

8th Annual Archaeology Discovery Weekend

A Man's World?

Queens, Goddesses, and Mothers
in the Ancient Near East



November
12-13
2016

Woman in the Window | Nimrud Ivory | British Museum

PROGRAM

2016 Archaeology Discovery Weekend

Presenters/Panelists/Forum Participants

(arranged alphabetically)

Dr. Susan Ackerman, Dartmouth College
Dr. Beverly Beem, Walla Walla University
Dr. Mary Boyd, Langley, WA
Dr. Kent Bramlett, La Sierra University
Dr. Hanan Charaf, Lebanese University, Beirut
Dr. Kathlyn (Kara) Cooney, University of California, Los Angeles
Dr. William Dever, University of Arizona (*emeritus*)
Dr. Gabriele Faßbeck, University of Alabama
Ms. Karimah Kennedy-Richardson, University of California, Riverside
Ms. Norma Kershaw, Mission Viejo, CA
Dr. Sang-Hee Lee, University of California, Riverside
Dr. Jodi Magness, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Dr. Carol Meyers, Duke University
Dr. Bob Mullins, Azusa Pacific University
Ms. Kristina Reed, La Sierra University and University of California, Riverside
Dr. Tammi Schneider, Claremont University
Ms. Carrie Specht, La Sierra University
Dr. Josephine Verduci, Melbourne, Australian Institute of Archaeology

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 www.ZSBlive.com {except Sat. 3-4 pm}]

Atrium (Middle Eastern Banquet)

PROGRAM

Saturday, November 12

3:00-5:30 pm – **Illustrated Presentations, Panels and Q&A — Session 1**

ZSB Troesh Auditorium

La Sierra University welcome by Provost Joy Fehr

Douglas Clark, Director of CNEA, La Sierra University, Presiding

The Dead Sea Scrolls and Women at Qumran: What Do We know and Why Does It Matter?

Jodi Magness, Keynote Speaker

Panel responses and Q&A

Work and Worth: Women's Household Activities in Ancient Israel

Carol Meyers

Women and Worth: Jewelry and Adornment in the Ancient Near East

Josephine Verduci

Panel responses and Q&A

5:30 pm – **Bedouin Hospitality Tent Reception**

CNEA

6:30 pm – **Middle Eastern Banquet** (cost \$50)

ZSB Atrium

Larry Geraty and Kent Bramlett, Associate Directors of CNEA, La Sierra University, Emcees

Gertrude Bell: Queen of the Desert

Carrie Specht with film clips and commentary

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Meet the Major Speakers

(arranged alphabetically)

Susan Ackerman

Susan Ackerman is the Preston H. Kelsey Professor of Religion at Dartmouth College, where she has been on the faculty since 1990 (after teaching at the University of Arizona and at Winthrop College in South Carolina). She was educated at Dartmouth (A.B. 1980) and then at Harvard University (M.T.S., 1982; Ph.D., 1987). She is a specialist in the religion of ancient Israel and the religions of Israel's neighbors, and currently serves as president of the American Schools of Oriental Research. Having published widely on the women of the Hebrew Bible, she has recently completed a draft of a new book on women and the religion of ancient Israel.



Kent Bramlett



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, Jordan. 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 the implementation of a 3D multi-panel immersive visual environment for studying archaeological sites and finds.

Kathlyn (Kara) Cooney

Kara Cooney is a professor of Egyptian Art and Architecture at UCLA. Specializing in craft production, coffin studies, and economies in the ancient world, Cooney received her PhD in Egyptology from Johns Hopkins University. In 2005, she was co-curator of *Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs* at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Cooney produced a comparative archaeology television series, entitled *Out of Egypt*, which aired in 2009 on the Discovery Channel and is available online via Netflix and Amazon. *The Woman Who Would Be King: Hatshepsut's Rise to Power in Ancient Egypt*, Cooney's first trade book, was released in 2014 and benefits from her expert perspective on Egypt's ancient history to craft an illuminating biography of its least well-known female king.



William Dever



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 conversations (at times tense!) about the relationship between archaeology and the Bible. While his focus is much broader, his archaeological experience and considerable expertise lie primarily in the ancient Near East. Excavations he has directed include Gezer, Israel (1966-1971, 1984, and 1990); Khirbet el-Qom in the West Bank (1967-1971); Tell el-Hayyat, Jordan (1981-1985); and Idalion, Cyprus (1991). At one point he was running one of the largest PhD programs in Near Eastern archaeology in the country, his students now carrying on his careful scholarship.

Jodi Magness

Jodi Magness holds the Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism chair at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Previously she taught at Tufts University. She earned her PhD in Classical Archaeology from the University of Pennsylvania. Having participated in 20 different digs in Israel and Greece, having published award-winning volumes (like her 2002 book, *The Archaeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls*) and scores of scholarly articles, and having lectured around the world to academic and popular audiences, she is in high demand. She has also won prestigious teaching awards, and will begin in January to serve as president of the Archaeological Institute of America.



