. Blakely
7. Discussion on future direction of Annual Meeting
  - a) Discussion chaired by Eric Cline (Vice President of Programs) & Tammi Schneider (Vice President of Membership)
    - i. Overview of annual meeting details and future options under consideration
    - ii. Review of survey results
    - iii. General Question & Answer discussion
8. Honors and Awards – Sandra Scham,  
Chair Honors and Awards
9. Election Results Announcement  
– Chair Jeffrey A. Blakely

Adjourn

Please review the survey results at [www.asor.org](http://www.asor.org) ("Membership Survey Results") and bring prepared questions to present at the meeting.

# REMEMBERING ASOR MEMBERS

## James F. Ross

Jim Ross died on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, 2007 from complications due to heart surgery, at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Gillard, his sister, Ruth Olsen, three children, Deborah Ross, Steven Ross, and Rebekah Ross, as well as five grandchildren. Ross served ASOR as a member of the Board of Trustees from the late 1970s until his death; from the late 1980s until 1998 he served as Secretary.

From 1968 until his retirement in 1996, Dr. Ross served as Professor of Old Testament theology and Biblical languages at Protestant Episcopal (Virginia) Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA. Prior to his position in Virginia, he served as Professor of Old Testament theology and Biblical languages at the Theological School of Drew University, Madison, NJ, 1959-1968. His earliest appointments were at Dartmouth College (NH), 1955-1959, as instructor of religion, and later assistant professor and department chair, all in Dartmouth's department of religion.

His professional career also included terms as a visiting professor at Princeton University and at Swarthmore College. In 1965-66, he was Archaeological Director at the Hebrew Union College Biblical and Archaeological School in Jerusalem, Israel; and from 1970-71 he served as Professor of Archaeology at the Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in East Jerusalem.

Ross's professional career concentrated on Old Testament theology, specializing on Wisdom Literature and the writings of the Hebrew prophets, along with Syro-Palestinian archaeology, especially the Middle Bronze Age. His academic work included numerous articles in theological, historical and archaeological books and journals, on such topics as Psalms, Biblical prophecy, the geography of the Bible, and the results of archaeological excavations. He was co-author of the monograph *Basic Sources of the Judaeo-Christian Tradition*, published in 1962, and a Consulting Editor for the Revised Edition of the *Dartmouth Bible*.

Throughout his career Ross participated in several of archaeological excavations to sites in Israel and Palestine. Beginning in the summer of 1960 he served as Field Supervisor and later Assistant Director of the Drew-McCormick expedition to the Old Testament site of Shechem, near Nablus in the West Bank of Palestine. After completion of the excavations in 1968, continued to be closely involved in the publication of Shechem materials, until the completion of that project in 2002. From the 1960s to 80s he also participated in numerous other excavation projects, including those at Gezer, Tell Jemmeh, and Tell el-Hesi.

After retirement, he continued to be active in archaeological publication work and as a member and officer of the American Schools of Oriental Research, a member of the Society for Biblical Literature, Society for Religion and Higher Education, and the New Haven Theological Discussion Group.  
Steven Ross – Son of James Ross ✨

## Martin Meyerson

On June 2nd, 2007 the academic community lost an accomplished colleague and close friend of the arts and sciences with the death of Dr. Martin Meyerson. Dr. Meyerson was a longtime friend of ASOR, having served on the Board of Trustees since May 1983. Meyerson was one of the few individuals ASOR had made a lifetime trustee.

As Penn's fifth president from 1970 to 1981, Martin drew upon his expertise as one of the nation's preeminent city planners to articulate an integrated vision of "One University," in which all of Penn's schools would collaborate to produce leading-edge teaching and research that benefited society. His broad interests and vast contributions personified the integration of knowledge that Penn holds dear.

A person of great wisdom, warmth, and integrity, a personal friend to so many of us, Martin will be sorely missed by

his extended Penn family and by everyone who had the privilege of getting to know him. We offer our deepest condolences to Margy Ellin Meyerson, Martin's wife of 61 years, and their sons, Adam and Matthew. In addition to Margy, Adam and Matthew, Martin is survived by two daughters-in-law, Sandra Meyerson and Nina Shea, and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter Laura.

As the first city planner to serve as president of a research university, Martin brought tremendous vision to his role as Penn's president. He was particularly committed to the centrality of the liberal arts to a great research university. During the Meyerson presidency, the College, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, College for Women, College of General Studies and the social science departments of the Wharton School were consolidated to create what is now known as the School of Arts and Sciences. His tenure was also marked by the creation of what later would become the College House system, as well as the freshman seminar program, the practice of responsibility center budgeting, the boards of overseers,

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the University's first affirmative action program, a significant fund-raising campaign, and the transformation of the campus core with the creation of Blanche P. Levy Park. He also summoned the University community to turn its attention to the challenges of West Philadelphia. For these and other accomplishments, Meyerson Hall was named in his honor in 1983.

