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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

★ The vast majority attend the Annual Meeting to either present a paper or hear papers.
★ About one-third of these respondents attend to help with a job search.
★ While many people attend board meetings, this did not seem to be the primary reason that most of these respondents attend the meeting.
★ The Annual Meeting is not like a vacation for most of these respondents.
★ The location of the meeting in a first-tier city (e.g., New York, Boston, New Orleans, San Francisco) was not important for most of these respondents.
★ Visiting with friends was important, but it was not the most important factor for most of these respondents.

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

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

In terms of geographical interest, respondents ranked sessions related to Israel and/or Palestine highest (29%) among their areas of interest, while Jordan and Mesopotamia tied for second place (at 16.5% each), with Cyprus next (just over 7%), and Egypt last (at 3%). In terms of interest in topics, “sessions that may be termed anthropological” achieved the best “first to worst” ratio overall: 27% of the respondents ranked this topic first or second, while only 10% ranked it ninth or tenth (out of 10) in terms of interest. Epigraphy fared the worst, with only 9% of the participants ranking the topic first or second and 34% ranking it ninth or tenth among their interests; Landscape Archaeology/GIS didn’t do much better, with 10% of the respondents ranking it first or second and 31% ranking it ninth or tenth among their interests.

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

Finally, many of the narrative comments encourage ASOR to stay with SBL, but at the same time many of the members encouraged a wider split from SBL. What do all these data mean for the future of the ASOR Annual Meeting? That is of course yet to be determined. These data indicate that the vast majority of the responding ASOR members find the Annual Meeting professionally productive, so we are hopeful that the meeting will continue to grow. At the same time, it is clear that ASOR is at a crossroads and that we will soon need to choose how to continue the Annual Meeting, as well as when and where to hold it. We hope that everyone will go to see all of the survey data in its unabridged form from the link on the ASOR web site (http://www.asor.org) and that all members will plan to attend the members’ meeting this year in San Diego and give their input that will play an important part in determining the future shape and timing of the Annual Meeting. ASOR is eager to receive your input and suggestions.
Join the American Schools of Oriental Research on November 14–17, 2007, for our Annual Meeting at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina, San Diego, CA

Wednesday Plenary Session
Plenary Introduction by
Robert R. Cargill (The UCLA Qumran Visualization Project)
“A Virtual Tour of Qumran”

Plenary Speaker
Jodi Magness (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)
“The Current State of Qumran Archaeology”

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

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

See you in San Diego!

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Academic Program — Wednesday & Thursday

Wednesday 14 November

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Plenary Session
Eric H Cline, Presiding
Robert R. Cargill (The UCLA Qumran Visualization Project) “A Virtual Tour of Qumran” (10 min.)
Jodi Magness (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) “The Current State of Qumran Archaeology” (60 min.)

Thursday 15 November

8:30–10:30 am

Hebrew Bible, History, and Archaeology I
Daniel C. Browning, Jr. (William Carey College), Presiding
Oded Lipschits (Tel Aviv University), Manfred Oeming (Heidelberg University), and Yisrael Gaddot (Hebrew Union College), “New Discoveries, New Interpretations and a Fresh Look on the Administrative Center at Ramat Rahel during the Late Iron Age and Persian Periods” (20 min.)
Richard Hess (Denver Seminary), “Katuwas and Rehoboam: Rebellion Stories in the West Semitic World” (20 min.)
Deborah Cantrell (Vanderbilt University), “The Horsemen of Israel” (20 min.)
Uzi Leibner (Hebrew University), “The Origins of the Jewish Galilee of the Early Roman Period” (20 min.)
General Discussion (20 min.)

The Byzantine and Early Islamic Near East
Theme: Crossing Boundaries: Cultural Exchange in the 6th through 8th Centuries
Debra Foran (University of Toronto), and Asa Eger (University of Chicago), Presiding
Debra Foran (University of Toronto), “Relations between Monastic and Lay Communities in the Byzantine Period at Ma’in, Jordan” (20 min.)
Carolyn Swan (Brown University), “Early Islamic Glass from Ayla: Further Investigations” (20 min.)
Donald Whitcomb (University of Chicago), “From Aqaba to Jerusalem: Palestinian Glazed Ceramics” (20 min.)
Jodi Magness (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), “Early Islamic Urbanism and Building Activity in Jerusalem and at Hammath Gader” (30 min.)
Mahmoud Hawari (University of Oxford), “The Transformation of Holy Places in the Topography of Jerusalem from the Late Byzantine to the Early Islamic Period” (25 min.)

Archaeology of Religion and the Sacred I
Yorke Rowan (NMNH, Smithsonian Institution), Presiding
Cory D. Crawford (Harvard University), “‘Ai Citadel Sanctuary A and the Demarcation of Sacred Space in Early Bronze Age Palestine” (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)
Hani Nur el Din (Institute of Archaeology/Al-Quds University), “The Architectural Landscape of Sacred Areas at Sites in Bronze Age Palestine” (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)
Chang-Ho Ji (La Sierra University), “The Iron I-II Settlement and Cultic Structures at Khirbat ‘Ataruz, Jordan: Excavating the High Place, Sanctuary, and Settlement Village” (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)
Jane DeRose Evans (Temple University), “Mount Gerizim and the Temple of Zeus: landscape, sanctuary and symbol on coins of the second and third centuries CE.” (20 min.) Discussion (4 min.)

