

# ACADEMIC PROGRAM

## 2018 ASOR ANNUAL MEETING

The Denver Marriott Tech Center, Denver, Colorado

*\*Please note that times and rooms are subject to change  
\* The presenter's name will be underlined when they are not the first author*

### Wednesday, November 14

**7:00–8:15pm**      **Plenary Address**  
Evergreen Ballroom

Hélène Sader (American University of Beirut), “Between Looters, Private Collectors, and Warlords: Does Archaeology Stand a Chance?”

**8:30–10:00pm**      **Opening Reception**  
Rocky Mountain Event Center

### Thursday, November 15

**8:20–10:25am**      **Session 1**

**1A. Ancient Inscriptions I**  
Evergreen A

CHAIRS: Michael Langlois (University of Strasbourg) and Anat Mendel-Geberovich (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Israel Antiquities Authority)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Aren Wilson-Wright (University of Zurich), “Semitic Letter Names in Group Writing: A Reevaluation of the *Halaḥam*-Ostrakon from TT99” (20 min.)

8:45

Jean-Philippe Delorme (University of Toronto), “A Place Among the Baals/Lords? A New Reading of the Sarcophagus Inscription of Aḥirōm, King of Byblos (KAI 1:1)” (20 min.)

9:10

Andrew Burlingame (University of Chicago), “The Head and Pectoral Inscriptions of Eshmunazor’s Sarcophagus (AO 4806 = KAI 14)” (20 min.)

9:35

Shirly Ben Dor Evian (Israel Museum), “Sheshonq at Megiddo: A New Interpretation” (20 min.)

10:00

Fokelien Kootstra (Leiden University), “Analyzing Variation: Statistical Methods and Dadanitic epigraphy” (20 min.)

## **1B. Archaeology and Biblical Studies I**

Evergreen B

*Theme: This session explores the intersections between and among history, archaeology, and the Jewish and/or Christian Bibles and related texts.*

CHAIR: Jonathan Rosenbaum (Gratz College)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Erez Ben-Yosef (Tel Aviv University), “Throwing the Baby Out with the Bathwater: On a Prevailing Methodological Flaw in the Treatment of Nomads in Current Biblical Archaeology” (20 min.)

8:45

Peter Feinman (Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education), “What Happened on October 30, 1207 B.C.E. in the Valley of Ajalon?” (20 min.)

9:10

Yosef Garfinkel (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Lachish and Khirbet al-Ra'i in the Tenth Century B.C.E.” (20 min.)

9:35

Kaz Hayashi (Baylor University), “Lions and Cattle and Cherubim as Sacred Boundary Markers on the Solomonic Temple and Ancient Near Eastern Monumental Architecture” (20 min.)

10:00

Rami Arav (University of Nebraska at Omaha), “‘He Made the Fortresses Strong, and Put Commanders in Them, and Stores of Food, Oil, and Wine’ (2 Chr. 11:11)—The Royal Storage House at Bethsaida” (20 min.)

## **1C. Archaeology of the Near East: Bronze and Iron Ages I**

Evergreen C

CHAIR: Eric L. Welch (University of Kentucky)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Aren M. Maeir (Bar-Ilan University), “The 2018 Excavations at Tell es-Safi/Gath: Overview of the Results” (15 min.)

8:45

Deborah Cassuto (Bar-Ilan University), “Tying Up Loose Ends: Weaving and Cult in the Southern Levant” (15 min.)

9:05

Harel Shochat (University of Haifa) and Ayelet Gilboa (University of Haifa), “A Tale of Two Walls—High Resolution Analysis of the Phoenician/Israelite Transition at Tel Dor” (15 min.)

9:25

Sonia Pinsky (University of Haifa), Shay Bar (University of Haifa), and Yiftah Shalev (Israel Antiquities Authority), “An Eighth-Century B.C.E. Israelite Administrative Center in the Northern Sharon Plain, Israel” (15 min.)

9:45

Eli Itkin (Tel Aviv University), “Horvat Tov: A View on Judah’s Southern Frontier in the Seventh Century B.C.E.” (15 min.)

10:05

Nathan Lovejoy (Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University), “The Cilician and Cappadocian Bilinguals: The Selection and Display of Script and Image as Statements of Political Identity” (15 min.)

### **1D. Twenty Years of Excavation at Omrit in Northern Israel**

Evergreen D

*Theme: This session offers an overview of the excavations of Roman-era remains and key artefact categories from the site of Horvat Omrit in the Hula Valley.*

CHAIRS: Jennifer Gates-Foster (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) and Daniel Schowalter (Carthage College)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Michael Nelson (Queens College), “Architecture of the Final Phases of Roman Omrit” (15 min.)

8:45

Adi Erlich (University of Haifa), “The Cult at Omrit in Light of the Terracotta Figurines” (15 min.)

9:05

Katherine Larson (Corning Museum of Glass), “Glass Vessels from the Omrit Temple Complex and the Glass Industry of Upper Galilee” (15 min.)

9:25

Jennifer Gates-Foster (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) and Caitlin Clerkin (University of Michigan), “Local Ceramic Industries and the Pottery Assemblage from Omrit in the First and Second Centuries C.E.” (15 min.)

9:45

Tziona Grossmark (Tel-Hai College), “The Small Finds from the Site of Omrit” (15 min.)

10:05

Andy Overman (Macalester College), “Horvat Omrit: A Retrospective View with Thoughts Moving Forward” (15 min.)

## **1E. Object, Text, and Image: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Seals, Sealing Practices, and Administration I**

Conifer

*Theme: Imagery, Identity, and Seal Use*

CHAIRS: Sarah J. Scott (Wagner College) and Oya Topçuoğlu (Northwestern University)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Annalisa Azzoni (Vanderbilt University), Christina Chandler (Bryn Mawr College), and Mark B. Garrison (Trinity University), “Seals, Texts, Images, and Officials: The Treasurer at Persepolis” (20 min.)

8:50

Christine Palmer (Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary), “Israelite Memorial Seals: Fashioning Identity through Glyptic Art” (20 min.)

9:15

Emily S. K. Anderson (Johns Hopkins University), “Animate and Unstable: Animals and Glyptic in Minoan Crete” (20 min.)

9:40

Benedetta Bellucci (University of Pavia), “May Your Name Be Safe” (20 min.)

10:05

General Discussion (20 min.)

## **1F. Maritime Archaeology**

Cottonwood

CHAIR: Caroline Sauvage (Loyola Marymount University)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Nicole Constantine (University of Haifa), “An Expansive Coastscape: The Inland Distribution of Tablewares from Akko’s Hellenistic Harbor” (25 min.)

8:55

Alexandra Ratzlaff (Brandeis University), “The Akko Hellenistic Harbor Ceramic Assemblage: Harbor Context and Content” (25 min.)

9:25

Michelle Creisher (University of Haifa), Michal Artzy (University of Haifa), Maayan Cohen (University of Haifa), and Deborah Cvikel (University of Haifa), “The Amphorae of the Ma‘agan Mikhael B Shipwreck, Israel” (25 min.)

9:55

Michal Artzy (University of Haifa), Discussant (15 min.)

10:10

General Discussion (15 min.)

## **1G. Houses and Households in the Near East: Archaeology and History I**

Aspen

*Theme: Recent studies have foregrounded the importance of the house and household in multiple periods and over varied regions, using various methods (archaeology, texts, anthropology and social theories). This session continues the conversation between varied sub-disciplines and regions by highlighting the structural, social, and ritual data and interpretations from domestic settings.*

CHAIR: Laura Battini (French National Center for Scientific Research [CNRS]; Collège de France)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Clemens Reichel (University of Toronto; Royal Ontario Museum), “Incipient Bureaucracies: Local Dynamics at the Threshold of Urbanism in Late Chalcolithic Syria and Anatolia (4500–3500 B.C.)” (25 min.)

8:55

Shira Albaz (Bar-Ilan University), Elizabeth Arnold (Grand Valley State University), Jeremy Beller (University of Victoria), Annie Brown (University of Manitoba), Adi Eliyahu (Ariel University), Haskel J. Greenfield (University of Manitoba), Tina L. Greenfield (University of Saskatchewan), Aren Maeir (Bar-Ilan University), and Jon Ross (University of Manitoba), “Houses and Households in the Early Bronze Age of the Southern Levant: Recent Research at Tell es-Safi/Gath” (25 min.)

9:25

Jennifer Swerida (Johns Hopkins University), “House, Household, and the Umm an-Nar: Structure SS1 at Bat, Oman” (25 min.)

9:55

Cynthia Shafer-Elliott (William Jessup University), “Putting One’s House in Order: Household Archaeology at Tel Halif, Israel” (25 min.)

## **1H. Archaeology of the Black Sea and Caucasus I**

Larkspur

CHAIR: Elizabeth Fagan (University of Chicago)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Stephen Batiuk (University of Toronto) and Andrew Graham (University of Toronto), “Report on 2016–2018 Seasons of the Gadachrili Gora Regional Archaeological Project Expedition (GRAPE) Excavations” (20 min.)

8:50

Khaled Abu Jayyab (University of Toronto) and Andrew Graham (University of Toronto), “Preliminary Results of the Gadachrili Gora Regional Archaeological Survey (Kvemo Kartli, Georgia) 2017–2018” (20 min.)

9:15

Nicola Laneri (Center for Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies), Bakhtiyar Jalilov (Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences), Andrea Ricci (Kiel University), Stefano Valentini (Center for Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies), and Guido Guarducci (Center for Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies), “The Kurgans of the Southern Caucasus: The First Season of the Azero-Italian Archaeological Project in Western Azerbaijan” (20 min.)

9:40

Karen Rubinson (Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University), “‘A Herd of Horses’: Images and Animal Bones in the Middle Bronze Age of Armenia” (20 min.)

10:05

General Discussion (20 min.)

**10:25–10:40am**

**Coffee Break**

Atrium

**10:40am–12:45pm Session 2**

**2A. Ancient Inscriptions II**

Evergreen A

CHAIRS: Michael Langlois (University of Strasbourg) and Anat Mendel-Geberovich (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Israel Antiquities Authority)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Quinn Daniels (New York University), “A Fresh Look at the Meşad Ḥashavyahu Ostrakon within Its Economic Context” (20 min.)

11:05

M. Isaac (Independent Scholar), “Negotiating Refugee Identity in Judah: Israelite Tribal Names in Judean Inscriptions in the Wake of Assyrian Invasions” (20 min.)

11:30

Tawny Holm (The Pennsylvania State University), “The Sheikh Fadl Tomb Inscription Revisited” (20 min.)

11:55

Bezalel Porten (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “A Presentation of *Textbook of Aramaic Ostraca from Idumea, Volume 3*” (20 min.)

12:20

Fred Naiden (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), “Greek and Near Eastern Religion in the Marmarini Inscription” (20 min.)

## **2B. Archaeology and Biblical Studies II**

Evergreen B

*Theme: This session explores the intersections between and among history, archaeology, and the Jewish and/or Christian Bibles and related texts.*

CHAIR: Jonathan Rosenbaum (Gratz College)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Wolfgang Zwickel (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz), “The Earthquake in Amos 1:1 and Archaeology” (20 min.)

11:05

Meir Lubetski (Baruch College), “Fathoming the Identity of an Official from the Southern Fortress of Judea” (20 min.)

11:30

John Gee (Brigham Young University), “Persian Period Ostraca and the Bible” (20 min.)

11:55

Torleif Elgvin (NLA University College), “The Archaeology of Post-Exilic Jerusalem and Editing of the Scriptures” (20 min.)

12:20



Sidnie Crawford (University of Nebraska at Lincoln), “The Caves of Qumran: Differences in Function” (20 min.)

## **2C. Archaeology of the Near East: Bronze and Iron Ages II**

Evergreen C

CHAIR: Eric L. Welch (University of Kentucky)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Lyndelle Webster (Austrian Academy of Sciences), Felix Höflmayer (Austrian Academy of Sciences), Katharina Streit (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Steven Ortiz (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary), Samuel Wolff (Israel Antiquities Authority), Yuval Gadot (Tel Aviv University), Marcella Barbosa (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary), and Michael Dee (University of Groningen), “New Radiocarbon-Based Chronologies for City-States of the Late Bronze Age Shephelah” (20 min.)

11:05

Stefan Mürger (University of Bern), “Early Iron Age Tel Kinrot—Recent and Current Research” (20 min.)

11:30

Kyle Keimer (Macquarie University), “New Light from Iron Age I Tell en-Nasbeh” (20 min.)

11:55

Annlee Dolan (San Joaquin Delta College), “The Role of Cultic Sites on Exchange and Boundary Formation in the Iron Age” (20 min.)

12:20

Ann-Kathrin Jeske (University of Vienna), “Where Did Members of Egyptian Institutions Go to Supply Their King with Things He Desired? A Look at the Southern Levant during the 18th Dynasty” (20 min.)

## **2D. Archaeology of Israel I**

Evergreen D

CHAIR: J. P. Dessel (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Brigid Clark (University of Haifa), Mario A. S. Martin (Tel Aviv University), and Assaf

Yasur-Landau (University of Haifa), “The Middle and Late Bronze Age Cypriot Pottery at Megiddo: Changes in the Interaction Patterns between Cyprus and the Levant” (20 min.)

11:05

Takuzo Onozuka (Tokyo National Museum) and Hisao Kuwabara (Tenri University), “Tel Rekhesh in the Iron Age I: An Aspect of Iron Age Demography in the Eastern Galilee” (20 min.)

11:30

Robert Mullins (Azusa Pacific University), Naama Yahalom-Mack (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), and Nava Panitz-Cohen (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “The Iron Age I Cult at Tel Abel Beth Maacah” (20 min.)

11:55

Andrew Creekmore (University of Northern Colorado), Laura Sweatt (University of Northern Colorado), Thomas Letchworth (University of Northern Colorado), and Aren M. Maeir (Bar-Ilan University), “A Magnetometry Study of the Philistine City of Gath” (20 min.)

12:20

Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University), “What is New in Tel Azekah? Results from the Sixth Season (Summer 2018)” (20 min.)

## **2E. Object, Text, and Image: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Seals, Sealing Practices, and Administration II**

Conifer

*Theme: Communicating through Text and Image*

CHAIRS: Sarah J. Scott (Wagner College) and Oya Topçuoğlu (Northwestern University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Yelena Rakic (Metropolitan Museum of Art), “Texts and Image on Curved Surfaces: The Cylinder Seal as Methodology for Looking at Objects in Mid-Third Millennium B.C. Mesopotamia” (20 min.)

11:10

Joanna S. Smith (University of Pennsylvania), “Speech Bubbles, Text Panels, and Inscriptions in between on Late Bronze Age Cypriot Seals” (20 min.)

11:35

Jennifer Ross (Hood College), “Early Accounting at Susa: The Route to Uruk” (20 min.)

12:00

Morgan Moroney (Johns Hopkins University), “Heaven Was a Drink of Wine: The Protective and Rejuvenative Functions of Tomb U-J’s Wine Sealings” (20 min.)

12:25

General Discussion (20 min.)

## **2F. Yerushalayim, Al Quds, Jerusalem I**

Cottonwood

*Theme: The first session dedicated to new discoveries and research on Jerusalem will focus on recent research and findings in Jerusalem, ranging from the Iron Age up until the Late Roman period.*

CHAIR: Yuval Gadot (Tel Aviv University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Shua Kisilevitz (Israel Antiquities Authorities; Tel Aviv University), “Considerations on the Study of Cult near Jerusalem: A View from Tel Moza” (15 min.)

