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EDUCATION

Harvard University Cambridge, Massachusetts	1985–90	A.M.; Ph.D., <i>With Distinction</i> Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
Dissertation: "Studies in the Archaeology and History of Israelite Samaria" (awarded a <i>Giles Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities</i> , 1989–90)		
University of Chicago Oriental Institute Chicago, Illinois	1984–85	Syro-Palestinian History Syro-Palestinian Archaeology Ancient Near Eastern languages
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary South Hamilton, Massachusetts	1981–84	M.A.T.S., <i>summa cum laude</i> Old Testament
Jerusalem University College Jerusalem, Israel	1980–81	The Archaeology of Israel Ancient & Intertestamental History Historical Geography
University of Virginia Charlottesville, Virginia	1970–73	B.S.Ed., English <i>Dean's List of Distinguished Students</i>

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (including History of the Religion of Israel)
Semitic Languages (primary: Hebrew, Akkadian, NW Semitic Epigraphy; secondary: Aramaic, Ugaritic)
Syro-Palestinian Archaeology/the Archaeology of Israel
Ancient Near Eastern History (Syria-Palestine; Egypt, Mesopotamia)

TEACHING AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
G. Albert Shoemaker Professor of Bible and Archaeology, 2001–present
G. Albert Shoemaker Associate Professor of Bible and Archaeology, 1997–2001
Director, The Kelso Museum of Near Eastern Archaeology, 1997–2017
Director, The Kelso Museum Lecture Series, 2000–present (see Appendix A)
Project Director and Principal Investigator, The Zeitah Excavations, 1997–present

Westmont College

Department of Religious Studies

Associate Professor of the Archaeology and Literature of Ancient Israel, 1996–1997

Assistant Professor, 1992–1996

University of Michigan

Department of Near Eastern Studies

Visiting Assistant Professor of Biblical and Near Eastern Studies, 1990–1992

Harvard University

Semitic Museum Research Associate, 1990–1991

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Department of Near Eastern Studies

Teaching Fellow, 1987–1989

Harvard Divinity School

Teaching Fellow, 1986

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (Harvard)

Life and Literature of the Old Testament (Westmont)

The Pentateuch (Westmont)

The Historical Books of the Old Testament (PTS)

The Hebrew Psalter (seminar) (Michigan)

Old Testament Exegesis (PTS)

Problems in Theology: War and Peace in the Hebrew Bible (Harvard Divinity School)

God and History: The Religion of Ancient Israel and its Cultural Background (Michigan; Westmont)

Theological Reflections on Ministry (PTS)

Ancient Texts Relating to the Old Testament (PTS)

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (tutorials; Westmont; PTS)

Readings in Biblical Hebrew (PTS)

Introduction to Akkadian (Michigan)

Introduction to the Near East (team taught with other faculty at Michigan)

The History of the Ancient Near East (Westmont; PTS)

Problems in ANE History: Syria-Palestine during the Second Millennium BCE (seminar) (Michigan)

The History of Religions in Early Israel (PTS)

Historical Geography of the Land of the Bible (PTS, taught on-site in Israel)

Biblical Archaeology (Harvard; Westmont; PTS)

The Archaeology of Syria-Palestine from Earliest Times to the Persian Period (Michigan; Westmont)

Syro-Palestinian Pottery: Typology and Chronology (seminar) (Michigan)

Field Practicum (taught on-site at Ashkelon and Tel Zayit, Israel)

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD EXPERIENCE

The Zeitah Excavations — 1998–present

Tel Zayit, Israel

Project Director and Principal Investigator: Ron E. Tappy

Sponsor: Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Affiliations: American Schools of Oriental Research, Boston, Massachusetts

W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, Israel

Web Site: www.zeitah.net

10 Seasons of Excavation — 1999–present

5 Study Seasons — 2008–present

Radar, Topographical, and Surface Surveys — 1998

Surface Survey of Tel Zayit and Its Environs — 1996

Leon Levy Expedition (Professional Staff) — 1988–1994

Ashkelon, Israel

Project Director: Lawrence E. Stager

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Land of Gerar Excavation — 1983

Tel Haror, Israel

Project Director: Eliezer D. Oren

Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beersheba, Israel

Tomb Surveys and Excavations — 1980, 1981

Jerusalem, Israel

Project Director: Gabriel Barkay

Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv, Israel

Jerusalem University College, Jerusalem, Israel

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Juror for the National Endowment for the Humanities grants awarded through the William F.

Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, 2012

The Albright Institute, Personnel Committee, 2004–2011 (Chair)

The Albright Institute, Executive Committee, 2004–2011

Curriculum Review Committee (Chair), PTS

Faculty Review Committee, PTS

The Albright Institute, Nominations Committee, 2000–2002, 2005–2011 (Chair, 2002)

The Albright Institute, Fellowships Committee, 1999–2000

Board of Trustees, The W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, Israel, 1999–2011

PEW Charitable Trust, Evangelical Scholars Program, referee to Advisory Committee, 1998

Faculty Secretary, PTS

Admissions and Standings Committee, PTS

Doctor of Ministry Degree Committee, PTS

Faculty Representative to the Planning Committee on the Master Budget, PTS

President's Task Force on Technology and Academic Computing, PTS
 Masters Committee, PTS
 Academic Affairs Committee, PTS
 Working Committee (later called the Working Committee), PTS
 Master of Arts Degree Program Advisor, PTS
 The Kelso Museum of Near Eastern Archaeology Committee, PTS
 Continuing Education Committee, PTS
 Sexual Harassment Committee, PTS
 Educational Resources Committee, PTS
 Faculty Development Committee, PTS
 Nominating Committee, PTS
 Faculty By-Laws Committee, PTS
 Multiple Faculty Search Committees (sometimes Chair), PTS
 Accreditation Task Force (re: Faculty, Library, and Distance Learning), PTS
 Faculty Research Committee, Westmont College
 Erasmus Society Steering Committee, Westmont College
 Athletic Committee, Westmont College

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The Biblical Colloquium, Baltimore, MD
 The W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Board of Trustees (emeritus member)
 American Schools of Oriental Research
 Israel Exploration Society
 Palestine Exploration Fund
 Society of Biblical Literature
 Pittsburgh Biblical Archaeology Society

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION INTERESTS

Broadly speaking, my research and publication interests center on the interrelated nature of the cultural, political, and economic histories of Iron Age Israel, as well as the various cultural groups with whom Israel interacted. My teaching method examines ways in which the broader historical context of biblical Israel shaped both the world of the biblical writers and, by extension, their theological outlook. Drawing on my own classroom training and my 23 years of teaching experience in biblical studies, archaeology, and ancient languages, I aim to investigate in a multidisciplinary manner the various factors (ecological, geographical, political, socio-economic, religious) that assumed causal roles

in the evolution of society and religion in ancient Israel. I have written articles on a variety of topics in those areas.

I began excavating at various sites in Israel more than 30 years ago. My current field research entails directing The Zeitah Excavations, a full-scale archaeological exploration of a town in the Shephelah (“lowlands”) region of Israel at a site with an occupational history of more than 3,500 years. My research there focuses on the Late Bronze and Iron Age levels and seeks to: (1) study trans-frontier relations in the border land (liminal zone) between the highland and coastal cultures of southern Canaan during the biblical period; (2) assess family structures and kinship patterns that were established in this region and that helped to provide the theological underpinnings of the biblical concept of covenant; and (3) assess the impact of Bronze Age Aegean trade on local (vs. strictly urban) economies in the Levant. This project promotes interdisciplinary connections between biblical studies, archaeology, history, epigraphic studies, and anthropology.

Near the conclusion of the 2005 excavation season at Tel Zayit, my team recovered a large stone bearing an incised, two-line inscription. The special importance of the stone derives not only from its archaic alphabetic text (a 22-letter abecedary), but also from its well-defined archaeological context in a structure dating securely to the tenth century BCE. This period has yielded very few epigraphic materials in the Levant, and most of them have derived from compromised archaeological contexts or even the antiquities market. The Tel Zayit Abecedary represents the linear alphabetic script of central and southern Canaan at the beginning of the first millennium BCE, a transitional script that developed from the Phoenician tradition of the early Iron Age and anticipated the distinctive features of the mature Hebrew national script attested in the ninth century BCE. The early appearance of literacy at Tel Zayit plays a pivotal role in the current discussion of the archaeology and history of Judah in the time of the so-called United Monarchy. Newspapers, magazines, and television programs around the world publicized this discovery (e.g., BBC; Associated Press; *Pravda*, *New York Times*, November 9, 2005; WGBH Magazine, November, 2008; “The Bible’s Buried Secrets,” a two-hour PBS NOVA special that aired on November 18, 2008).

PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS

Books:

- 1992 *The Archaeology of Israelite Samaria: Vol. I, Early Iron Age through the Ninth Century BCE*. Harvard Semitic Studies 44. Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press, (see the references below to published reviews from Germany, France, Italy, England, and the USA).
- 2001 *The Archaeology of Israelite Samaria: Vol. II, The Eighth Century BCE*. Harvard Semitic Studies 50. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns (received a Research Fellowship from the Pew Charitable Trust, 1997–1998).

Scholarly Reviews of AIS, Vol. I:

- Davies, Graham, *Journal of Theological Studies* 46/1 (1995), 205–06.
 Edelman, Diana V., *Old Testament Abstracts* 16 (1993), 412.
 Isserlin, B. S. J., *Palestine Exploration Quarterly*, January-June (1996), 82–84.
 Joffe, Alexander H., *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 56/2 (1997), 129–32.
 Macchi, Jean-Daniel, *Études Théologiques et Religieuses* 3 (1993), 426–27.
 Mitchell, T. C., *Society for Old Testament Study, Book List* (1994), 32.
 Moorey, P. R. S., *Journal of Semitic Studies* 39/2 (1994), 322–23.
 North, Robert, J., S.J., *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 56 (1994), 345–46.
 Pfeiffer, H., *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 106 (1994), 538.
 Steiner, Margaret, *Bibliotheca Orientalis* LII 5/6 (1995), 798–99.
 Weippert, Helga, *Theologische Literaturzeitung* 118 (1993), 1022–23.

Scholarly Reviews of AIS, Vol. II:

- Hardin, James W., *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 329 (2003), 82–84.
 Jacobs, Paul F., *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 65/3 (2003), 459–60.
 Master, Daniel, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 63/2 (2004), 136–38.
 Ortiz, Steven M., *American Journal of Archaeology* 107 (2003), 503–04.
 Herzog, Ze'ev, *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 124.1 (2004), 144–46.

2008

Literate Culture and Tenth-Century Canaan: The Tel Zayit Abecedary in Context, R. E. Tappy and P. Kyle McCarter, eds. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns.

Award:

On November 20, 2009, this work received the Frank Moore Cross Award from the American Schools of Oriental Research. “This award is presented to the editor/author of the most substantial volume(s) related to ancient Near Eastern and eastern Mediterranean epigraphy, text and/or tradition. This work must be the result of original research published during the past two years.”

Scholarly Reviews of Literate Culture and Tenth-Century Canaan:

- Richard S. Hess, *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 19/4 (2009), 595–97.
 Jeremy M. Hutton, *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 39/4 (2009), 229–30.
 Ian Young, *Review of Biblical Literature* 7 (2010) and 13 (2011), 126–29
 [for former, visit <http://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleId=7116>].
 Jessica Whisenant, *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 129/3 (2009), 550–52.
 Gary A. Rendsburg, *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 359 (2010), 89–91.

- 2016 *The Archaeology of the Ostraca House at Israelite Samaria: Epigraphic Discoveries in Complicated Contexts*. The Annual of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Vol. 70. Boston, MA: American Schools of Oriental Research (nominated for the George Ernest Wright Award through the American Schools of Oriental Research).

George Andrew Reisner counted the Israelite ostraca among the most important finds ever recovered by the Harvard Expedition to Samaria. But the precise provenance of these historic inscriptions has remained murky at best. To date, the most incisive and intuitive statement on their archaeological context comes from a brief treatment in I. T. Kaufman's unpublished 1966 dissertation written at Harvard University. The present study considers in much greater detail the depositional history of the Ostraca House and its immediate surroundings. The investigation proceeds on three distinct but related levels. First, it attempts to clarify the date and nature of the archaeological contexts from which excavators recovered the inscriptions. Second, it evaluates both the quantity and quality of data recovered and the overall manner in which the project leaders presented those data in their official excavation report. Finally, the study draws not only from published records but also from unpublished materials recorded in the handwritten daily journals and private diaries of David Gordon Lyon, George Andrew Reisner, Clarence Stanley Fisher, and Gottlieb Schumacher. Thus an important subplot unfolds as the analysis of archaeological remains advances through the narrative. The unpublished records not only provide supplementary data crucial to a study of the ostraca, they also enliven the story behind the discovery of the inscriptions and reveal the archaeological and administrative trials persistently faced by the excavators, who found themselves working betwixt and between international and local powers and events during the waning years of the Ottoman Empire and the coming of World War I. Still, the internal and external struggles of a start-up expedition cast within a burgeoning academic field and the vicissitudes of world affairs did not prevent the Harvard Expedition from becoming one of the most influential projects of the early twentieth century.