Archaeology of Anatolia I: Agency, Ethnicity, and Identity
Jennifer Ross (Hood College), Presiding
Sharon R. Steadman (SUNY Cortland), “Agency, Archaeology, and Architecture at Later Prehistoric Sites in Anatolia” (20 min.)
Jennifer Piro (New York University), “Pastoral Economies in the Northeastern Anatolian Highlands from the Mid-4th to 3rd Millennium B.C.” (20 min.)
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**Paul Zimansky** (Stony Brook University), “Urartian Ethnicity and its Contemporary Communicants” (20 min.)

Discussion (10 min.)

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

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

10:45am–12:45pm

#### Hebrew Bible, History, and Archaeology II

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

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

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

General Discussion (20 minutes)

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

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

General Discussion (20 minutes)

#### Landscape Archaeology

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

General Discussion (10 min.)
Ann E. Killebrew (Pennsylvania State University), Marie-Henriette Gates (Bilkent University), and Gunnar Lehmann (Ben Gurion University), “The Mopsos Survey (2004-2007 Sessions): Landscape Archaeology in the Issos and Iskenderun Regions, Eastern Cilicia” (20 min.)

Brian Janeway (University of Toronto), “Dating the Early Iron Age at Tell Ta’yinat in Southeast Turkey” (20 min.)

Discussion (10 min.)

12:30–2:30pm

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

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

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

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

Roundtable Discussion on Early Antiquity Empires

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

Roundtable Discussion on Classical Era Empires

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

Roundtable Discussion on Late Medieval and Early Modern Empires

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

12:45–2:00pm

Junior Scholar Committee Luncheon & Workshop

Michael Homan (Xavier University), “Presenting the Perfect Paper” (60 mins.)

*Preregistration is required for attendance, information is available at www.asor.org/AM/JrScholars07.htm

2:00–4:00pm

The Archaeology of Israel – New Developments

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

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

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

Josef Garfinkel (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), “The Middle Chalcolithic site of Tell Tsaf: 2004-2007 Seasons” (20 min.)

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

General discussion (20 min.)

Current Excavations Non-ASOR Affiliated I

David Ilan (Hebrew Union College), Presiding


Avraham Faust (Bar-Ilan University), “The Tel ‘Eton Excavations” (25 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

General Discussion (20 min.)
Individual Submissions I
Laura B. Mazow (East Carolina University), Presiding
Helen Malko (Stony Brook University), “A Comparison of Social and Economic Organization of Cities and Small Settlements in Mesopotamia” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)
Adolfo Muniz (University of California, San Diego), “Early Bronze Age Economies of the Faynan District, Southern Jordan” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)
Norma Franklin (Tel Aviv University), “Water Systems: Getting to the Source” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)
Emily Miller (California State University, Fullerton), “The Creation Beehive: The Evidence from Early Cretan Tombs for a Heterarchical Society” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)
Michael Weigl (The Catholic University of America), “Examination of Construction Techniques in ‘Pillared Buildings’ in Iron Age II Jordan” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

The Madaba Plains Project After 40 Years I
Lawrence T. Geraty (La Sierra University), Presiding
Lawrence T. Geraty (La Sierra University), Introduction (10 min.)
Larry G. Herr (Canadian University College), “The Early Bronze, Middle Bronze, and Iron II at Tall al-‘Umayri” (25 min.)
Douglas R. Clark (La Sierra University), “The Late Bronze and Early Iron Ages at Tall al-‘Umayri” (25 min.)
Randall W. Younger (Andrews University), “Fifteen Years at Tall Jalul” (25 min.)
Øystein S. LaBianca (Andrews University), “Tall Hisban: Palimpsest of Great and Little Traditions of Transjordan and the Ancient Near East” (25 min.)
General Discussion (10 min.)

4:15–6:15pm

The Tel Zayit Abecedary
Ron Tappy (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary) and P. Kyle McCarter (The Johns Hopkins University), Presiding
Ron Tappy (Pittsburgh Theological Seminary), “The Archaeological Context of the Tel Zayit Abecedary and Why That Context is Important” (10 min.)
Christopher Rollston (Emmanuel School of Religion—A Graduate Seminary), “Literacy, the Phoenician and Hebrew Script Series, and the Tel Zayit Abecedary” (25 min.)
David Carr (Union Theological Seminary, New York), “The Tel Zayit Abecedary in (Social) Context” (25 min.)
Seth Sanders (Trinity College), “Nonstate Writing and Early Iron Age Israel: Old Problems and New Connections” (25 min.)
P. Kyle McCarter (The Johns Hopkins University), Respondent (25 min.)
General Discussion (10 min.)

