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Education

License in Mediaeval Studies, October 2005

“Mount Nebo: A Monastic Network East of the Jordan”

Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, Toronto, Ontario.

Ph.D. in Ancient Studies, June 2003

“The Identification of a Mosaic Workshop at Madaba, Jordan.”

University of Toronto, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, Toronto, Ontario.

M.A. in Ancient Studies, November 1995

University of Toronto, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Toronto, Ontario.

B.A. in Near Eastern Archaeology, June 1993

Wilfrid Laurier University, Department of Archaeology, Waterloo, Ontario.

Professional Appointments

Senior Lecturer, Department of Archaeology and Heritage Studies and Medieval and Medievalism Studies Program, Wilfrid Laurier University, Fall 2023-present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Archaeology and Heritage Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, Winter 2012-2016, 2018-2019, 2023.

Assistant Professor, Department of Archaeology and Heritage Studies and Medieval and Medievalism Studies Program, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2017, 2019-2022.

Instructor, Department of Archaeology and Heritage Studies, Medievalism and Medieval Studies Program, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2016, 2018, 2022.

Instructor, Department of Archaeology and Classical Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, 2000, 2001, 2006, 2007, 2009-2012, 2016.

Instructor, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, 2002, 2006-2012.

Instructor, Department of Anthropology, Trent University in Oshawa, 2007.

Instructor, Department of Historical Studies, University of Toronto at Mississauga, 2005.

Instructor, St. Michael's Continuing Education, University of Toronto, 1999, 2002.

Promotions

Seniority Status, AR102, AR205, AR230, AR460, Department of Archaeology and Heritage Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, March 2025.

Seniority Status, AR337, Department of Archaeology and Heritage Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, February 2024.

Sessional Lecturer II, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, February 2011.

Seniority Status, AR104, Department of Archaeology and Classical Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, March 2010.

Publications

"Mesha's Moab: Settlement Patterns and Site Interactions on the Madaba Plateau." *Bulletin of ASOR* (under review) (multi-authored)

"Roman Polychrome Mosaic Pavement." *North Carolina Museum Catalogue* (in press)

"Khirbat al-Mukhayyat Archaeological Project: Report on the 2017 and 2019 Seasons." *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* (in press) (multi-authored)

"Life on the margins: the early Iron Age site of 'Ayun adh-Dhib, Jordan." *Levant* (December 2024): 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00758914.2024.2419202> (multi-authored)

"Khirbat al-Mukhayyat: The Town of Nebo Archaeological Project (2022-2023)." *Archaeology in Jordan* 4 (2024): 104-106. (co-author)

"Madaba Archaeological Park Ceramics." In *The Madaba Archaeological Park Excavations (1992-1996)*, edited by R. Schick and L. Erker. 2024, p. 143-204.

"Analyzing and Integrating Legacy Data at Khirbat al-Mukhayyat, Jordan." *Journal of Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology and Heritage Studies* 12.2 (2024): 150-171. <https://doi.org/10.5325/jeasmedarcherstu.12.2.0150> (multi-authored)

"Moses and the Monks of Nebo" *Biblical Archaeology Review* 48.2 (Summer 2022): 30-39.

"The Byzantine Period." Pp. 84-88 in *The Pottery of Jordan: A Manual*, edited by J. Haron and D. R. Clark. Amman: American Center of Research, 2022.

"Khirbat al-Mukhayyat: The Town of Nebo Archaeological Project (2020-2021)." *Archaeology in Jordan* 3 (2022): 54-56.

"Iron Age Nebo: Preliminary investigations at Khirbat al-Mukhayyat and Rujm al-Mukhayyat, Jordan." *Palestine Exploration Quarterly* 153.2 (2020): 83-112 (co-authored with A. Danielson)

"Khirbat al-Mukhayyat (2018-2019)." *Archaeology in Jordan* 2 (2020): 74-76.

"The Monastic Mosaic at Mount Nebo, Jordan." *Antiquity* 93.368 (2019): 450-467 (co-authored with M. Judd and L. Gregoricka) doi: 10.15184/aqy.2018.185

"Khirbat al-Mukhayyat (2016-2017)." *Archaeology in Jordan* 1 (2018): 49-50.

