

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EMPLOYMENT

Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology

2015 - Director  
2008 - Curator of Near Eastern Archaeology

University of California, Berkeley

2016 - Associate Professor of Near Eastern Archaeology (with tenure), Department of  
Near Eastern Studies  
2008 - 2016 Assistant Professor of Near Eastern Archaeology, Department of Near Eastern  
Studies

Princeton University

2007 - 2008 Faculty Lecturer, Princeton Writing Program

University of Pennsylvania

2004 - 2007 Instructor, Department of Anthropology  
2006 - 2007 Lecturer, Critical Writing Program

## ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2015 Visiting Professor, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Department für  
Kulturwissenschaften und Altertumskunde  
2012-2013 Fellow-by-Courtesy, Near Eastern Studies Department, Johns Hopkins University

## EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, PhD, Anthropology, 2007  
Dissertation: *The Archaeology of Community in Iron I Central Jordan*

University of Wyoming, Bachelor of Arts, Near Eastern Studies, 1997  
Senior Thesis: *Iron Age II Urbanism at Tel Migne-Ekron, Israel*

### ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

2001 Annenberg Summer Institute for Methods and Statistics: Geographic Information Systems (GIS)  
2000 American University of Beirut, Intensive Arabic Language Summer Session  
1997 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Overseas Study Program

### BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA)  
2015 – present Board of Trustees (ex-officio member)

Institute for Field Research  
2011 – present Board of Directors, founding member

Open Context  
2010 – present Editorial board

Phoebe A. Hearst Museum Advisory Board  
2015 – present, ex-officio member

### BOOKS AND GUEST EDITED JOURNAL ISSUES

**Porter, Benjamin** and Alexis Boutin (2014) *Remembering the Dead in the Ancient Near East: Recent Contributions from Bioarchaeology and Mortuary Archaeology*. Boulder: University of Colorado Press (refereed edited volume).

**Porter, Benjamin** (2013) *Complex Communities: The Archaeology of Early Iron Age West-Central Jordan*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press (refereed monograph). Winner of the 2014 G. Ernest Wright Publications Award from the American Schools of Oriental Research.

**Porter, Benjamin**, and Noel Salazar (2005) "Resolving conflicts in heritage tourism: A public interest approach." *International Journal of Heritage Studies* 11(5) (refereed journal issue).

Salazar, Noel, and **Benjamin Porter** (2004) "Cultural heritage and tourism: A public interest approach." *Anthropology in Action* 11(2-3) (refereed journal issue).

**JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

In press

**Porter, Benjamin** “Moving beyond Mesha: The archaeology of social life in Iron Age Jordan,” in *The Social Archaeology of the Holy Land: From Prehistory to the Crusades*. A. Yasur-Landau, E. Cline, and Y. Rowan, eds. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Lercari, Nicola, Jurgen Schulze, Willeke Wendrich, **Benjamin Porter**, Margie Burton, and Thomas Levy “3-D Digital Preservation of At-Risk Global Cultural Heritage.” *Eurographics Workshop on Graphics and Cultural Heritage*. C.E. Catalano and L. De Luca, eds.

**Porter, Benjamin** and Alexis Boutin “The elders of Early Dilmun: A bioarchaeological analysis of age and masculinity” in *Life and Death in Ancient Arabia: Mortuary and Bioarchaeological Perspectives*. K. Williams and L. Gregoricka, eds. Gainesville: University Press of Florida (refereed).

Brown, Stephanie, **Benjamin Porter**, Andrew Wilson, Alan Farahani, and Christopher Bravo “The Busayra Cultural Heritage Project’s 2013 Site Assessment Season.” *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* 58.

2016

Brown, Stephanie, **Benjamin Porter**, Katie Simon, Christine Markussen, and Andrew Wilson “Newly documented domestic architecture at Iron Age Busayra (Jordan): Preliminary results from a geophysical survey” *Antiquity Project Gallery* (<http://antiquity.ac.uk/projgall/564>).

Brown, Stephanie, **Benjamin Porter**, and Andrew Wilson “The Busayra Cultural Heritage Project’s 2014 and 2015 Seasons” *American Journal of Archaeology* 120(4): 655-656.

Farahani, Alan, **Benjamin Porter**, Hanna Huynh, and Bruce Routledge “Crop Storage and Animal Husbandry at Early Iron Age Khirbat al-Mudayna al-‘Aliya (Jordan): A Paleoethnobotanical Approach” *Annual of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 69: 27-89 (refereed).

**Porter, Benjamin** “Assembling the Iron Age Levant: The Archaeology of Communities, Politics, and Imperial Peripheries” *Journal of Archaeological Research* 24(4): 373-420. (refereed).

2014

**Porter, Benjamin** “Toward a socio-natural reconstruction of the Early Iron Age settlement system in Jordan’s Wadi al-Mujib Canyon” Pp. 133-150 in *From Gilead to Edom: Studies in the Archaeology of Jordan in Honor of Denyse Homès-Fredericq*. Akkadica Supplementum 12. E. Gubel and I. Swinnen, eds.

**Porter, Benjamin**, and Alexis Boutin “Introduction: Bringing out the dead in the Ancient Near East.” Pp. 1-26 in *Remembering the Dead in the Ancient Near East: Recent Contributions from Bioarchaeology and Mortuary Archaeology*. B. Porter and A. Boutin, eds. Boulder: University of Colorado Press (refereed).

**Porter, Benjamin**, Bruce Routledge, Ellen Simmons, and Justin Lev-Tov “Extensification in a Mediterranean semi-arid marginal zone: An archaeological case study from Early Iron Age Jordan’s Eastern Karak Plateau.” *Journal of Arid Environments* 104: 132-148 (refereed).

Boutin, Alexis, and **Benjamin Porter** “Commemorating disability in Early Dilmun: Ancient and contemporary tales from the Peter B. Cornwall Collection.” Pp. 97-132 in *Remembering the Dead in the Ancient Near East: Recent Contributions from Bioarchaeology and Mortuary Archaeology*. B. Porter and A. Boutin, eds. Boulder: University of Colorado Press (refereed).

Brown, Stephanie, **Benjamin Porter**, Andrew Wilson, and Christopher Bravo “The Busayra Cultural Heritage Project.” *American Journal of Archaeology* 118(4): 654-655.

Routledge Bruce, Stephanie Smith, Alexandra Mullan, **Benjamin Porter** and Stanley Klassen “A Late Iron Age I ceramic assemblage from Central Jordan: Integrating form, technology and distribution.” Pp. 82-107 in *Exploring the Narrative: Jerusalem and Jordan in the Bronze and Iron Ages*. N. Mulder, E. van der Steen, J. Boertien, and J. Mulder-Hymans, eds. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark.

2013

**Porter, Benjamin** “Dibon.” Pp. 788-789 in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception, Vol. 6*. H.-J. Klauck et al, eds. Berlin: DeGruyter.