Individual Submissions II
Benjamin Saïdel (East Carolina University), Presiding
Miriam Clinton (University of Pennsylvania), Shannon Martino (University of Pennsylvania), George Myer (Temple University), Dennis Terry (Temple University), Eva Campo (University of Pennsylvania Regional Nanotechnology Facility) and Philip Betancourt (Temple University), “Rapid Cooling Effects in Copper Smelting Slags from Chrysokamino” (20 min.)
Isabelle Pafford (University of California, Berkeley), “A Greek Sends a Persian to Egypt and Drives him Crazy: Medical Construction and Political Philosophy in Herodotus” (20 min.)
Rachel Hallote (Purchase College SUNY), “Photography and the American contribution to early ‘biblical’ archaeology, 1870-1920” (20 min.)
Theodore Burgh, Maurice Benson and Shane Baptista (University of North Carolina, Wilmington), “Virtual Studies of the Past” (20 min.)
Darrell Rohl (Andrews University), “Reassessing the Stratigraphy of Early Roman Esbus (Tall Hisban)” (20 min.)
Lucas Petit (University of Leiden), “The Deir ‘Alla Regional Project: understanding settlement and abandonment behavior in the Middle Jordan Valley during Iron Age II” (20 min.)

The World of Women: Gender and Archaeology
Beth Alpert Nahai (The University of Arizona), Presiding

Jeffrey R. Chadwick (Brigham Young University), “Your Daughters... as Cooks and Bakers” - Women’s Roles as Reflected in the Organization and Operation of an Eighth Century BCE Elite Zone Kitchen and Bakery at Tell es-Safi/Gath” (25 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)
Kerry Adams (The University of Arizona), “An Ethnoarchaeological Investigation of Shrine Site Creation and Evolution: Evidence for Iron Age Women’s Pilgrimage?” (25 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)
Kevin McGeough (University of Lethbridge) and Elizabeth Galway (University of Lethbridge), “Working Egyptians of the World Unite!” How Edith Nesbit Used Near Eastern Archaeology and Children’s Literature to Effect Social Change (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

Roundtable Discussion:
Jennie Ebeling (University of Evansville) and Beth Alpert Nahai (The University of Arizona), Conveners
“Where are the Women in Near Eastern Archaeology? An Open Discussion on the Status of Women in the Profession” (30 min.)

Friday 16 November

8:30-10:30am

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

Aaron Domsky (Bar Ilan University), “Hear the Alphabet: Understanding the Tel Zayit Abecedary” (25 min.)
Itzhak Shai (Bar Ilan University) and Alexander Zukerman (Albright Institute of Archaeological Research), “The Royal City of the Philistines in the ‘Azekah Inscription’ and the History of Gath in the Eighth Century BCE” (30 min.)
Lawson Younger (Trinity International University, Divinity School), “Some of What’s New in Old Aramaic Epigraphy” (25 min.)
Eran Arie (Tel Aviv University and Israel Museum) and Yuval Goren (Tel Aviv University), “Indelible Impression: The Judahite Correspondence According to Petrographic Analysis of Clay Bullae” (30 min.)

General Discussion (5 min.)

The Incense Trade Road from Arabia to the Southern Levant
Michael Jasmin (The Semitic Museum - Harvard University) and Yifat Thareani-Sussely (Tel Aviv University and the Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology), Presiding

Crystal Fritz (Bryn Mawr College), “Ceramic Correlates for Non-Sedentary Lifeways in Late Prehistoric South-East Arabia” (20 min.)
Gregory Mumford (University of Alabama, Birmingham), “The Egyptian Perspective of the Red-Sea Trade during the New Kingdom and Late Period” (20 min.)
Yifat Thareani-Sussely (Tel Aviv University and the Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology), “The Spirit of Clay: ‘Edomite Pottery’ and Social Awareness in the Late Iron Age” (20 min.)
Stephen Batiuk (University of Toronto), “South-Arabian Influence in Northern Ethiopia: Results of Eastern Tigraie Archaeological Project 2005-2007” (20 min.)
Israel Roll (Tel Aviv University), “Reaching the Mediterranean Shore: The Environmental Aspects of the Incense Roads Crossing the Negev” (20 min.)

Ancient Mediterranean Trade
Barry M. Gittlen (Baltimore Hebrew University), Presiding

Nicholas Blackwell (Bryn Mawr College), “The Nature of Interaction between Cyprus and Sardinia at the Transition of the Late Bronze Age to the Early Iron Age.” (20 min.)
Shlomo Buninowitz and Zvi Lederman (Tel Aviv University), “Iron Age Iron: Collapse and Innovation.” (25 min.)

Barry J. Beitzel (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School), “Joint Nautical Ventures on the Mediterranean Sea by Tyrian Phoenicians and Early Israelites.” (20 min.)
Mark E. Polzer (Texas A&M University), “Phoenician Ships in Neo-Assyrian Art: An Analysis of the Ships Depicted in Bas-Reiefs from Sennacherib’s Palace at Nineveh.” (20 min.)

General Discussion (10 min.)