- "Monastic Traditions in Central Jordan: The Tall Ma'in Archaeological Survey." In *Walking Through Jordan: Essay in Honor of Burton MacDonald*, edited by M. Neeley, G. Clark, and P.M.M. Daviau, 205-220. Sheffield, UK: Equinox Publishing, 2017.
- "Preliminary Report on the Inaugural Season of Excavation at Khirbat al-Mukhayyat." *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* 58 (2017): 457-473. (multi-authored)
- "Immersion is the New Ritual: The Miqveh at Khirbat al-Mukhayyat (Jordan) and Hasmonean Agro-Economic Policies in the Late Hellenistic Period." *Levant* 48.3 (2016): 284-299. (co-authored with A. Dolan) doi: 10.1080/00758914.2016.1251078
- "The Second Season of Excavation of the Khirbat al-Mukhayyat Archaeological." *Liber Annuus* 66 (2016): 453-469. (co-authored with A. Dolan and S. Edwards)
- "The Khirbat al-Mukhayyat Archaeological Project's First Excavation Season." *Liber Annuus* 65 (2015): 453-469. (co-authored with A. Dolan and S. Edwards)
- "Madaba Before Mesha: The Earliest Settlements on the City's West Acropolis." *Studies in the History and Archaeology of Jordan* 11 (2013): 211-219 (co-authored with S. Klassen).
- "Fifteen Years of Research in Madaba – The City of Mosaics." *ACOR Newsletter*. Vol. 24.1 (Summer 2012).
- "Byzantine and Early Islamic Jaffa." Pp. 109-120 in *The History and Archaeology of Jaffa I*, edited by M. Peilstöcker and A. A. Burke. Los Angeles: The Cotsen Institute of Archaeology at UCLA, 2011.
- "The Mosaic Floors: Construction Techniques and Design." Chapter 4 in *Excavations at Tell Jawa, Jordan, Volume IV: The Early Islamic House*. by P.M. Michèle Daviau. Culture and History of the Ancient Near East 11/4, Leiden: Brill. 2009.
- "Investigating 5,000 Years of Urban History: The Tall Madaba Archaeological Project" in *Crossing Jordan: North American Contributions to the Archaeology of Jordan*. T. Levy, M. Daviau, R. Younker and M Shaer (eds.). Pp.143 – 152. London: Equinox, 2007. (co-authored with T. Harrison and A. Graham)
- "A Large Urban Residence from Late Byzantine and Early Islamic Mādabā." *Studies in the History and Archaeology of Jordan* 9 (2007): 113-122.
- "The Stylites of Nebo: A Syrian Tradition in the Highlands of Central Jordan." *Journal of the Canadian Society for Syriac Studies* 5 (2005): 68-81.
- "The Tall Madaba Archaeological Project; Preliminary Report of the 2002 Field Season." *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* 48 (2004): 79-96. (co-authored with T. Harrison)
- "Tell Madaba." *American Journal of Archaeology* 107.3 (2003): 464-466. (co-authored with T. Harrison)
- "The Tall Madaba Archaeological Project; Preliminary Report of the 1998-2000 Field Seasons." *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* 47 (2003): 129-148. (contributor)
- "The 2002 Excavations on the Madaba West Acropolis." *ACOR Newsletter* 14.2 (2002): 6-8. (co-authored with T. Harrison)

Technical Reports

- “Khirbat al-Mukhayyat Archaeological Project, Seasonal Report.” Submitted to the Department of Antiquities of Jordan. (2014, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2023)
- “Khirbat al-Mukhayyat Archaeological Survey, Seasonal Report.” Submitted to the Department of Antiquities of Jordan. (2012, 2022)
- “Tall Madaba Archaeological Project, Seasonal Report.” Submitted to the Department of Antiquities of Jordan. (2006-2012)
- “Tall Ma’in Archaeological Survey Project, Seasonal Report.” Submitted to the Department of Antiquities of Jordan. (2006, 2007)

Online Publications

- “The Nebo Mosaics: A Visual Journey Through Nebo’s Beautiful Byzantine Mosaics.” *Bible History Daily*, Biblical Archaeology Society (May 27, 2022)
- “This is Our City: The Question of Cultural Ownership and Cultural Heritage on Madaba’s West Acropolis.” *The Ancient Near East Today* Vol. II No. 2 (February 2014)

Grants and Fellowships

- Student Summer Stipend, American Society for Overseas Research, 2021 (with WLU undergraduate student Christine Sylvester)
- SSHRC Insight Grant, “Epigraphic and petroglyphic complexes of the Upper Indus: Digital preservation and promotion of written and visual cultures.” Jason Neelis, Principal Investigator. (co-applicant), 2020-2025.
- SSHRC Support Funding, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, 2012.
- Heritage Fellowship, American Schools of Oriental Research, 2010.