He began his academic career in 1948 at the University of Chicago before coming to Penn in 1952 as an associate professor of city and regional planning. In 1957, he left for Harvard University and later served as dean of the College of Environmental Design at the University of California at Berkeley. While at Berkeley, he served as acting chancellor during the student unrest of the Free Speech movement. He then served as president of the State University of New York at Buffalo before returning to Penn as president in 1970.

After leaving the presidency, Martin remained active at Penn as University Professor of Public Policy Analysis and City and Regional Planning and as chair of the University of Pennsylvania Foundation, the University of Pennsylvania Press, the Institute for Research on Higher Education, and the Monell Chemical Senses Center. He was also co-chair of Penn's 250th anniversary celebration. Martin also served on the boards of the Mahoney Institute of Neurological Sciences, the Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies, and the Institute for Strategic Threat Analysis and Response. He also chaired the University's Fels Center of Government program until February 1996. With his wife Mar-

gy, he was Co-President of the Friends of the Library, in which capacity they served on the Library's Board of Overseers.

As an expert on national, regional, urban, and industrial development, Martin was a United Nations advisor and delegate, as well as a consultant to several West African nations and to the Governor of the Tokyo Metropolitan Area. He founded London's Centre for Environmental Studies and Japan's International Centre for the Study of East Asian Development and was an advisor to France's *Institut National de la Communication Audiovisuelle*. He served as Chair of the International Institute for Education and President of the International Association of Universities and held leadership positions with dozens of American organizations dedicated to urban affairs, education, science, foreign policy, conservation, and the arts. He served on several White House task forces and on the councils of a number of government agencies.

Martin was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Royal Society of Arts in Great Britain, and the American Institute of Certified Planners and an academician of the European Academy for Arts, Sciences, and Letters. In addition, he was a member of the executive committee of the American Philosophical Society and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the National Academy of Education. He was also decorated by the governments of France, Italy, and Japan. He received numerous prizes and honorary degrees, including a doctor of laws degree conferred by Penn in 1970. ✨

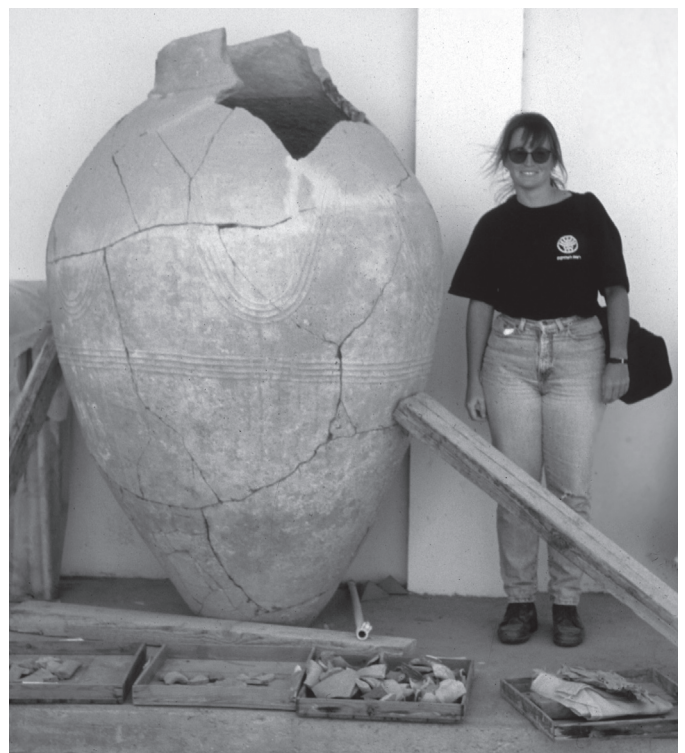
Dr. Amy Gutmann – President, University of Pennsylvania

## Danielle A. Parks

It is with great sadness and an acute sense of loss that I report the death of Danielle A. Parks after a two and a half year struggle with leukemia. Danielle was 41 years old.

Born in New Jersey, the daughter of The Los Angeles Times foreign correspondent Michael Parks, the family lived in far flung countries such as Russia, China, South Africa and Egypt. Danielle received an AB in Classics and a BsC in Fluid Mechanics from Brown University in 1988 and went on to the University of Missouri for her graduate studies with Dr. Kathleen Slane, earning a Ph.D. in 1999. Her dissertation *Burial Customs of Roman Cyprus: Origins and Development* drew heavily on her excavations at the Amathus Gate Cemetery, part of the Roman city site of Kourion on the south coast of Cyprus. Symptomatic of Danielle's wide ranging interests was her concurrent work on compositional analyses from clay coffins and terracottas undertaken at the Missouri Research Reactor.