Prehistoric Archaeology I
April Nowell (University of Victoria), Presiding

Erez Ben-Yosef (UC, San Diego), Hagai Ron (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Lisa Tauxe (Scripps Institution of Oceanography), Amotz Agnon (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Thomas E. Levy (UC, San Diego), Uzi Arner (Arava Institute for Environmental Studies) and Mohammad Najjar (Department of Antiquities of Jordan), “Archaeological Applications of New Approach to Archaeomagnetic Paleointensity Investigation” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)
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Ofer Marder (Israel Antiquities Authority) and Ianir Milevski (Israel Antiquities Authority), “The Lower Paleolithic Site of Revadim Quarry, Israel” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

Michael Neely (Montana State University), “Techno-Typological Variability in the Late Epipaleolithic from the Wadi Juheira, West-Central Jordan” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

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

Theme: The Future of the Past: New Approaches in Biblical Archaeology

Louise Hitchcock (University of Melbourne), Presiding
Matthew Suriano (University of California, Los Angeles), “The Marginality of the Dead: Funerary-Rites and the Concept of the Afterlife in Ancient Israel” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

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


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

10:45–12:45pm

Prehistoric Archaeology II

Alan Simmons (UNLV), Presiding
Daniella E. Bar-Yosef Mayer (University of Haifa) and Naomi Porat (Geological Survey of Israel), “Early Neolithic Stone Beads of Gilgal” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

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

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

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

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

Omran Garazhian (University of Tehran), “Cultural Changes of Calcolithic Cultures to Bronze Age in Northern Iran” (20 min.)

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

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

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

Alysa Fischer (Miami University of Ohio), “Building an Anthropology of Craft” (20 min.) – Discussion (7 min.)

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

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

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

Archaeology of Cyprus I

Theme: Material as Culture: The Archaeology of ‘Cypriote’ Identity at Home and Abroad

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

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

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

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

General Discussion (10 min.)

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

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

General Discussion (5 min.)

Reports on Current Excavations – ASOR-Affiliated

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

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

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

Rami Araw (University of Nebraska at Omaha), “Bethsaida, Excavation Season of 2007” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

Michael Tournazou (Davidson College), “Athienou Archaeological Project, 2007: Investigations at Athienou-Malloura, Cyprus” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)
Social Aspects of Human and Animal Sacrifice in the Ancient Near East I
Glenn Schwartz (Johns Hopkins University), Presiding
Glenn Schwartz (Johns Hopkins University), “Social Aspects of Human and Animal Sacrifice: An Introduction” (20 min.)
Elizabeth Carter (UCLA), Stuart Campbell (University of Manchester), and Suellen Gauld (Santa Monica College), “Feasting on the Dead?” (20 min.)
Andrew Cohen (Brandeis University), “A Comparative Look at Human Sacrifice in the Royal Cemetery of Ur” (20 min.)
Jill Weber (University of Pennsylvania), “Restoring Order: Death, Display and Authority” (20 min.)
Discussion (10 min.)

Archaeology of Syria
Mark W. Chavalas (University of Wisconsin-La Crosse), Presiding
Adam Maskevich (Johns Hopkins University), “Umm el-Marra and the Mitanni Empire in Inland Syria” (20 min.)
Rudolph H. Dornemann (ASOR), “The 2007 Season of Excavations at Tell Qarqur, Syria” (30 min.)
Jesse Casana (University of Arkansas), “Settlement History and Environmental Change at Tell Qarqur” (20 min.)
Laurent Tholbecq (Universite Laval), “A New Joint Syro-Canadian Project on Hosn Suleiman (Jabal Ansariyeh, Syria): The Architectural Study of the Hellenistic and Roman Sanctuary of Baetocaecae” (20 min.)
Lidewijde de Jong (Stanford University), “Tombs in Roman Syria: Reconstructing Ancient Imperialism through Mortuary Practices” (20 min.)

Social Aspects of Human and Animal Sacrifice in the Ancient Near East II
Anne Porter (University of Southern California), Presiding
Gillian Goslinga (University of California at Santa Cruz), “On Sukti-Filled Bodies and Divinities: An Anthropological Perspective on Animal Sacrifice and Ritual in Contemporary South India” (20 min.)
Brian Hesse (Pennsylvania State University), Paula Wapnish (Pennsylvania State University) and Jonathan Greer (Pennsylvania State University), “Sacrificial Animals? -- Between Evidence and Interpretation” (20 min.)
Discussion (10 min.)

Mary Voigt (College of William and Mary), “Patterns in the Deposition of Human Remains in Later Hellenistic Gordion: The Arguments for Human and Animal Sacrifice” (20 min.)
Baruch Levine (New York University), “The Biblical Evidence: Sacrifice as a Legitimating Act,” (20 min.)
Discussion (10 min.)

Archaeology of Jordan
Leigh-Ann Bedal (Penn State Erie, The Behrend College), Presiding
Thomas E. Levy (University of California, San Diego) and Mohammad Najjar (Department of Antiquities of Jordan), “New Light on Edomite State Formation - the 2006 Excavations at Khirbat en-Nahas, Jordan” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)
Mark Beherec (University of California, San Diego), “Relations of the Iron Age Dead: Wadi Fidan 40 and Its Neighbors” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)
Leigh-Ann Bedal (Penn State Erie), “The Petra Garden & Pool-Complex, 2007” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)
Eric Kansa (The Alexandria Archive Institute), Sarah Whitcher Kansa (The Alexandria Archive Institute), and Martha Sharp Joukowsky (Brown University), “Petra, Open City: Online Publication of Digital Content from Brown University’s Excavations at the Great Temple” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