Routledge, Bruce, Danielle S. Fatkin, **Benjamin W. Porter**, Katherine Adelsberger, and Andrew Wilson “Long-term settlement change at Tall Dhiban.” *Studies in the History and Archaeology of Jordan 11*: 131-141. ‘Amman: Department of Antiquities of Jordan.

2012

**Porter, Benjamin**, and Alexis Boutin “The Dilmun Bioarchaeology Project: A first look at the Peter B. Cornwall Collection at the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology,” *Arabian Archaeology and Epigraphy* 23: 35-49 (refereed).

**Porter Benjamin**, Bruce Routledge, Danielle S. Fatkin, Katherine Adelsberger, Alan Farahani, and Warren Schultz. “The Dhiban Excavation and Development Project’s 2009 season: Field L excavations.” *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* 56: 111-129.

Boutin, Alexis T., Sabrina B. Sholts, Gloria L. Nusse, and **Benjamin Porter** “Face-to-face with the past: Reconstructing a teenage boy from Early Dilmun.” *Near Eastern Archaeology* 75(2): 68-79 (refereed).

2011

**Porter, Benjamin** “Feeding the community: Objects, scarcity, and commensality in the early Iron Age Southern Levant” *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology* 24(1): 27-54 (refereed).

Fatkin, Danielle Steen, Katherine Adelsberger, Alan Farahani, Alysia Fischer, Sarah Whitcher Kansa, Justin Lev-Tov, Colleen Morgan, **Benjamin W. Porter**, Bruce E. Routledge, and Andrew T. Wilson “Digging deeper: Technical reports from the Dhiban Excavation and Development Project (2004-2009).” *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* 55: 249-266.

Lev-Tov, Justin, **Benjamin Porter**, and Bruce Routledge “Measuring local diversity in early Iron Age animal economies: A view from Khirbat al-Mudayna al-‘Aliya (Jordan),” *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 361: 67-93 (refereed).

2010

**Porter, Benjamin** “Testing the limits of nonzero: Cooperation, conflict, and hierarchy in ancient Near Eastern marginal environments.” Pp. 149-171 in *Cooperation in Economy and Society*. R. Marshall, ed. Arlington: AltaMira Press (refereed).

**Porter, Benjamin** “Near Eastern Archaeology: Imperial pasts, postcolonial presents, and the possibilities of a decolonized future.” Pp. 49-57 in *The World Archaeological Congress Handbook on Postcolonialism and Archaeology*. J. Lydon and U. Rizvi, eds. Walnut Creek: Left Coast Press (refereed).

**Porter, Benjamin** “Dry dig: Ethics and alcohol in Middle Eastern archaeological practice.” *Society for American Archaeology’s Archaeological Record* 10(5): 7-11.

**Porter, Benjamin** “Locating Middle Islamic Dhiban on the Mamluk imperial periphery” *Fondation Max van Berchem Bulletin* 24: 5-7.

**Porter, Benjamin**, Bruce Routledge, Danielle Fatkin, William Zimmerle, John Hakes, Johanna Salvant, and Warren Schultz “The Dhiban Excavation and Development Project’s 2005 season.” *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* 54:9-34.

Fatkin, Danielle, Jennifer Jacobs, **Benjamin Porter**, and Bruce Routledge “Exploring heritage discourses in Central Jordan,” Pp. 159-177 in *Controlling the Past, Owning the Future: The Political Uses of Archaeology in the Middle East*. R. Boytner, L. S. Dodd, and B. Parker, eds. Tucson: University of Arizona Press (refereed).

Girardo, Rachel, and **Benjamin Porter** “Archaeotourism and the crux of development.” *Anthropology News*, November, pp. 7-8.

Morgan, Colleen, Alexis Boutin, Sheel Jagani, and **Benjamin Porter** “Old bones, digital narratives: Investigating the Peter B. Cornwall Collection in the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum.” *University Museums and Collections Journal* 3: 115-121 (refereed).

2009

Jacobs, Jennifer, and **Benjamin Porter** “Excavating *turaath*: Documenting local and national heritage discourses in Jordan,” Pp. 71-88 in *Archaeologies and Ethnographies: Iterations of ‘Heritage’ and the Archaeological Past*. L. Mortenson and J. Hollowell, eds. Gainesville: University of Florida Press (refereed).

2008

**Porter, Benjamin** “Heritage tourism: Conflicting identities in the modern world,” Pp. 267-281 in *The Ashgate Research Companion to Heritage and Identity*. B. Graham and P. Howard, eds. Hampshire: Ashgate.

**Porter, Benjamin**, and Robert J. Speakman “Reading Moabite pigments with Laser Ablation ICP-MS: A new archaeometric technique for Near Eastern Archaeology.” *Near Eastern Archaeology* 71(4): 238-242.

**Porter, Benjamin**, and Athna May Porter “‘Taking in the waters’ at LaDuke Hot Springs Resort: Early Twentieth Century medical tourism in Montana.” *Expedition* 50(1): 8-16 (refereed).

2007

**Porter, Benjamin** *The Archaeology of Community in Iron I Central Jordan*. Doctoral dissertation for the University of Pennsylvania’s Department of Anthropology.

**Porter, Benjamin**, Bruce Routledge, Danielle Steen, and Firas al-Kawamlha “The power of place: The Dhiban community through the ages,” Pp. 315-322 in *Crossing Jordan – North American Contributions to the Archaeology of Jordan*. T. Levy, P. M. Daviau, R. Younker and M. Shaer, eds. London: Equinox.

Routledge, Bruce, and **Benjamin Porter** “A place in-between: Khirbat al-Mudayna al-‘Aliya in the early Iron Age,” Pp. 323-329 in *Crossing Jordan – North American Contributions to the Archaeology of Jordan*. T. Levy, P. M. Daviau, R. Younker and M. Shaer, eds. London: Equinox.

2005

**Porter, Benjamin**, and Noel Salazar “Heritage tourism, conflict, and the public interest: An introduction.” *International Journal of Heritage Studies* 11(5): 361-370 (refereed).

**Porter, Benjamin** "Archaeology, Biblical," "Babylon," "Childe, Vere Gordon," "Jarmo," "Kluckhohn, Clyde K.M.," "Kroeber, Alfred Lewis," "Petra," "Ur," and "Ziggurat," *The Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. H. J. Birx, ed. New York: Sage Publications.

**Porter, Benjamin**, Bruce Routledge, Danielle Steen, Carla Parslow, Lidwilde DeJong, and William Zimmerle “Tall Dhiban 2004 pilot season: Prospection, preservation, and planning.” *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* 49: 201-216.

**Porter, Benjamin**, Bruce Routledge, and Danielle Steen “Tall Dhiban.” *American Journal of Archaeology* 109(3): 542-544.