Invited Lectures

- “Akhenaten: Heretic or Visionary?” Continuing Education Program, Upper Grand District School Board, Guelph, ON, September 30, 2024.
- “Neutralizing the Image: Iconoclasm and the Mosaics of Madaba.” Medievalism and Medieval Studies Program Annual Medieval Day, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON, March 27, 2024.
- “Life on the Periphery: The Town of Nebo in the Hellenistic Period.” Department of History and Ancient Studies Speakers’ Series, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON, March 15, 2024.
- “Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder: Iconoclasm and the Byzantine Mosaics of Jordan.” Continuing Education Program, Upper Grand District School Board, Guelph, ON, February 5, 2024.
- “Updates from the field: Recent Discoveries at the Town of Nebo.” Continuing Education Program, Upper Grand District School Board, Guelph, ON, October 16, 2023.
- “Fakes, Frauds, and Mysteries: Pseudoarchaeology and the Archaeological Record.” Continuing Education Program, Upper Grand District School Board, Guelph, ON, September 19, 2022.

- "The Town of Nebo through the Ages: New Discoveries from Khirbat al-Mukhayyat." Biblical Archaeology Society Spring Bible and Archaeology Fest, April 3, 2022.
- "Fakes, Frauds, and Mysteries: Pseudoarchaeology and the Manipulation of the Archaeological Record." Huronia Chapter of the Ontario Archaeology Society, Midland, ON, May 12, 2021.
- "An Archaeological Odyssey Through Jordan." Continuing Education Program, Upper Grand District School Board, Guelph, ON, October 15, 2018.
- "Sacred Landscapes and the Ancient Town of Nebo." St. Louis Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America, St. Louis, MO, April 10, 2018.
- "Sacred Landscapes and the Ancient Town of Nebo." Huronia Chapter of the Ontario Archaeology Society, Midland, ON, March 14, 2018.
- "Sacred Landscapes and the Ancient Town of Nebo." Friends of Archaeology and Heritage, Amman, Jordan, August 1, 2017.
- "Feasting and Bathing: Hellenistic Ritual Practices at the Ancient Town of Nebo (Jordan)." Continuing Education Program, Upper Grand District School Board, Guelph, ON, February 27, 2017.
- "Sacred Landscapes: The Town of Nebo Archaeological Project," Ontario Archaeological Society (OAS) – Grand River Chapter, Waterloo, ON, February 9, 2016.
- "Mosaics and Moabites: 5,000 Years of History in the City of Madaba," Archaeological Institute of America – Ottawa Chapter, Ottawa, ON, October 19, 2014.
- "5,000 Years of History in Madaba, Jordan: Moabites, Christians, and Muslims," Gannon University, Erie, PA, March 26, 2014.
- "In Search of Moses: the Town of Nebo and Byzantine Monasticism in Jordan," Continuing Education Program, Upper Grand District School Board, Guelph, ON, March 17, 2014.
- "Mosaics and Moabites: 5,000 Years of History on Jordan's Madaba Plain," Continuing Education Program, Upper Grand District School Board, Guelph, ON, October 7, 2013.
- "In Search of Moses: Khirbat al-Mukhayyat and the Importance of Pilgrimage in Byzantine Jordan," Archaeological Institute of America – Toronto Chapter, Toronto, ON, January 23, 2013 and Department of Archaeology and Classical Studies Brown Bag Lunch Series, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON, February 28, 2013.
- "The 2012 Season of the Tell Madaba Archaeological Project," 3rd Annual Madaba Archaeology Conference, Madaba Municipal Auditorium, Madaba, Jordan, July 15, 2012.
- "Exploring the Iron Age in Central Jordan: The Tell Madaba Archaeological Project 2011 Season," Friends of Archaeology and Heritage, Amman, Jordan, July 26, 2011.
- "The Iron Age Occupation on Madaba's West Acropolis," 2nd Annual Madaba Archaeology Conference, Latin Church of St. John the Baptist, Madaba, Jordan, July 10, 2011.
- "Mosaics and Moabites: 5,000 Years of History on Jordan's Madaba Plain," Memorial University of Newfoundland, Department of Classics, St. John's, NL, February 25, 2011.
- "Tell Madaba: Investigating 5,000 Years of Urban History," Madaba Archaeology Conference, Latin Church of St. John the Baptist, Madaba, Jordan, July 4, 2010.