Material Culture in Ottoman Syro-Palestine
Theme: The Ottoman Empire as a shaper of society and culture in the Levant.
Bert de Vries (Calvin College), Presiding
Bert de Vries (Calvin College), “Introduction: Nostalgia for Empire” (5 min.)
Kamal Abdulfattah (Birzeit University), “History of relations between the center, Istanbul, and the periphery, the Levant” (25 min.)
Douglas Howard (Calvin College), “A view from the central bureaucracy in the 17th century” (25 min.)
Anders Bjørkelo (University of Bergen), “Ottoman reform and socio-economic change in Transjordan during the 19th Century” (25 min.)
Bethany Walker (Grand Valley State University), “Jordan’s economy and culture under early Ottoman rule” (25 min.)
Discussion (15 min.)
ASOR Annual Meeting
Academic Program — Friday & Saturday

The Archaeology of Cyprus II
Theme: Material as Culture: The Archaeology of ‘Cypriote’ Identity at Home and Abroad
Nancy Servint (Arizona State University), Presiding
Nicolle Hirschfeld (Trinity University), “Cypro-Minoan beyond the Island” (20 min.)
Georgia Bazemore (Eastern Washington University), Symbols, Ethnic Identity, and Phonetic Meaning: The Cypriote Syllabic Writing System (20 min.)
General Discussion (10 min.)
Joanna S. Smith (Columbia University), “Changing Views of the Self and the Built Environment at Kiton” (25 min.)
Ann-Marie Knoblauch (Virginia Tech University), “Iconography and Identity: The Case of Cyprus” (20 min.)
General Discussion (10 min.)

4:15–6:15pm

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

Saturday 17 November

8:30–10:30am

The Bioarchaeology of the Near East and Eastern Mediterranean I
Theme: Population Movement and Postmortem Skeletal Modifications
Jaime Ullinger (Ohio State University) Presiding
Susan Sheridan (University of Notre Dame), Alicia Cooper (University of Notre Dame), and Jaime Ullinger (Ohio State University), “The Bioarchaeology of Migration: Reconstructing Pilgrimage to Byzantine Jerusalem” (20 min.)
Roy King (Stanford University), Aaron Brody (Pacific School of Religion), and Peter Underhill (Stanford University), “Y Chromosome Evidence of Migration: MB IIA Southern Levant” (20 min.)
Nathan Kayne Harper (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), “Types No More: Biodistance and the Archaeologist” (20 min.)
Suellen Gauld (Santa Monica College), S. W. Kansa (Alexandria Archive Institute), and J.W. Oliver (Department of Anthropology, Illinois State Museum), “Feasting on the Dead? Osteological Evidence of Butchery and Cannibalism at Domuztepe, a Late Neolithic Settlement in Southern Anatolia” (20 min.)

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

Workshop on the Roman Aqaba Project
Theme: The Hinterland of Aila, a Roman Port on the Red Sea
S. Thomas Parker (North Carolina State University), Presiding
Andrew M. Smith II (Dowling College), “Reconsidering the territorium of Roman Aila” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)
GARYN Davies (Florida International University), “The Roman Fort at Yotvata in its Regional Context” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)
John Peter Oleson (University of Victoria), “Hawara (Humayma) as a Regional Economic Centre” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)
S. Thomas Parker (North Carolina State University), “Reconstructing the Economic Hinterland of Aila” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)
General Discussion (15 min.)

Artifacts: The Inside Story
Elizabeth S. Friedman (Illinois Institute of Technology), Presiding
Joan Schneider (University of California, Riverside and California State Parks) and Philip LaPorta (City University of New York), “Where’s the Source? Looking for the Sources of Basaltic Milling Implements and Vessels in the Southern Levant” (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)
Peter Magee (Bryn Mawr College), “Imported and Local Behaviors and Vessels: ICP-MS/OES Analysis of Ceramics from an Iron Age settlement in Southeastern Arabia” (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)
Peter Northover (University of Oxford), “Impurity Patterns and Metal Chronologies” (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)
H. Xander Veldhuijzen (University College London), “Sacrificing Tuyères. The Role of Technical Ceramics in Early Iron Smelting (Tell Hammeh, Jordan; 930 CalBC) and Iron Smithing (Tel Beth-Shemesh; 900 CalBC)” (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)
Lynn Swartz Dodd (University of Southern California), Meg Abraham (The Aerospace Corp.), and Ashley Sands (University of Southern California), “Direct Evidence for Bronze-making Techniques in the Upper Tigris River Region” (20 min.) – Discussion (4 min.)
ASOR Annual Meeting
Academic Program — Saturday

Archaeology of Iran I
Theme: Chalcolithic to Bronze Age Research Projects
Catherine A. Demos (University of California, Berkeley), Presiding
Omran Garazhian (University of Bu-Ali Sina, Hamadan, Iran), “Cultural changes of Chalcolithic Cultures to Bronze Age in Northeastern Iran.” (20 min.)
Mehdi Mortazavi (University of Sistan and Baluchistan), “Who were the Meluhha?” (20 min.)
Brian Wilson (University of Chicago), “Controlling colonists or colonists controlled: reexamining the relationship between Uruk traders and the town of Godin Tepe.” (20 min.)
Lesley Frame (University of Arizona), “Reinterpreting a past excavation: metal production at Bronze Age Godin Tepe.” (20 min.)
Azam Tohidlou (Iranian Center for Archaeological Research — ICAR), “The study of third millennium ceramics from Godin Tepe.” (20 min.)