Whiting, Charlotte, and **Benjamin Porter** “South Jordan Iron Age II pottery instrumental neutron activation analysis project.” *Newsletter of the Council for British Research in the Levant*: 46-47.

2004

**Porter, Benjamin** “Authority, polity, and tenuous elites in Iron Age Edom (Jordan).” *Oxford Journal of Archaeology* 23(4): 373-395 (refereed).

**Porter, Benjamin**, Noel Salazar, and Peggy Sanday “Symposium report: Resolving conflicts in heritage tourism.” *Anthropology News* 45(2): 44-45.

Salazar, Noel, and **Benjamin Porter** “Cultural heritage and tourism: A public interest approach (Introduction).” *Anthropology in Action* 11(2-3) (refereed).

2002

**Porter, Benjamin** “Fellow's report: The circulation of ceramic commodities in Iron Age Central Transjordan.” *American Center of Oriental Research Newsletter*, 14(1): 6-7.

**Porter, Benjamin** “Fellow's report: The circulation of ceramic commodities in Iron Age Central Transjordan.” *American Schools of Oriental Research Newsletter*, 52(4): 15-16.

## PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

**Porter, Benjamin** “The archaeology of institutional resilience in Iron Age Jordan.” *Formation, Organization and Development of Iron Age Levantine Societies: A Comparative View*. Institut für Orientalische und Europäische Archäologie. Vienna, Austria.

**Porter, Benjamin** *The Archaeology of the Iron Age Levant: From Communities to Kingdoms across the First Millennium BCE*. Book manuscript under contract with Cambridge University Press's World Archaeology Series.

**Porter, Benjamin** “Socializing resilience: Early Iron Age households and communities in the marginal zones of the Southern Levant.” *Current Anthropology*

**Porter, Benjamin** “Tracing the social in an Achaemenid-period cemetery in the Jordan Valley,” *American Journal of Archaeology*.

**Porter, Benjamin**, and Alexis Boutin *Embodying Dilmun: The Peter B. Cornwall Expedition to Eastern Arabia and Bahrain*. Book manuscript under contract with the American School of Oriental Research's Archaeological Report Series.

**Porter, Benjamin**, Katherine Adelsberger, Danielle Fatkin, and Bruce Routledge *Sustainability in a Levantine Marginal Zone: The Dhiban Excavation and Development Project (Jordan)*. American School of Oriental Research's Archaeological Report Series.

## BOOK REVIEWS

In prep

**Porter, Benjamin** *New Insights into the Iron Age Archaeology of Edom, Southern Jordan*, edited by T. Levy, M. Najjar, and E. Ben-Yosef. *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*.

In press

**Porter, Benjamin** *The Provincial Archaeology of the Assyrian Empire*, edited by J. MacGinnis, D. Wicke, and T. Greenfield. *Antiquity*.

2014

**Porter, Benjamin** *A Companion to the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East* edited by D.T. Potts (2012). *Near Eastern Archaeology* 77(2): 144-145.

2012

**Porter, Benjamin**, and Ronald Hendel *Khirbet Qeiyafa, Vol.1, Excavation Report 2007-2008* by Y. Garfinkel and S. Ganor (2009). *Levant* vol. 44(1): 130-132.

2010

**Porter, Benjamin** *Protecting Chatalhoyuk: Memoir of an Archaeological Site Guard* by S. Dural (2007). *Near Eastern Archaeology* 73(2-3): 207-208.

**Porter, Benjamin** *Egypt and the Levant — Interrelations from the 4th through the early 3rd Millennium B.C.E.* edited by E. van den Brink and T. E. Levy (2002). *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 69(1): 119-121.

**Porter, Benjamin** *Ancient Jordan from the Air*, by D. Kennedy and R. Bewley (2004). *Near Eastern Archaeology* 73(1): 60-61.



2009

**Porter, Benjamin** *Archaeology and Capitalism: From Ethics to Politics*, edited by Y. Hamilakis and P. Duke (2007). *International Journal of Cultural Property* 16: 95-97.

2007

**Porter, Benjamin** *Gesichter des Orients: 10,000 Jahre Kunst und Kultur aus Jordanien*, edited by B. Salje, N. Riedl, and G. Schaurte (2004). *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 127(2): 223-224.

**Porter, Benjamin** *Listening to the Artifacts: Music Culture in Ancient Palestine* by T. Burgh (2006). *Review of Biblical Literature*. [http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/5382\\_5679.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/5382_5679.pdf)

2006

**Porter, Benjamin** *Nelson Glueck: Biblical Archaeologist and President of Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion*, by J. Brown and L. Kutler (2005). *Expedition Magazine* 48(3): 42-43.

**Porter, Benjamin** *Excavations at Tall Jawa, Jordan, Volume 1: The Iron Age Town*, by P.M. Michele Daviau (2003). *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 65(3): 229-230.

2004

**Porter, Benjamin** *The Harra and the Hamad: Excavations and Survey in Eastern Jordan, Volume 1*, by A.V.G. Betts (1998). *Religious Studies Review* 30(1): 181.

## REVIEWS OF PUBLISHED WORKS

Brass, Michael (2015). Review of *Remembering the Dead in the Ancient Near East: Recent Contributions from Bioarchaeology and Mortuary Archaeology*. *Anthropology News*.

Fishman, Susannah (2015). Review of *Complex Communities: The Archaeology of Early Iron Age West-Central Jordan*. *Expedition* 57(2).

Heffron, Yagmur (2015). Review of *Remembering the Dead in the Ancient Near East: Recent Contributions from Bioarchaeology and Mortuary Archaeology*. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*.

Kotter, Wade (2014). Review of *Complex Communities: The Archaeology of Early Iron Age West-Central Jordan*. *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* 51(9): 449.

Mazow, Laura (2014). Review of *Complex Communities: The Archaeology of Early Iron Age West-Central Jordan*. *American Anthropologist* 116(4): 886-887.

Maeir, Aaron (2015). Review of *Complex Communities: The Archaeology of Early Iron Age West-Central Jordan*. *American Journal of Archaeology* 119(2).

Miller, Robert (2015) Review of *Remembering the Dead in the Ancient Near East: Recent Contributions from Bioarchaeology and Mortuary Archaeology*. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 77: 792-794.

Smoak, Jeremy (2015) Review of *Complex Communities: The Archaeology of Early Iron Age West-Central Jordan*. *Near Eastern Archaeology* 78(2): 124-125.

Sulosky Weaver, Carrie L. (2016) Review of *Remembering the Dead in the Ancient Near East: Recent Contributions from Bioarchaeology and Mortuary Archaeology*. *American Journal of Archaeology* 120(1).

Tebes, Juan Manuel (2014). Review of *Complex Communities: The Archaeology of Early Iron Age West-Central Jordan*. *Journal of Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology and Heritage Studies*: 2(3): 248-250.