In 2001 Danielle joined the Department of Classics at Brock University, and began a very full career in teaching, administration and fieldwork. Indeed, even after falling ill she remained extraordinarily active and was instrumental in launching Brock's Master's of Arts program, for which she



Danielle Parks in 1994 sizing up a "pithos" from the Late Bronze Age site of Kalavassos-Ayios Demetrios under repair at the Larnaca District Museum. Gas chromatography has shown that such jars often contained olive oil, although some may have also held wine.



served as its first director, and teaching, sometimes by video conference from her hospital bed. She was not one to let her students down, whatever the circumstances.

I got to know Danielle in 1991 when she came to stay as an Anita Donovan Fellow at the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute (CAARI) which I then directed. At the time she was writing her MA thesis on the Roman Coinage of Cyprus and in true Danielle style all of CAARI soon heard – and learnt – much about Roman money! She was remarkably good at networking and keeping abreast of local events, so, in a short time she made many friends and got to know the island well. In 1995 she was back in residence for a year to work on her dissertation with the support of a Samuel H. Kress Foundation Traveling Fellowship. Her organizational ability and outgoing character made her the ideal candidate for the position of Assistant to the Director, whose brief was to oversee the J. R Stewart Residence and the Institute after hours and on weekends. Needless to say, she did a superb job and CAARI had never been in better hands!

After her first visit to Cyprus she never looked back and it is a testament to the quality of her research that over the years she received numerous and varied grants from ASOR, as well as other organizations. Even before Danielle had finished her Ph.D. she was permitted to direct the rescue (and later regular) excavations at the Amathus Gate Cemetery, and immediately began training students in the field of Cypriot archaeology. Throughout her career she remained active as a field archaeologist, visiting Cyprus this past June to check on the latest projects with which she was involved. She diligently published her fieldwork in a series of detailed preliminary reports, and remained a prolific scholar to the end with many articles to her name, seven of which are currently in press. Her monograph *The Roman Coinage of Cyprus* was published by the Cyprus Numismatic Society in 2004. This summer Danielle and Ann-Marie Knoblauch were busy editing a double issue of *Near Eastern Archaeology* to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of CAARI. The last communication Anne-Marie and I received just three days before Danielle's death so typified her realistic and unflinching attitude towards life that I feel it should be included here. It read: " hi guys, no easy way to do this. but they have given me a few hours, a few days, a few weeks; who knows? please call or email me. -DAP". Unfortunately neither of us read the message until it was too late to call.

Danielle's attachment to Cyprus was as unselfish as it was strong and she actively promoted the island through teaching, running field schools, lecturing and by organizing five AIA and ASOR programs focusing on Cypriot Studies. The depth of her relationship with the island may be measured by the fact that when it became known that Laina and I would be attending her memorial service in Canada, numerous, often moving, messages came in from Cypriots and foreigners alike. From the far off Mediterranean they wished to be with us in spirit.

Danielle was one of a kind. Her tragically short career has left its mark on Classical studies in general and on Cyprus in particular, both as a scholar and as a person. Everything she tackled, be it research, fieldwork or friendships, was done with energy and dedication. She bore her illness with an indomitable spirit and never gave up hope or ceased planning for the future. In this she was supported by a remarkable man, Bill Merideth, whose unselfish love and support helped her through such difficult times. It was with joy and a sense of hope for the future that Laina and I attended their wedding in an old mill near Toronto on a beautiful fall day last year. All of us wished them many years of happiness together; this was not to be, but Danielle's legacy is such that she will not soon be forgotten either as a friend, teacher, scholar, or above all as a remarkable individual. ✨

Stuart Swiny

Institute of Cypriot Studies  
Department of Anthropology  
University at Albany

## Volkmar Fritz

**P**rof. Dr. Volkmar Fritz died on August 21, 2007 at the age of 69 in Bad Schwartau, Germany, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He is survived by his devoted wife, Anke, and four children.

Volkmar came to Israel in 1964 after having completed his theological studies in Tübingen, Berlin, Heidelberg, Bonn and Marburg, where he earned his PhD in 1968. Interested in researching the Land of the Bible and the material culture of ancient Israel, he studied Biblical Archaeology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His archaeological supervisor was Prof. Yohanan Aharoni, and under his direction, Volkmar served as an Area Supervisor in the excavations at Arad in the Negev from 1965-1967. The results of that excavation became the central part of his *Habilitation*, which he earned from the University of Mainz in 1973, where he joined the faculty and

was responsible for teaching Old Testament Studies. He was also instrumental in building and expanding the university's library, making it one of the best in Europe in the field of Biblical Archaeology. Later, he was appointed as full professor in Old Testament at the University of Giessen.