Problems in Ceramic Typology
Celia Bergoffen (Fashion Institute of Technology), Presiding
Talia Goldman (Weizmann Institute of Science), “Assessing Individual Variability in Pottery Making: An Ethnoarchaeological Experiment on Iron Age Bowls from Tel Dor Using 3-D Recording and Mathematical Shape Analysis” (20 min.)
Hanan Charaf (University of Paris I and SCIEM 2000), “Tell Arqa at the end of the Late Bronze Age: new evidence from recent excavations” (20 min.)
Robert Mullins (Azusa Pacific University), “A New Look at Alalakh during the Late Bronze Age: Stratigraphy, Pottery and Chronology” (20 min.)
Susan Ellis (Wayne State College), “Analysis of Oil Lamps from Abila in the St. Louis Collection” (20 min.)
Neil Smith (University of California, San Diego), “Ceramics and the Chronological Relationship between the Lowlands and Highlands of Ancient Edom: a typological and radiocarbon study of sites in the Faynan District and Showbak, Jordan” (20 min.)

General discussion (15 min.)

10:45–12:45am

The Bioarchaeology of the Near East and Eastern Mediterranean
Theme: Health, Quality of Life, and Mortuary Issues
Megan A. Perry (East Carolina University), Presiding
Jaime Ullinger (Ohio State University), “Health in Transition at Early Bronze Age Bab edh-Dhra” (20 min.)
Jerome Rose and Melissa Zabecki (University of Arkansas), “Demography and Cribra Orbitalia among Commoners at New Kingdom Tell Amarna, Egypt” (20 min.)
Clark S. Larsen (Ohio State University), Simon Hillson (University College London), Lori Hager (University of California, Berkeley), Basak Boz (Selçuk University), Christopher Ruff (Johns Hopkins University), and Jessica Pearson (University of Liverpool), “Life Stresses at Çatalhöyük, A Neolithic Community in Central Anatolia, Turkey” (20 min.)
Brenda Baker (Arizona State University) and Amy Papalexandrou (University of Texas, Austin), “A Bioarchaeological Perspective on Burials and Basilicas of Medieval Polis, Cyprus” (20 min.)
Christina Torres-Ruff (Colorado College) and William J. Pestle (University of Illinois at Chicago), “Skeletal Biology and Mortuary Practices at Kish, Iraq: A Preliminary Investigation of the Human Remains Excavated by the Joint Oxford-Field Museum Expedition (1923-1933)” (20 min.)

Current Issues in Palestinian Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Management
Robert R. Saunders (Eastern Washington University) and Adel H. Yahya (Palestinian Association for Cultural Exchange), Presiding
Robert R. Saunders (Eastern Washington University) & Salah Houdeliah (al-Quds University), “The Impact of Housing Development on Palestinian Cultural Heritage: Ramallah Province as a Case Study” (25 min.)
Mohammad Jaradat (Palestinian Department of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage), “Preventing Illicit Excavations in the Occupied Palestinian Territories: The Role of the Palestinian Department of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage” (25 min.)
Sandra Scham (Catholic University of America), “Getting the Word Out—Palestinian Cultural Heritage in the Media” (25 min.)
Adel H. Yahya (Palestinian Association for Cultural Exchange), “Impacts of the Israeli Separation Wall on Palestinian Cultural Heritage: Ramallah and Cultural Heritage Management” (25 min.)
Hamed Salem (Birzeit University), Respondent (20 min.)

Eastern Mediterranean Diasporas: Cultural and Economic Implications
Peter van Alfen (American Numismatic Society), Presiding
Kristofer Montrak (University of Bergen), “Outside of society? Greeks in the East and Phoenicians in the West” (20 min.)
Catherine Aubert (IFAPO, Beirut), “The Greek Eastern Mediterranean diaspora in Beirut during the Hellenistic period” (20 min.)
Christine M. Thompson (University of California, Los Angeles), “Greek Economic Responses to the Phoenician Diaspora of the Early First Millennium BCE” (20 min.)
Vadim Jigoulov (University of Michigan), “Money Talks: Sido-nian Coinage and its Connections with Persian Imperial Iconography” (20 min.)

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

General Discussion (30 min.)

The Ties That Bind:
Social Integration in Near Eastern Antiquity
Edward Maher (The Field Museum), Organizer, Jill Baker (Albright Institute of Archaeological Research), Presiding

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

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

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

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

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

Benjamin Porter (Princeton University), “Discussant” (18 min.)

General Discussion (10 min.)

Archaeology of Iran II
Theme: Iron Age, Achaemenid and post-Achaemenid Research Projects
TBA, Presiding

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

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

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

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

Ali Reza Askari-Chaverdi (Iranian Center for Archaeological Research—ICAR), “Recent post-Achaemenid Finds from southern Fars, Iran.” (20 min.)

General Discussion (20 min.)

2:00–4:00pm

Egypt and Canaan I
K. Lawson Younger, Jr. (Trinity International University), Presiding

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

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

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

Discussion (30 min.)

Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Remote Sensing, and Archaeology
Gary L. Christopherson (University of Arizona), Presiding


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

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

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

Israel’s Political Landscape
Seth L. Sanders (Trinity College) and Edward Silver (University of Chicago), Presiding

Rachel Haverlock (University of Illinois at Chicago), “Between State and Empire: The Map of Israel’s Land” (20 min.) – Discussion (10 min.)

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

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

Tzemah Yoreh (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev), “The Altar and Memorial Geography in Biblical Literature” (20 min.) – Discussion (10 min.)
Workshop on Caesarea Maritima

Kenneth G. Holum (University of Maryland), Presiding

Kenneth G. Holum (University of Maryland) “The Evolution of Caesarea’s Urban Plan: New Understandings of Old Data” (25 min.)

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

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

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

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

Ethnoarchaeology of Ancient Pottery

Gloria London (Tall al-‘Umayri Teachers’ Institute), Presiding

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

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

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

Anne McKinney Dehinish (Independent Researcher), “Creating Cookware in the Eastern Lower Galilee: Purview of the Housewife or the Professional?” (20 min.) – Discussion (5 min.)

Niels Groot and Joris Dik (Delft University of Technology), “The ‘Ammonite’ ceramic traditions in the Iron Age IIc/ Persian Period pottery from Tell Deir ‘Alla in the Jordan Valley” (20 min.)
12:30–2:30pm  ASOR Baghdad Committee, Richard Zettler, Presiding
12:45–2:00pm Madaba Plains Project Staff Consultation, Øystein LaBianca, Presiding
12:45–2:00pm Tell Gezer Staff and Consortium Consultation, Steven Ortiz, Presiding
1:30–4:30pm  AIAR Board of Trustees, Ed Wright, Presiding
4:30–6:30pm  ASOR Members Meeting, Eric Meyers, Eric H. Cline and Tammi Schneider, Presiding

Saturday November 17th

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

2007 ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION
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http://www.asor.org/AM/am.html

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

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Special Evening Programs

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

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

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

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

New Sessions and Themes

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

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

For Students and Junior Scholars

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

Program and Abstracts

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

Come join us....

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FREE tours of the exhibit (Journey to the Copper Age: Archaeology in the Holy Land) for ASOR Annual Meeting participants.

Refreshments and hors d’oeuvres will be served at the reception. Transportation will be arranged from the hotel but funding is limited and on a first come, first served basis.
Plenary Introduction by

Robert R. Cargill presents a glimpse into

“Ancient Qumran: A Virtual Reality Tour”

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

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

Plenary Speaker

JODI MAGNESS

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

“The Current State of Qumran Archaeology”

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

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

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

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

Opening ceremonies featured a speech by HRH Princess Sumaya bint El Hassan, who with her father, HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal, has long been interested in and committed to historical and archaeological research in Jordan. It was her father, Prince El Hassan, who initiated the first ICHAJ conference at Oxford in 1980. Her remarks reflected the royal family’s ongoing commitment to the highest principles of collaborative research, cultural management and the presentation of the rich variety of sites of interest to the Jordanian public and international visitors.

Major receptions opened and closed the conference on site at GWU and another took place at the Jordan Embassy and was hosted by HRH Ambassador Zeid Ra’ad Al-Hussein. The conference gala banquet occurred in the elegantly apportioned rotunda of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History, preceded by a reception in the newly and spectacularly renovated Hall of Mammals. The gala and its reception were hosted by the Department of Antiquities of Jordan under the directorship of Dr. Fawwaz Al-Khraysheh and the American Center of Oriental Research, Amman, whose board chairman, Mr. Artemis A. W. Joukowsky, was the co-chair of the North American Committee with Douglas Clark.

For further information about the conference, visit the web site (www.ICHAJ.org).
The American Center of Oriental Research (Amman)
Announcement of Fellowships 2008–2009

Deadline for all applications is February 1, 2008

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CAORC, NEH, Kress, Mellon, MacDonald/Sampson, and Bikai Fellows will reside at the ACOR facility in Amman while conducting their research. ACOR: 656 Beacon Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02215 (Tel: 617–353–6571; Fax: 617–353–6575; E-mail: acor@bu.edu), or: P.O. Box 2470, Amman, Jordan (Fax: 011–9626–534–4181). Or visit: http://www.bu.edu/acor.
Your research could win you $500 in cash or a gift certificate for $200 in books from the David Brown Book Company! The first ever Open Archaeology Prize will be awarded at ASOR 2007 for the best contribution of reusable, educational and research material to Open Context (www.opencontext.org) by an ASOR member. Open Context is a free, online database created by archaeologists to facilitate data publication in our community. Contributions will be judged based on scholarly merit and potential for reuse in research or teaching. Stay tuned for more information and the official launch of the contest in September 2007 and, in the meantime, start cleaning up those data files! (The Open Archaeology Prize is hosted by the Alexandria Archive Institute, working to improve access to research by building tools for data sharing. Questions? Contact Sarah Whitcher Kansa at skansa@alexandriaarchive.org).

