



2026 ASOR ANNUAL MEETING

CHICAGO/HYBRID

PROGRAM-AT-A-GLANCE

November 18–21, 2026

Times listed are for Chicago in the Central Time Zone (CST).

Sessions, presentations, and times are subject to change.



This schedule was last updated on
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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026

12:00–8:30pm ASOR REGISTRATION TABLES AND HELP DESK ARE OPEN (Normandie Lounge)

4:00–8:30pm ASOR EXHIBIT HALL OPENS (Normandie Lounge)

7:00–8:30pm ASOR PLENARY ADDRESS (Grand Ballroom)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026

8:15–10:20am

SESSION BLOCK 1

LOCATION

1A.	Jerusalem and the Archaeology of a Sacred City I	Continental A
1B.	Archaeology of Mesopotamia I	Continental B
1C.	Interdisciplinary Approaches to Seals, Sealing Practices, and Administration	Continental C
1D.	Ancient Climate and Environmental Archaeology	Waldorf
1E.	Archaeology of the Southern Levant I	Marquette
1F.	Bring in the Crowds (Workshop)	Williford A
1G.	Digital Archaeology and History I	Williford B
1H.	Archaeology of Anatolia I	Williford C
1I.	Violence in the Ancient Near East and Hebrew Bible I	Astoria
1J.	Archaeology of Egypt I	Private Dining 2

10:40am–12:45pm

SESSION BLOCK 2

2A.	Jerusalem and the Archaeology of a Sacred City II	Continental A
2B.	Archaeology of Mesopotamia II	Continental B
2C.	How to Prepare for When Disaster Strikes (Workshop)	Continental C
2D.	Publishing Scholarship of the Ancient World in the Mid 21st Century (Workshop)	Waldorf
2E.	Archaeology of the Southern Levant II	Marquette
2F.	The Field Still Is Not Safe: Confronting Cultures of Harassment on Archaeological Field Projects (Workshop)	Williford A
2G.	Digital Archaeology and History II	Williford B
2H.	Archaeology of Anatolia II	Williford C
2I.	Violence in the Ancient Near East and Hebrew Bible II	Astoria
2J.	Archaeology of Egypt II	Private Dining 2

12:55–1:55pm Early Career Scholars' Panel (Boulevard C)

12:55–1:55pm Roundtable Discussions (Grand Ballroom)

2:00–4:05pm**SESSION BLOCK 3****LOCATION**

3A.	Urbanism and Politics in the Bronze and Iron Age Levant I	Continental A
3B.	The Archaeology of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq I	Continental B
3C.	Tell en-Naşbeh at 100 Years: Past, Present, and Future I	Continental C
3D.	Interconnectivity and Exchange with Northeast Africa I	Waldorf
3E.	The Archaeology of the Kingdom of Judah	Marquette
3F.	Gender in the Ancient Near East I	Williford A
3G.	New Approaches to Ancient Animals I	Williford B
3H.	Archaeology of Anatolia III	Williford C
3I.	Violence in the Ancient Near East and Hebrew Bible III	Astoria
3J.	Negotiating Elites: Strategies of Elite Practices and Consumption as Reactions to Political Dynamics I	Private Dining 2

4:25–6:30pm**SESSION BLOCK 4**

4A.	Urbanism and Politics in the Bronze and Iron Age Levant II	Continental A
4B.	The Archaeology of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq II	Continental B
4C.	Tell en-Naşbeh at 100 Years: Past, Present, and Future II	Continental C
4D.	Interconnectivity and Exchange with Northeast Africa II	Waldorf
4E.	Archaeology of the Southern Levant III: Papers in Honor of Yosef Garfinkel	Marquette
4F.	Gender in the Ancient Near East II	Williford A
4G.	New Approaches to Ancient Animals II	Williford B
4H.	The Medieval Village (Workshop)	Williford C
4I.	Petra and the Kingdom & Influences of the Nabataeans	Astoria
4J.	Negotiating Elites: Strategies of Elite Practices and Consumption as Reactions to Political Dynamics II	Private Dining 2
4K.	Archaeology of Religion in the Levant during the Second and First Millennia BCE I	Boulevard

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026**8:15–10:20am****SESSION BLOCK 5**

5A.	The Age of Transitions: Imperial Successions and Local Transformations in the First Millennium BCE I	Continental A
5B.	Cultural Heritage: Preservation, Presentation, and Management I	Continental B
5C.	Archaeology of Israel I	Continental C
5D.	Archaeology and Biblical Studies I	Waldorf
5E.	Archaeology of the Near East: The Classical Periods	Marquette
5F.	Dwelling in Past: Scales of Settlement, Time, and Society in Anatolia I	Williford A
5G.	Archaeology of Rural Communities: Landscape Approaches I	Williford B
5H.	Re-imagining the Final Excavation Report: Exploring New Approaches to Publishing Archaeological Data (Workshop)	Williford C
5I.	Archaeologies of Memory	Astoria
5J.	Archaeology of Jordan I	Private Dining 2