10:55

David Ben-Shlomo (Ariel University), “Ceramic and Archaeometric Evidence for Jerusalem’s Exterior Contacts during the Iron Age” (15 min.)

11:10

Chris McKinny (Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi) and Aharon Tavger (Ariel University), “The House of Millo = the Spring Tower? Suggesting the Setting of Joash of Judah’s Assassination (2 Kgs 12:10) in Light of Recent Archaeological Data from the City of David” (15 min.)

11:25

Discussion of Jerusalem in the Iron Age (10 min.)

11:35

Ayala Zilberstein (Israel Antiquities Authority; Tel Aviv University), “The Character of the Hellenistic Military Architecture from the Tyropoeon Valley: Stratigraphy, Technological Methods, and Interpretation” (15 min.)

11:50

Yael Hochma (Tel Aviv University), Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University), Lisa Tauxe (University of California, San Diego), and Erez Ben-Yosef (Tel Aviv University), "Archaeomagnetism of Rhodian Stamped Jar Handles from the City of David" (15 min.)

12:05

Shimon Gibson (University of North Carolina at Charlotte), "In the Shadow of Herod's Palace: A Decade of Digging on Mount Zion in Jerusalem" (15 min.)

12:20

Tehillah Lieberman (Israel Antiquities Authority) and Joe Uziel (Israel Antiquities Authority), "The Best Show in Town: The Theatre-Like Structure beneath Wilson's Arch and Its Place in Aelia Capitolina" (15 min.)

12:35

Discussion of Jerusalem in the Hellenistic and Roman Periods (10 min.)

## **2G. Houses and Households in the Near East: Archaeology and History II**

Aspen

*Theme: Recent studies have foregrounded the importance of the house and household in multiple periods and over varied regions, using various methods (archaeology, texts, anthropology and social theories). This session continues the conversation between varied sub-disciplines and regions by highlighting the structural, social, and ritual data and interpretations from domestic settings.*

**CHAIRS:** Aaron Brody (Pacific School of Religion) and Sharon Steadman (SUNY Cortland)

**PRESENTERS:**

10:40

Nicholas Picardo (Harvard University), "Ancient Egyptian Soul Houses: Reified Households and Objectified Links between Settlement and Cemetery" (20 min.)

11:05

Rona Avissar Lewis (David Yellin Academic College), "The Archaeology of Children in the Land of Israel from the Second to the First Millennium B.C.E." (20 min.)

11:30

Marie Hopwood (Vancouver Island University), "Feeding the Household and the Spirit: The Use of Ground Stone Tools by the Living and the Dead at Kenan Tepe, Turkey" (20 min.)

11:55

Tina L. Greenfield (University of Saskatchewan), Britt Hartenberger (Western Michigan University), John MacGinnis (University of Cambridge), Tim Matney (University of Akron), “Lions, Tigers, and Microdebris . . . Oh My! Investigating Elite Households at Late Assyrian Tušhan (Turkey)” (20 min.)

12:20

Laurie Pearce (University of California, Berkeley), “Multi-Cultural Neighborhoods in Hellenistic Uruk” (20 min.)

## **2H. Archaeology of the Black Sea and Caucasus II**

Larkspur

CHAIR: Elizabeth Fagan (University of Chicago)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Maureen Marshall (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), “The Kasakh Valley Archaeological Survey in Armenia: Preliminary Results from Aparani Berd Burial Cluster 03” (20 min.)

11:05

Walter Crist (American Museum of Natural History), “A Near Eastern Game in the Caucasus? New Evidence from Eastern Azerbaijan” (20 min.)

11:30

Tiffany Earley-Spadoni (University of Central Florida), “The *Belle Époque* of Rusa the Great of Urartu” (20 min.)

11:55

Lara Fabian (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg), Hannah Lau (Koç University), Jeyhun Eminli (Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences), Emil Iskenderov (Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences), Selin Nugent (University of Oxford), Susannah Fishman (University of Pennsylvania), and Lucas Proctor (University of Connecticut), “Highland Imperial Encounters in the Late Iron Age: Preliminary Results from the Lerik in Antiquity Archaeological Project” (20 min.)

12:20

General Discussion (25 min.)

**12:00–2:00pm**

**Grab-and-Go lunch options available for purchase**

**1:00–2:00pm**

**The Future of the Annual Meeting: Where and When Do *You* Want to Meet?**

Rocky Mountain Event Center

*Bring your lunch to this all-member forum co-hosted by the Early Career Scholars Committee (ECSC) and the Ad-hoc Annual Meeting Committee. Eric L. Welch and Gary Arbino, presiding.*

**2:00–4:05pm**

**Session 3**

**3A. Archaeology of Jordan I**

Evergreen A

*Theme: Chalcolithic Period to Iron Age*

CHAIRS: Marta D’Andrea (Sapienza University of Rome) and M. Barbara Reeves (Queen’s University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Amer Alsouliman (University of Ferrara; The Hashemite University), “Pre-Oasis Culture in the Northwestern Arabian Peninsula: Mid-Holocene Qulban Beni Mura, Jordan and Rajajil, Saudi Arabia” (15 min.)

2:20

Jesse Michael Millek (German Research Foundation [DFG]; University of Michigan), “Crisis, Destruction, and the End of the Late Bronze Age in Jordan” (15 min.)

2:40

Chang-Ho Ji (La Sierra University) and Aaron Schade (Brigham Young University), “The Khirbat Ataruz Project, 2016–2017: Excavations of the Acropolis and Southeastern Slope” (15 min.)

3:00

Robert Chadwick (Bishop’s University), “Is There Evidence for Omride Architecture at Khirbat al-Mudayna on the Wadi ath-Thamad, Jordan?” (15 min.)

3:20

Paul Gregor (Andrews University), “Khirbet Safra: Military Installation or Regular Settlement” (15 min.)

3:40

Owen Chesnut (North Central Michigan College), “The Late Iron Age Acropolis at Tall Safut” (15 min.)

### **3B. Archaeology of Lebanon I**

Evergreen B

*Theme: The focus of this session is on current archaeological fieldwork and research in Lebanon.*

CHAIR: Hanan Charaf (Lebanese University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Hanan Charaf (Lebanese University), “Bronze Age Pottery beneath the Medieval Castle of Byblos” (25 min.)

2:35

Gianluca Miniaci (University of Pisa), “Votive Deposits in the Obelisk Temple at Byblos: Artefacts Mobility in the Middle Bronze Age II (1800–1650 B.C.) between Egypt and the Levant” (25 min.)

3:05

Vanessa Boschloos (Metropolitan Museum of Art; Ghent University), “Egypt, the Levant, and Some Exceptional Scarabs from the Excavations in Sidon” (25 min.)

3:35

Marlies Heinz (Albert Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg), “Did the Late Bronze Age City of *Kumidi*/Kamid el-Loz (Lebanon) Fall Victim to the *Apiru* Phenomenon?” (25 min.)

### **3C. Archaeology of the Near East: Bronze and Iron Ages III**

Evergreen C

CHAIR: Eric L. Welch (University of Kentucky)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Deirdre Fulton (Baylor University) and Lidar Sapir-Hen (Tel Aviv University), “The Cult

and the City: The Early Bronze Age Faunal Assemblages from Tel Megiddo and Tel Megiddo East” (15 min.)

2:25

Lynn Welton (Durham University), “Destruction and Renewal in the Late Third Millennium B.C.E.: Results of Recent Excavations at Tell Tayinat” (15 min.)

2:45

Jeffrey R. Chadwick (Brigham Young University) and Amanda M. Buessecker (Brigham Young University), “EB and MB Fortifications Exposed at Tell er-Rumeide by the American Expedition to Hebron (1964–1966)” (15 min.)

3:05

Matthew Susnow (University of Haifa), “Enclosing Canaanite Cultic Landscapes” (15 min.)

3:25

Kathryn Morgan (University of Pennsylvania), “The Employee from Sam'al’: Pots, People, and Trade Networks at Middle Bronze Age Zincirli” (15 min.)

3:45

Celia Bergoffen (Fashion Institute of Technology), “Late Cypriot Bichrome Ware as an Expression of Commercial Mobility” (15 min.)

### **3D. Archaeology of Israel II**

Evergreen D

CHAIR: Rachel Hallote (Purchase College, State University of New York)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Ido Koch (Tel Aviv University), “Tel Ḥadid in the Assyrian Period” (20 min.)

2:25

Aaron Burke (University of California, Los Angeles), “Identity Crisis: Architectural and Artifactual Parallels for the Great Temple at Hazor” (20 min.)

2:50

Marcela Zapata-Meza (Universidad Anáhuac México), Rosaura Sanz-Rincón (Universidad Anáhuac México), and Andrea Garza Díaz Barriga (Universidad Anáhuac México), “Magdala Ritual Elements” (20 min.)

3:15



Chaim Ben David (Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee), “Six Milestone Stations and New Inscriptions Discovered in the Negev along the Petra-Gaza Incense Route” (20 min.)

3:40

Iosi Bordowicz (Israel Nature and Parks Authority), “New Discoveries at the Ancient Synagogue of Bar‘am —Architecture, Preservation, and What’s in Between” (20 min.)

### **3E. Beyond Language: The Multimodality of Ancient Texts I**

Conifer

*Theme: This session explores new readings of texts from the ancient Near East and Mediterranean, up through Late Antiquity. The papers will consider how written artifacts actively shaped social contexts through their material instantiations. The panelists engage with theory ranging sociolinguistics, literacy studies, art history, visual design, spatial theory, and more.*

CHAIRS: Lisa J. Cleath (George Fox University) and Alice Mandell (Johns Hopkins University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Marine Béranger (École Pratique des Hautes Études) and Katherine Burge (University of Pennsylvania), “Drawing in the Old Babylonian School Curriculum” (20 min.)

2:30

Jason Price (University of California, Los Angeles), “Accounting for Kingship: The Performance of Royal Authority in the Samaria Ostraca” (20 min.)

2:55

Marissa Stevens (University of California, Los Angeles), “The Ownership of Funerary Papyri as a Means of Defining Social Identity” (20 min.)

3:20

Madadh Richey (University of Chicago), “The Phoenician ‘Magic’ Squares from the Temple of Eshmun” (20 min.)

### **3F. Yerushalayim, Al Quds, Jerusalem II**

Cottonwood

*Theme: The second session dedicated to new discoveries and research on Jerusalem will focus on textual evidence—particularly epigraphic studies—and their influence on our understanding of Iron Age Jerusalem.*

CHAIR: Joe Uziel (Israel Antiquities Authority)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Christoph Uehlinger (University of Zurich), “Beyond Biblical Name-Dropping: Investigating Iron Age Seals and Bullae in Social-Historical Perspective” (15 min.)

2:25

Anat Mendel-Geberovich (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Israel Antiquities Authority) and Ortal Chalaf (Israel Antiquities Authority), “The People behind the Stamps: The Study of a Newly-Found Group of Bullae from the City of David” (15 min.)

2:45

Shira Faigenbaum-Golovin (Tel Aviv University), Eythan Levy (Tel Aviv University), Eli Piasezky (Tel Aviv University), and Israel Finkelstein (Tel Aviv University), “From Jerusalem’s Ophel to Kiriath-Jearim: How to Reveal Illegible Ostraca and the Level of Literacy in Judah” (15 min.)

3:05

Christopher Rollston (The George Washington University), “Women in Provenanced Old Hebrew Inscriptions: Powerful Data from Judah’s Capital” (15 min.)

3:25

David Vanderhooft (Boston College), “At the Intersection of Divination and Epigraphy in Iron Age II Jerusalem and Judah” (15 min.)

3:45

William M. Schniedewind (University of California, Los Angeles), Discussant (15 min.)

### **3G. Thinking, Speaking, and Representing Animals in the Ancient Near East: New Perspectives from Text and Images I**

Aspen

*Theme: In the ancient Near East, animals have always been important; employed by humans as a labor force and for enjoyment, they are represented everywhere and are mentioned in private and official texts. This session focuses on “non-official,” semi-*

*official, and magic representations of animals, and analyzes the complex relationships between men and animals, especially wild ones.*

CHAIR: Laura Battini (French National Center for Scientific Research [CNRS]; Collège de France)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Margaret Root (University of Michigan), “The Arc of the Horn: Wild Goats in the Visual Arts of Ancient Iran” (20 min.)

2:25

Sarah Costello (University of Houston–Clear Lake), “All Creatures Great and Small: Animals Carved in Stone at Neolithic Gobekli Tepe, Turkey” (20 min.)

2:50

Krystal V. L. Pierce (Brigham Young University), “The Roles of Domesticated Animals at Deir el-Medina, Egypt: An Analysis of Representational and Textual Evidence” (20 min.)

3:15

Anastasia Amrhein (University of Pennsylvania), “Harnessing Liminality: Terracotta Animal Figurines in First Millennium B.C.E. Assyria and Babylonia” (20 min.)

3:40

Flavia Pacelli (Sapienza University of Rome), “What Does the Fox Say? Animals, Popular Sayings, and Wisdom in Ancient Mesopotamian Literatures” (20 min.)

### **3H. Reports on Current Excavations—ASOR Affiliated**

Larkspur

CHAIR: John D. M. Green (American Center of Oriental Research)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

James Riley Strange (Samford University), “A Small Kiln at Kefar Shikhin, Lower Galilee” (20 min.)

2:25

Leigh-Ann Bedal (Penn State Behrend), “The Petra Garden and Pool Complex, 2018” (20 min.)

2:50

Oystein S. LaBianca (Andrews University), Stanley Lebrun (Andrews University), Jared Wilson (Andrews University), and Paul Roschman (Andrews University), “Ground-Truthing of Animated Renderings of the Historical Landscape of Hisban and Vicinity, Jordan” (20 min.)

3:15

Lorenzo d’Alfonso (New York University), “Niğde Kımık Höyük (Cappadocia, Turkey): Research Questions and Recent Results” (20 min.)

3:40

Ömür Harmanşah (University of Illinois at Chicago) and Peri Johnson (University of Illinois at Chicago), “The Poetics and Politics of Stone: A Hittite Fortress, Its Quarry and Mason’s Village in the Southern Borderlands (Yalburt Yaylası Archaeological Landscape Research Project)” (20 min.)

### **3I. Archaeology of Anatolia I**

Primrose

*Theme: This session focuses on current archaeological research in Anatolia and presents the results of excavations and surveys.*

CHAIR: Levent Atici (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Arkadiusz Marciniak (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań), “The New Çatalhöyük: Aftermath of 25 Years of the Çatalhöyük Research Project” (20 min.)

2:25

Sharon R. Steadman (SUNY Cortland), Gregory McMahon (University of New Hampshire), and Jennifer Ross (Hood College), “New Discoveries at Çadır Höyük on the North Central Anatolian Plateau” (20 min.)

2:50

Ashley Cercone (University at Buffalo), “Mold Made: An Application of the Chaîne Opératoire Framework to the Production of Early Bronze Age Ceramics at Seyitömer Höyük, Turkey” (20 min.)