Book Chapters, Articles, and Reviews:

- 1993 "Ahab," "Hazor," "Megiddo," — Pp. 19, 269–70, and 511 in *The Oxford Companion to the Bible*. Bruce M. Metzger and Michael D. Coogan, eds. New York: Oxford University Press, 1993.
- 1995a "Did the Dead Ever Die in Biblical Judah?" *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 298: 59–68 (also presented in lecture form to the Faculty and doctoral students in the Department of Near Eastern Studies at The Johns Hopkins University, April 17, 1995).
- 1995b "Psalm 23: Symbolism and Structure," *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 57: 255–80.
- 1996 "Iron Age Civilizations in the Near East," Pp. 496–98 in *The Oxford Companion to Archaeology*. Brian M. Fagan, ed. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 1997 "Samaria," Pp. 463–67 in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East, Volume 4*, William G. Dever, ed. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 1998a "Review of *Ancient Jerusalem Revealed*," H. Geva, ed. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 57/3: 221–23.
- 1998b "Review of *The Judean Pillar-Figurines and the Archaeology of Asherah*" by R. Kletter. *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 310: 85–89.
- 1998c "Review of *Excavations at the City of David, 1987–95, Vol. 4: Various Reports*," D. T. Ariel and A. de Groot, eds. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 59/4: 299–303.
- 2000a "Lineage and Law in Pre-Exilic Israel," *Revue Biblique*, 107/2: 175–204.

- 2000b “The Code of Kinship in the Ten Commandments,” *Revue Biblique*, 107/3: 321–37.
- 2000c “The 1998 Preliminary Survey of Khirbet Zeitah el-Kharab (Tel Zayit) in the Shephelah of Judah,” *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 319: 7–36.
- 2000d “The Region and City of Samaria,” *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. D. N. Freedman, A. B. Beck, and A. C. Myers, eds. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.
- 2000e “Shechem,” *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. D. N. Freedman, A. B. Beck, and A. C. Myers, eds. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.
- 2001a “Tel Zayit: La biblique Libnah?” *Le Monde de la Bible* 135: 56 [consultant].
- 2001b “Review of *A Slice through Time: Dendrochronology and Precision Dating*,” by M. G. L. Baillie. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 60/3: 214–18.
- 2001c “Recent Interpretations of Ancient Israelite Religion,” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 123/1: 159–67.
- 2001d “Review of *The Archaeology of Jordan and Beyond: Essays in Honor of James A. Sauer*,” L. E. Stager, J. Greene, M. D. Coogan, eds. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 62/4: 1–3.
- 2005 “Samaria: The Presentation of Israel’s Royal City in the Historical Books of the Old Testament,” published under the title “Samaria,” Pp. 854–62 in *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books*, B. T. Arnold and H. G. M. Williamson, eds. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.
- 2006a “The Provenance of the Unpublished Ivories from Samaria,” Pp. 637–56 in “*I Will Speak the Riddles of Ancient Times*” (*Ps 78:2b*): *Archaeological and Historical Studies in Honor of Amihai Mazar on the Occasion of his Sixtieth Birthday*, A. M. Maeir and P. de Miroschedji, eds. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns.
- 2006b “An Abecedary of the Mid-Tenth Century B.C.E. from the Judaeen Shephelah,” *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 344: 5–46.
- 2007 “The Final Years of Israelite Samaria: Toward a Dialogue between Texts and Archaeology,” Pp. 258–79 in *Up to the Gates of Ekron: Essays on the Archaeology and History of the Eastern Mediterranean in Honor of Seymour Gitin*, S. White Crawford, A. Ben-Tor, J. P. Dessel, W. G. Dever, A. Mazar, and J. Aviram, eds. Jerusalem: The W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research and the Israel Exploration Society.
- 2008a “Tel Zayit,” in *The New Encyclopedia of Archaeological Excavations in the Holy Land*, Vol. 5. E. Stern, ed. Jerusalem: The Israel Exploration Society, The Biblical Archaeological Society, and The Israel Antiquities Authority.
- 2008b “Historical and Geographical Notes on the ‘Lowland Districts’ of Judah in Joshua 15:33–47,” *Vetus Testamentum* 58: 381–403.
- 2008c “East of Ashkelon: The Setting and Settling of the Judaeen Lowlands in the Iron Age IIA Period,” Pp. 449–63 in *Exploring the Longue Durée: Essays in Honor of Lawrence E. Stager*. J. David Schloen, ed. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns.

