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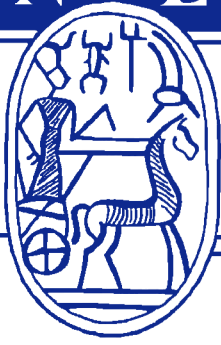
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ASOR Meets in Boston

The third week of November is traditionally when the *American Schools of Oriental Research* has its annual professional meetings. This is the time of the year when professional archaeologists and graduate students present the results of their research or preliminary reports on their recent excavation season. This year the meetings were held in Boston, the current home of *ASOR*. The home field advantage as well as the popularity of this city in general may have been responsible for the largest attendance since the society ceased to meet at the same time as the *Society of Biblical Literature*. As usual, there were a number of sessions to choose from (too numerous to name here). After a hiatus in Orlando and a rather miniscule number in Napa, the book sellers were back in force in Boston with some very attractive deals at times.

A very popular session for many is the two part Symposium on the Madaba Plains, Jordan. This years themes were: 1) Field and Related Research and 2) Strategies for Data Sharing and Controlled Comparison among Projects working in and around the Madaba Plains Region. Included in the first session, presided over as usual by MPP consortium director Douglas Clark, were papers by Tim Harrison on the 1998 and 1999 seasons at Tall Madaba; Doug Clark on Iron I Domestic houses in the Madaba Plains region; Randall Younker on the 1999 season at Tall Jalul; David Merling on a comparison of Black ware between Talls `Umayri and Jalul and the resulting political ramifications; and Chang-Ho Ji on Hellenistic and Early Roman settlements in the `Iraq al-Amir and Wadi Hisban regions.

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Chang-Ho Ji making presentation, with Doug Clark (chair of MPP session), seated

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The second session, presided over by Larry Herr, director of the 'Umayri excavations, included Suzanne Richard and Paul Holdorf of the Khirbet Iskander Expedition on a statistics-based typology for data sharing; Andrew Graham of the Tell Madaba excavations on Information Systems; Gary Christopherson on 15 years of hinterland surveys in the Madaba Plains and Khaled Nashef and Øystein LaBianca on Controlled Comparison of Food System Cycles at the Khirbet Birzeit and Tall Hisban.

Presentations by other MPP members included Jim Fisher on Women in Ammonite society and a poster session by Rhonda Root on the role of the artist on a dig. Dave Merling also chaired a Individual Submissions session.

Other societies meeting at the same time as ASOR include the Near East Archaeological Society where Dave Merling gave a paper on the Large Numbers at the time of the Exodus; Paul Ray gave the results of the 1997 and 1998 seasons at Tall Hisban and Chang-Ho Ji presented new information on the 1999 Dhiban Plateau survey. (Paul J. Ray, Jr.)



Efrain Velazquez



Robert Bates

New Staff

Ph.d students Efrain Velazquez and Robert Bates have recently joined the staff at the Horn Archaeological Museum. Efrain is assistant to the curator and handles the day to day work of upkeeping the collections and database entry. Robert is editorial assistant in the archaeological publications office helping with the formatting of manuscripts. (Paul J. Ray, Jr.)



Jim Sauer Dies

The Horn Archaeological Museum regrets to announce the passing of Jim Sauer on November 23, 1999 from complications arising from Huntington's Disease. The funeral service was conducted at the Concord Academy Chapel, in Concord, Massachusetts on November 27, 1999 by his brother John Sauer. He was laid to rest at the Mt. Hope Cemetery. Dr. Sauer is survived by his wife Sue and his children Tom and Kate.

Tributes were given by his brother Peter as well as Larry Stager, archaeology professor at Harvard and Lawrence T. Geraty, president of La Sierra University both of whom have been personal friends of Dr. Sauer for many years. Also in attendance were several faculty members of Harvard University including Professor and Mrs. Frank Cross, Peter Machinist, Joann Hackett, John Huenergardt, Joe and Eileen Greene and ACOR administrators Robin Brown and Rudy Dornemann.

Jim Sauer has had a long association with the Horn Archaeological Museum and the Heshbon Expedition. He was the ceramicist of for the 1971, 73, 74 and 1976 excavation seasons. His monograph on the pottery of the 1971 season detailed the sub-divisions for the late periods and their representative pottery. This sampling of pottery added to the understanding of the ceramic development of the later periods, and also demonstrated the importance of Tel Hesban in Transjordan for filling in gaps in the knowledge of Middle Eastern ceramics. Sauer's contribution helped make Tell Hesban the type-site for the pottery sequence of central Transjordan from the Roman through the Islamic periods. At the time of his death Dr. Sauer was collaborating with Dr. Geraty on the soon to be published "Hesban 11," the final publication of Hesban pottery. He has published numerous other articles on Hesban, Jordanian archaeology and pottery typology.

Dr. Sauer spent much of his adult life working in Jordan and the United States to build up the American Center of Oriental Research (ACOR) in North America. He leaves behind a powerful legacy and an example of professional excellence, personal integrity that continues to inspire those scholars and archaeologists who have known him. Recently, Sue, Tom and Jim's brother Peter were presented with a Festschrift honoring Dr. Sauer for his many contributions and lifelong commitment to academic excellence at the ASOR meetings in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He will also be remembered for his intellectual enthusiasm,

a broad scope of knowledge, clarity of technical thought as well as his selfless giving, devotion and the ability to transmit a sense of awe and enjoyment that made distant history relevant to life in Jordan today. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues, friends and the archaeological community at large.

Our deepest condolences go out to his family and friends. (modified by Robert Bates from a correspondence from Lawrence T. Geraty)



Jim Sauer (right) with Safwan Tell (left) and Randall Younker (center) at Andrews University in 1993 for the Hesban after 25 years conference



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on an archaeological dig

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RANDOM SURVEY

New Book:

Burton MacDonald and Institute of Archaeology Director, Randall W. Younker have edited a newly released book (1999) entitled *Ancient Ammon* published by Brill. It includes papers from a section of the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research in 1994 on the Ammonites. Papers by Madaba Plains Project members and affiliates include Randall Younker, Larry Herr, Øystein LaBianca, Gloria London and Michelle Daviau. The book can be purchased for \$97.50.

Lecture:

Institute of Archaeology Director, Randall W. Younker gave an illustrated lecture entitled *Daily Life in Transjordan* at the annual archaeology conference at Wheaton College (November 12-13).

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News from Jordan:

Dr. Ghazi Bisheh has retired as the Director of the Department of Antiquities. He has been replaced by Dr. Fawwaz Khraysheh of Yarmuk University.

Rami Khouri has been appointed to the Royal Commission for the oversight of the John the Baptist Site in the Jordan Valley.

On Dec. 14, Jordan received rain for the first time this year.

Old Solution to a Growing Problem:

According to an article in the Oct. 19th *Jordan Times*, the Jordanian government is legislating that all new houses must be built with cisterns to collect rainwater in an effort to ease the country's growing water crisis. Along with this, there is a public awareness campaign and an effort to restore old cisterns. Interestingly, Øystein LaBianca of the MPP put forth this very idea several years ago and even had several cisterns restored in an effort called *Project Rainkeep*. Perhaps, this is, in part, the fruition of his work.

Museum Visitors:

Over 200 people visited the Horn Archaeological Museum during the Fall Quarter (Oct. - Dec.) of this year. This included tours to retirees, a confirmation class and an Introduction to Anthropology class.

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