3:15

Levent Atici (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) and Fikri Kulakoğlu (Ankara University), “Are Kings’ Sheep Sweeter? Bones from the Early Bronze Age ‘Palace’ at Kültepe-Kanesh” (20 min.)

3:35

Oya Topçuoğlu (Northwestern University), “Putting the Bullae Back in Context: A Repositioning of Achemhöyük in the Old Assyrian Period Based on Glyptic and Archaeological Evidence” (20 min.)

**4:20–6:25pm          Session 4**

**4A. ACOR at 50: A Retrospective and Prospective for the American Center of Oriental Research**

Evergreen A

CHAIR: S. Thomas Parker (North Carolina State University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Barbara A. Porter (American Center of Oriental Research), “A Brief History of ACOR: Evolution and Expansion” (20 min.)

4:50

Gary Rollefson (Whitman College), “How ACOR-Affiliated Projects Have Transformed Knowledge of the Prehistory of Jordan” (20 min.)

5:15

S. Thomas Parker (North Carolina State University), “ACOR’s Research Projects: A Scholarly Appraisal” (20 min.)

5:40

Jack Green (American Center of Oriental Research), “ACOR Looks to the Future in an Era of Rapid Change” (20 min.)

6:05

Bert de Vries (Calvin College), Discussant (10 min.)

**4B. Archaeology of Lebanon II**

Evergreen B

*Theme: The focus of this session is on current archaeological fieldwork and research in Lebanon.*

CHAIR: Hanan Charaf (Lebanese University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Marta D'Andrea (Sapienza University of Rome), "A Fresh Look at Northern Lebanon in the Late Third Millennium B.C.: The Early Bronze Age IV Pottery from Tell Fadous-Kfarabida" (25 min.)

4:55

Hélène Sader (American University of Beirut), "Tell el-Burak: Results of the 2017 and 2018 Excavation Seasons" (25 min.)

5:25

Jack Nurpetlian (American University of Beirut), "Putting Beirut on the Coin Map" (25 min.)

5:55

May Hajj (Lebanese University), "A New Modern Approach to Study Wall Paintings in Lebanon" (25 min.)

**4C. Archaeology of the Southern Levant I**

Evergreen C

*Theme: Archaeology of the Middle and Late Bronze Age.*

CHAIRS: Owen Chesnut (North Central Michigan College) and Joshua Walton (Capital University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Felix Höflmayer (Austrian Academy of Sciences), "Egypt and the Levant in the Middle Bronze Age: Historical Implications of a High Radiocarbon Chronology" (20 min.)

4:50

Shay Bar (University of Haifa), "Tel Esur: Results of the First Eight Seasons of Excavation" (20 min.)

5:15

Shlomit Bechar (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Uri Berger (Israel Antiquities Authority), “The Eyes of Hazor Are upon You: Tel Mashav as a Fortress of Hazor” (20 min.)

5:40

Katharina Streit (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Felix Höflmayer (Austrian Academy of Sciences), “Tel Lachish during the Middle and Late Bronze Age—The Results of the First Two Seasons of the Austro-Israeli Expedition” (20 min.)

#### **4D. Tell It in Gath! Presentations on the History and Archaeology of Israel in Honor of Aren M. Maeir**

Evergreen D

*Theme: This session includes four speakers who are among the more than 60 authors in the recently published two-volume Festschrift of the same title, honoring Professor Aren M. Maeir (excavator of Tell es-Safi/Gath), which was presented at the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem in March of this year.*

CHAIRS: Jeffrey R. Chadwick (Brigham Young University) and Itzhaq Shai (Ariel University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

K. Lawson Younger (Trinity International University–Divinity School), “The ‘Tempelpalast’ and Tomb 1: The Cult of the Royal Ancestors at Tell Ḥalaf during the Kapara Period” (18 min.)

4:48

Joe Uziel (Israel Antiquities Authority), “New Perspectives on the Connection between Jerusalem and Gath of the Philistines” (18 min.)

5:11

Itzhaq Shai (Ariel University), “What’s between Libnah and Gath?” (18 min.)

5:34

Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University), “Cultural Borders between Neighboring Sites: A View from Tel Azekah” (18 min.)

5:57

Thomas E. Levy (University of California, San Diego), Discussant (8 min.)

6:05

Aren M. Maeir (Bar-Ilan University), Discussant (15 min.)

6:20

Jeffrey R. Chadwick (Brigham Young University), Closing Remarks (5 min.)

#### **4E. Beyond Language: The Multimodality of Ancient Texts II**

Conifer

*Theme: This session explores new readings of texts from the ancient Near East and Mediterranean, up through Late Antiquity. The papers will consider how written artifacts actively shaped social contexts through their material instantiations. The panelists engage with theory from sociolinguistics, literacy studies, art history, visual design, spatial theory, and more.*

CHAIRS: Lisa J. Cleath (George Fox University) and Alice Mandell (Johns Hopkins University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Vanessa Bigot Juloux (École Pratique des Hautes Études; Andrews University), “Behind Words and Divinities in the Cycle of Ba‘lu and ‘Anatu of the Scribe ‘Ilimiku: A Testimony of Historical Evidence of Amorite Migration to Ugarit” (20 min.)

4:45

Joseph Cross (University of Chicago), “‘Suit the Action to the Word, the Word to the Action’: A New Reading of a Northwest Semitic Incantation in Egyptian Script (P. BM 10042, col. XII)” (20 min.)

5:10

Timothy Hogue (University of California, Los Angeles), “With Apologies to Hazael: The Tel Dan Inscription and the Ideology of Destruction” (20 min.)

5:35

Benjamin Overcash (Macquarie University), “The Staurogram and Multimodal Discourse in Late Antique Egyptian Amulets” (20 min.)

6:00

Michael Chen (University of California, Los Angeles), “Reading Movement, Composition, and Display in Late Egyptian Healing Statues” (20 min.)

#### **4F. Archaeology of Syria**

Cottonwood



CHAIRS: Caroline Sauvage (Loyola Marymount University) and Clemens Reichel (University of Toronto)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Patrick Biedermann (University of Liverpool), “Special Architectural Features in Third Millennium Kharab Sayyar, Syria: A Case Study on Sacred, Communal, and Residential Space” (20 min.)

4:50

Chris Monroe (Cornell University), “All the King’s Wine? Late Bronze Age Vineyards in Texts from Emar and Ugarit” (20 min.)

5:15

Caroline Sauvage (Loyola Marymount University) and Greta Jans (KU Leuven), “Early Iron Age Loom Weights and Textile Industry at Tell Tweini (Syria)” (20 min.)

5:40

Maria Gabriella Micale (Freie Universität Berlin; Sapienza University of Rome), “The Archaeology of Syria in the Persian Period: New Insights from Tell Mardikh/Ebla” (20 min.)

6:05

General Discussion (20 min.)

#### **4G. Thinking, Speaking, and Representing Animals in the Ancient Near East: New Perspectives from Text and Images II**

Aspen

*Theme: In the ancient Near East, animals have always been important; employed by humans as a labor force and for enjoyment, they are represented everywhere and are mentioned in private and official texts. This session focuses on “official” representations of animals, and analyzes the complex relationships between men and animals, especially wild ones.*

CHAIR: Laura Battini (French National Center for Scientific Research [CNRS]; Collège de France)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction

4:25

JoAnn Scurlock (Elmhurst College), “Wild Animals in Ancient Mesopotamian Magic” (20 min.)

4:50

Lorenzo Verderame (Sapienza University of Rome), “Lion’s Head, Donkey’s Teeth: Animal Figurative Language and the Construction of Hybrids” (20 min.)

5:15

Trudy Kawami (Independent Researcher), “Zebu Cattle in the Apadana Reliefs at Persepolis” (20 min.)

5:40

Laura Battini (French National Center for Scientific Research [CNRS]; Collège de France), “Animals in War in Historical Mesopotamia” (20 min.)

#### **4H. Theoretical and Anthropological Approaches to the Near East**

Larkspur

CHAIRS: Emily Miller Bonney (California State University, Fullerton) and Leann Pace (Wake Forest University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Omer Ze’evi (Tel Aviv University), Shlomo Bunimovitz (Tel Aviv University), and Zvi Lederman (Tel Beth-Shemesh Expedition), “Imitation vs. Entanglement: The View from Beth-Shemesh” (20 min.)

4:45

Michele Rau (Independent Scholar), “Thick Places: The Intersection of ‘Affect, Habit, and Practice’ from an Archaeological Point of View” (20 min.)

5:10

Jill Katz (Yeshiva University), “Explaining Early Bronze Age City Walls from an Administrative Perspective” (20 min.)

5:35

Tobin Hartnell (American University of Iraq, Sulaimani), “Indigenous Conceptions of Water in Ancient Mesopotamia and Iran and Its Significance” (20 min.)

6:00

Matthew Winter (University of Arizona), “At the Crossroads of Empire: Postcolonialism in Practice in the Archaeology of Greco-Roman Judaea” (20 min.)

#### **4I. Archaeology of Anatolia II**

Primrose

*Theme: This session focuses on current archaeological research in Anatolia and presents the results of excavations and surveys.*

CHAIR: Levent Atici (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

#### **PRESENTERS:**

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Mara Horowitz (Purchase College, State University of New York), “Traces of Contact with Old Kingdom Hatti at LB I Tell Atchana/Alalakh” (20 min.)

4:50

Paige Paulsen (Johns Hopkins University), “Reconstructing Past Perception of Tumuli in the Kanak Su Basin, Central Anatolia, Using Spatial Analysis” (20 min.)

5:15

Lorenzo Castellano (Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University), “Grains, Granaries, and Politics: Some Considerations on the Role of Staple Products in Post-Hittite Anatolia.” (20 min.)

5:40

Scott Branting (University of Central Florida), Joseph Lehner (University of Central Florida), Sevil Baltalı Tırpan (Istanbul Technical University), Dominique Langis-Barsetti (University of Toronto), Tuna Kalaycı (FORTH Institute of Mediterranean Studies), Yasemin Özarslan (Koç University), Sarah Graff (Arizona State University), Lucas Proctor (University of Connecticut), Nilüfer Baturayoğlu Yöney (Abdullah Gül University), Burak Asiliskender (Abdullah Gül University), Canan Çakırlar-Oddens (University of Groningen), John Marston (Boston University), and Paige Paulsen (Johns Hopkins University), “The 2018 Season of the Kerkenes Project, Turkey” (20 min.)

### **Friday, November 16**

**8:20–10:25am**

**Session 5**

## **5A. Archaeology of Jordan II**

Evergreen A

*Theme: Iron Age to Nabataean Period*

CHAIRS: Marta D'Andrea (Sapienza University of Rome) and M. Barbara Reeves (Queen's University)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Abelardo Rivas (Andrews University), "Colors of Jalul: A Study on the Painted Pottery Found in Field G" (20 min.)

8:45

Michael Orellana (Andrews University), "Iron Age IIA Assemblage at Tall Jalul" (20 min.)

9:10

Josie Newbold (Brigham Young University), "New Lamps and Lamp Fragments from the Ad-Deir Plateau, Petra, Jordan" (20 min.)

9:35

Cynthia Finlayson (Brigham Young University), "Results of the Comprehensive GPS Survey of the Ad-Deir Plateau in Petra, Jordan" (20 min.)

10:00

Muhammad Al-Absi (Department of Antiquities of Jordan), "Initial Documentation of Private Archeological Structures in a Branched Gorge of the Petra Siq and an Analysis of Their Functions and Context" (20 min.)

## **5B. Archaeology of the Near East: The Classical Periods**

Evergreen B

CHAIR: Michael S. Zimmerman (Bridgewater State University)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Benjamin Gordon (University of Pittsburgh) and Zeev Weiss (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), "Samuel and Saul at Gilgal: A New Interpretation of the Elephant Mosaic Panel at the Late Antique Synagogue of Huqoq, Israel" (20 min.)

8:45

Dawn Acevedo (La Sierra University), “Death, Delight, and Décor: Herod the Great’s Use of the Tholos” (20 min.)

9:10

Michael Zimmerman (Bridgewater State University), Elizabeth Szylejko (Independent Scholar), and Martha Risser (Trinity College) “A Quantitative and Chronological Analysis of Lamps from the JECM Excavations at Caesarea Maritima” (20 min.)

9:35

R. Steven Notley (Nyack College) and Mordechai Aviam (Kinneret College), “Has Bethsaida-Julias Finally Been Found?” (20 min.)

10:00

Benjamin Abbott (University of Pennsylvania) “An Asiatic Minority or Majority? Rethinking Army Composition in the Seleucid Empire” (20 min.)

## **5C. Archaeology of the Southern Levant II**

Evergreen C

*Theme: Archaeology of the Late Bronze and Iron Age.*

CHAIRS: Owen Chesnut (North Central Michigan College) and Joshua Walton (Capital University)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

David Sugimoto (Keio University), “Necropolis at Beitin, Palestine, and Bethel’s Occupation History” (20 min.)

8:45

William Ondricek (Tel Aviv University; University of the Holy Land), Assaf Kleiman (Tel Aviv University), Sabine Kleiman (Tel Aviv University), and Erez Ben-Yosef (Tel Aviv University), “Early Edomite Fabric and Cultural Interconnections: New Studies on Pottery from the Early Iron Age Copper Production Sites in the Timna Valley” (20 min.)

9:10

Madaline Harris-Schober (University of Melbourne), “They Practice Divination Like the Philistines! A Re-Analysis of Cultic and Ritual Architecture of the Southern Levant” (20 min.)

9:35

Charles Wilson (University of Chicago), “A Phoenician-Made(?) ‘Cosmetic’ Palette at Gezer” (20 min.)

10:00

Madeleine Mumcuoglu (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Yosef Garfinkel (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Crossing the Threshold: Architecture, Iconography and the Sacred Entrance” (20 min.)

## **5D. Digital Archaeology and History I**

Evergreen D

CHAIR: Tiffany Earley-Spadoni (University of Central Florida)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Eric Kansa (Open Context, Alexandria Archive Institute), Ixchel Faniel (OCLC), Anne Austin (University of Missouri), Sarah Witcher Kansa (Open Context, Alexandria Archive Institute), Jennifer Jacobs (University of California, Berkeley), Ran Boytner (Institute for Field Research), and Elizabeth Yakel (University of Michigan), “Writing and Reviewing Responsible Data Management Plans” (15 min.)

8:45

John Sigmier (University of Pennsylvania) and Peter Cobb (University of Pennsylvania), “Filling in the Gaps: Visualizing Uncertainty Using Augmented Reality” (15 min.)

9:05

Paul Flesher (University of Wyoming), “Broadhouse and Galilean/Basilical Synagogues: Which Had the Better Acoustics?” (15 min.)

9:25

Ran Kaftory (EyeCue Vision Technologies; University of Haifa), “Qlone—The All-in-One 3D Scanning App” (15 min.)

9:45

Travis Corwin (University of Central Florida) and Tiffany Earley-Spadoni (University of Central Florida) “Shared Armenia: Empowering Stakeholders through Digital Storytelling” (15 min.)

10:05

Bruno Soltic (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary), “A Day on a Dig” (15 min.)

## **5E. History of Archaeology I**

Conifer

*Theme: Reflections on the Institutions of the Discipline*

CHAIR: Kevin M. McGeough (University of Lethbridge)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Raz Kletter (University of Helsinki), “Who Are We? A Look at the ASOR Annual Meeting, Boston 2017.” (20 min.)