Thomas, Ross (2015). Review of *Complex Communities: The Archaeology of Early Iron Age West-Central Jordan*. *Palestine Exploration Quarterly* 147(3): 257-258.

## **FEDERAL AND FOUNDATION GRANTS FOR MUSEUM LEADERSHIP**

In prep

National Endowment for the Arts, Everyday Curators of Art and Culture: Community Co-Curation at the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology (\$86,340).

Institute of Museum and Library Services, The Art of Anthropology: Preventive Conservation for the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology's Works on Paper Collection (\$25,000).

Under review

The Grammy Foundation, Preserving the Phoebe Hearst Museum's Twentieth Century Native American Indian Sound Recordings (\$12,500)

National Endowment for the Humanities, Humanities Collections and Reference Resources, Stabilizing and Digitizing 10,000 Years of California and Great Basin Archaeological Evidence at the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology

2017

William Randolph Hearst Foundations, New Horizons at the Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology (\$250,000)

2016

National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions, The Phoebe Hearst Museum's Classical Mediterranean Metal Collections: A Request for Preservation Supplies (\$5,693).

2016-2017

The Koret Foundation, A Learning Center for the Phoebe Hearst Museum Gallery (\$300,000 1:1 challenge grant; 100% completed on 10/15/2017).

2012-2015

National Endowment for the Humanities: Transforming the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum: Engagement, Education, and Exhibition (#036646-002) (\$400,000 matching challenge grant; completed).

## **RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

In prep

National Science Foundation Senior Awards Grant: Measuring Levantine Household Resilience under First Millennium BCE States and Empires: Archaeological Case Studies from Iron Age Dhiban and Busayra (Jordan) (\$150,000)

National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Research Grant: "The Archaeology of Early Moab: Subsistence and Social Life in the Early Iron Age Levant" (\$188,584)

The Shelby White and Leon Levy Program for Archaeological Publications: "Embodying Dilmun: The Peter B. Cornwall Expedition to Eastern Arabia and Bahrain." (\$64,222)

2016

Ludwig Maximilian University -- University of California, Berkeley Research in the Humanities Workshop and Symposium Grant for "On the Move – Archaeologies of Human Migration and Mobility" (19,800 Euro).

2015

University of California Research Initiatives – President's Research Catalyst Award: "At-Risk World Heritage and the Digital Humanities." Thomas Levy, Willeke Wendrich, Nicola Lercari, **Benjamin Porter** (Total: \$1,000,650; Berkeley campus: \$184,312)

Ludwig Maximilian University Research in the Humanities Visiting Professorship, Munich, Germany, (8000 Euro)

Sustainable Cultural Heritage through Engagement of Local Communities Project (SCHEP), United States Agency for International Development - Jordan: Busayra Cultural Heritage Project (\$33,800)

2014

Al-Hima Foundation (Jordan): Busayra Cultural Heritage Project Site Management Grant (\$3,300)

National Science Foundation Spatial Archaeometry Research Collaborations (SPARC), University of Arkansas: Measuring Household Economies in Iron Age Southwest Jordan: An Archaeological Case Study from Edomite Busayra (in-kind contributions of \$20,500 for geophysical technical equipment, research personnel, data processing, and student training)

University of California, Berkeley's Committee on Research Faculty Research Grant: Tracking the Emergence of Complex Agricultural Economies in Ancient Edom: The Busayra Archaeology Project in Southern Jordan (\$6,000)

Stahl Endowment Fund: The Busayra Cultural Heritage Project's 2014 Season (\$5,000)

2013

Stahl Endowment Fund: Subsistence and Social Life on the Edge of Empires: The Dhiban Excavation and Development Project's 2013 Season (\$2,000)

2012

Berkeley Humanities Research Fellowship: Disciplining Archaeology in the Contemporary Middle East (\$42,000)

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant: Agricultural Intensification and Sustainable Practice under Empire at Dhiban, Jordan: A Reconstruction from Paleoethnobotanical Evidence (#1135042). A. Farahani, co-PI (\$19,839)

Geballe Research Opportunities for Undergraduates Program (G.R.O.U.P.), Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities, University of California, Berkeley: A Mass of Common Rubbish? Documenting Ephemera and Cultural Value in Middle Eastern Archaeological Sites (\$5,000)

University of California, Berkeley's Committee on Research Faculty Research Grant: Measuring Indigenous Responses to Imperial Interventions in the Middle East: The Dhiban Excavation and Development Project's 2012 Season (\$4,800)

2010

Hellman Family Faculty Fund Award, University of California, Berkeley: Economic Intensification on

the Mamluk Imperial Frontier: A Case Study from Middle Islamic Dhiban (Jordan) (\$29,989)

University of California, Berkeley's Committee on Research Supplement Funding Grant: Dhiban Excavation and Development Project (\$4,445)

Stahl Endowment Fund: Developing Sustainable Economies around Archaeological Sites in Jordan (\$2,000)

Geballe Research Opportunities for Undergraduates Program (G.R.O.U.P.), Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities, University of California, Berkeley: Local Communities in Middle Eastern Archaeological Tourism: Meeting Sustainable Development Challenges (\$5,000)

Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley: Can Archaeologists Develop Sustainable Economies? (\$5,000)

2009

Max Van Berchem Foundation, Marginal Communities on the Mamluk Frontier: A Case Study from Middle Islamic Dhiban (Jordan) (\$10,000)

Stahl Endowment Fund: Marginal Communities on the Mamluk Imperial Frontier: A Case Study from Middle Islamic Dhiban (Jordan) (\$4,000)

American Philosophical Society, Franklin Research Grant: Marginal Communities on the Mamluk Imperial Frontier: A Case Study from Middle Islamic Dhiban (Jordan) (\$3,000)

2007

Princeton University Council on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences (\$6,755)

2005

American Schools of Oriental Research Committee on Archaeological Policy Harris Grant (\$1,000)

Critical Writing Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (\$22,000)

2003

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant #0328347: Ceramic Vessel Circulation in Iron Age Moab (Jordan): A Regional Archaeometric Investigation (\$12,000)

Missouri's University Research Reactor (MURR) Dissertation Fellowship, Columbia, MO (\$4000)

2002

Council for American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) Fellowship: Craft Specialization and State Formation in Iron Age Moab: Considering the Evidence from Ceramic Petrography and Instrumental Neutron Activation Analysis (INAA). ‘Amman, Jordan (\$15,800)

2001—2005

Kolb Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania’s Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology (\$17,500 plus tuition, annually)

2000

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) for Arabic (\$10,800 plus tuition)

### **CONFERENCES AND SPEAKER SERIES ORGANIZED**

2017

Ludwig Maximilian University -- University of California, Berkeley Research in the Humanities Munich Workshop and Berkeley Symposium “On the Move – Archaeologies of Human Migration and Mobility” (co-organizer: Caroline von Nicolai)

