



**2025 Joe D. Seger  
Project Grants**





\$25,000 total  
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# 2025 Grant Report

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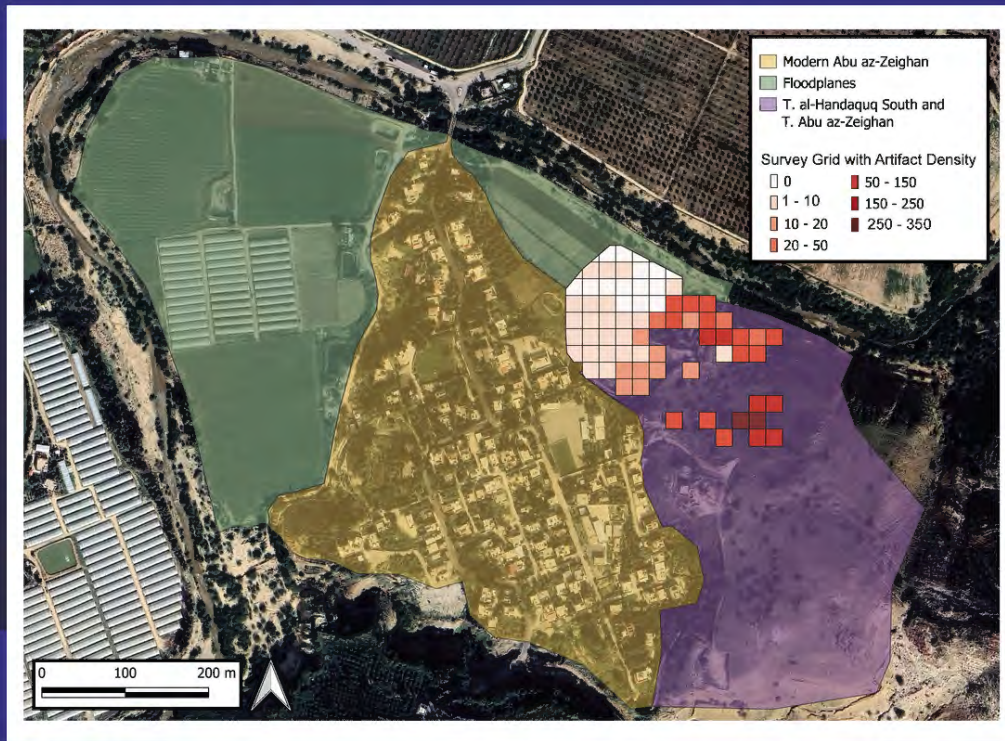
**“Tall al-Handaquq South Archaeological Project”, Jordan**



With the support of the 2025 Joe D. Seger Project Grant we were able to conduct a zero-recovery survey on Tall al-Handaquq South, which encompasses the northern part of a large, Early Bronze Age town, that extends into the archaeological site of Tall Abu Zeighan. The goals of the 2025 seasons were to (1) assess the extent of the site, and (2) the density of archaeological materials on the surface, (3) document features visible on the surface, and (4) assess site preservation and possible threats.







The survey focused on the floodplains and terraces along the northern limits of the site. As shown on the map, find density was overall low in the area northwest of the slope, marking the limits of preserved archaeological material. We identified three terraces along the northern edge of the slope, on which find density was much higher and the outlines of a wall or platform were visible running below the second terrace. Further up the slope, find density increased further, and wall lines of different sizes were recorded on the surface. A trilithon dolmen and two cupmarks were recorded on the slope toward the southern limits of Tall al-Handaqq. While the dolmen is intact, large holes indicate that it has been looted.

During the survey we recorded several looting holes in and near to architecture visible on the surface of the slope and the terraces. Almost all of the pottery collected during the survey on Tall al-Handaqq South dates to the Early Bronze Age I through IV, with the majority pottery dating to the EB II-III period confirming that Tall al-Handaqq South/ Tall Abu az-Zeighan was settled intensely during this time period.

# Lifetime Summery Donor Impact



**\$25,000**

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**10** field  
projects  
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Year	Recipient	Country	Project	Organizations & Universities of Recipients
2018	Patricia Fall	Cyprus	Stable Isotope Analysis of Prehistoric Deer Feasting	University of North Carolina-Charlotte
2019	Kathryn Morgan	Turkey	Chicago-Tubingen Expedition to Zincirli: Documenting a Middle Bronze Age Destruction	University of Chicago
2020	Glenn Schwartz	Syria	Umm el-Marra Project	Johns Hopkins University
2021	John Oleson	Jordan	Humayma Excavation Project	University of Victoria
2022	Shawn Bubel	Israel	Analysis of Chipped Stone Tools from Tel Beth-Shemesh	University of Lethbridge
2022	Darrell Rohl	Jordan	Religion and Society at Umm al-Jimal	Calvin University
2023	Mara Horowitz	Cyprus	Kalavassos-Laroumena and Arkhangelos Archaeological Research Project	Purchase College
2024	Khaled Abu Jayyab	Iraq	Tell 'Arna Survey	Univeristy of Toronto
2024	Asil Yaman	Turkey	Phoenix Archaeological Project	University of Pennsylvania
2025	Hanna Erftenbeck Natalia Handziuk	Jordan	Tall al-Handaqq South Archaeological Project	Colgate University University of Notre Dame



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