8:45

Steven Edwards (University of Toronto), “The Six Degrees of ASOR: A Network Analysis of Participants at the Annual Meeting.” (20 min.)

9:10

Beth Alpert Nakhai (University of Arizona) and Amanda Bauer (University of California, Los Angeles), “‘In Honor or Memory of’ Whom? Exploring the Gendered Nature of Festschrifts and Memorial Volumes.” (20 min.)

9:35

Rachel Hallote (Purchase College, State University of New York), “‘Soft Power’ and the American School in Jerusalem, 1900–1920.” (20 min.)

10:00

Felicity Cobbing (Palestine Exploration Fund), “The Reinvention of the Palestine Exploration Fund.” (20 min.)

## **5F. Bioarchaeology in the Near East**

Cottonwood

CHAIR: Lesley A. Gregoricka (University of South Alabama)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Rachel Kalisher (Brown University), “Perspectives on Ancient Disability and Healthcare: Examination of a Trephination from LB I (ca. 1550–1400 B.C.E.) Megiddo, Israel” (15 min.)

8:45

Annie Laurie Norris (Arizona State University), Brenda Baker (Arizona State University), Kelly Knudson (Arizona State University), and Natalya Zolotova (Arizona State University), “Temporal Trends in Diet and Morbidity at the Qinifab School Site, Sudan” (15 min.)

9:05

Antonia Carter (University of South Alabama) and Lesley A. Gregoricka (University of South Alabama), “Cremation and Secondary Burial Practices among Umm an-Nar Communities in Bronze Age Arabia” (15 min.)

9:25

Kathryn Marklein (The Ohio State University), “The Romans Are Coming; the Romans Are Here: Differential Biological Responses to Roman Rule in Rural and Urban Anatolia” (15 min.)

9:45

Karl Berendt (University of Alberta) and Sandra Garvie-Lok (University of Alberta), “The People Left Behind: Disaster Skeletal Assemblage at Tel Azekah, Israel” (15 min.)

10:05

Sherry Fox (Eastern Michigan University), “One Moment in Time: The Bioarchaeology of the Earthquake Victims at Kourion, Cyprus” (15 min.)

## **5G. Approaches to Dress and the Body**

Aspen

CHAIR: Megan Cifarelli (Manhattanville College)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Emily Miller Bonney (California State University, Fullerton), “Do Clothes Make the Man (or Woman)? The Report from Bronze Age Crete” (15 min.)

8:45

Vanessa Workman (Bar-Ilan University), Naama Sukenik (Israel Antiquities Authority), Orit Shamir (Israel Antiquities Authority), and Erez Ben-Yosef (Tel Aviv University), “The Unique Iron Age Textile Assemblage of Timna’s Copper Smelting Sites: A Window into Dressing Codes and Social Structure of the Early Edomite Society” (15 min.)

9:05



Betty Adams (La Sierra University) and Kent Bramlett (La Sierra University), “Iron Age Cosmetics: The Proof Is in the Palette, Everyone Is an Esthetician” (15 min)

9:25

Kristine Garroway (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Los Angeles), “(Un)Dressing Judean Children in the Lachish Reliefs: Revealing Gender and Status” (15 min.)

9:45

Caleb Chow (Trinity International University), “The Sword as a Dress Accessory in the Neo-Assyrian Empire” (15 min.)

10:05

Jane Hickman (University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology), “The Active Role of Jewelry in an Iron Age Anatolian Burial” (15 min.)

## **5H. Archaeology of Mesopotamia**

Larkspur

*Theme: This session deals with all areas illuminated by archaeology that relate to the material, social, and religious culture, history and international relations, and texts of ancient Mesopotamia.*

CHAIR: Darren P. Ashby (American Schools of Oriental Research)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Emily Hammer (University of Pennsylvania), “Spatial Organization and Demography of the Iraqi Marshes: Ethnographic Information Derived from Newly-Declassified Aerial and Satellite Imagery” (20 min.)

8:45

Holly Pittman (University of Pennsylvania), “Report on the Early Dynastic I Administrative Complex at Al Hiba, Ancient Lagash” (20 min.)

9:10

Yasmin Abdul Karim (University of Mosul) and Helen Malko (Columbia University), “Architectural and Funeral Practices at Tell Abu Daheb” (20 min.)

9:35

Daniel Calderbank (The University of Manchester), “Inter-Regional Connections in the Sealand Period: Pottery from Tell Khaiber, Southern Iraq” (20 min.)

10:00

Norma Franklin (University of Haifa), “The Assyrian Stylized Tree: Propagation Not Pollination” (20 min.)

### **5I. Archaeology of Anatolia III**

Primrose

*Theme: This session focuses on current archaeological research in Anatolia and presents the results of excavations and surveys.*

CHAIR: Levent Atici (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

#### **PRESENTERS**

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Timothy P. Harrison (University of Toronto), “The ‘Lady of Tayinat’ and Other Recent Discoveries at Kunulua, Royal City of the Kingdom of Palastin/Walastin” (25 min.)

8:55

Virginia Herrmann (University of Tübingen) and David Schloen (University of Chicago), “Zincirli Höyük, Turkey: Recent Results from the Chicago-Tübingen Excavations” (25 min.)

9:25

Stephanie Selover (University of Washington), “Of Winged Women and Stone Tombs: Finding Anatolia in Archaic Lycia” (25 min.)

9:55

Daniel C. Browning Jr. (University of Southern Mississippi), “Stylite Sites in Rough Cilicia?” (20 min.)

**10:25–10:40am      Coffee Break**

Atrium

**10:40am–12:45pm    Session 6**

### **6A. Archaeology of Jordan III**

Evergreen A

*Theme: Nabataean to Modern Periods*

CHAIRS: Marta D'Andrea (Sapienza University of Rome) and M. Barbara Reeves (Queen's University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

David Graf (University of Miami), "The Nabataean Crocodile Betyl" (20 min.)

11:05

M. Barbara Reeves (Queen's University), "Stepping into History: A Contextual Analysis of the Footprint Images in Humayma's Hills and Roman Fort" (20 min.)

11:30

Darrell J. Rohl (Canterbury Christ Church University) and Elizabeth Osinga (Independent Scholar), "The Hisban North Church: New Insights on the Byzantine Period at Esbus/Esbounta (Jordan)" (20 min.)

11:55

Robert D. Bates (Andrews University) and Bethany Walker (University of Bonn), "Living the Domestic Life: A Preliminary Report of the Medieval Village at Tall Hisban from the 2016–2018 Excavation Seasons" (20 min.)

12:20

Maria Elena Ronza (Andrews University; Sela for Vocational Training and Protection of Cultural Heritage) and Erin Addison (Independent Scholar), "Community Archaeology in Jordan—A White Paper" (20 min.)

## **6B. Archaeology of Cyprus I**

Evergreen B

*Theme: The Archaeology of Cyprus sessions focus on archaeological, art historical, and material culture investigation and assessment covering the broad spectrum of Cypriot studies from prehistory to the modern period.*

CHAIR: Nancy Serwint (Arizona State University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Alan Simmons (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), "Sailing Neanderthals: Early Mediterranean Voyagers and the Role of Cyprus in Perspective" (20 min.)

11:05

Kathryn Grossman (North Carolina State University), Tate Paulette (North Carolina State University), Andrew McCarthy (University of Edinburgh), and Lisa Graham (University

of Edinburgh), “Pre-urban Trajectories on the Northwest Coast of Cyprus: The First Two Seasons of the Makounta-*Voules* Archaeological Project” (20 min.)

11:30

Lindy Crewe (Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute), “Kissonerga-*Skalia* Bronze Age Settlement Excavation” (20 min.)

11:55

Christine Johnston (Western Washington University), “Import Distribution and Network Integration in Bronze Age Cyprus” (20 min.)

12:20

Ellis Monahan (Cornell University), “A History of Violence? A Reassessment of the Evidence for Internecine Conflict in Bronze Age Cyprus” (20 min.)

### **6C. Archaeology of the Southern Levant III**

Evergreen C

CHAIRS: Owen Chesnut (North Central Michigan College) and Joshua Walton (Capital University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Ian Cipin (University of Evansville), Jennie Ebeling (University of Evansville), and Danny Rosenberg (University of Haifa), “Basalt Artifact Manufacture at Early Bronze Age Jezreel” (20 min.)

11:05

Steven Collins (Veritas International University; Trinity Southwest University), “Tall el-Hammam—City and State: Insights from 13 Excavation Seasons” (20 min.)

11:30

Francesco de Magistris (Oxford University), “The Land of Yarimuta as the Central Coastal Valley: A Re-Evaluation of Rib-Addi’s Letters in Light of Recent Excavations in Jaffa and Aphek” (20 min.)

11:55

Rafael Lewis (Ashkelon Academic College) and Rona Avissar Lewis (David Yellin Academic College), “El-Kankuzah, ‘Precious’ Site in the Hattin Landscape” (20 min.)

12:20

Stephen Pfann (University of the Holy Land) and Yehudah Rapuano (Israel Antiquities Authority), “Comparative Methods in the Dating of Terraces of the Late Hellenistic to Islamic Periods in the Galilee and in the Judean Wilderness” (20 min.)

## **6D. Digital Archaeology and History II**

Evergreen D

CHAIR: Tiffany Earley-Spadoni (University of Central Florida)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Adam Anderson (University of California, Berkeley), “Mapping Archaeological Networks and Neighborhoods in Kaneš” (15 min.)

11:05

Maurits Ertsen (Delft University of Technology), “Modeling Mesopotamia—Agent-Based Modeling for Emerging Power Relations” (15 min.)

11:25

Megan Lewis (Johns Hopkins University), “Genre vs. Topic: A Computer-Assisted Approach to Categorizing the Royal Inscriptions of Mesopotamia” (15 min.)

11:45

David Danzig (New York University) and Michal Bacon (The New School), “Common Babylonian Religious Participation: Statistical Comparisons of Religious Theory and Practice” (15 min.)

12:05

Bradley Erickson (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), “Digital Cuneiform: The Use of 3D Technologies to Provide Access to Difficult-to-Reach Material” (15 min.)

12:25

David Falk (University of Liverpool), “Improving Scholarship with Digital Humanities: Reconciling the 14 Years of Horemheb as a Case Study” (15 min.)

## **6E. History of Archaeology II**

Conifer

*Theme: Rethinking Excavations and Contributions*

CHAIR: Kevin M. McGeough (University of Lethbridge)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Joseph Greene (Harvard University), “Nelson Glueck, Deities, Dolphins, and the Archaeology of the Nabateans” (20 min.)

11:05

Gary Arbino (Gateway Seminary), “One Square, Three Digs: Excavating Hebrew Union College Field X at Gezer.” (20 min.)

11:30

Eric L. Welch (University of Kentucky), “Ignorance is Bliss or Was Bliss Ignorant? Contextualizing the Culturally Biased Conclusions of the 1899 Palestine Exploration Fund Expedition to Tell es-Safi” (20 min.)

11:55

William Krieger (University of Rhode Island), “The Evolution of Theory and Method in Philistine Archaeology” (20 min.)

12:20

Izaak J. de Hulster (University of Helsinki), “Female Contributions to Biblical Archaeology during the Victorian Era.” (20 min.)

## **6F. Landscapes of Settlement in the Ancient Near East**

Cottonwood

CHAIRS: Emily Hammer (University of Pennsylvania) and Jesse Casana (Dartmouth College)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Stephanie Rost (New York University) and Amir Hamdani (Durham University), “Umma Revisited” (15 min.)

11:05

Tina L. Greenfield (University of Saskatchewan), Augusta M. McMahon (University of Cambridge), Cameron A. Petrie (University of Cambridge), and Tamsin C. O’Connell (University of Cambridge), “Herd Animal Management and Mobility in Early Dynastic Sumer” (15 min.)

11:25

Elise Jakoby Laugier (Dartmouth College), “Reconstructing Mesopotamian Land-Use Histories in Environmentally-Transitional Landscapes: Multi-Spectral Analysis in the Upper Diyala (Sirwan) Watershed (Kurdish Region, Iraq)” (15 min.)

11:45

Andrea Squitieri (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München) and Mark Altaweel (University College London), “From Small States to Large Empires: Population Movement and Social Change in the Near East during the Age of Empires” (15 min.)

12:05

Amy Karoll (University of California, Los Angeles), “Between Resilience and Collapse: Living through a Vulnerable System in the Early Bronze Age IV” (15 min.)

12:25

Kathleen Bennallack (University of California, San Diego), “It’s Not You, It’s Me . . . Probably: Connections and Disconnections in the Archaeology of the Late Neolithic of the Southern Levant and Adjacent Regions” (15 min.)

## **6G. Gender in the Ancient Near East**

Aspen

*Theme: This session explores the art, archaeology, and texts of the ancient Near East through the lens of gender issues and the study of gender groups in antiquity. Papers explore subjects such as the household and domestic life, industry and commerce, religion, and more.*

CHAIRS: Stephanie M. Langin-Hooper (Southern Methodist University) and Regine Hunziker-Rodewald (University of Strasbourg)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Regine Hunziker-Rodewald (University of Strasbourg), “Going East—Philistine Female Figurines in Transjordan” (25 min.)

11:15

Megan Cifarelli (Manhattanville College), “Discovering Others at Hasanlu: Can We Find Non-Binary Gendered Individuals in the Archaeological Record?” (25 min.)

11:45

Emily Liske (University of Tennessee) and Erin Darby (University of Tennessee), “‘The Holy Brick of Birth-Giving’: Reconstructing the ‘Private Lives’ of Ancient Near Eastern Women” (25 min.)

12:15

Kathleen McCaffrey (Independent Researcher), “Spousal Abuse in Ancient Mesopotamia: Double Messaging in Gilgamesh 45–47” (25 min.)

## **6H. Career Options for ASOR Members: The Academy and Beyond**

Larkspur

CHAIRS: Susan Ackerman (Dartmouth College) and Emily Miller Bonney (California State University, Fullerton)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

H. Katharine Sheeler (National Cathedral School), “Those Who Can Teach: Have You Considered a Career in Secondary School Teaching?” (20 min.)

11:05

Sarah Lepinski (National Endowment for the Humanities), “Tracking a Course beyond the Academy in Humanities: Grant-making” (20 min.)

11:30

Gabriela Castro Gessner (Cornell University Library), “From Prehistorian to Librarian” (20 min.)

11:55

Sarah Witcher Kansa (Open Context, Alexandria Archive Institute) and Eric Kansa (Open Context, Alexandria Archive Institute), “Thriving and Surviving on the Edge” (20 min.)

12:20

John Green (American Center of Oriental Research), “Careers in Museums and Cultural Heritage” (20 min.)

## **6I. The Huqoq Excavation Project**

Primrose

*Theme: This session provides an overview of the discoveries in the 2017–2018 excavation seasons at Huqoq, focusing especially on the Late Roman (early fifth century C.E.) synagogue.*



CHAIR: Jodi Magness (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Jodi Magness (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), Shua Kisilevitz (Israel Antiquities Authority; Tel Aviv University), Matthew Grey (Brigham Young University), and Dennis Mizzi (University of Malta), “The 2017–2018 Excavations at Huqoq in Israel’s Galilee” (20 min.)

