

10th Annual Archaeology Discovery Weekend

November 10-11 2018

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Results after 50 Years of Excavating in Central Jordan

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2018 Archaeology Discovery Weekend

Presenters (arranged alphabetically)

Dr. Susan Ackerman, Dartmouth College
Dr. Robert Bates, Andrews University
Dr. Kent Bramlett, La Sierra University
Dr. Douglas Clark, La Sierra University
Dr. Thomas Davis, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Dr. William Dever, University of Arizona (emeritus)
Dr. Lawrence Geraty, La Sierra University
Dr. Larry Herr, Burman University
Dr. Øystein LaBianca, Andrews University
Dr. Robert Mullins, Azusa Pacific University
Dr. Beth Alpert Nakhai, University of Arizona
Dr. Freidbert Ninow, La Sierra University
Dr. Andy Vaughn, American Schools of Oriental Research
Dr. Monique Vincent, Walla Walla University

Venues

Center for Near Eastern Archaeology (CNEA)
CNEA | Bedouin Hospitality Tent | Kids Dig Site | Hands-on lab activities
Zapara School of Business (ZSB)
Troesh Auditorium (Lectures) [live-streamed at <https://stream.lasierra.edu>]
Atrium (Reception, Refreshments, Authentic Jordanian Banquet)

PROGRAM

Saturday, November 10

3:00-5:30 pm – **Illustrated Presentations and Q&A — Session 1** ZSB Troesh Auditorium

THEME: What Fifty Years of Excavating in Central Jordan Have Taught Us

La Sierra University welcome by President Randal Wisbey
Douglas Clark, Director, Center for Near Eastern Archaeology, Presiding

Tall Hisban 3:10-3:45, including Q&A

Øystein LaBianca, with contributions from Lawrence Geraty and Larry Herr

Tall al-`Umayri 3:45-4:20, including Q&A

Douglas Clark, with contributions from Larry Herr, Kent Bramlett, Monique Vincent

BREAK 4:20-4:30

Tall Jalul 4:30-5:05, including Q&A

Robert Bates, with contributions from Lawrence Geraty

Informal Panel Responses and Discussion

William Dever, Susan Ackerman, Andy Vaughn, Beth Alpert Nakhai (5:05-5:30, including Q&A)

5:30 pm – **Bedouin Hospitality Tent Reception** (Featuring Tales over Tea in the Tent) CNEA

7:00 pm – **Authentic Jordanian Banquet** (cost \$50) ZSB Atrium

Lawrence Geraty, Emcee

Recognition of Major Sponsoring Institutions

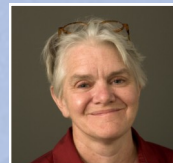
Recognition of Dig Spouses and Dig Brats | Stories from the Field | The `Umayri Blues

9:00 pm **MPP Veterans Reunion Reception** CNEA

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Meet the Presenters (arranged alphabetically)

Susan Ackerman is the Preston H. Kelsey Professor of Religion at Dartmouth College, where she has been on the faculty since 1990. She was educated at Dartmouth and received her PhD from Harvard University. She is a specialist in the religions of ancient Israel and its neighbors. Her publications include numerous articles and three books on popular religion and women in the ancient Near Eastern world, with one in process on women and religion in ancient Israel. Dr. Ackerman is currently serving as the President of the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR).



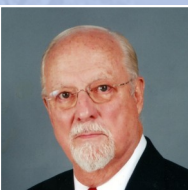
Robert Bates is the Assistant Director of Archaeological Publications and a Research Associate in Near Eastern Archaeology and Egyptology at the Institute of Archaeology, Andrews University. He earned his PhD at Andrews and did his post-doctoral research at the University of Chicago in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. He has worked as a field supervisor on all three of the Madaba Plains Project sites beginning in 2000. His research focuses on the correlations between the Iron Age strata at Talls Jalul, Hisban, and Umayri as well as the Medieval village at Hisban. He is also developing digital databases for archaeological field work and museums in Jordan.

Kent Bramlett, Associate Professor of Archaeology and the History of Antiquity and Chair of the Department of Biblical Studies and Archaeology at La Sierra University, earned his PhD at the University of Toronto. He is also Curator and Associate Director of the Center for Near Eastern Archaeology and co-director of the Madaba Plains Project excavations at Tall al-'Umayri and those at Khirbat al-Balu'a. He is currently involved in the application of new technologies to archaeological research: photogrammetry and 3D renditions, laser scanning and imaging of pottery and other artifacts, and a 3D multi-panel immersive visual environment for studying archaeological sites and finds.