2011

Theoretical Archaeology Group – USA: Archaeologies of and in the Contemporary, University of California, Berkeley, May 6-8 (co-organizers: Rosemary Joyce, Laurie Wilkie)

2009-2012

Memory and Identity Townsend Center Working Group, University of California, Berkeley, biweekly lecture series

### **CONFERENCE SESSIONS ORGANIZED**

2016

**Porter, Benjamin** “Levantine Archaeology” Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Orlando, FL

2015

**Porter, Benjamin** “Into a New Era at the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology” Annual meeting of the California Indian Conference, Berkeley, CA

2011

**Porter, Benjamin**, and Alexis Boutin “Remembering and commemorating: The mortuary archaeology and bioarchaeology of Ancient Near Eastern societies” Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Sacramento, CA

2009

Giraud, Rachel, and **Benjamin Porter** “Tourism, archaeology, and development,” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA

**Porter, Benjamin**, and Stephanie Langin-Hooper “Bridging subjects and objects in the Near Eastern and Mediterranean World,” Theoretical Archaeology Group, Stanford University.

2004

Routledge, Bruce, and **Benjamin Porter** “Alternative visions of the state,” Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal, QC

2003

**Porter, Benjamin**, Noel Salazar, and Peggy Sanday “Resolving conflicts in heritage tourism: A public interest anthropology approach,” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL

## **INVITED, CONFERENCE, AND SYMPOSIA PAPERS**

2017

**Porter, Benjamin** “Anthropology Still Matters at the Phoebe Hearst Museum.” Looking Ahead: University Anthropology Museums Matter. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC.

**Porter, Benjamin**, Discussant for “The Future of Funding in Archaeology,” Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archeology, Vancouver, BC.

**Porter, Benjamin** “From Communities to Kingdoms: Tracing Uneven Trajectories of Development Across Western Jordan” Tel Aviv University Institute of Archaeology Annual Symposium (Invited Lecture).

2016

Brown, Stephanie and **Benjamin Porter** “Integrating Archaeological Research and Site Management Responsibilities at Busayra” International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan. ‘Amman, Jordan.

Markussen, Christine, Simon, Katie, **Porter, Benjamin**, and Brown, Stephanie “Understanding Contrast at Busayra: Geophysical Surveys of an Iron Age Settlement in Southwest Jordan” Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology (CAA) Annual Conference. Oslo, Norway (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RufysvQCxlc&feature=youtu.be>).

**Porter, Benjamin**, Stephanie Brown, Katie Simon, Andrew Wilson, and Christine Markussen “Documenting an Iron Age Townscape at Busayra (Jordan) using Geophysical Survey Techniques” Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archeology, Orlando, FL.

**Porter, Benjamin** “Closing Comments on the Archaeology of Destruction.” Beyond Destruction: Archaeology & Cultural Heritage in the Middle East. Center for Middle East Studies, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.

**Porter, Benjamin** “The archaeology of institutional resilience in Iron Age Jordan.” Formation, Organization and Development of Iron Age Societies: A Comparative View. Tenth International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, Vienna, Austria.

2015

**Porter, Benjamin** “Before Petra: The Art and Archaeology of Iron Age Jordan” Ancient Art Council of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, Legion of Honor, San Francisco (Invited lecture).

**Porter, Benjamin** “Investigating the Archaeology of Mesopotamian Imperialism in Iron Age Jordan.” Berkeley Lecture in the Center for Advanced Studies at Ludwig-Maximilians University. Munich, Germany (Invited lecture).

2014

**Porter, Benjamin** “Tracing Associations, Discovering Scales, and Writing Narratives: The Challenges and Choices Ahead in the Investigation of Levantine Networks.” International workshop on The Social in the Past – Things, Networks, and Texts: A Material Approach to the Pre-Modern. The Centre for Advanced Study at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, Oslo, Norway (invited closing plenary speaker).



**Porter, Benjamin** “An uneven trajectory of development: Documenting settlement instability at Dhiban during the Middle Islamic Period.” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Diego, CA

**Porter, Benjamin** “Roads of Arabia in archaeological context.” Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, CA.

**Porter, Benjamin** “Moving beyond Mesha: Narrating social life in Iron Age Jordan.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA

**Porter, Benjamin** “Archaeology should be undisciplined: Exploring a four-fields approach in the context of area studies archaeology.” Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archeology, Austin, TX

**Porter, Benjamin** “Measuring social complexity in Early Iron Age Jordan.” Invited lecture for Sonoma State University’s Anthropology Department, Rohnert Park, CA

**Porter, Benjamin**, and Alexis Boutin “Dilmun – A Bronze Age State Based in Bahrain and Eastern Saudi Arabia.” Invited lecture for the Society for Asian Art, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Hanna Huynh, Alan Farahani, and **Benjamin Porter** “Reconstructing human and animal foodways at Early Iron Age Khirbat al-Mudayna al-'Aliya (Jordan).” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Diego, CA

Steen Fatkin, Danielle, Katherine Adelsberger, Alan Farahani, **Benjamin Porter**, Bruce Routledge, and Courtney Tichler "A village tale: Late Antiquity in Central Jordan." Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Chicago, IL

2013

**Porter, Benjamin**, Alan Farahani, and Melanie Miller “Catching crabs in the desert: Isotopic insights into human-animal relationships in Early Iron Age Central Jordan.” Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archeology, Honolulu, HI

**Porter, Benjamin**, Alan Farahani, and Nicholas Ames “A Middle Islamic room at Dhiban: Phasing, chronology, and material culture.” International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan, Berlin, Germany

Adelsberger, Katherine and **Benjamin Porter** “Are you Dhiban strong? Designing, promoting, and managing a Middle Eastern field school.” Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archeology, Honolulu, HI

2012

**Porter, Benjamin** “Locating Near Eastern Archaeology in Area Studies.” 8th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, Warsaw, Poland

**Porter, Benjamin** “Commemorating disability: Two archaeologies.” Old Things for New Times Symposium, Townsend Center for the Humanities, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

**Porter, Benjamin** “Assembling resilience on the margins of the Fertile Crescent.” Brown University’s Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World (invited lecture)

**Porter, Benjamin** “Disciplining archaeology in the contemporary Middle East.” Johns Hopkins University’s Near Eastern Studies Department’s Mesopotamian Seminar (invited lecture)

Boutin, Alexis and **Benjamin Porter** “Commemorating disability in Early Dilmun: Ancient and contemporary tales from the Peter B. Cornwall Collection.” Annual Meeting of the University of Pennsylvania’s Louis J. Kolb Society (invited lecture)

Farahani, Alan, Melanie Miller, and **Benjamin Porter** “Aquaculture in the desert?: Community freshwater crab cultivation in a semi-arid zone.” Archaeological Research Facility Noon Brownbag Lecture, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