11:05

Martin Wells (Austin College), “The Architecture of the Huqoq Synagogue and the Medieval Public Building” (20 min.)

11:30

Shana O’Connell (Howard University), “The Painted Plaster and Stucco Decoration of the Huqoq Synagogue” (20 min.)

11:55

Karen Britt (Western Carolina University) and Ra’anan Boustan (Princeton University), “Recent Mosaic Discoveries from the Huqoq Synagogue: Emerging Themes and Shifting Paradigms” (20 min.)

12:20

Daniel Schindler (Elon University), “The Pottery from the Huqoq Excavations and the Dating of Galilean Synagogues” (20 min.)

**12:45–2:00pm ASOR Members’ Meeting**  
Rocky Mountain Event Center

*All attendees are invited to bring their lunch and participate in the meeting’s business and in its celebration of the winners of this year’s ASOR Honors and Awards.*

**2:00–4:05pm Session 7**

**7A. Ambiguity in the Ancient Near East: In-Between Spaces and Otherworldly Encounters I**  
Evergreen A

*Theme: In-Between Spaces*

CHAIRS: Lauren K. McCormick (Syracuse University) and Elizabeth A. Knott (New York University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

James Osborne (University of Chicago), “Ambiguous Nation-States: Diaspora and the Rise of the Syro-Anatolian Culture Complex” (15 min.)

2:25

Heidi Fessler (Independent Scholar), “The Assyrian Political Network in the Southern Levant: Reconsidering Provincial Boundaries” (15 min.)

2:45

Mahri Leonard-Fleckman (College of the Holy Cross), “A Fresh Biblical Lens on the Iron Age Shephelah: Social Ambiguity versus Order in Judges-Samuel” (15 min.)

3:05

Andrew Danielson (University of California, Los Angeles), “QWS, Edom, and Identities: Exploring the Use of Theophoric Elements in Onomastica as Markers of Identity” (15 min.)

3:25

Michael Stahl (Converse College), “A Divine Ambiguity: Will the Real ‘Lady of Byblos’ Please Stand Up?” (15 min.)

3:45

Naphtali Meshel (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “Identifying Intentional Ambiguity” (15 min.)

## **7B. Archaeology of Cyprus II**

Evergreen B

*Theme: The Archaeology of Cyprus sessions focus on archaeological, art historical, and material culture investigation and assessment covering the broad spectrum of Cypriot studies from prehistory to the modern period.*

CHAIR: Nancy Serwint (Arizona State University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Zuzana Chovanec (Institute of Archaeology, Slovak Academy of Sciences), “The Symbolic Landscape of Prehistoric Bronze Age Cyprus as Represented in Figural Representation in Ritual Vessels: A New Interpretation” (20 min.)

2:25

Thierry Petit (Université Laval), “The First ‘Ruler’s Dwelling’ in Cyprus? A Pre-Palatial Building on the Acropolis of Amathus” (20 min.)

2:50

Nassos Papalexandrou (University of Texas at Austin), “Tomb 79 Salamis, Cyprus: The Griffin Cauldron in Its Local, Near Eastern, and Mediterranean Context” (20 min.)

3:15

Georgia Bonny Bazemore (Eastern Washington University), “Aphrodite Aside: The Sanctuary of the Male Deity and the Religion of the Ancient Paphian Kingdom” (20 min.)

3:40

Laura Gagne (Carleton University), “Silencing the God Who Speaks: The Destruction of the Sanctuary at Lingrin tou Digheni” (20 min.)

### **7C. Daily Life in Ancient Judah in the Iron II: Papers in Honor of Professor Oded Borowski**

Evergreen C

*Theme: A session celebrating the publication of a Festschrift in honor of Professor Oded Borowski*

CHAIRS: Zev Farber (Project TABS [Torah and Biblical Scholarship]—TheTorah.com), Jacob L. Wright (Emory University), and Cynthia Shafer-Elliott (William Jessup University)

#### **PRESENTERS:**

2:00

Zev Farber (Project TABS [Torah and Biblical Scholarship]—TheTorah.com) and Jacob L. Wright (Emory University), “Presentation of Festschrift,” (10 min.)

2:10

Oded Borowski (Emory University), “Reflections” (15 min.)

2:25

Avraham Faust (Bar Ilan University), “Funnels as Indicators of Iron Age Storage Activities” (20 min.)

2:50

Yuval Gadot (Tel Aviv University) “Using OSL for Dating the Advent of Dry Farming Terraces in the Highlands of Jerusalem” (20 min.)

3:15

Jennie Ebeling (University of Evansville), “Circles on Plans: New Insights into Oven Locations in Iron Age Houses” (20 min.)

3:40

Cynthia Shafer-Elliott (William Jessup University), “‘He Shall Eat Curds and Honey’: Food and Feasting in Late Eighth Century Judah” (20 min.)

## **7D. What's in a Name? Re-assessing the Oriental in the American Schools of Oriental Research (Workshop)**

Evergreen D

*Theme: In May 2016, the federal government passed a law eliminating all references to “Negros” and “Orientals” in federal laws and official governmental documents, replacing them with more accurate and up-to-date descriptors including “African-American” and “Asian-American.” This workshop evaluates the challenge posed to ASOR by the word “Oriental” in the organization’s name. Papers will be pre-circulated at the google drive link below, allowing more time for discussion. Organizers hope this format will give rise to a robust discussion of ASOR’s name among the membership and invite all interested members to attend the workshop. <http://bit.ly/ASOR2018Orientalism>*

CHAIRS: Danielle Fatkin (Knox College) and Kathleen Bennallack (University of California, San Diego)

PANELISTS:

Melissa Kutner (University of Maryland, Baltimore County), “Getting Oriented: Direction and the Practice of Knowledge”

Danielle Fatkin (Knox College), “‘Orientalism’ in America: East Asia, West Asia, and the American Racial Imagination”

Ian Jones (California State University, San Marcos), “‘Isn’t That a Little Racist, Dr. Jones?’ What I Learned Trying to Explain ASOR to High School Students”

Kathleen Bennallack (University of California, San Diego), “Is Archaeology (Still) Practicing Orientalism? A Brief Overview of Near Eastern Archaeology’s Role in Current Neoliberal Regimes of Political Control”

Michael Homan (Xavier University of Louisiana), “Why the Term ‘Oriental’ in ASOR is neither Accurate nor Appropriate”

Elana Corbett (AMIDEAST), Discussant

Susan Ackerman (Dartmouth College), Discussant

## **7E. History of Archaeology III**

Conifer

*Theme: Inventing the Archaeology of the Near East*

CHAIR: Kevin M. McGeough (University of Lethbridge)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Mark Wilson (Asia Minor Research Center), “Alexander Svoboda and his Early Archaeological Photography of the Seven Churches” (20 min.)

2:25

Rannfrid Thelle (Wichita State University), “The Babylon Excavation 1899–1917: Early Contribution to Historiography” (20 min.)

2:50

Michael Ellingsen (Independent Scholar), “Two Mid-19th Century Scholarly Squabbles: The Cases of the Eshmunazar Sarcophagus and of Kadesh-on-the-Orontes” (20 min.)

3:15

Lisa Cooper (University of British Columbia), “Nameless, Voiceless, yet Indispensable: Excavation Workers on Archaeological Projects in Mesopotamia in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries” (20 min.)

3:40

General Discussion (20 min.)

## **7F. The Archaeology of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq I**

Cottonwood

CHAIR: Jason Ur (Harvard University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Andrea Squitieri (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München), Karen Radner (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München), and Janoscha Kreppner (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München), “The Peshdar Plain Project 2015–2017: Investigating a Major Assyrian Settlement on the Empire’s Eastern Frontier (Kurdistan Region of Iraq)” (25 min.)

2:30

Mehrnoush Soroush (Harvard University) and Jason Ur (Harvard University), "Irrigating a Dry-Farmed Plain: The Qanat Landscape of Erbil" (25 min.)

3:00

Steve Renette (University of Pennsylvania) and Jessica Giraud (Institut Français du Proche-Orient, Paris), "Bazyan Basin Survey Report: Documenting Threatened Archaeological Heritage in the Zagros Foothills of Iraqi Kurdistan" (25 min.)

3:30

Hasan Qasim (Directorate of Antiquities, Dohuk Governorate, Kurdistan Region of Iraq), "A New Neo-Assyrian Palace at Girê Sêmêl: Rescue Excavations in the Dohuk Governorate, Kurdistan Region of Iraq" (25 min.)

## **7G. Creative Pedagogies for Teaching the Ancient Near East and Egypt I**

Aspen

*Theme: Different "Classrooms." The first of two sessions examines the different types of environments in which we find ourselves teaching the ancient Near East and Egypt, from high schools to large lecture classes and museums, as well as situations in which the students themselves are entrusted with the work of educating the public.*

CHAIRS: Marta Ameri (Colby College) and Helen M. Dixon (Wofford College)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Stephanie M. Langin-Hooper (Southern Methodist University), "Hands-On Projects, Experiential Learning, and High Enrollments: Making the Past Come Alive for 150 Undergrads" (20 min.)

2:35

Lisette Jiménez (San Francisco State University), "Teaching through Objects: Using Museum Collections in Egyptian Art and Museum Studies Courses" (20 min.)

3:05

Jacob Damm (University of California, Los Angeles) and Nadia Ben-Marzouk (University of California, Los Angeles), "Education as Outreach: Redefining the Role of the Undergraduate Classroom" (20 min.)

3:35

General Discussion (30 min.)

## **7H. Archaeology and History of Feasting and Foodways**

Larkspur

CHAIRS: Elizabeth Arnold (Grand Valley State University), Deirdre Fulton (Baylor University), and Margaret Cohen (W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Louise Bertini (American Research Center in Egypt), “‘Classic’ Critters in the Food Economy: Ptolemaic/Roman Faunal Assemblages from Egypt’s Western Nile Delta” (20 min.)

2:25

Kara Larson (Mississippi State University), Elizabeth Arnold (Grand Valley State University), and James Hardin (Mississippi State University), “Using Stable Isotope Analyses to Examine Foodways at Iron Age II Khirbet Summeily” (20 min.)

2:50

Abra Spiciarich (Tel Aviv University), “Birds in Transition: Bird Exploitation during the Late Bronze Age, Iron Age I, and Iron Age II” (20 min.)

3:15

Jonathan Gardner (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School), “Attendance is Required: David’s Absence from the New Moon Feast as a Test of Loyalty and Kinship” (20 min.)

3:40

Alice Hunt (University of Georgia), “Conspicuous Consumption: Imperial Ideology and Social Identity” (20 min.)

## **7I. Religious Interactions in the Medieval Near East**

Primrose

CHAIRS: Debra Foran (Wilfrid Laurier University) and Elizabeth Macaulay-Lewis (The Graduate Center of the City University of New York)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Sean Leatherbury (Bowling Green State University), “Pilgrim Graffiti and the Sacred Economy of Pilgrimage in Late Antique Syro-Palestine” (25 min.)

2:30

Marlena Whiting (University of Amsterdam), "Gender, Archaeology, and Pilgrimage in the Late Antique Near East" (25 min.)

3:00

Walter Ward (University of Alabama at Birmingham), "Christian and Muslim Encounters at Mount Sinai in the Seventh and Eighth Centuries C.E." (25 min.)

3:30

Ethel Wolper (University of New Hampshire), "Ecumenical Practice and the Power of the Dead: Saint and Prophet Shrines in Medieval Mosul and Its Environs" (25 min.)

**4:20–6:25pm          Session 8**

**8A. Ambiguity in the Ancient Near East: In-Between Spaces and Otherworldly Encounters II**

Evergreen A

*Theme: Otherworldly Encounters*

CHAIRS: Lauren K. McCormick (Syracuse University) and Elizabeth A. Knott (New York University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Monica Louise Phillips (University of Chicago), "Sumerian Temple Names and the Creation of Divine Liminal Space" (15 min.)

4:45

Amy Balogh (University of Denver), "The Ambiguity of Idol Worlds" (15 min.)

5:05

Anne Porter (University of Toronto), "Liminality in Image, Ideology, and Everyday Life of Greater Mesopotamia" (15 min.)

5:25

M. Willis Monroe (University of British Columbia), "Ambiguity in Babylonian Astrology" (15 min.)



5:45

Gina Konstantopoulos (University of Helsinki), “‘Well, I Will Say It to Her’: Women and the Interpretation of Dreams in Mesopotamia” (15 min.)

6:05

Kerry Sonia (Bowdoin College), “Ghosts who Chirp and Mutter: Biblical Necromancy and the Status of the Dead” (15 min.)

### **8B. Archaeology of Cyprus III**

Evergreen B

*Theme: The Archaeology of Cyprus sessions focus on archaeological, art historical, and material culture investigation and assessment covering the broad spectrum of Cypriot studies from prehistory to the modern period.*

CHAIR: Nancy Serwint (Arizona State University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Nancy Serwint (Arizona State University), “The Terracotta Corpus from Marion/Arsinoe: How a Coroplast Thinks” (20 min.)

4:50

R. Scott Moore (Indiana University of Pennsylvania) and William Caraher (University of North Dakota), “A Small Production Site at Polis” (20 min.)

5:15

Lucas Grimsley (Southwestern Theological Seminary), Laura Swantek (Arizona State University), Thomas Davis (Southwestern Theological Seminary), Christopher Davey (University of Melbourne), and William Weir (University of Cincinnati), “Kourion Urban Space Project: 2018 Season Preliminary Results” (20 min.)

5:40

Ann-Marie Knoblauch (Virginia Tech), “Cypriot Antiquities, Cesnola, and American Cultural Identity in 1880s New York” (20 min.)

### **8C. The Megiddo Excavations: New Studies Reflecting on the Archaeology and History of Ancient Israel and Beyond**

Evergreen C

CHAIR: Matthew J. Adams (W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Matthew J. Adams (W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research) and Erin Hall (Tel Aviv University), “Middle Bronze and ‘Solomonic’ Gates at Megiddo” (15 min.)

4:45

Melissa Cradic (University of California, Berkeley), Israel Finkelstein (Tel Aviv University), and Matthew J. Adams (W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research), “An Undisturbed Royal(?) MB III Tomb at Megiddo” (15 min.)

5:05

Vanessa Linares (Tel Aviv University), “Long Distance Trade: Vanillin as a Mortuary Offering in Middle Bronze Age Megiddo” (15 min.)

5:25

Israel Finkelstein (Tel Aviv University), Mario A. S. Martin (Tel Aviv University), and Eliezer Piasetzky (Tel Aviv University), “Second Millennium 14C Chronology with Emphasis on the Middle Bronze/Late Bronze Age and Late Bronze Age/Iron Age I Transitions” (15 min.)

5:45

Eythan Levy (Tel Aviv University) and Israel Finkelstein (Tel Aviv University), “Computational Chronology: The First Appearance of Philistine Bichrome at Megiddo” (15 min.)

6:05

Lily Agranat-Tamir (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Liran Carmel (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), and David Reich (Harvard Medical School), “The Genetics of the Bronze and Iron Age Levant” (15 min.)

**8D. Power and Memory: The Transformation of Communities in the Roman Near East from Classical to Late Antiquity (Essays Honoring Kenneth G. Holm)**

Evergreen D

CHAIRS: Jennifer Ramsay (The College at Brockport, State University of New York) and Andrew Smith II (The George Washington University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Jodi Magness (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), “Herod the Great in Light of His Tomb at Herodium” (20 min.)