Douglas Clark serves as Director of the Center for Near Eastern Archaeology at La Sierra University which, with a dedicated support team, he established in 2012. He also directs the Madaba Plains Project excavations at Tall al-'Umayri, Jordan, where he has worked since the project's inception in 1984. He completed his Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible at Vanderbilt University and has authored, edited, or co-edited ten volumes and 180 articles, and has made 185 presentations worldwide. He first excavated in 1973 at Tall Hisban, also part of the Madaba Plains Project. Along with colleagues from the US, Italy, and Jordan, he is co-director of the Madaba Regional Archaeological Museum Project.

Thomas Davis is Professor of Archaeology and Biblical Backgrounds at the Tandy Institute of Archaeology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Chair of the Archaeology Department. Dr. Davis is an archaeologist with over three decades of field experience in Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan, and the United States. Before coming to the seminary, he served as Director of the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute (CAARI) in Nicosia, Cyprus. A specialist in the New Testament world of Paul, Dr. Davis currently directs the SWBTS-funded excavations at the early Christian site of Kourion (Cyprus) and is Project Co-Director and Field Director of the Ilyn Balik Expedition, Kazakhstan.



William Dever is well known around the world for his contributions over several decades to ancient Near Eastern archaeology, with special attention to "biblical" archaeology and at times intense conversations about the relationship between archaeology and the Bible. His most recent volume, his *magnum opus* of a lifetime of archaeological research, *Beyond the Text: An Archaeological Portrait of Ancient Israel and Judah*, spells out a consistent and newly framed approach to reconstructing the history of ancient Israel, based on archaeology. Having excavated for three decades in Israel and Jordan, he directed the largest Near Eastern archaeology PhD program in the country, at the University of Arizona.

Lawrence Geraty is President Emeritus of La Sierra University and former President of the American Schools of Oriental Research. During his doctoral studies at Harvard University, he began, under Siegfried Horn, excavations at Tall Hisban, the forerunner of the Madaba Plains Project. While teaching at Andrews University, he founded the Institute of Archaeology and Horn Archaeological Museum. He served as Senior Project Director of the Madaba Plains Project at Tall Umayri and Tall Jalul through 2000. In "retirement," he continues part time to assist La Sierra University as Director of its Foundation Board and Associate Director of the Center for Near Eastern Archaeology, in charge of advancement.

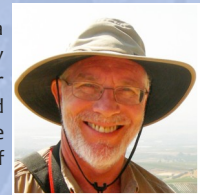


Larry Herr earned his PhD at Harvard University and for most of his professional life has taught at Burman University (previously Canadian University College) in Alberta, Canada. His research interests include archaeological excavation, ceramic typology, and the study of semitic inscriptions. He is one of five founding directors of the Madaba Plains Project, having worked at Tall Hisban and co-directed excavations at Tall al-'Umayri from its inception in 1984 until 2008. Larry is respected internationally for his rapid publication schedule, his well-honed skills reading pottery, his stratigraphic intuition, and his considerable contributions to reconstructing Iron Age history, especially in Jordan.



Øystein LaBianca is Professor of Anthropology and former chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences, Andrews University. He earned a PhD in cultural anthropology from Brandeis University, writing a dissertation on the perspectives and methods of anthropological archaeology as a means to a more inclusive approach to interpreting archaeological discoveries from the lands of the Bible. He is a founding co-director of the Madaba Plains Project in Jordan and is senior director of the Hisban Cultural Heritage Project. His wide-ranging research has been supported by grants from the National Geographic Society, National Endowment for the Humanities, the U.S. Department of State's Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Heritage Preservation and the Research Council of Norway.

Robert Mullins is Professor and Chair of the Department of Biblical and Religious Studies at Azusa Pacific University where he has taught for the past thirteen years. He earned his PhD in Archaeology from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem where he also served as a research assistant to Professor Amihai Mazar and the Beth-Shean Valley Archaeological Project. In addition to Beth-Shean, Rehov, and Gezer, Bob has also excavated at two major sites in southeastern Turkey. He currently co-directs the Joint Expedition to Abel Beth Maacah with Dr. Naama Yahalom-Mack and Dr. Nava Panitz-Cohen of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



Beth Alpert Nakhai is Associate Professor in the Arizona Center for Judaic Studies and an affiliated member of the School of Anthropology at The University of Arizona, where she teaches courses on archaeology, Hebrew Bible, Near Eastern history and women in ancient Israel. She received her MTS from Harvard Divinity School, and her MA and PhD from The University of Arizona. Her publications focus on Canaanite and Israelite religion and culture, the lives of women in antiquity, and women working in the field of Near Eastern archaeology. Her books include *Archaeology and the Religions of Canaan and Israel*, and several edited and co-edited volumes.