Volkmar was committed in his research to applying archaeological data to the German tradition of biblical analysis, and as a result he made a significant contribution not only to combining the two disciplines, but also to creating a greater understanding between German and Israeli archaeologists. He was the first German scholar after the Second World War to obtain a license to conduct an excavation in Israel. Together with his Israeli colleague, the late Prof. Aharon Kempinski, he directed the excavations at Tel Masos in the Negev from 1972-1975, which made a major contribution to our understanding of the early history of ancient Israel. Subsequently, he directed the excavations of Tell el-Oreme/Tel Kinrot on the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee from 1982-1985 and conducted two small digs at Feinan in Jordan in 1990. During his tenure

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## Publications Update

Submitted by Trina Arpin, Publications Manager, and Andrew Vaughn, Executive Director

ASOR's Publication Office is now firmly established in Boston following its relocation from Atlanta. While the relocation process and the attendant staff turnover proved a challenging transition, both subscription and membership levels indicate that ASOR is moving towards a new period of growth. Although our subscription and membership levels decreased during the relocation, the mailing lists for *Near Eastern Archaeology* and the *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* are up 38% and 44% respectively over this time last year. The subscriptions to the *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* are up 12% over the same period.

Memberships are also returning to their previous levels, increasing 19% over the last year and now exceeding 1100. We are seeking new means to expand ASOR's membership among both professionals and lay members. The creation of the Contributing Member category (which, for \$125, includes a \$100 tax deductible donation to ASOR, a one-year subscription to *Near Eastern Archaeology*, and a special Contributing Membership card) is one outgrowth of this initiative.

Behind the scenes we have upgraded and expanded our

membership and subscription database. For the first time, it will incorporate the Annual Meeting registration, making it easier to renew memberships and register for the meeting at the same time. We are also e-mailing receipts with each membership renewal to assist our members' record keeping. We hope to move our database online within the next 18 to 24 months so that members can access their own records and have the option of searching a membership directory.

Our fall subscription drive is another of our new initiatives. We are reaching out to those libraries and institutions whose subscriptions have lapsed over the years and are asking those who subscribe to only one of our journals to subscribe to the other two. We are also contacting institutions that have never subscribed to our journals. ASOR members can help us in this effort. If your library does not currently subscribe to *Near Eastern Archaeology*, the *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*, or the *Journal of Cuneiform Studies*, please recommend that they do by sending a personal note. You can also contact our office to request our one-page brochures on each journal. ❁

### Coming soon...

#### Two New Publications from ASOR

ASOR Annual 60/61 – **The Archaeology of Difference: Gender, Ethnicity, Class and the "Other" in Antiquity Studies in Honor of Eric M. Meyers**

ASOR Annual 62 – **The Middle Bronze IIA Cemetery at Gesher: Final Report**

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as Director of the German Protestant Institute of Archaeology on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem from 1994-1999, he returned to his dig at Tel Kinrot. These excavations demonstrated that the site was one of the largest towns in ancient Israel in the Iron Age I, and provided important evidence for the Neo-Assyrian conquest of northern Israel in 733 BCE.

In 2003, he returned to Tel Kinrot for a visit, but he was already greatly weakened by the Parkinson's disease that had begun a few years previously. Although he was unable to excavate again himself, he was happy in the knowledge that the work he had begun would go on in the hands of his former students from Switzerland, Germany and Finland, who are now responsible for the Kinneret Regional Project.

While Volkmar published a myriad of articles on various aspects of the archaeology of ancient Israel, a major focus of his research was on the architecture of public buildings, temples, palaces and domestic housing. Two of his most impor-

tant publications dealt with these subjects: *The City in Ancient Israel* and *An Introduction to Biblical Archaeology*, both of which appeared in German and in English. To his credit, nearly all of his excavations have been fully published – like his reports on *Kinneret: Ergebnisse der Ausgrabungen auf dem Tell el-Oreme am See Gennesaret, 1982-1985* and *Ergebnisse der Ausgrabungen auf der Hirbet el-Msas (Tel Mašoš) 1972-1975* (co-authored with Prof. Kempinski). In addition, his last excavations, which were only begun 10 years ago, will be published in the near future. He was not only a productive archaeologist, but also wrote important commentaries on the Old Testament, like *Das erste Buch der Könige*.

Volkmar's warmth, kindness and fine sense of humor greatly endeared him to all his friends. He gave generously of his knowledge and experience and took great pleasure in the successes of his students. He left an indelible mark on the field of Biblical Archaeology, and will be sorely missed by his colleagues and students. ❁

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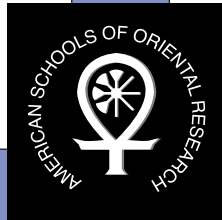
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