"Angry Neighbours and Cups of Tea: Investigating the History of Urbanism in the Modern City of Madaba," Urban Interest Group Lecture Series, Archaeology Centre, University of Toronto, February 18, 2010.

"How I Spent my Summer Vacation: Tales from Tell Madaba," t-Learning Presentation, Royal Ontario Museum Education Department, March 25, 2009.

"Tell Madaba: Investigating 5,000 Years of Urban History," Archaeology Research Day, University of Toronto, February 27, 2009.

"The Tell Madaba Archaeological Project: 15 Years of Research in the Central Highlands of Jordan," Amman Training Center, July 21, 2008.

"The Stylites of Nebo: A Syrian Tradition in the Highlands of Central Jordan," Canadian Society for Syriac Studies, January 19, 2005.

"Results of the 2002 Field Season of the Tell Madaba Archaeological Project," American Centre for Oriental Research, Amman, Jordan, August 20, 2002.

Conference Papers

"The Madaba Plateau at the End of the Iron Age." 14th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (ICAANE), Lyon, France, June 2-7, 2025. (contributing author)

"The Town of Nebo Archaeological Project Survey of Wadi Jadidah, Jordan: An Assessment of the Early Bronze Age Finds." 14th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (ICAANE), Lyon, France, June 2-7, 2025. (contributing author)

"Communities in Transition: exploring the relationship between secular and religious settlements in Byzantine and Early Islamic Jordan." Shifting Frontiers XVI, Tulsa, OK, March 20-23, 2025.

"Neutralizing the Image: The Iconoclastic Dossier of Byzantine and Islamic Madaba." American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 20-23, 2024.

"Layers on the Landscape: New Insights from the 2025 Season of the Khirbat al-Mukhayyat Archaeological Project." American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 20-23, 2024. (contributing author)

"Surveys and Excavations at the Ancient Town of Nebo (Khirbat al-Mukhayyat)." American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 15-18, 2023.

"Defending Nebo: The Hellenistic defensive architecture at Khirbat al-Mukhayyat." American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR) Virtual Annual Meeting, October 19-23, 2022; Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 16-19, 2022.

"Settlement Dynamics at Khirbat al-Mukhayyat: Analyzing Archaeological Survey Data to Evaluate Occupational History." American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR) Virtual Annual Meeting, October 19-23, 2022; Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 16-19, 2022. (contributing author)

"The Khirbat al-Mukhayyat Archaeological Project." *Preserving the Cultural Heritage of the Madaba Region of Jordan Workshop*, American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR) Virtual Annual Meeting, October 19-23, 2022; Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 16-19, 2022.