10:40am–12:45pm**SESSION BLOCK 6**

6A.	The Age of Transitions: Imperial Successions and Local Transformations in the First Millennium BCE II	Continental A
6B.	Cultural Heritage: Preservation, Presentation, and Management II	Continental B
6C.	Archaeology of Israel II	Continental C
6D.	Archaeology and Biblical Studies II	Waldorf
6E.	Computational Methods and Simulations in the Near Eastern Archaeology	Marquette
6F.	Flipping the Script: Museum Reinterpretations in Practice (Workshop)	Williford A
6G.	Archaeology of Rural Communities: Landscape Approaches II	Williford B
6H.	Archaeology of Syria	Williford C
6I.	Theoretical and Anthropological Approaches to the Near East	Astoria
6J.	Archaeology of Jordan II	Private Dining 2

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026 continued:**12:45–2:00pm ASOR MEMBERS' MEETING (Waldorf)****2:00–4:05pm****SESSION BLOCK 7****LOCATION**

7A.	Urbanism and Politics in the Bronze and Iron Age Levant III	Continental A
7B.	Cultural Heritage: Preservation, Presentation, and Management III	Continental B
7C.	Archaeology of Israel III	Continental C
7D.	Archaeology of Islamic Society I	Waldorf
7E.	Art Historical Approaches to the Near East I	Marquette
7F.	Dwelling in Past: Scales of Settlement, Time, and Society in Anatolia II	Williford A
7G.	Ancient Inscriptions I	Williford B
7H.	The Region of Aqaba in La Longue Durée (Workshop)	Williford C
7I.	Archaeology of Lebanon	Astoria
7J.	Archaeology of Cyprus I	Private Dining 2

4:25–6:30pm**SESSION BLOCK 8**

8A.	Recent Work in the Archaeological Sciences	Continental A
8B.	Gardens of the Mediterranean, the Ancient Near East, and Beyond	Continental B
8C.	Use and Reuse of Tombs in the Theban Necropolis	Continental C
8D.	Archaeology of Islamic Society II	Waldorf
8E.	Art Historical Approaches to the Near East II	Marquette
8F.	Dwelling in Past: Scales of Settlement, Time, and Society in Anatolia III	Williford A
8G.	Ancient Inscriptions II	Williford B
8H.	The Sampling Trilemma: Balancing Conservation, Curation, and Research (Workshop)	Williford C
8I.	History of Archaeology I	Astoria
8J.	Archaeology of Cyprus II	Private Dining 2

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026**8:15–10:20am****SESSION BLOCK 9**

9A.	Africa in the Ancient World I	Continental A
9B.	Archaeology of Arabia I	Continental B
9C.	The LCP Handbook Series: Eastern Sigillata A (ESA)	Continental C
9D.	Intangible Cultural Heritage: Bridging the Past and the Present I	Waldorf
9E.	Archaeology of the Near East: Bronze and Iron Ages I	Marquette
9F.	Approaches to Dress and the Body	Williford A
9G.	Ancient Inscriptions III	Williford B
9H.	Towards a Working Ancient Economy I	Williford C
9I.	History of Archaeology II	Astoria

10:40am–12:45pm**SESSION BLOCK 10**

10A.	Africa in the Ancient World II	Continental A
10B.	Archaeology of Arabia II	Continental B
10C.	Ancient Mesopotamia – A Social History. Methods for Reconstructing Lived Worlds I	Continental C
10D.	Intangible Cultural Heritage: Bridging the Past and the Present II	Waldorf
10E.	Archaeology of the Near East: Bronze and Iron Ages II	Marquette
10F.	What's Up With That?: Museum Objects that Defy Interpretation (Workshop)	Williford A
10G.	Ancient Languages and Linguistics I	Williford B
10H.	Towards a Working Ancient Economy II	Williford C
10I.	Archaeology of the Black Sea and the Caucasus	Astoria

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026 continued:**12:45–2:00pm ASOR POSTER SESSION (Grand Ballroom Foyer)****2:00–4:05pm****SESSION BLOCK 11****LOCATION**

11A.	Africa in the Ancient World III	Continental A
11B.	Archaeology of Iran	Continental B
11C.	Ancient Mesopotamia – A Social History. Methods for Reconstructing Lived Worlds II	Continental C
11D.	Provenance and Middle Eastern Collections I	Waldorf
11E.	The Archaeology of the Lands of Alalakh I	Marquette
11F.	Teaching with The Ancient Near East Today (Workshop)	Williford A
11G.	Ancient Languages and Linguistics II	Williford B
11H.	Prehistoric Archaeology I	Williford C
11I.	Archaeology of Religion in the Levant during the Second and First Millennia BCE II	Astoria

4:25–6:30pm**SESSION BLOCK 12**

12A.	Archaeology and History of Feasting and Foodways	Continental A
12B.	Art, Archaeology, and History of Central Asia	Continental B
12C.	Ancient Mesopotamia – A Social History. Methods for Reconstructing Lived Worlds III	Continental C
12D.	Provenance and Middle Eastern Collections II	Waldorf
12E.	The Archaeology of the Lands of Alalakh II	Marquette
12F.	Archaeology of the Late Antique and Byzantine Near East	Williford A
12G.	Ancient Languages and Linguistics III	Williford B
12H.	Prehistoric Archaeology II	Williford C