2011

**Porter, Benjamin** and Alexis Boutin “Dying in Dilmun: Revisiting the Peter B. Cornwall collection.” Annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Francisco, CA

**Porter, Benjamin** “Thinking through ruins: Parsing imaginaries on Middle Eastern tourism’s margins,” International Conference on Tourism Imaginaries, University of California, Berkeley

**Porter, Benjamin** and Alan Farahani “The archaeology of water and society in the Eastern Mediterranean.” Invited lecture at the California Department of Water Resources Climate Change Matrix Team Meeting, Sacramento, CA

Adelsberger, Katherine, Danielle Fatkin, **Benjamin Porter**, Bruce Routledge, and Andrew Wilson. “Identification of occupational contexts at Tall Dhiban, Jordan.” Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America, Denver, CO

Boutin, Alexis and **Benjamin Porter** “Dying in Dilmun: Revisiting the Peter Cornwall collection.” Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archeology, Sacramento, CA

Fatkin, Danielle and **Benjamin Porter** “Measuring indigenous responses to imperial interventions: Subaltern perspectives from Dhiban.” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Francisco, CA

2010

**Porter, Benjamin** “Adaptive reuse as cultural practice: Notes from the margins of the Middle East” Executive roundtable session on cultural mobilities. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA

**Porter, Benjamin** “Good fences, good neighbors?: The archaeology of Israel, Moab, and Edom,” P.A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology and the Archaeological Institute of America – San Francisco Chapter Lecture (invited lecture), Berkeley, CA

**Porter, Benjamin** “Disciplining Near Eastern archaeology: Margins, empires, and the contemporary at Dhiban (Jordan)” University of California, Berkeley’s Anthropology Department (invited lecture), Berkeley, CA

Routledge, Bruce, **Benjamin Porter**, Danielle Fatkin, Katherine Adelsberger, and Andrew Wilson “Excavations at Tall Dhiban, Jordan: A centre in the periphery,” Seventh International Conference on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, London, UK

Routledge, Bruce, **Benjamin Porter**, Danielle Fatkin, and Katherine Adelsberger “Multiple approaches to understanding Dhiban,” International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan, Paris, France

Adelsberger, Katherine, Danielle Fatkin, **Benjamin Porter**, and Bruce Routledge. “Geoarchaeology at Dhiban: Research potentials of a multiperiod site in Central Jordan,” Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta, GA

2009

**Porter, Benjamin** “The possibility of the neighbor,” Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology Seminar, University of California, Berkeley

**Porter, Benjamin** “Telling the *tell*: Revaluating ruins on Middle Eastern tourism’s margins,” Archaeology, Tourism, Development (session). Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA

Lev-Tov, Justin, **Benjamin Porter**, and Bruce Routledge “The pastoral economy of early Iron Age Central Jordan: A view from Khirbat al-Mudayna al-‘Aliya,” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, New Orleans, LA

**Porter, Benjamin**, Danielle Fatkin, Katherine Adelsberger, and Bruce Routledge “Subsistence and society in a marginal environment: Recent research from the Dhiban Excavation and Development Project,” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, New Orleans, LA

Morgan, Colleen, Alexis Boutin, Sheel Jagani, and **Benjamin Porter** “Old bones, digital narratives: Re-investigating the Cornwall Collection in the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum,” 2009 annual meetings of the University Museums and Collections (UMAC), University of California, Berkeley

**Porter, Benjamin** “How to be an exceptional neighbor in the ancient Near East,” 2009 meetings of the Theoretical Archaeology Group (TAG), Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA

**Porter, Benjamin, and** Stephanie Langin-Hooper “Introduction: Connecting the absent subject and the passive object in Near Eastern and Mediterranean archaeology,” 2009 meetings of the Theoretical Archaeology Group (TAG), Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA

**Porter, Benjamin** “Telling the tell: Re-valuing the Middle Eastern ruin,” University of California, Berkeley Tourism Studies Working Group

2008

**Porter, Benjamin** “On *tallogies*: A parallax study of ancient Near Eastern ruins,” University of California, Berkeley Working Group: Memory and Identity in the Ancient World

**Porter, Benjamin** “Cooperation, conflict, and communal complexity in marginal Levantine social life,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Anthropology, Cincinnati, Ohio

**Porter, Benjamin, and** Bruce Routledge “Religious heterodoxy and rural hybridity across the Middle Islamic Dhiban Plateau (Jordan),” Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, BC

**Porter, Benjamin** “Mineral bathing and health tourism in the early Twentieth Century American West: The archaeology of a medical perception,” Annual Meeting of the Theoretical Archaeology Group (TAG), Columbia University, New York, NY

**Porter, Benjamin** “Rethinking authority and social life in Levantine marginal environments,” University of California, Berkeley’s Near Eastern Studies Department (invited lecture)

**Porter, Benjamin** “The complex community: Production, cooperation, and authority in Levantine marginal environments,” University of New Hampshire’s Department of Anthropology (invited lecture), Durham, NH

**Porter, Benjamin.** “The complex community: Production, cooperation, and authority in Levantine marginal environments,” The Field Museum (invited lecture), Chicago, IL

2007

**Porter, Benjamin** “Reassembling social life in the ancient Near East,” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Diego, CA

**Porter, Benjamin** “Durable *communitas*: Modeling social life across Jordan,” International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan, Washington, D.C.

**Porter, Benjamin** “Good fences, good neighbors?: The archaeology of Israel, Moab, and Edom,” Drexel University’s Judaic Studies Program (invited lecture), Philadelphia, PA

**Porter, Benjamin** “The sway of place in Levantine marginal space,” Columbia University’s Department of Anthropology (invited lecture), New York, NY

**Porter, Benjamin** “The archaeology of community in Iron I Central Jordan,” University of Pennsylvania’s Department of Anthropology (dissertation defense), Philadelphia, PA

**Porter, Benjamin** “Complex *communitas*: Negotiating social life in Levantine marginal environments,” Purdue University’s Department of Anthropology (invited lecture), West Lafayette, IN

2006

**Porter, Benjamin** “The archaeology of community in early Moab,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, D.C.