- "Fortifying Nebo: Iron Age Defensive Architecture of Khirbat al-Mukhayyat and its Reuse in the Hellenistic Period." International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan (ICHAJ) 15, Irbid, Jordan, August 2-5, 2022.
- "Canadian Pioneers in Near Eastern Archaeology: CASOR and its Founders." American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR) Virtual Annual Meeting, December 9-12, 2021.
- "Khirbat al-Mukhayyat as Meeting Place: A Comparative Analysis of the Hellenistic Cooking Pot Assemblage." American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Virtual Annual Meeting, December 9-12, 2021.
- "Byzantine Monasteries of the Eastern Desert." 15th Annual Colloquium in Celebration of Medieval Studies at Laurier, Waterloo, ON, March 19, 2021.
- "The Ritual Landscape of the Ancient Town of Nebo in the Iron Age and Hellenistic Period." Canadian Contributions to the Archaeology of Jordan (and Other Places): W.E. Aufrecht Occasional Workshops in Archaeology, Waterton, AB January 25, 2020.
- "The 2019 Excavations at the Ancient Town of Nebo." American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 20-23, 2019.
- "The Ritual Landscape of the Ancient Town of Nebo (Khirbat al-Mukhayyat)." International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan (ICHAJ) 14, Florence, Italy, January 21-25, 2019.
- "Non-Representations of the Body in Byzantine Art: Iconoclasm and Figural Images in the Byzantine Mosaics of Jordan." University Art Association of Canada (UAAC) Annual Conference, Waterloo, ON, October 26-28, 2018.
- "The 2017 Excavations at the Ancient Town of Nebo (Khirbat al-Mukhayyat, Jordan)." American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 15-18, 2017.
- "The Town of Nebo Archaeological Project: Results of the First Two Seasons of Excavation at Khirbat al-Mukhayyat, Jordan." Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON, January 6-8, 2017.
- "The Villagers and Monks of Nebo During the Byzantine Period." American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 16-19, 2016.
- "The 2016 Excavations at the Ancient Town of Nebo (Khirbat al-Mukhayyat, Jordan)." American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 16-19, 2016. (co-authored with Annlee Dolan)
- "Engaging the People of Nebo: The Khirbat al-Mukhayyat Community Archaeology Program." International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan (ICHAJ), Amman, Jordan, May 22-26, 2016. (co-authored with Jennifer Lewis)
- "Ritual Immersion: Evidence for a Hasmonean presence at Khirbat al-Mukhayyat." International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan (ICHAJ), Amman, Jordan, May 22-26, 2016. (co-authored with Annlee Dolan and Steven Edwards)
- "Ritual Immersion: Khirbat al-Mukhayyat during the Late Hellenistic Period." American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 18-21, 2015. (co-authored with Annlee Dolan)

- "The 2014 Season of the Khirbat al-Mukhayyat Archaeological Project." American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 19-22, 2014. (co-authored with Annlee Dolan)
- "The Ancient Town of Nebo in the Late Byzantine Period." Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society Annual Meeting, Erie, PA, March 27, 2014.
- "This is Our City: The Question of Cultural Ownership and Cultural Heritage on Madaba's West Acropolis." American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 20-23, 2013.
- "Fifteen Years of Research in the City of Mosaics." International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, May 5-11, 2013
- " "And I Made This High Place for Kemosh:" The Cultic Assemblage of Tell Madaba Jordan," World Archaeological Congress, Dead Sea, Jordan, January 13-18, 2013
- "Khirbat al-Mukhayyat and Its Monastic Neighbours in the 6th Century," American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 14-17, 2012
- "Bridging the Gap: The Mamluk Ceramic Corpus from 'Aqaba Castle," American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 16-19, 2011
- "And I Built Madaba" Mesha's 9th Century Reconstruction: Evidence from the City's West Acropolis," American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 17-20, 2010
- "Madaba Before Mesha: The Earliest Settlements on the City's West Acropolis," 11th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan, Institut national de l'histoire de l'art, Paris, June 9, 2010.
- "Continuity not Decline: The Late Byzantine and Early Islamic Communities of Central Jordan," Friends of the Medieval Studies Society of the Royal Ontario Museum – 5th Annual Symposium, March 27, 2010.
- "Relations between Monastic and Lay Communities in the Byzantine Period at Ma'in, Jordan," American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 14-17, 2007.
- "Who Is Your Neighbor? Monastic and Lay Communities at Ma'in, Jordan, in the Early Byzantine Period," Byzantine Studies Conference, Toronto, ON, October 11-14, 2007.
- "Channels and Cisterns: The Hydro-Engineering Achievements of the People of Late Byzantine Madaba," 10th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan, George Washington University, Washington, DC, May 23-28, 2007.
- "The Monk and the Caliph: The Monasteries of Mount Nebo in the 7th century CE," American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 17-20, 2004.
- "The Syriac Influence on the Monasteries of Mount Nebo," 4th Annual Symposium of the Canadian Society for Syriac Studies; Toronto, Ontario, November 13, 2004.
- "Cultural Interaction and Change: An Elite Urban Residence in Late Byzantine-Early Islamic Mādabā," 9th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan; Petra, Jordan, May 23-27, 2004.