- 2008d “Tel Zayit and the Tel Zayit Abecedy in their Regional Context,” Pp. 1–44 in *Literate Culture and Tenth-Century Canaan: The Tel Zayit Abecedy in Context*, R. E. Tappy and P. Kyle McCarter, eds. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns.
- 2009a “Samaria,” Pp. 61–71 in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*, Volume 5, Katherine Doob Sackenfled, ed. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2009.
- 2009b “Tel Zayit,” Pg. 958 in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*, Volume 5, Katherine Doob Sackenfled, ed. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2009.
- 2011 “The Depositional History of Iron Age Tel Zayit: A Response to Finkelstein, Sass, and Singer-Avitz,” *Eretz-Israel* 30 (Ben-Tor Volume): 127*–143*.
- 2012 “The *Tabula Peutingeriana*: Its Roadmap to Borderland Settlements in *Iudaea-Palestina*, with Special Reference to Tel Zayit in the Late Roman Period,” *Near Eastern Archaeology* 75/1:36–54.
- 2013 “Israelite Samaria in Archaeology and the Bible: Problems and Solutions,” *Bible Odyssey* (The Society of Biblical Literature website project, available at <http://www.bibleodyssey.org/en/places/main-articles/samaria.aspx>).
- 2014a “Israelite Samaria: Head of Ephraim and Jerusalem’s Elder Sister,” Pp. 73–87 in *Archaeology in the ‘Land of Tells and Ruins’: A History of Excavations in the Holy Land Inspired by the Photographs and Accounts of Leo Boer*. B. Wagemakers, ed. Oxford: Oxbow Books.
- 2014b “Tel Zayit: A Borderland Site in the Judaeen Shephelah,” *Davar Avar* 20: 20–21 (Hebrew).
- 2015a “Iron Age IIA–B: Samaria,” Pp. 189–211, 719 in *The Ancient Pottery of Israel and Its Neighbors: From the Iron Age through the Hellenistic Period, Vol. 1*. Seymour Gitin, ed. Jerusalem: Israel Exploration Society/W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research/Israel Antiquities Authority (invited contribution).
- 2015b “Iron Age IIC: Samaria,” Pp. 327–44, 727 in *The Ancient Pottery of Israel and Its Neighbors: From the Iron Age through the Hellenistic Period, Vol. 1*. Seymour Gitin, ed. Jerusalem: Israel Exploration Society/W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research/Israel Antiquities Authority (invited contribution).
- 2016 The Harvard Expedition to Samaria: A Story of Twists and Turns in the Opening Season of 1908. *Buried History* 52: 3–30.
- 2017a “The Archaeology and History Tel Zayit: A Record of Liminal Life,” Pp. 155–79 in *The Shephelah during the Iron Age: Recent Archaeological Studies*. O. Lipschits and A. M. Maeir, eds. Papers from the 16th World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns.
- 2017b “Turning Hippos into Ducks: Avian Artifacts in Ivory,” contribution to a forthcoming Festschrift for Professor P. Kyle McCarter, Jr., of The Johns Hopkins University.
- 2017c “The Excavation of Tel Zayit: A City on the Border of Judah and Philistia,” *Qadmoniot* 154: 78–87 (Hebrew).

- 2017d “Exploration of a Biblical Town on the Border of Judah: A Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Project,” *Pittsburgh Theological Journal* 8: 95–128.
- 2018a “The Annals of Sargon II and the Archaeology of Samaria: Rhetorical Claims, Empirical Evidence,” in *The Last Days of the Kingdom of Israel*. Shuichi Hasegawa, Christoph Levin and Karen Radner, eds. Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft. Berlin: de Gruyter.
- 2018b “Response to Norma Franklin,” *Journal of Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology and Heritage Studies* 6.1–2: 150–52.

Consultant to the Following Articles:

- 1995 Adrienne Mayon, “Mad Honey!” *Archaeology* 48/6:32–40.
- 1999 S. Wolff, “Archaeology in Israel, 1999,” *American Journal of Archaeology*.