4:45

Jennifer Stabler (Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission), “Architectural Transitions on the Temple Platform from the Herodian Period to Late Antiquity at Caesarea Maritima” (20 min.)

5:10

Andrew M. Smith II (The George Washington University), “The Classical City of Petra in Late Antiquity: Survival and Transformation” (20 min.)

5:35

Jennifer Ramsay (The College at Brockport, State University of New York), “Seeds of Change: How Plant Remains Reflect the Transformation of Communities in the Roman Near East” (20 min.)

6:00

S. Thomas Parker (North Carolina State University), Discussant (20 min.)

## **8E. Application of Geoarchaeological Research Methods to Near Eastern Archaeology (Workshop)**

Conifer

CHAIR: Howard Cyr (University of Tennessee, Knoxville)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Howard Cyr (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), “Integrating Geoarchaeological Methods and Techniques into Near Eastern Archaeological Research Programs: How Can We as Geoarchaeologists (and Other Archaeological Specialists) Better Engage with the Broader Near Eastern Archaeological Community?” (25 min.)

4:50

Kevin Fisher (University of British Columbia), “Geoarchaeological Research at Kalavassos-Ayios Dhimitrios, Cyprus” (25 min.)

5:20

Erin Darby (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), “Incorporating Geoarchaeology in Research Design and Field School Training” (25 min.)

5:50

Shawn Bubel (University of Lethbridge), “Geoarchaeological Research at Tell Sites in the Near East” (25 min.)

## **8F. The Archaeology of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq II**

Cottonwood

CHAIR: Jason Ur (Harvard University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Jason Ur (Harvard University), “Settlement Patterns on the Erbil Plain, Kurdistan Region of Iraq” (25 min.)

4:50

Mitra Panahipour (University of Arkansas), “Intensification, Water Management, and Sociopolitical Structure during the Sasanian Period in Eastern Iraq and Western Iran” (25 min.)

5:20

Kathleen Downey (The Ohio State University), “Anthropological and Funerary Analyses of the Human Remains at Gird-i Bazar” (25 min.)

5:50

Jesse Casana (Dartmouth College) and Claudia Glatz (University of Glasgow), “A Bronze Age City in the Mesopotamian-Zagros Borderlands: Archaeological Investigations at Khani Masi and Regional Survey in the Upper Diyala/Sirwan River Valley” (25 min.)

## **8G. Creative Pedagogies for Teaching the Ancient Near East and Egypt II**

Aspen

*Theme: Strategies and approaches. The papers in this session highlight attempts at specific interdisciplinary and/or object-based pedagogical strategies for teaching the ancient Near East and Egypt while focusing on the practical aspects of employing these strategies in a museum or university teaching environment.*

CHAIRS: Marta Ameri (Colby College) and Helen M. Dixon (Wofford College)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Sarah J. Scott (Wagner College), “Feast or Famine? Undergraduates, Interdisciplinary Pedagogy, and Ancient Near Eastern Art History” (20 min.)

4:50

Marta Ameri (Colby College), “Sharing Space: Theory and Practice of Seal Studies at Colby College” (20 min.)

5:15

Gemma Lee (University of Melbourne), “Object-Based learning: Utilizing Bab adh-Dhra’ Artefacts to Engage Students in Near Eastern Archaeology” (20 min.)

5:40

Flora Anthony (Kennesaw State University) “Using Experiential Teaching Techniques in Ancient Egyptian and Ancient Near Eastern Art History Courses” (20 min.)

## **8H. Materializing Emotion in Mesopotamia**

Larkspur

CHAIRS: Jay Crisostomo (University of Michigan) and Karen Sonik (Auburn University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Karen Sonik (Auburn University), “Emotion and the Mesopotamian Arts” (25 min.)

4:55

Greta Van Buylaere (University of Würzburg), “Depression at Esarhaddon and Assurbanipal’s Royal Courts” (25 min.)

5:25

Ulrike Steinert (Freie Universität Berlin), “The Body and Emotional Expression in Mesopotamia” (25 min.)

5:55

Felipe Rojas (Brown University), “Landscape Monuments and the Emotional Life of Rock in Ancient Anatolia” (25 min.)

**Saturday, November 17**

**8:20–10:25am      Session 9**

**9A. Cultural Heritage Management: Methods, Practices, and Case Studies I**

Evergreen A

*Theme: This session focuses on cultural heritage management efforts in conflict zones and highlights efforts by ASOR's Cultural Heritage Initiatives (CHI) program.*

CHAIR: Glenn Corbett (Council of American Overseas Research Centers)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Susan Penacho (ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives) and Gwendolyn Kristy (ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives), "Results from the ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives: Analyzing Conflict Damage on Cultural Heritage in Syria, Iraq, and Libya" (20 min.)

8:45

William Raynolds (ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives), Susan Penacho (ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives), and Gwendolyn Kristy (ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives), "Post-Conflict Damage Assessment in the Old City of Benghazi" (20 min.)

9:10

Allison Cuneo (Cultural Property Consultants, LLC), "Results from the ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives: Post-Conflict Cultural Heritage Initiatives in Iraq" (20 min.)

9:35

Darren P. Ashby (American Schools of Oriental Research) and Michael Mail (Foundation for Jewish Heritage), "Results from the ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives: The Documentation of Jewish Cultural Heritage in Iraq and Syria" (20 min.)

**10:00 CANCELED**

Marina Gabriel (ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives) and Amr al-Azm (The Day After—Heritage Protection Initiative; ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives) "Results from the ASOR Cultural Heritage Initiatives: Mitigation Efforts in Syria—Challenges and Successes" (20 min.)

**9B. Change and Continuity in the Seventh Century C.E. Near East**

Evergreen B

*Theme: The first year of this session will focus on material practice*

CHAIRS: Ian Randall (Providence College) and Stephen Humphreys (Durham University)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Charles Stewart (University of St. Thomas), “Architectural Change in the Seventh and Eighth Centuries” (25 min.)

8:50

Ian Randall (Providence College), “Collapse and Crisis, Dining and Decadence: Ceramic Responses to Intense Social Stress in Late Antique Cyprus” (25 min.)

9:20

Marica Cassis (Memorial University of Newfoundland), “Messy and Misunderstood: Material Culture in Medieval Anatolia” (25 min.)

9:50

Stephen Humphreys (Durham University), “Eating in Church: Ovens as Indicators of Social Change in Seventh Century C.E. Cyprus” (25 min.)

**9C. The Tenth Century B.C.E. Borderlands of the Greater Hesi Region:  
Implications**

Evergreen C

*Theme: The Greater Hesi Region was a borderland in the tenth century B.C.E. This session explores implications based on the archaeology of the region and theoretical issues such as military activities including war and non-war functions as well as how this region might be seen in the context of state formation processes.*

CHAIR: Jeffrey A. Blakely (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Jeffrey A. Blakely (University of Wisconsin–Madison), “Introduction to the Greater Hesi Region in the Tenth Century B.C.E.: The Archaeological Background” (20 min.)

8:45

Geoffrey Ludvik (University of Wisconsin–Madison), “The Art of War on Judah’s Periphery: The Archaeology of Military Strategy in the Tell el-Hesi Region during the 11th to 9th centuries B.C.E.” (20 min.)

9:10

Christopher Rollston (The George Washington University), “Scribes and Scribalism in the Hinterlands: Hesi in Context” (20 min.)

9:35

James Hardin (Mississippi State University), “Understanding Land Use and Increasing Integration and Political Complexity in the Hesi Region during the Iron Ages I and II” (20 min.)

10:00

Timothy P. Harrison (University of Toronto), Discussant (10 min.)

## **9D. Archaeology of Arabia I**

Evergreen D

*Theme: This session includes recent excavations in Oman and the UAE focusing on the proto-historic periods (third-second millennia B.C.E.).*

CHAIR: Steven Karacic (Florida State University)

### **PRESENTERS:**

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Jonathan Mark Kenoyer (University of Wisconsin–Madison), Maurizio Cattani (University of Bologna), and Dennys Frenez (University of Bologna), “Technology and Trade between the Indus Valley and Southeastern Arabia: Recent Insights from Excavations at HD-1, Ras Al-Hadd, Sultanate of Oman, 2016–2018” (25 min.)

8:55

Gregg Jamison (University of Wisconsin–Waukesha) and Jonathan Mark Kenoyer (University of Wisconsin–Madison), “Lithic Technology at HD-1, Ras Al-Hadd, Sultanate of Oman, 2016–2018: Preliminary Typological and Use-Wear Analysis” (25 min.)

9:25

William Belcher (University of Hawai‘i-West O‘ahu), “Fish Remains and Technology at HD-1, Ras Al-Hadd, Sultanate of Oman, 2016–2018: A Preliminary Assessment and Comparison to Third Millennium B.C. Sites of the Indus Valley Civilization” (25 min.)

9:55

Charlotte Cable (University of New England), Kristina Franke (University of New England), James Roberts (University of New England), Mark Moore (University of New England), Steve Karacic (Florida State University), Claire Newton (Université du Québec à Rimouski), Iona McRae (University of Sydney), H  l  ne David-Cuny (Independent Illustrator), Ivan Stepanov (University of New England), Yaaqoub Youssef Al Aali (Dubai Municipality), Mansour Boraik Radwan (Dubai Municipality), Hassan Zein



(Dubai Municipality), and Lloyd Weeks (University of New England), “The Wadi Suq Period, as Seen at Saruq al-Hadid, Dubai” (25 min.)

## **9E. Environmental Archaeology of the Ancient Near East**

Conifer

CHAIRS: Madelynn von Baeyer (Harvard University) and Melissa Rosenzweig (Northwestern University)

### PRESENTERS:

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Phillip J. Silvia (Trinity Southwest University), A. Victor Adedeji (Elizabeth City State University), Ted E. Bunch (Northern Arizona University), T. David Burleigh (New Mexico Tech), Robert Hermes (Los Alamos National Laboratory), George Howard (Restoration Systems), Malcolm A. LeCompte (Comet Research Group), Charles Mooney (NC State University), E. Clay Swindel (Comet Research Group), Allen West (Comet Research Group), Tim Witwer (Comet Research Group), James H. Wittke (Northern Arizona University), Wendy S. Wolback (DePaul University), and Dale Batchelor (EAG Laboratories), “The 3.7kaBP Middle Ghor Event: Catastrophic Termination of a Bronze Age Civilization” (15 min.)

8:45

Brita Lorentzen (Cornell University), Sturt Manning (Cornell University), and Nikolas Bakirtzis (Cyprus Institute), “Out of the Woods: Extracting Environmental History from Medieval and Post-Byzantine Monuments in Cyprus” (15 min.)

9:05

Sarah Witcher Kansa (Open Context, Alexandria Archive Institute) and Justin S. E. Lev-Tov (Independent Scholar), “Large-Scale, Interoperable Zooarchaeological Data: The Biometrical Database of Near East and Eastern Mediterranean Fauna” (15 min.)

9:25

John M. Marston (Boston University), Kali R. Wade (Boston University), and Melissa S. Cradic (University of California, Berkeley), “Microbotanical and Macrobotanical Remains from Middle Bronze Age Tomb 50, Tel Megiddo” (15 min.)

9:45

Kathleen M. Forste (Boston University) “Archaeobotanical Evidence of Orchard Production at Early Islamic Ashkelon” (15 min.)

10:05

David Ilan (Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion) and Yorke Rowan (University of Chicago) “The Wild and the Tame: The Perception and Image of Animals in the Chalcolithic of the Southern Levant” (15 min.)

## **9F. Archaeology of the Near East and Video Games**

Cottonwood

CHAIR: Tine Rassalle (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

8:20

Introduction (5 min.)

8:25

Vincent Gonzalez (ReligiousGames.org), “Formless and Void: The Emergence of Biblical Lands in the Video Games of the 1980s” (25 min.)

8:55

Nathan Light (University of Tennessee) and Erin Darby (University of Tennessee), “Gaming the System? Video Games, Research Methods, and the Iron Age Levant” (25 min.)

9:25

Christian Casey (Brown University), “Tombs, Temples, and Blood—Assassin’s Creed Origins as a Digital and Pedagogical Tool” (25 min.)

9:55

Terhi Nurmikko-Fuller (Australian National University), “Cuneiform and Dovahzul: Assessing the Relationship between an Ancient Script and the Dragon Tongue in Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim” (25 min.)

## **9G. Senses and Sensibility in the Near East**

Aspen

*Theme: This year’s session focuses on the impact and effect of particular spheres of activity and the unique and meaningful affordances they offer, and considers how built environments and surrounding space act as fundamental contributors to sensory landscapes and experience in the ancient world.*

CHAIR: Kiersten Neumann (Oriental Institute, University of Chicago)

PRESENTERS:

8:20

Kiersten Neumann (Oriental Institute, University of Chicago), "From Raw to Ritualized: Following the Trail of Incense of the Assyrian Temple" (20 min.)

8:45

Dora Goldsmith (Freie Universität Berlin), "Smellscapes in Ancient Egypt" (20 min.)

9:10

Dan Belnap (Brigham Young University), "Whence Is That Goodly Fragrance? The Ritual Manipulation of Scent in the Ancient Israelite Cultic System" (20 min.)

9:35

Neville McFerrin (Sweet Briar College), "Constructed Ideologies: Proprioception, Bodily Experience, and the Space of Kingship at Persepolis" (20 min.)

10:00

Robert Smith (Mid-Atlantic Christian University), "Water and Water Features in Creating the Hierotopy of the Abila Pilgrimage Complex in *Palaestina Secunda/Jund al-Urdunn*" (20 min.)

**10:25–10:40am      Coffee Break**

Atrium

**10:40am–12:45pm    Session 10**

**10A. Cultural Heritage Management: Methods, Practices, and Case Studies II**

Evergreen A

*Theme: This session explores cultural heritage management in a series of case studies throughout the Near East, with a focus on archive and museum-based projects as well as community-engaged efforts.*

CHAIR: Suzanne Davis (Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, University of Michigan)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Glenn Corbett (Council of American Overseas Research Centers), "The ACOR Photo Archive: A New Platform for Studying Jordan's Cultural Heritage" (20 min.)

11:05

Federico Buccellati (International Institute for Mesopotamian Area Studies), "Research, Communication, and Identity in Times of Crisis: The Example of Tell Mozan" (20 min.)

**11:30 CANCELED**

~~Leticia R. Rodriguez (Santa Clara University), “‘Repatriating’ and Replicating Ancient Identity in Cyprus” (20 min.)~~

11:55

Douglas Clark (La Sierra University), Suzanne Richard (Gannon University), Andrea Polcaro (University of Perugia), Marta D’Andrea (Sapienza University of Rome), and Basem Mahamid (Department of Antiquities of Jordan), “The Madaba Regional Archaeological Museum Project: Community Archaeology in Its Third Season (May 2018)” (20 min.)

12:20

Jenna Morton (PAX Foundation) and Bert deVries (Calvin College), “Why Cultural Heritage Management: A Community Perspective in Umm el-Jimal, Jordan” (20 min.)