- "Madaba's West Acropolis Mansion and the Late Byzantine – Early Islamic Transition," 4th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East; Berlin, Germany, March 29-April 3, 2004.
- "The Mosaic Workshop of Byzantine Madaba," Byzantine Studies Conference; Lewiston, Maine, October 17-19, 2003.
- "The Town of Madaba and its Vicinity in the Late 6th and 7th Centuries," Life on the Edge of Empires: The Southern Levant in the Roman and Byzantine Periods Workshop; Toronto, Ontario, May 9, 2003.
- "A Late Byzantine Mansion on Madaba's West Acropolis," American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting; Toronto, Ontario, November 20-24, 2002.
- "Hunting for God: Scenes of the Hunt in the Churches of Nikopolis and Mount Nebo," Canadian Archaeological Institute at Athens Graduate Student Symposium; Toronto, Ontario, September 29-30, 2001.
- "Late Byzantine Madaba: The Results of the Tell Madaba Archaeological Excavations," American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting; Nashville, Tennessee, November 15-18, 2000.
- "The Iconography of Constantine the Great," Association Internationale pour l'Étude de la Mosaïque Antique (AIEMA), North American Conference; Montréal, Québec, October 13-15, 1995.

Conference Poster Presentations

- "Inter-site Relationships on the Madaba Plain: Surveys Around the Ancient Town of Nebo (Khirbat al-Mukhayyat, Jordan)." Society for American Archaeology (SAA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 17-21, 2024. (multi-authored)
- "Four Millenia in Three Dimensions: Digital Media at Khirbat al-Mukhayyat." American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Virtual Annual Meeting, November 12-23, 2020. (multi-authored)
- "Buried Cooking Pots: Late Hellenistic Ritual Practices at Khirbat al-Mukhayyat, Jordan." American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 14-17, 2018. (multi-authored)
- "The Monastic Mosaic at Mount Nebo, Jordan." American Association of Physical Anthropologists (AAPA) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 19-22, 2017. (co-authored with M.A. Judd and L.A. Gregoricka)
- "Buried Cooking Pots: Late Hellenistic Ritual Practices at the Ancient Town of Nebo." Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON, January 6-8, 2017. (multi-authored)
- "Cooking Pots of the Gods? Ritual Practices at the Ancient Town of Nebo (Jordan)." Ontario Archaeological Society (OAS) Annual Meeting, Waterloo, ON, November 4-6, 2016. (multi-authored)

Workshops

- “Preserving the Cultural Heritage of the Madaba Region of Jordan.” American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Virtual Annual Meeting, December 9-12, 2021. (panelist)
- “ASOR Cohort Meeting: Future Fieldwork.” American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Student Summer Stiped Program, August 27, 2021. (panelist)
- “Preserving the Cultural Heritage of the Madaba Region of Jordan.” American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Virtual Annual Meeting, November 12-23, 2020. (panelist)
- “Preserving the Cultural Heritage of the Madaba Region of Jordan.” American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 20-23, 2019. (panelist)

Conference Session Chairs

- “Gender in the Ancient Near East.” American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 20-23, 2024.
- “Gender in the Ancient Near East.” American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 15-18, 2023.
- “Student Panel: Continuity and Change: Byzantine and Islamic Rule in the Medieval East.” 16th Annual Colloquium in Celebration of Medieval Studies at Laurier, Waterloo, ON, March 30, 2022.
- “Student Poster Session: The Middle Ages Again.” 15th Annual Colloquium in Celebration of Medieval Studies at Laurier, Waterloo, ON, March 19, 2021.
- “Religious Interactions in the Medieval Near East” American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 14-17, 2019.
- “Archaeology of Jordan II” American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 16-19, 2016.
- “Archaeology of Jordan III” American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 18-21, 2015.
- “Archaeology of Jordan” American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 19-22, 2014.
- “Archaeology of Jordan II” American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 20-23, 2013.
- “The Byzantine and Early Islamic Near East” American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 19-22, 2008.
- “The Byzantine and Early Islamic Near East” American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 14-17, 2007.
- “The Byzantine and Early Islamic Near East” American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 15-18, 2006.
- “The Byzantine and Early Islamic Near East” American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 16-19, 2005.
- “Problems in the Archaeology of Central Transjordan” American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 17-20, 2004.