Carol Meyers



Carol Meyers is the Mary Grace Wilson Professor Emerita of Religion at Duke University. She has lectured and published widely in several fields: biblical studies, archaeology, and gender in the biblical world. A prolific scholar, she is the author of over 450 articles, reports, and reviews; and she has authored, co-authored, or edited twenty-one books. Her 2013 book, *Rediscovering Eve: Ancient Israelite Women in Context*, is a landmark study of women in ancient Israelite society. She recently served as President of the Society of Biblical Literature, and she is a trustee of the American Schools of Oriental Research.

Tammi Schneider

Tammi J. Schneider is Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities and a Professor of Religion at Claremont Graduate University specializing in the Hebrew Bible and the ancient Near East. She received her doctorate in Ancient History from the University of Pennsylvania. Her books include: *Sarah: Mother of Nations*, *Judges in the Berit Olam series*, *Mothers of Promise: Women in the Book of Genesis*, and *An Introduction to Ancient Mesopotamian Religion*. She has participated in many archaeological excavations in Israel and presents lectures around the globe.



Carrie Specht



Carrie Specht is Assistant Professor of Film and Television Production at La Sierra University, with an MFA from New York University. Having worked in the film industry for more than 18 years in New York and Hollywood, she has produced more than a dozen short films, which have gone to major film festivals, many of which received awards. In addition to her film work, Carrie is a classic film commentator for various websites, including her own, ClassicFilmFan.com and RetroSpecht.com.

Josephine Verduci

Josephine Verduci recently completed her PhD in Archaeology at the University of Melbourne, her dissertation titled *Metal Jewellery of the Southern Levant and its Western Neighbours: Cross-Cultural Influences in the Early Iron Age Eastern Mediterranean*. She is a Research Fellow of the Australian Institute of Archaeology (AIA) and is a fully qualified “Cultural Heritage Advisor” as specified in the requirements of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*. Josephine has worked on several archaeological projects in Jordan, including at Tall al-'Umayri, and Israel, and has a strong archaeological research interest in the adornment of the Late Bronze Age – Early Iron Age Aegean and Near East.



Sunday, November 13

- 11:00 am – 12:45 pm – Archaeology Advisory Council (by invitation) CNEA
Douglas Clark and Lawrence Geraty, Co-presiding
- 1:00-3:00 pm – **Illustrated Presentations, Panels and Q&A — Session 2** ZSB Troesh Auditorium
Welcome by Marilyn Thomsen, Vice President for Marketing, La Sierra University
Friedbert Ninow, La Sierra University, Presiding
- Women in Archaeology Forum – Part 1**
Tammi Schneider, forum moderator
Jodi Magness, Susan Ackerman, Carol Meyers, Kara Cooney, Josephine Verduci, Hanan Charaf
[Q&A]
- Females and Figurines: The Women Who Served at the Entrances to Ancient Shrines**
Susan Ackerman
- The Goddess Asherah in Ancient Israel: Did God Have a Wife?**
William Dever
Panel responses and Q&A
- 3:00-3:15 pm – **BREAK** (refreshments in Atrium, but not in Auditorium) ZSB Atrium
- 3:15-5:15 pm – **Illustrated Presentations, Panels and Q&A — Session 3** ZSB Troesh Auditorium
Chang Ho Ji, La Sierra University, Presiding
- The Woman Who Would Be King: Hatshepsut’s Rise to Power in Ancient Egypt**
Kathlyn (Kara) Cooney
- Cleopatra, Boudica, and Zenobia: Women Rulers on the Roman Periphery**
Kent Bramlett
Panel responses and Q&A
- Women in Archaeology Forum – Part 2**
Tammi Schneider, forum moderator
Sang-Hee Lee, Mary Boyd, Kristina Reed, Karimah Kennedy-Richardson, Gabriele Faßbeck, Beverly Beem
[Q&A]
- 2:00-5:00 pm – **Kids (& Parents) Dig at CNEA dig sites** (\$5) CNEA
Mr. Craig Lesh
- 4:00-6:00 pm – **Middle Eastern Refreshments Available at Bedouin Hospitality Tent** CNEA
- 5:00-6:00 pm – **Hands-on Lab Activities at CNEA** CNEA
- 1—How old is this lamp? — dating pottery | Drs. Hanan Charaf and Bob Mullins
 - 2—Pottery puzzles | Ms. Kristina Reed and Dr. Gabriele Faßbeck
 - 3—“And the bones came together ...” — analyzing animal bones | Dr. Justin Lev-Tov
 - 4—What’s this stuff made of? — X-ray fluorescence | Ms. Melissa Hebein
 - 5—Color me beautiful — color analysis | Dr. Jennifer Helbley
 - 6—Putting a face on ancient skulls | Ms. Cori Kopitzke
 - 7—3D laser scanner | Ms. Andressa Stori Pujol
 - 8—3D C.A.V.E. demo | Dr. Kent Bramlett
 - 9—Spinning yarns (from wool) | Dr. Mary Boyd
 - 10—Really old jewelry | Dr. Josephine Verduci

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