**10B. Rural Pasts: Complexity and Variation Beyond the City**

Evergreen B

*Theme: This session seeks to discuss current theories, methodologies, and limitations that pertain to the rural archaeology of the eastern Mediterranean and ancient Near East. Papers will explore the shifting definitions and complexities of “ruralism” in ancient systems of agriculture, land use, ritual, and settlement, and through various areas of specialization.*

CHAIRS: Catherine Kearns (University of Chicago) and Georgia M. Andreou (Brown University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Georgia M. Andreou (Brown University), “Socioeconomics of Agrarian Production: Rural Cooperatives in the Archaeology of the Eastern Mediterranean” (20 min.)

11:05

John M. Marston (Boston University), “Rural Agricultural Strategies in the Roman Eastern Mediterranean” (20 min.)

11:30

J. P. Dessel (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), “Acting Locally: Rethinking the Late Bronze Age and Iron Age I from a Village Perspective” (20 min.)

11:55

Claudia Glatz (University of Glasgow), “Commensality, Ritual, and the Making of Borderland Communities in the Zagros-Mesopotamian Interface” (20 min.)

12:20

Grace Erny (Stanford University), “Re-evaluating the Rise of the Polis in Spatial Terms: The Case of the Rural Sanctuary” (20 min.)

### **10C. GIS and Remote Sensing in Archaeology**

Evergreen C

CHAIRS: Tiffany Earley-Spadoni (University of Central Florida) and Ioana A. Dumitru (Johns Hopkins University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Dominique Langis-Barsetti (University of Toronto), Scott Branting (University of Central Florida), Joseph Lehner (University of Central Florida), Sevil Baltalı Tırpan (Istanbul Technical University), Tuna Kalaycı (FORTH Institute of Mediterranean Studies), Yasemin Özarslan (Koç University), Paige Paulsen (Johns Hopkins University), and Samuel Martin (University of Central Florida), “3D Scanning, Simulation, and Modeling at Kerkenes (Turkey)” (20 min.)

11:05

Ioana A. Dumitru (Johns Hopkins University) and Michael J. Harrower (Johns Hopkins University), “Mapping and Modeling Obsidian Trade Networks in Northern Ethiopia” (20 min.)

11:30

Howard Cyr (University of Tennessee), Robert Darby (University of Tennessee), and Bradley Erickson (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), “Location! Location! Location! Investigating the Influence of Local Geomorphology on Site Selection at the Late Roman Fort of ‘Ayn Gharandal, Southern Jordan” (20 min.)

11:55

Yalda Razmahang (Université de Lyon), Tobin Hartnell (American University of Iraq, Sulaimani), and Ricardo Cambral (University of Coimbra), “Archaeology at Risk: Documenting the ISIS Destruction of Ashur” (20 min.)

12:20

General Discussion (25 min.)

### **10D. Archaeology of Arabia II**

Evergreen D

*Theme: This session includes Iron Age and later historical (6th to the 14th century C.E.) research linking Arabia to North Africa, Europe, and the Asian Silk Road.*

CHAIR: J. Mark Kenoyer (University of Wisconsin–Madison)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Steven Karacic (Florida State University), “Settlement Organization in Iron Age II Southeastern Arabia” (25 min.)

11:15

Yiliang Li (University of Haifa) and Michal Artzy (University of Haifa), “Routes and Transshipping in the 9th–14th Centuries C.E.: The ‘Maritime Silk Road’” (25 min.)

11:45

Mark Gradoni, (University of Maryland; Hood College), “Plague, Resistance, and the End of Antiquity: Endemic Disease, Demographic Resilience, and How the Arabs Emerged as a Great Power in Late Antiquity” (25 min.)

12:15

J. Mark Kenoyer (University of Wisconsin–Madison), Discussant (25 min.)

### **10E. Antioch—A Legacy Excavation and Its Aftermath**

Conifer

*Theme: Legacy data and new interpretative frameworks bring to the fore Antioch on the Orontes and its role in antiquity.*

CHAIRS: Andrea U. De Giorgi (Florida State University) and Alan Stahl (Princeton University)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Jacob Lauinger (Johns Hopkins University), “Nebuchadnezzar II at Antioch? A Cuneiform Inscription from the Antioch Excavations” (25 min.)

11:10

Tasha Vorderstrasse (University of Chicago), “Coinage and Accounts in Late Roman Antioch” (25 min.)

11:40

Alan Stahl (Princeton University) and Joe Glynias (Princeton University), “The Transition from Byzantine to Islamic Coinage in Antioch and Its Implication for the History of Settlement in the City” (25 min.)

12:10

Trudy Jacoby (Princeton University), “Antioch—The Expedition and the Documentation” (20 min.)

## **10F. Developing Isotopic Investigations in the Ancient Near East and Caucasus** Cottonwood

*Theme: Biogeochemical analyses allow fine-grained interpretations of human-environment interaction, subsistence and dietary practices, herd management, animal trade, mobility patterns, and infant-feeding practices in past human societies. This session brings together the results of ongoing investigations at various sites in the Near East and Caucasus, as well as regional syntheses.*

CHAIRS: G. Bike Yazıcıoğlu-Santamaria (University of Chicago) and Maureen E. Marshall (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Suzanne Pilaar Birch (University of Georgia), “An Isotopic Approach to Regional Dynamics of Neolithization in Western Anatolia and the Aegean” (15 min.)

11:05

Estelle Herrscher (Aix Marseille University; French National Center for Scientific Research [CNRS]), Roman Hovsepian (Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia), Adrian Balasescu (National History Museum of Romania), Alexia Decaix (French National Center for Scientific Research [CNRS]; Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle), Remi Berthon (French National Center for Scientific Research [CNRS]; Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle), Caroline Hamon (Trajectoires, French National Center for Scientific Research [CNRS]; Maison Archéologie & Ethnologie, René-Ginouvès), Modwene Poulmarc’h (ArchéOrient; French National Center for Scientific Research [CNRS]), and Guy André (Aix Marseille University; French National Center for Scientific Research [CNRS]), “Impact of Environment on Animal and Botanical Stable Isotope Ratios in the Neolithic Southern Caucasus and Implications for Investigation of Human Palaeodietary Behavior” (15 min.)

11:25

Elizabeth Arnold (Grand Valley State University), Haskel J. Greenfield (University of Manitoba), Tina L. Greenfield (University of Saskatchewan), and Aren M. Maeir (Bar-Ilan University), “Isotopic Analyses of Donkey Burials under the EB III House Floors in the Early Bronze Age City of Tell es-Safi” (15 min.)

11:45

Philipp Stockhammer (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München; Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History), Dominic Anders (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München), Julia Kretzinger (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München), Michal Artzy (University of Haifa), Israel Finkelstein (Tel Aviv University), Marina Faerman (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Meirav Meiri (Tel Aviv University), Aren M. Maeir (Bar-Ilan University), Gisela Grupe (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München), Joseph Maran (Heidelberg University), and Marina Vohberger (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München), “New Isotopic Perspectives on Human and Animal Mobility and Nutrition in the Second Millennium B.C. Southern Levant” (15 min.)

12:05

Megan Perry (East Carolina University), Mallory Provan (East Carolina University), and Robert Tykot (University of South Florida), “Stable Isotope Analysis of Childhood Diet at First Century B.C./First Century A.D. Petra, Jordan” (15 min.)

12:25

Philipp Stockhammer (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München; Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History), Stefanie Eisenmann (Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History), Tara Ingman (Koç University), and Aslıhan Yener (University of Chicago), “The Scale of Human Mobility at Tell Atchana (Hatay Province, Turkey) during the Middle and Late Bronze Ages” (15 min.)

## **10G. Art Historical Approaches to the Near East**

Aspen

CHAIRS: Kiersten Neumann (Oriental Institute, University of Chicago) and Allison Thomason (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Pamela Gaber (Lycoming College), “Proto-Aeolic Capitals and the Queen of Heaven” (20 min.)

11:05

Kristen Seaman (University of Oregon), “Near Eastern Art and Architecture in Ancient ‘Global History’” (20 min.)



11:30

Kate Justement (Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University), “A Picture of Neo-Assyrian Kingship Through the Image of a King: Adad-nirari III, His Magnates, and Their Royal Stelae” (20 min.)

11:55

Serdar Yalcin (Macalester College), “From East to West? A Re-Assessment of the Neo-Hittite Impact on Greek Architectural Sculpture during the ‘Orientalizing Period’” (20 min.)

12:20

Amy Gansell (St. John’s University), “Neo-Assyrian Goddesses in Art and Myth: Eternal Models for the Mortal Queens of Nimrud” (20 min.)

### **10H. The Treasure of the Egyptian Queen Ahhotep and International Relations at the Turn of the Middle Bronze Age (1550 B.C.)**

Larkspur

*Theme: The burial of Queen Ahhotep represents one of the most significant finds in Near Eastern archaeology and caused a sensation when it was discovered in Western Thebes in 1859. Despite its importance, the treasure has never been fully published and new research on various aspects of the find have not previously been collected into a combined presentation.*

CHAIRS: Peter Lacovara (Ancient Egyptian Heritage and Archaeology Fund) and Gianluca Miniaci (University of Pisa)

PRESENTERS:

10:40

Introduction (5 min.)

10:45

Gianluca Miniaci (University of Pisa), “The Treasure of Queen Ahhotep in Context: Archaeology, Identity, Politics” (15 min.)

11:05

Betsy Bryan (Johns Hopkins University), “Interconnections in the Eastern Mediterranean at the End of the Middle Bronze Age” (15 min.)

11:25

Peter Lacovara (Ancient Egyptian Heritage and Archaeology Fund), “The Treasure of Ahhotep and Contemporary Egyptian and Nubian Material Culture” (15 min.)

11:45

Sarah Murray (University of Toronto) and Sara E. Cole (J. Paul Getty Museum), “The Aegean and Egypt at the Turn of the Middle Bronze Age: Economic Exchange, Diplomatic Interaction, and the Movement of Ideas” (15 min.)

12:05

Beth Ann Judas (Independent Scholar), “The Aegeanizing Elements from the Tomb Group of Ahhotep” (15 min.)

12:25

Shelley Wachsmann (Texas A&M University), “Ahhotep’s Silver Ship Model Reconsidered” (15 min.)

**12:45–2:00pm**

**Projects on Parade Poster Session**

Evergreen Foyer

CHAIR: Jennifer Ramsay (The College at Brockport, State University of New York)

PRESENTERS: See list of posters in program book pages 50–51

**12:45–2:00pm**

**Initiative on the Status of Women in ASOR Mentoring Meeting: Speed Networking**

Pikes Peak

*Complimentary grab-and-go lunch will be available at the mentoring meeting for the first 40 people that sign-up at the ASOR Help Desk before 3pm on Friday, November 16.*

**2:00–4:05pm**

**Session 11**

**11A. Recent Fieldwork Related to Iron Age II on Jordan's Karak Plateau**

Evergreen A

CHAIR: Gerald L. Mattingly (Johnson University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Mark D. Green (Indiana State University), “Khirbat al-Mudaybi‘ in the Context of Iron Age II Settlement on the Karak Plateau” (20 min.)

2:25

Michael G. Van Zant (Mount Vernon Nazarene University), “An Analysis of Fortification Typology of Iron Age IIB: Identifying Context for Khirbat al-Mudaybi” (20 min.)

2:50

John Mark Wade (Emmanuel Christian Seminary), “Field D of Khirbat al-Mudaybi” (20 min.)

3:15

Adam L. Bean (Johns Hopkins University), “Sculpted Stones and Inscribed Sherds: Contextualizing Artifacts from Khirbat al-Mudaybi” (20 min.)

3:40

Craig W. Tyson (D’Youville College) and Friedbert Ninow (La Sierra University), “A Basalt Volute Capital Fragment from Khirbat al-Balu‘a” (20 min.)

### **11B. Archaeology of Islamic Society I**

Evergreen B

CHAIR: Beatrice St. Laurent (Bridgewater State University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Nicolo Pini (University of Bonn), “Built Environment and Social Structures in the Late Byzantine-Early Islamic Near East” (25 min.)

2:35

Bethany Walker (University of Bonn), “Pottery for the General Staff: What Was the Function of Mamluk ‘Barracks Wares’?” (25 min.)

3:05

Beatrice St. Laurent (Bridgewater State University), “*Bayt al-Maqdis*—Seventh Century Jerusalem: Sanctuary for the People of the Book—*al-Ahl al-Kitab*” (25 min.)

3:35

Donald Whitcomb (University of Chicago), Tawfiq Da‘adli (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), and Veronica Morriss (University of Chicago), “Early Islamic Discoveries at al-Sinnabra (Khirbet al-Karak)” (25 min.)

### **11C. Technology in Archaeology: Recent Work in the Archaeological Sciences**

Evergreen C

CHAIR: Andrew J. Koh (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Julia Commander (J. Paul Getty Museum), “Rediscovering a Recumbent Bull: Collaborative Treatment of a Tell al-‘Ubaid Copper Relief” (20 min.)

2:25

Brady Liss (University of California, San Diego), Thomas Levy (University of California, San Diego), and James Day (University of California, San Diego), “Iron in Faynan? Preliminary Results from Isotope Analysis on Iron Chunks and Objects from Iron Age Faynan, Jordan” (20 min.)

2:50

Tracy Spurrier (University of Toronto), “Casting Like a King: How to Make a Colossal Bronze Statue in 700 B.C. Nineveh” (20 min.)

3:15

Rebecca M. Bartusewich (University of Massachusetts Amherst), “Alternative Politics at Idalion, Cyprus: Investigations of Governance, Economics, and Society through Petrographic Analysis of First Millennium B.C.E. Pottery” (20 min.)

3:40

Yazan Abu Alhassan (RWTH Aachen University), “The Use of Sodium Ferrocyanide for the Removal of Salt from Stone, Exemplified for Sandstones from Petra, Jordan” (20 min.)

**11D. Archaeology of Iran I**

Evergreen D

*ASOR would like to thank the American Institute of Iranian Studies (AIrS) for a generous grant to support the participation of Iranian scholars at this year’s Annual Meeting.*

*Theme: The Neolithic, Chalcolithic, and Bronze Age in Iran.*

CHAIRS: Holly Pittman (University of Pennsylvania) and Mehrnoush Soroush (Harvard University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Golnaz Hossein Mardi (University of Toronto), “Pottery Production during the Middle Chalcolithic Period at the Site of Seh Gabi” (20 min.)

2:30

Hamed Vahdati Nasab (Tarbiat Modares University) and Abbas Moghaddam (Iranian Center for Archaeological Research), “Death and Violence During the Fifth-Fourth Millennia B.C., Khuzestan Plain, Southwestern Iran: Tol-e Chega Sofla Cemetery” (20 min.)

2:55

Hossein Moradi (Independent Researcher), “Site-Size Hierarchy in the Bampur Valley during the Chalcolithic Period: A New Approach for Understanding Complexity in Iranian Baluchistan” (20 min.)

3:20

Nasir Eskandari (University of Jiroft), “The Jiroft Archaeological Project 2017: Excavation at the Site of Varamin, Jiroft Plain, Southeastern Iran” (20 min.)