“Symposium on Recent Research in the Madaba Plains Region of Jordan I & II” American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 19-23, 2003.

Archaeological Experience

Director, Khirbat al-Mukhayyat Archaeological Project, Jordan, 2012-present.

Director, Tell Madaba Archaeological Project, Madaba, Jordan, 2006-present.

Director, Tell Ma'in Archaeological Survey, Ma'in, Jordan, 2006-2007.

Ceramic Specialist, Aqaba Castle Project, Aqaba, Jordan, 2006-present.

Associate Director, Tell Madaba Archaeological Project, Madaba, Jordan, 2002-2006.

Area Supervisor, Wadi Ziqlab Archaeological Project, Wadi Ziqlab, Jordan, 2005.

Square and Field Supervisor, Tell Madaba Archaeological Project, Madaba, Jordan, 1998-2001.

Square Supervisor and Glass Registrar, St. Louis Community College Excavations, Tell Tuneinir, Syria, 1996.

Pottery Registrar, Amphora Registration Project, Musée National de Carthage, Tunisia, 1995.

Square Supervisor and Object Illustrator / Registrar, Wilfrid Laurier University excavations, Tell Jawa, Jordan, 1992-1993.

Scholarly and Professional Activities

Chair, Jordanian Fellowships Sub-Committee, American Center of Research, Amman, Jordan, 2020-present.

American Center of Research, Board Member, Fellowship Committee Member, 2020-present.

American Society of Overseas Research Annual Meeting Program Committee, Member, 2020-present.

ASOR in Canada, Board Member (past President), 2004-present.

Madaba Region Archaeological Museum Project, Member of Steering Committee, 2019-present.

American Society of Overseas Research Board of Trustees, Institutionally-Elected Trustee, 2017-2022.

Speaker, “Future of Fieldwork” ASOR Student Summer Stipend Cohort meeting, August 27, 2021.

Reviews

“Six New Byzantine Funerary Inscriptions from Central Moab (Al-Karak and Adir; Southern Jordan).” *Journal of Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology and Heritage Studies*, 2024.

The Archaeology of Iron Age Edom (Jordan): The Busayra Cultural Heritage Project, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Insight Grant Program, 2021.

“Purity, Pottery, and Judean Ethnicity in the Hasmonean Period.” *Levant*, 2020.

“The identification of cities in archaeology: a case study from central Israel, the seventh-eleventh centuries AD.” *Antiquity*, 2019.

“Looting and Vandalism around a World Heritage Site: Documenting Modern Damage to Archaeological Heritage in Petra’s Hinterland.” *Journal of Field Archaeology*, 2014.

Departmental and University Service

Member, Medievalism and Medieval Studies Program Committee, 2015-present.

Undergraduate Advisor, Department of Archaeology and Heritage Studies (formerly Classical Studies), Wilfrid Laurier University, 2013-2015, 2018-2019, 2020-2022, 2023-2024.

Graduate Supervision

Finding Humanity: Calculating Care and Compassion in the Archaeological Record. Natasha Beaton, Master’s Major Research Paper, Wilfrid Laurier University, Cultural Analysis and Social Theory Program, Committee Member, 2023.

Theodora in Popular Culture. Rebekah Timm, Master’s Major Research Paper, Wilfrid Laurier University, Department of History, Committee Member, 2019.

Putting Christians on the Map: Topographic Mosaics from Late Antique Jordan as Representations of Authority and Status. Tracey E. Eckersley, Doctoral Dissertation, University of Louisville, Department of Fine Arts, Art History Program, External Examiner, 2016.

Evidence of a Mycenaean Oil Trade with the Levant. Nizar Ghazali, Master’s Thesis, Wilfrid Laurier University, Department of Archaeology and Classical Studies, Ancient Mediterranean Cultures Program, Committee Member, 2013.