Semitics Job Announcement

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

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

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In July 2007 the Archives Committee successfully submitted its application for an NEH grant. We expect to hear the results of the application in the spring. During the process of completing the application, we have learned a lot more about our own archival holdings. Most of our material is in fair to good physical condition, but some will require significant conservation. The latter material includes photographs as well as maps and plans of sites, housed both in Boston and in the Albright Institute in Jerusalem.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Steven Ross — Son of James Ross

Martin Meyerson

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

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

A person of great wisdom, warmth, and integrity, a personal friend to so many of us, Martin will be sorely missed by his extended Penn family and by everyone who had the privilege of getting to know him. We offer our deepest condolences to Margy Ellin Meyerson, Martin’s wife of 61 years, and their sons, Adam and Matthew. In addition to Margy, Adam and Matthew, Martin is survived by two daughters-in-law, Sandra Meyerson and Nina Shea, and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter Laura.

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

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

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

After leaving the presidency, Martin remained active at Penn as University Professor of Public Policy Analysis and City and Regional Planning and as chair of the University of Pennsylvania Foundation, the University of Pennsylvania Press, the Institute for Research on Higher Education, and the Monell Chemical Senses Center. He was also co-chair of Penn’s 250th anniversary celebration. Martin also served on the boards of the Mahoney Institute of Neurological Sciences, the Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies, and the Institute for Strategic Threat Analysis and Response. He also chaired the University’s Fels Center of Government program until February 1996. With his wife Mar-
served as its first director, and teaching, sometimes by video conference from her hospital bed. She was not one to let her students down, whatever the circumstances.

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

After her first visit to Cyprus she never looked back and it is a testament to the quality of her research that over the years she received numerous and varied grants from ASOR, as well as other organizations. Even before Danielle had finished her Ph.D. she was permitted to direct the rescue (and later regular) excavations at the Amathus Gate Cemetery, and immediately began training students in the field of Cypriot archaeology. Throughout her career she remained active as a field archaeologist, visiting Cyprus this past June to check on the latest projects with which she was involved. She diligently published her fieldwork in a series of detailed preliminary reports, and remained a prolific scholar to the end with many articles to her name, seven of which are currently in press. Her monograph The Roman Coinage of Cyprus was published by the Cyprus Numismatic Society in 2004. This summer Danielle and Ann-Marie Knoblauch were busy editing a double issue of Near Eastern Archaeology to celebrate the 30th anniversary of CAARI. The last communication Anne-Marie and I received just three days before Danielle’s death so typified her realistic and unflinching attitude towards life that I feel it should be included here. It read: “hi guys, no easy way to do this. but they have given me a few hours, a few days, a few weeks; who knows? please call or email me. -DAP”. Unfortunately neither of us read the message until it was too late to call.

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

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

Stuart Swiny
Institute of Cypriot Studies
Department of Anthropology
University at Albany

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

Volkmar came to Israel in 1964 after having completed his theological studies in Tübingen, Berlin, Heidelberg, Bonn and Marburg, where he earned his PhD in 1968. Interested in researching the Land of the Bible and the material culture of ancient Israel, he studied Biblical Archaeology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His archaeological supervisor was Prof. Yohanan Aharoni, and under his direction, Volkmar served as an Area Supervisor in the excavations at Arad in the Negev from 1965-1967. The results of that excavation became the central part of his Habilitation, which he earned from the University of Mainz in 1973, where he joined the faculty and was responsible for teaching Old Testament Studies. He was also instrumental in building and expanding the university’s library, making it one of the best in Europe in the ﬁeld of Biblical Archaeology. Later, he was appointed as full professor in Old Testament at the University of Giessen.

Volkmar was committed in his research to applying archaeological data to the German tradition of biblical analysis, and as a result he made a signiﬁcant contribution not only to combining the two disciplines, but also to creating a greater understanding between German and Israeli archaeologists. He was the ﬁrst German scholar after the Second World War to obtain a license to conduct an excavation in Israel. Together with his Israeli colleague, the late Prof. Aharon Kempinski, he directed the excavations at Tel Masos in the Negev from 1972-1975, which made a major contribution to our understanding of the early history of ancient Israel. Subsequently, he directed the excavations of Tell el-Oreme/Tel Kinrot on the northwestern shore of the Sea of Galilee from 1982-1985 and conducted two small digs at Feinan in Jordan in 1990. During his tenure
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Behind the scenes we have upgraded and expanded our membership and subscription database. For the first time, it will incorporate the Annual Meeting registration, making it easier to renew memberships and register for the meeting at the same time. We are also e-mailing receipts with each membership renewal to assist our members’ record keeping. We hope to move our database online within the next 18 to 24 months so that members can access their own records and have the option of searching a membership directory.

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

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

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

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While Volkmar published a myriad of articles on various aspects of the archaeology of ancient Israel, a major focus of his research was on the architecture of public buildings, temples, palaces and domestic housing. Two of his most important publications dealt with these subjects: The City in Ancient Israel and An Introduction to Biblical Archaeology, both of which appeared in German and in English. To his credit, nearly all of his excavations have been fully published – like his reports on Kinneret: Ergebnisse der Ausgrabungen auf dem Tell el-Oreme am See Gennesaret, 1982-1985 and Ergebnisse der Ausgrabungen auf der Hirbet el-Msas (Tel Mašos) 1972-1975 (co-authored with Prof. Kempinski). In addition, his last excavations, which were only begun 10 years ago, will be published in the near future. He was not only a productive archaeologist, but also wrote important commentaries on the Old Testament, like Das erste Buch der Königre.

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