### **11E. Talking About: How to Make Fieldwork Safe from Gender-based Violence, Harassment and Discrimination (Workshop)**

Conifer

*Theme: This workshop includes short presentations by excavation directors and senior staff, who will discuss their experiences and the ways in which they endeavor to improve gender-based safety at their digs. Their presentations will be followed by an open-mic session, during which attendees are invited to contribute their thoughts and concerns.*

CHAIR: Beth Alpert Nakhai (University of Arizona)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Daniel Master (Wheaton College), “Gender-Based Safety Practices at Tel Ashkelon and Tel Shimron” (10 min.)

2:20

Virginia Herrmann (University of Tübingen) and David Schloen (University of Chicago), “Lessons Learned over 12 Seasons at Zincirli, Turkey” (10 min.)

2:35

Suzanne Richard (Gannon University), “Safeguards in Place Today on the Dig: Khirbat Iskandar and the University” (10 min.)

2:50

Margaret Cohen (W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research), “Be a Better Bystander” (10 min.)

3:05

Steven Falconer (University of North Carolina at Charlotte) and Patricia Fall (University of North Carolina at Charlotte), “The Evolving Role of ASOR’s Committee on Archaeological Policy” (10 min.)

3:20

General Discussion (45 min.)

## **11F. Encoding Data for Digital Discovery**

Cottonwood

*Theme: Data encoding entails analog-to-digital conversions in which the characteristics of sites, objects, and texts can be represented in a specialized format for computer analysis. It is a powerful resource for testing and corroborating traditional hypotheses, revealing otherwise imperceptible information about the ancient Near East, and supporting virtual scholarly collaborations.*

CHAIRS: Vanessa Bigot Juloux (École Pratique des Hautes Études; Andrews University) and Amy Rebecca Gansell (St. John’s University)

PRESENTERS:

2:00

Adam Schneider (University of Colorado Boulder), Stephanie Lackner (Princeton University), and Michael Oppenheimer (Princeton University), “A Case Study in the Role of Digital Archaeology Data and Methods in Interdisciplinary Research on the Relationship between Climate Change and Crisis/Collapse” (20 min.)

2:25

Jana Mynářová (Charles University), “Working with a Data Set: The Amarna Cuneiform Paleography Database” (20 min.)

2:50

Tero Alstola (University of Helsinki), Saana Svärd (University of Helsinki), Shana Zaia (University of Helsinki), Heidi Jauhiainen (University of Helsinki), Alekski Sahala (University of Helsinki), and Krister Lindén (University of Helsinki), “Language Technological Analysis of Gods in Assyrian and Babylonian Texts” (20 min.)

3:15

Sanae Ito (Leiden University; Sophia University), “Network Analysis of Scholars and Scribes in the Reigns of Esarhaddon and Ashurbanipal” (20 min.)

3:40

Anne-Caroline Rendu Loisel (University of Strasbourg) and Terhi Nurmikko-Fuller (Australian National University), “How Can 3D Digital Replicas of Cuneiform Tablets Be Useful for Scholars?” (20 min.)

### **11G. Performance and the Body in the Ancient Near East and Mediterranean** Aspen

*Theme: This session aims to address how the performative body can be examined through the archaeological record. The papers in this session explore the performative power of the body as an embodied actor in social and material contexts.*

CHAIRS: Carl Walsh (Brown University) and Pinar Durgun (Brown University)

#### PRESENTERS:

2:00

Introduction (5 min.)

2:05

Sarah Berns (Brown University), “Building Miniatures, Building Mastery: ‘Miniature Shrines’ and Embodied Ritual Knowledge in the Iron Age Southern Levant” (20 min.)

2:30

Allison Thomason (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville), “Bodily Performance and Regulation and the ‘Law Code’ of Hammurabi” (20 min.)

2:55

Laurel Hackley (Brown University), “Memory and the Body in Egyptian Festival Processions” (20 min.)

3:20

Carl Walsh (Brown University), “Courtly Cabaret! Gestural Performance in Palace G at Ebla” (20 min.)

3:45

General Discussion (20 min.)

## **11H. Interrogating Cultural Change – Punctuated Equilibria Models in Near Eastern Archaeology and Egyptology I**

Larkspur

*Theme: The aim of these sessions is to reconsider the nature of punctuated change as reflected through research that focuses on archaeological, historical, and environmental data. The most recent research on complex societies in the ancient Near East and Egypt indicates that critically important changes took place in a leap-like manner.*

CHAIR: Miroslav Bárta (Charles University)

### **PRESENTERS:**

2:00

Miroslav Bárta (Charles University), “Punctuated Equilibria Theory and Egyptology: Evidence from Old Kingdom Egypt” (20 min.)

2:25

Nigel Strudwick (University of Cambridge), “Addressing Complex Changes in the New Kingdom” (20 min.)

2:50

Anna-Latifa Mourad (Austrian Academy of Sciences), “Exploring Change from the Twelfth to the Fifteenth Dynasty at Tell el-Dab‘a” (20 min.)

3:15

Geoff Emberling (University of Michigan), “Modeling the Rise and Fall and Rise of Kush” (20 min.)

3:40

Massimiliano Nuzzolo (Charles University), “Solar Cult, Royal Ideology, and Social Changes” (20 min.)

**4:20–6:25pm**

**Session 12**

## **12A. The Life Cycle of Archaeological and Philological Research Data in OCHRE**

Evergreen A

*Theme: Through the presentation of case studies by project teams that use the integrative database platform the Online Cultural and Historical Research Environment (OCHRE), this session will illustrate the value of a common platform for all stages of the research data life cycle: acquisition, integration, analysis, and publication/archiving.*

CHAIR: Miller Prosser (University of Chicago)



PRESENTERS:

4:20

Nicholas Schulte (University of California, Los Angeles) and Daniel Master (Wheaton College), “Data Capture Strategies at Tel Shimron during the 2017 Season” (20 min.)

4:45

Andrew M. Wright (University of Chicago) and David Schloen (University of Chicago), “Get the Picture? Integrating Archaeological Data from Tell Keisan in OCHRE” (20 min.)

5:10

Nicole Herzog (University of Tübingen) and Virginia Herrmann (University of Tübingen), “Using OCHRE in the Analysis of Archaeological Data concerning Food Production and Consumption at Zincirli, Turkey” (20 min.)

5:35

Rhyné King (University of Chicago), “The Economics of Late Babylonian Archives: Investigating the Murašû Firm” (20 min.)

6:00

Miller Prosser (University of Chicago) and Sandra Schloen (University of Chicago), “Turning the Page on Digital Publication” (20 min.)

**12B. Archaeology of Islamic Society II**

Evergreen B

CHAIR: Beatrice St. Laurent (Bridgewater State University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Raffaella Frascarelli (L’Orientale University of Naples) and Letteria Fassari (Sapienza University of Rome), “The Iranian Legacy of the Sacred between Liberty and Prohibition” (25 min.)

4:55

Asa Eger (University of North Carolina at Greensboro), “Castle of the Figs: The Final Report of Tupras Field/Hisn al-Tinat, an 8th-12th Century Frontier Site in Turkey” (25 min.)

5:25

Mitchell Allen (Smithsonian Institution) and William Trousdale (Smithsonian Institution), “Excavating the Saffarid Capital of Sistan, Afghanistan” (25 min.)

5:55

Elizabeth Osinga (Independent Scholar), “Towards an Understanding of Middle Islamic Society in Northeastern Jordan: New Research from Umm el-Jimal and Environs” (25 min.)

## **12C. Technological Interconnectivity in the Ancient Near East**

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*Theme: This session seeks to start a conversation about the interconnections of technological developments in the Near Eastern, primarily during the Bronze and Iron Ages. Authors may use material culture or texts in order to address the social and economic impacts of the unforeseen ripples of technological innovation.*

CHAIR: Thaddeus Nelson (Stony Brook University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Nadia Ben-Marzouk (University of California, Los Angeles) “Overspecializing the Specialist: Reevaluating the Role of Producers in the Study of Technological Interconnectivity” (15 min.)

4:45

Danielle Candelora (University of California, Los Angeles) “The Role of the Hyksos in Technological Transmission and Its Influence on New Kingdom Egypt” (15 min.)

5:05

Lyndon Drake (University of Oxford) “Biblical Economic Texts in the Light of Modern Money Theory” (15 min.)

5:25

Dylan Karges (Mississippi State University) “Iron Age IIB Ceramics: The Unique, Ubiquitous, and the Underappreciated” (15 min.)

5:45

Laura Mazow (East Carolina University) “This Is the Way We Wash the Wool, So Early in the Morning: Integrating Texts and Archaeology to Investigate Labor and Material Resource Challenges in the Organization of Wool Production” (15 min.)

6:05

Thaddeus Nelson (Stony Brook University) “The Loom and the Tent: Developments in Textile Production and Nomadism in the Iron Age II Levant” (15 min.)

## **12D. Archaeology of Iran II**

Evergreen D

*ASOR would like to thank the American Institute of Iranian Studies (AIrS) for a generous grant to support the participation of Iranian scholars at this year’s Annual Meeting.*

*Theme: The archaeology of the Late Bronze Age through the historic periods in Iran.*

CHAIRS: Holly Pittman (University of Pennsylvania) and Mehrnoush Soroush (Harvard University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Sepideh Asgari (California State University, East Bay), “Bioarchaeological Analysis of Human Skeletal Remains at Köhne Shahar, an Early Bronze Age Site in Northwestern Iran” (20 min.)

4:50

Narges Bayani (Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University) and Omran Garazhian (University of Neyshabur), “Some Recently Excavated Seal-Amulets from Tepe Damghani, Sabzevar” (20 min.)

5:15

Mostafa Dehpahlavan (University of Tehran), Mehrdad Malekzadeh (Iranian Center for Archaeological Research), and Zabih Allah Chaharrahi (Independent Researcher), “Archaeological Survey of Part of the Great Khorasan Road, the So-Called Pataq Defile or the Median Gate” (20 min.)

5:40

Karim Alizadeh (Harvard University), “Collapse of the Late Antique Sasanian Settlements, Mughan Steppe, Iranian Azerbaijan” (20 min.)

6:05

Mohammad Esmaeil Esmaeili Jelodar (University of Tehran) and Mohammad Mortezaei (Iranian Center for Archaeological Research), “Certain Evidence of Glazed Ceramic Manufacturing in Jorjan: An Overview of the Results from the Seventh Season” (20 min.)

## **12E. Reports on Current Excavations—Non-ASOR Affiliated**

Conifer

CHAIR: Daniel J. Schindler (Elon University)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Byron R. McCane (Florida Atlantic University), “Excavations at Horvat Kur, Galilee: 2010–2018” (15 min.)

4:45

Tine Rassalle (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), “At the Bottom of the Pit: The Byzantine Cistern of Horvat Kur” (15 min.)

5:05

Mark Hassler (Virginia Beach Theological Seminary), “Military Architecture in the Second Temple Period: The Khirbet el-Maqatir Excavations” (15 min.)

5:25

David Vila (John Brown University), “Excavating Abila of the Decapolis: The 2018 Season of Excavation” (15 min.)

5:45

Nicholaus Pumphrey (Baker University), Ann E. Killebrew (Pennsylvania State University; University of Haifa), and Jane Skinner (The Pennsylvania State University), “Tel Akko, Israel: The 2017–2018 Seasons of Excavation” (15 min.)

6:05

Randall Price (Liberty University) and Oren Gutfeld (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “New Discoveries from the Caves of Qumran” (15 min.)

## **12F. Study of Violence from the Region of the Ancient Near East and Its Neighbors**

Cottonwood

CHAIRS: Vanessa Bigot Juloux (École Pratique des Hautes Études; Andrews University) and Leann Pace (Wake Forest University)

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Roselyn A. Campbell (University of California, Los Angeles), "Earthly and Eternal: The Performance of Violence in Ancient Egypt" (25 min.)

4:55

Albert McClure (University of Denver; Iliff School of Theology), "Decapitation and the Language of Violence in the Ancient Near East" (25 min.)

5:25

Niv Allon (Metropolitan Museum of Art; Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University), "Mediated Violence: Royal Violence in Ancient Egyptian Non-Royal Art" (25 min.)

5:55

T. M. Lemos (Huron University College, University of Western Ontario), "Genocide in Assyrian Sources? Exploring the Intentions and Practice of Mass Violence in the Neo-Assyrian Period" (25 min.)

## **12G. Death and Dying in the Ancient Near East**

Aspen

*Theme: Papers in this session make use of mortuary data to answer questions about ideas and practices of death and dying in the ancient Near East, including change and continuity in mortuary objects and rituals, religious interpretations of funerary traditions, and cultural influences, especially in periods that are under-represented in the study of ancient Near East.*

CHAIRS: Pinar Durgun (Brown University) and Stephanie Selover (University of Washington)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Introduction (5 min.)

4:25

Pinar Durgun (Brown University): "Body as an Object and Subject: Bodily Performances and Sensorial Rituals in Anatolian Cemeteries" (20 min.)

4:50

Kerry Muhlestein (Brigham Young University): "Flying to the Stars or Climbing to the Sun? The Combined North and East Orientation of the Seila Pyramid as an Innovation and Transition at the Beginning of the Fourth Dynasty" (20 min.)

5:15

Shane M. Thompson (Brown University): “Samalian Funerary Ideology through an Egyptian Lens: New Insights on the Correlations Between the Npš/Nbš and the Ka” (20 min.)

5:40

Stephanie Selover (University of Washington), Discussant (10 min.)

## **12H. Interrogating Cultural Change – Punctuated Equilibria Models in Near Eastern Archaeology and Egyptology II**

Larkspur

*Theme: The aim of these sessions is to reconsider the nature of punctuated change as reflected through research that focuses on archaeological, historical, and environmental data. The most recent research on complex societies in the ancient Near East and Egypt indicates that critically important changes took place in a leap-like manner.*

CHAIR: Thomas E. Levy (University of California, San Diego)

PRESENTERS:

4:20

Thomas E. Levy (University of California, San Diego), Mohammad Najjar (University of California, San Diego), Brady Liss (University of California, San Diego), and Erez Ben-Yosef (Tel Aviv University) “The Iron Age Industrial Revolution in Southern Jordan—Thoughts on Punctuated Equilibrium and Technological Change” (20 min.)

4:45

Andrew McCarthy (University of Edinburgh), “The Archaeology of Conservatism” (20 min.)

5:10

Assaf Yasur-Landau (University of Haifa), “Punctuated Currents: Modeling Trajectories of Maritime Adaptation” (20 min.)

5:35

Eric Cline (George Washington University), “Punctuated Equilibrium and the 3.2Kya Collapse in the Aegean, Egypt, and the Eastern Mediterranean” (20 min.)

6:00

Norman Yoffee (University of Michigan), “Unpunctuated Non-Equilibria in Ancient Mesopotamia” (20 min.)

**6:30pm–12:30am**

**Complimentary Shuttles to Downtown Denver**

*Shuttles will depart from the North Entrance of the Denver Marriott Tech Center (near M-Lounge) at 6:30, 6:45, and 7:00pm. They will stop downtown at the corner of Welton and 14<sup>th</sup> Street. This location is next to the Colorado Convention Center and a short walk to The Pavilions and the 16<sup>th</sup> Pedestrian Mall, as well as many other downtown attractions. Once downtown, the 16<sup>th</sup> Street MallRide is a free bus that provides hop on and off service. Return shuttles to the hotel will depart from Welton and 14<sup>th</sup> Street at 10:00pm, 11:00pm, and 12:00am.*