The Nabatean Painted Fine Ware at Khirbat al-Mudayna and the Wadi ath-Thamad. Alisha Mohamed, Master’s Thesis, Wilfrid Laurier University, Department of Archaeology and Classical Studies, Ancient Mediterranean Cultures Program, Committee Member, 2012.

Teaching Experience

Wilfrid Laurier University, Department of Archaeology and Heritage (Classical) Studies

AR102 Doing Archaeology

AR104/AR104OC Greece: From the Minotaur to Alexander

AR205 Archaeology of Egypt and the Levant / the Middle East

AR219* Introduction to Field Archaeology

AR228 Who Owns the Past

AR229 Indigenous Archaeology

AR230 Fakes, Frauds, and Mysteries / AR290a Cult Archaeology

AR332 Children in the Ancient World

AR337 Archaeology of Religion

AR338 Current Issues in Classical Archaeology

AR380 Archaeology in Practice

AR390e Emperors, Artisans, and Saints

AR390f Historical Archaeology of the Eastern Mediterranean

AR390g Archaeology of the Household

AR440c Medieval Islamic Material Culture of the Southern Levant

AR440j Collections Management Program for the Madaba Archaeological Museum

AR440z A Survey of Indigenous Archaeological Practice in Ontario and British Columbia

AR452 Advanced Field Archaeology

AR460 Paradigms in Archaeology

AR462 Capstone Course in Archaeology

AR/NE205 Archaeology of Ancient Egypt

AR/NE206 Archaeology of Mesopotamia

AR/CL214 Greek Art and Archaeology

AR/NE227 Archaeology of Prehistoric Southwest Asia and Egypt

AR/NE226 Byzantine and Early Islamic Archaeology

AR/NE310 The Bronze Age: The Rise of Urbanism in the Greater Near East

AR/NE311 The Iron Age: Empires and Ethnic States in the Greater Near East

AR/NE324 The Hellenistic and Roman Near East

AR/NE326 Byzantine and Early Islamic Archaeology

AR/CL/NE490a Roman Mosaics in the Eastern Mediterranean

CL101 The Greek World

CL102 Roman Civilization

NE104 Late Cultures of the Greater Near East and Egypt

NE202 History of Ancient Egypt

NE440b Cult of Serapis and Religious Art in Ptolemaic Egypt

Wilfrid Laurier University, Medievalism and Medieval Studies Program

ML201 City and Cathedral: The Church in Medieval Society

ML202 Castle and Village: Class and Material Culture

ML300V/ML302 The Middle Ages Again: Experimental Archaeology and the Medieval World

ML300W Monasticism from its Origins to the 12th Century

ML300Y Trade and Exchange in the Medieval World

ML300Z Art of the Byzantine and Islamic Worlds World

ML301 An Introduction to Medieval Manuscripts

ML400d Continuity and Change: Transition from Byzantine to Islamic Rule in the Medieval East

University of Toronto, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations

NMC260 Archaeology of the Ancient Near East

NMC261 Field Archaeology

NMC360 Archaeology of the Biblical World I: The Bronze Ages

NMC361 Archaeology of the Biblical World II: The Iron Ages

Trent University (Oshawa Campus), Department of Anthropology

ANTH414 Historical Archaeology

University of Toronto at Mississauga, Department of Historical Studies

RLG323 Jesus of Nazareth

University of Toronto, St. Michael's Continuing Education

From Obscure to Ostentatious: The Evolution of Christianity in the Byzantine Empire

Ancient Vacations: Holy Land Pilgrimages in the Byzantine Period

Museum Teaching Experience

Teacher, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, ON, 2002-2005, 2008-2012.

Pedagogical Experience

Learning Strategist, Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre, University of Toronto at Mississauga, August 2005-May 2007.

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies, University of Toronto, September 2003 – June 2004.

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, January – June 2003.

Academic Honors

Dissertation Completion Grant, University of Toronto, 2000-2001.

Open Doctoral Fellowships, University of Toronto, 1997-1999.

Languages

French (fluent)

Italian, German, Biblical Hebrew, Biblical Aramaic, Ancient Greek (reading comprehension)

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Professional Memberships

American Society of Overseas Research, member, 1999-present.

Archaeological Institute of America, member, 2017-present.

Society for American Archaeology, member, 2023-present.