Reports on The Zeitah Excavations to the Israel Antiquities Authority:

- 1998 “The 1998 Preliminary Survey of Tel Zayit, Israel,” Pp. 1–44; submitted in November.
- 1999 “The Inaugural Excavations of Tel Zayit, Israel, 1999 Season: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority,” Pp. 1–31; submitted in December.
- 2000 “The Second Season of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel, 2000: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority,” Pp. 1–29; submitted in December.
- 2001 “The Third Season of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel, 2001: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority,” Pp. 1–26; submitted in December.
- 2004 “The Fourth Season of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel, 2004: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority,” Pp. 1–37 (plus 1999–2004 Locus Index); submitted in December.
- 2005 “The Fifth Season of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel, 2005: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority,” Pp. 1–31 (with 2005 Locus Index), submitted in December.
- 2007 “The Sixth Season of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel, 2007: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority,” Pp. 1–66 (with 2007 Locus Index), submitted in December.
- 2009 “The Seventh Season of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel, 2009: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority (with updated and revised Locus Index),” submitted in December.
- 2010 “The Eighth Season of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel, 2010: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority (with updated and revised Locus Index),” submitted in November.
- 2011 “The Ninth Season of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel, 2011: A Preliminary Report to the Israel Antiquities Authority (with updated and revised Locus Index),” submitted in December.

Works for Future Publication:

- The G. Walter Hansen Expedition to Tel Zayit, Israel (volumes I–II now in progress)*
Zeitah I: Project Overview—Design and Strategy, Locus List, and Concordance of Material Culture
Zeitah II: The Iron Age IIA through the Late Ottoman Period—An Assessment of Location, Stratigraphy, Architecture, and Pottery (text and plates)
Zeitah III: The Iron Age IIA through the Late Ottoman Period—A Comprehensive Comparative Ceramic Analysis (text and plates)
Zeitah IV: The Late Bronze Age and Earlier Periods—An Assessment of Location, Stratigraphy, Architecture, Pottery, and Material Culture (text and plates)

- “A Tenth-Century BCE Ceramic Mask from Tel Zayit”
 “The Design and Political-Ideological Symbolism of the Royal Quarter at Israelite Samaria”
 “An Archaeological Reassessment of the So-Called ‘Ivory House’ at Samaria”
 “The Dimorphic Society as a Model for the Study of Ancient Israel: Iron Age I”
 “The Earliest Israelite Pottery from Samaria: Stratigraphic Context and Implications for Iron Age Chronology”
 “‘Fear Not, For I Am With You’—Formulaic Language from Israel’s Earliest Epic Tradition”
 “The Household of Yahweh: Lineage Language in the Hebrew Psalter”
 “The ‘Israelite’ Four-Horned Altar: A Comment on its Function and Historical Antecedents”
 “2 Samuel 24:18–24 and the Role of the *GÖREN* in Early Israel. A Text Critical Analysis”
 “The Sociology of the Jephthah Story (Judges 11)”

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- 1991a “Translating the Text of the Hebrew Bible: *Ipsissima Verba, Varias Lectiones*, and the Divinely Inspired Message,” Guest lecture at the Residential College, University of Michigan, February 21.
- 1991b “A Brief History of Modern Archaeological Research and the Present State of ‘Biblical Archaeology.’” Address given to the faculty and students of the Department of Religious Studies, Westmont College, February 27.
- 1991c “Ashkelon through the Ages: With Special Reference to the Calf Figurine from the Middle Bronze Age II Period (ca. 1550 BCE).” Paper presented at the Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, MA, May 19.
- 1991d “Deeper Meanings in Hebrew Poetry: The Case of Psalm 23.” Paper presented at the annual regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion-Midwest (Indiana State University), March.
- 1992 “Digging Up Kathleen Kenyon’s Private Fieldnotes: A Reconsideration of Ninth Century BCE Samaria,” paper presented at the annual national meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research in San Francisco, November.