**Porter, Benjamin** “Iterations of community in the Iron I Southern Levant,” Kolb Society Junior Fellows Conference, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

2005

**Porter, Benjamin** “Learning from washpots: Production, authority, and social life in the Iron I Southern Levant,” University of California-Los Angeles Near Eastern Languages and Cultures’ Afternoon Seminar Series (invited lecture), Los Angeles, CA

2004

**Porter, Benjamin** “Elite strategies of dominance in Iron Age Levantine Polities,” Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal, Québec

**Porter, Benjamin**, Danielle Steen, and Bruce Routledge “The 2004 season at Dhiban (Jordan): Prospection, preservation, and planning,” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Antonio, TX

Routledge, Bruce, **Benjamin Porter**, Danielle Steen, and Jennifer Jacobs “Context, conflict, and community: Working at Tall Dhiban, Jordan,” Annual Meeting of the Theoretical Archaeology Group, Glasgow, Scotland

**Porter, Benjamin**, Danielle Steen, and Bruce Routledge “Balks not bombs: Community archaeology at Dhiban (Jordan),” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Antonio, TX

2003

**Porter, Benjamin** “Between tribe and empire: Authority and elite identities in Iron Age Edom (Jordan),” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL

**Porter, Benjamin** "The unbearable lightness of empire: Communicative practice and elite identities in Iron Age Edom (Jordan)," Empire and Identity: An Interdisciplinary Graduate Symposium, Columbia University, New York, NY

2002

**Porter, Benjamin** "The unbearable lightness of empire: Communicative practice and elite identities in Iron Age Edom (Jordan)," Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Toronto, ON

**Porter, Benjamin** "Building a regional instrumental neutron activation analysis (INAA) database for Iron Age Central Jordan," ACOR Summer Lecture Series, American Center of Oriental Research, Amman, Jordan

**Porter, Benjamin**, and Jennifer Jacobs "*btishrab shaay?*: Documenting local heritage discourse in the Middle East," Ethics and the Practice of Archaeology Symposium, University of Pennsylvania's Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

2000

**Porter, Benjamin** "Rethinking Nineteenth and early Twentieth Century Palestinian villages in archaeological analogies: The case for the Hamula social organization and the *masha'a* land tenure system," Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Nashville, TN

## PANELS AND WORKSHOPS

2017

Panelist on “Building an Effective University Museum Board,” Museum Trustee Association Director & Trustee Forum, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

2010

Discussant for D. Loepf's "Pilgrim fathers: King Hezekiah, Victor Turner, and Pierre Bourdieu," Memory and Identity Working Group, University of California, Berkeley.

2008

Panelist on "Heritage, development, and neo-liberalism in Jordan," Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington, D.C.

2007

Commentator on M. Ross's "Digging up the past to contest the present: Politics and archaeology in Jerusalem's Old City," University of Pennsylvania's Middle East Center Seminar, Philadelphia, PA

2006

Panelist on "Technology, archaeology and history," Annual meeting of the Society for the History of Technology, Las Vegas, NV

Panelist on "Stories and strategies: Dialogs on equities issues in archaeology," Annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Juan, PR

2005

Commentator on E. Rebillard's "Relics and the real presence of the saints: The late Roman evidence," University of Pennsylvania's Ethnohistory Seminar, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Panelist for the 11th annual African Scholar for a Day: Francis Deng, University of Pennsylvania's African Studies Center, Philadelphia, PA.

## **POSTERS**

2013

Ames, Nicholas, Hanna Huynh, Alan Farahani, and **Benjamin Porter** "Heavy-fraction microdebris enhances the interpretation of cultural practices in Middle Islamic West-central Jordan." Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archeology, Honolulu, HI

Brown, Stephanie H., Andrew Wilson, Christopher D. Bravo, and **Benjamin Porter** "Busayra Cultural Heritage Project: The 2013 Site Assessment Season." Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Baltimore, MD

2012

Cockrell, Bryan and **Benjamin Porter** “Pottery on the Periphery: A Technological Characterization of Stonepaste Ceramics from Middle Islamic Tall Dhiban, Jordan” 39<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Archaeometry, Leuven, Belgium

2007

**Porter, Benjamin**, and Bruce Routledge “Tall Dhiban through the ages,” various local government institutions in Dhiban, Jordan (in Arabic)

2004

**Porter, Benjamin**, Robert J. Speakman, Bruce Routledge, and Michael D. Glascock. “The circulation of ceramic commodities in Iron Age I Central Jordan,” Missouri's University Research Reactor, Columbia, MO

## UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT

*University of California, Berkeley*

Undergraduate

Introduction to Near Eastern Art and Archaeology (Near Eastern Studies 15)

Mesopotamian Archaeology (Near Eastern Studies 123)

Levantine Archaeology (Near Eastern Studies 124)

Disciplining Near Eastern Archaeology: Explorers, Archaeologists, Tourists (Anthropology C123F / Near Eastern Studies C119)

Archaeology of Death and Burial in Ancient Near Eastern societies (Near Eastern Studies 190A)

Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Ancient Near Eastern Societies (Near Eastern Studies 190A)

Graduate

Introduction to Near Eastern Studies (Near Eastern Studies Graduate Proseminar 200)

Proseminar in Near Eastern Archaeology: Method, Theory, Practice (Near Eastern Studies 223)

Vignettes in Near Eastern Social Life (Near Eastern Studies 223)

Archaeology of Near Eastern and Mediterranean Empires (Near Eastern Studies 223)

Archaeology of Statecraft in the Bronze and Iron Age Levant (Near Eastern Studies 223)

Making Things in the Iron Age Levant (Near Eastern Studies 223)

Topics in Ancient Ceramics of Egypt and the Near East (Near Eastern Studies 297)

*Princeton University*

Scientists at Work: Anthropologies and Archaeologies of Science (Writing Program 146/147)

*University of Pennsylvania*



Some Assembly Required: Anthropologies and Archaeologies of Technology (Anthropology 009)

Archaeology and the Bible (Anthropology 124, Asian & Middle Eastern Studies 155, Religious Studies 024, Jewish Studies 124)

Ruins and Relics (Anthropology 009)

## **SUPERVISED GRADUATE THESES**

### *Chair or Co-chair*

Catanzariti, Antonietta (2015). *Economic Systems in Lebanon and Southwestern Syria during the Middle Bronze Age: A Case Study from Kamid el-Loz*. Doctoral dissertation in Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley (co-chair with M. Feldman).

Cradic, Melissa (2017). *Transformations in Death: The Archaeology of Funerary Practices and Personhood in the Bronze Age Levant*. Doctoral dissertation in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology, University of California, Berkeley.

Creel, Andrea (2017). *Connectivity on the Edge of Empire: Movement, Liminality, and Ritual in the Southern Levantine Drylands*. Doctoral dissertation in Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley (co-chair with M. Feldman).

Farahani, Alan (2014). *Sustaining Community under Empire: An Archaeological Investigation of Long-Term Agricultural Production and Imperial Interventions at Dhiban, Jordan, 1000 BCE - 1450 CE*. Doctoral dissertation in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology, University of California, Berkeley. Winner of the 2015 Society for American Archaeology Dissertation Prize.

Farahani, Alan (2009). *Rethinking Trajectories of Intensification in Early Sassanian Mesopotamia in the Third Century CE*. Masters thesis in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology, University of California, Berkeley.