Friedbert Ninow is dean of the HMS Richards Divinity School at La Sierra University and a long-time archaeological excavator, primarily at the site of Khirbat al-Balu`a in southern Jordan. With co-directors Kent Bramlett and Monique Vincent, he is mounting excavations there in the summer of 2019. He also served as a field supervisor on the 2016 excavations at Tall al-'Umayri, part of the Madaba Plains Project. Before coming to La Sierra, Friedbert was president of Friedensau Adventist University in Germany where he established a small archaeological museum.



Andrew Vaughn was appointed in 2007 as Executive Director of the American Schools of Oriental Research. Previous to this appointment, he was Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN. His teaching and research interests include cultural heritage, archaeology, Semitic languages, and Israelite religion. He has published volumes on ancient Israelite history, theology, and archaeology, as well as articles in the *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*, *Tel Aviv*, *Ugarit-Forschungen*, *The SBL Forum*, and *Journal of Semitic Studies* as well as in numerous volumes of collected essays.

Monique Vincent is Assistant Professor of history at Walla Walla University. Monique has worked with the Madaba Plains Project's excavations at Tall al-Umayri since 2004, and currently co-directs the Balu`a Regional Archaeological Project's excavations in southern Jordan. She is also Publications Manager for the Center for Near Eastern Archaeology at La Sierra University. Monique holds a PhD in Near Eastern archaeology from the University of Chicago, her primary research focusing on the archaeology of households and everyday life in the Iron Age Southern Levant. She is also Vice President of the Walla Walla Society of the Archaeological Institute of America.



Sunday, November 11

11:00 am – 12:45 pm – Archaeology Advisory Council (by invitation, lunch included) CNEA
Douglas Clark and Lawrence Geraty, Co-presiding

1:00-3:00 pm – **Illustrated Presentations and Q&A — Session 2** ZSB Troesh Auditorium

THEME: Reinventing Biblical Archaeology

La Sierra University Welcome by Provost Joy Fehr

Kent Bramlett, Associate Director, Center for Near Eastern Archaeology, Presiding

The Bible and Archaeology — A Marriage Made in Heaven?

Thomas Davis 1:05-1:50

Response Panel - Beth Alpert Nakhai, Andy Vaughn, Lawrence Geraty, including Q&A
1:50-2:10

Archaeology and the Bible: Strange Bedfellows or New Companions?

William Dever 2:10-3:10

Response Panel - Larry Herr, Kent Bramlett, Robert Mullins, including Q&A
3:10-3:30

3:30-3:45 pm – **BREAK** (refreshments in Atrium [but not in Auditorium]) ZSB Atrium

3:45-5:00 pm – **Panel Discussions and Q&A — Session 3** ZSB Troesh Auditorium

THEME: Reinventing Biblical Archaeology

Friedbert Ninow, Dean, HMS Richards Divinity School, Presiding

Panel Discussion on Presentations and on the Interface between the Bible and Archaeology (Past, Present, and Future)

Susan Ackerman and Douglas Clark, presiding

Participants including a wide range of archaeologists from seasoned citizens to the young and the restless, from MPP and non-MPP ranks

2:00-4:30 pm – **Kids (& Parents) Dig at CNEA dig sites** (\$5) CNEA
Mr. Craig Lesh

4:00-6:30 pm – **Middle Eastern Refreshments (no cost) and Falafels (for purchase) at Bedouin Tent** CNEA

4:30-5:30 pm - **Kids (& Parents) Presentation** CNEA

5:30-6:30 pm – **Hands-on Lab Activities at CNEA** CNEA

- 1—How old are these lamps, pots, and plates?—dating pottery | Larry Herr
 - 2—Drawing ancient pottery | Larry Herr
 - 3—Pottery puzzles | Douglas Clark
 - 4—What's this stuff made of?—X-ray fluorescence | Jennifer Helbley
 - 5—Color me beautiful—color analysis | Jennifer Helbley
 - 6—Putting a face on ancient skulls—forensic facial reconstruction | Cori Kopitzke
 - 7—Dem Bones—analyzing ancient animal and human remains | Øystein LaBianca
 - 8—Show and tell with ancient artifacts | Monique Vincent
 - 9—Sacred or secular? - knowing how to identify a religious artifact | Chang Ho Ji
 - 10—3D laser scanner | Dawn Acevedo
 - 11—3D C.A.V.E. demo | Kent Bramlett
- And more!

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- Summer excavations at Ataruz, Jordan
21 June-7 July 2019 | cji@lasierra.edu

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