Weber, Martin (2017) *Changing Environments, Social Adaptations, Divergent Trajectories: The Application of Socio-Natural Systems Thinking and Geospatial Modeling to the Late Bronze / Iron Age Transition in West-Central Syria, ca. 1350-750 BCE*. Doctoral dissertation in Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley (co-chair with M. Feldman).

### *Committee member*

2017

Imchen, Moatemsu. "Tensions, Interactions, and Power Negotiations between Tribes and States in Monarchic Israel: Towards a New Understanding Based on Case Studies from Middle Bronze Age Mari and Iron Age Moab." Doctoral dissertation in Biblical Studies, Graduate Theological Union.

Silva de la Mora, Flavio, *Lithic Communities of Practice and Daily Life in the Northwestern Maya Lowlands during the Late Classic (700-850 A.D.)*. Doctoral dissertation in Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley.

2016

Mickel, Allison. *Why those who Shovel are Silent: Local Labor, Unrecognized Expertise, and Knowledge Production in Archaeological Excavation*. Doctoral dissertation in Anthropology. Stanford University.

2015

Balcells, José. *Household and Family Religion in Persian Period Judah: An Archaeological Approach*. Doctoral dissertation in Biblical Studies, Graduate Theological Union.

2014

Neumann, Kiersten A. *The Neo-Assyrian Temple as a Ritualized and Ritualizing Built Environment*. Doctoral dissertation in Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

2012

DePietro, Dana. *Piety, Practice and Politics: Ritual and Agency in the Late Bronze Southern Levant*. Doctoral dissertation in Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

Minor, Elizabeth. *The Use of Egyptian and Egyptianizing Material Culture in Classic Kerma Burials*. Doctoral dissertation in Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

2011

Dissard, Laurent. *Submerged Stories from the Sidelines of Archaeological Science: The History and Politics of the Keban Dam Rescue Project (1967-1975) in Eastern Turkey*. Doctoral dissertation in Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

Maldonada, Doris. *Reconfiguring Archaeological Practice: Lessons from Curruste, Honduras*. Doctoral dissertation in Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley.

Pearson, Jeffrey E. *Contextualizing the Nabataeans: A Critical Reassessment of their History and Material Culture*. Doctoral dissertation in the Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology Program, University of California, Berkeley.

2010

Im, Pong Dae. *Social Identity in Early Israel: An Archaeological and Textual Study of Social Behaviors and Group Identity among Highland Villagers in Iron Age I Palestine*. Doctoral dissertation in Biblical Studies, Pacific School of Religion, Graduate Theological Union.

Li, Jean. *Elite Theban Women of the Eighth-Sixth Centuries BCE in Egypt: Identity, Status, and Mortuary Practices*. Doctoral dissertation in Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

2009

Foster, Catherine. *Household Archaeology and the Uruk Phenomenon: A Case Study from Kenan Tepe, Turkey*. Doctoral dissertation in Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

McCandless, Lindsey. *The Identity of the Aegean Porters in the Eighteenth Dynasty Theban Tomb Paintings*. Masters thesis in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology, University of California, Berkeley.

## ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

University of California, Berkeley's Department of Near Eastern Studies

2014 – Present, Chair, Undergraduate advising, Ancient division

2014 Member, Graduate admissions, fellowships and awards committee

2012 Assistant chair, Graduate student advising

2011 Chair, Visiting scholars committee

2011 Chair, Fellowship and awards committee

2010 Member, Graduate admissions, fellowships and awards committee

2009 – 2012 Member, Near Eastern religions program executive committee

University of California, Berkeley's Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES)

2014 – present CMES steering committee

2014 – present Middle East Studies major steering committee member

2008 – present Associate group member

2011 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship selection committee

University of California, Berkeley's Archaeological Research Facility (ARF)

2016 – present Publications committee

2013 – present Braun Endowment Equipment Fund committee

2011 – 2013 Stahl Fellowship committee

University of California, Berkeley's Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships

2011, 2013 Marshall/ Mitchell/ Rhodes scholarship selection committee member

American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR)

2011 – present Editorial board member, *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*

2007 – 2011 Committee on Archaeological Research and Policy, secretary

2003 – 2009 Assistant editor, *Near Eastern Archaeology*

2003 – 2009 Editorial liaison for Archaeological News, Beirut Daily Star, Lebanon.

2004 – 2009 Membership committee  
2006 – 2007 Development committee

Society for American Archaeology  
2013 – 2015 Student Paper Award Committee

The Society for Asian Art, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco  
2014 – Docent training for “Roads of Arabia: The Archaeology and History of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia” exhibition  
2010 – present, advisory group member

University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology  
2016 – present, Publications Editorial Board

## **PEER REVIEW**

### Book Publishers and Journals

*American Journal of Archaeology*  
American Schools of Oriental Research Archaeological Reports Series  
Ashgate Publishing  
*Annals of Tourism Research*  
*Australian Journal of Anthropology*  
*Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*  
*Bulletin of the History of Archaeology*  
*Expedition Magazine*  
*International Journal of Cultural Property*  
*International Journal of Heritage Studies*  
*Journal of Archaeological Research*  
*Journal of Field Archaeology*  
*Journal of Social Archaeology*  
*Journeys: The International Journal of Travel and Travel Writing*  
*Levant*  
*Near Eastern Archaeology*  
Oxford University Press  
*Radiocarbon*  
*Tel Aviv*  
University of Colorado Press

### Grants and Fellowships

American Philosophical Society

Council for the Humanities of Netherlands, Organization for Scientific Research (NWO, the Dutch Research Council)  
Israel Science Foundation  
National Science Foundation  
Swiss National Science Foundation  
University of Leuven Research Council

### **ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD RESEARCH**

Busayra Cultural Heritage Project, Jordan, Dir.: **B. Porter**  
2013 – present Director

Tall Dhiban, Jordan, Dirs: K. Adelsberger, **B. Porter**, B. Routledge, and D. Fatkin  
2004-present Director

Khirbat al-Mudayna al-‘Aliya, Jordan, Dir: B. Routledge, **B. Porter**  
2004 Associate director  
2000 Survey team director

Tall es-Sweyhat, Syria, Dir: R. Zettler  
2001 Unit supervisor

Tall Madaba Excavations, Jordan, Dir: T. Harrison  
1999 Square supervisor

Dhiban Plateau Survey, Jordan, Dir: C.-H. Ji  
1999 Survey assistant, translator

### **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Anthropological Association  
American Schools of Oriental Research  
Society for American Archaeology

### **MODERN AND ANCIENT LANGUAGE COMPETENCY**

Standard Arabic (reading, speaking, writing at advanced beginner level)  
Levantine (Shami) Colloquial Arabic (speaking at intermediate level)  
Modern Hebrew (reading, speaking, writing at advanced beginner level)  
French (reading)  
German (reading)

Akkadian (Cuneiform)  
Biblical Hebrew  
Greek (Koine)  
Latin

## REFERENCES

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