- 1993 “Eight Seasons of Excavation at Ashkelon: Changes in Our Understanding of Biblical Philistia,” paper presented at the annual regional meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research—West (Cal State Fullerton), March 19 (also presented to the Los Angeles Chapter of the Biblical Archaeological Society).
- 1995 “Theory and Method in Complementary Opposition: The Excavation of Israelite Samaria by the Joint Expedition, 1932–35,” paper presented to the Biblical Archaeology Society of Pittsburgh, March 26.
- 1996 “What Did the Decalogue Mean? Reading the Ten Commandments as a Code of Kinship,” paper presented to the Biblical Law Group at the national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, November.
- 1997 “The Stomping Ground of Elijah: Samaria *in situ*,” paper presented at the 42nd annual meeting of the Biblical Archaeology Colloquium, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, November 15.
- 1999a “Tel Zayit: An Ancient Town with an Untold History,” paper presented to the Biblical Archaeology Society of Pittsburgh, February 21.
- 1999b “Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Bridging the Gap from Tel to Text,” inaugural address presented at my installation to the G. Albert Shoemaker Chair of Bible and Archaeology, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, November 9.
- 2000 “Two Seasons of Excavations at Tel Zayit, Israel: A Preliminary Report,” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Near Eastern Archaeology in Nashville, November.
- 2001 “Another Look at a Biblical Icon: The Early Cultural Setting of Exodus 20:12–18,” invited paper presented at a conference on *The Biblical Icons of Israelite Religion*, sponsored by the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies of New York University, October 28.
- 2002 “The Ivories and Glass Inlays from Samaria and the Economy of Israel during the Time of King Ahab,” paper presented in honor of Professor Lawrence E. Stager of Harvard University at the 47th annual meeting of the Biblical Archaeology Colloquium, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, November 16.
- 2003 “The Zeitah Excavations: Preliminary Results of the First Three Seasons of Fieldwork (1999–2001),” paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, in Atlanta, November, 20.
- 2004a “Excavating a Biblical Town on the Border of Judah: A Report on Three Years of Fieldwork at Tel Zayit,” public lectures given at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA (Feb 11, 2004); Millsaps College, Jackson, MS (Feb 17, 2004); and Asbury Theological Seminary, Lexington, KY (Feb. 24, 2004).
- 2004b “Method and Theory in Archaeological Fieldwork,” lecture given at Asbury Theological Seminary, Lexington, KY, February 25.
- 2005a “Exploring a Biblical Village on the Border of Judah: Four Seasons of Excavation at Tel Zayit,” paper presented to the Eastern Great Lakes Biblical Society, Erie, PA, March 7, 2005, and to the Pittsburgh Biblical Archaeology Society on March 13, 2005.

- 2005b “The 2005 Excavation Season at Tel Zayit, with Special Attention to the Tenth Century BCE,” paper co-presented with P. Kyle McCarter to the American Schools of Oriental Research, Philadelphia, November 17.
- 2005c “Exploration of a Biblical Town on the Border of Judah: Five Years of Excavation at Tel Zayit,” paper presented to the Society of Biblical Literature, Philadelphia, November 20.
- 2005d “The Tel Zayit Stone: A New Tenth-Century Inscription from the Judaeen Shephelah,” paper co-presented with P. Kyle McCarter in a special session of the Society of Biblical Literature devoted to The Zeitah Excavations, Philadelphia, PA, November 20.
- Also presented at:*
- Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, December 8, 2005 (with P. Kyle McCarter)
 Friends of the Israel Exploration Society, Baltimore-Washington, February 15, 2006 (with P. Kyle McCarter)
 Duquesne University, December 1, 2005 and January 26, 2006
 New York University, December 12, 2005
 Augustana College, January 19, 2006
 University of Pittsburgh, February 28, 2006
 Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Archaeology, March 8, 2006
 Mississippi State University, March 21, 2006
 Millsaps College, March 22, 2006
 Horn Archaeological Museum of Andrews University, April 6, 2006
 Many local churches, synagogues, and other venues in the greater Pittsburgh area
- 2006a “The Language of Conquest in the Annals of Sargon,” paper presented to a Faculty Colloquium at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on April 4, 2006.
- 2006b “The Origins of Our Alphabet: New Evidence for the History of Writing in the Time of King Solomon.” Lectures presented at The Fourth Annual Dr. J. Calvin Rose Memorial Seminar, Westminster College, October 10, 2006.
- 2007 “The Archaeological Context of the Tel Zayit Abecedary and Why That Context is Important,” paper presented to the annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Diego, November 15, 2007.
- 2009a “Can Archaeology Tell Us Anything about the Bible: Eighth Century Lachish as a Test Case,” presentation in the Continuing Education Program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, September 26.
- 2009b “Tel Zayit in the Iron Age—with Special Focus on the Iron Age IIA Period,” paper presented to the Biblical Colloquium, Baltimore, October 30.
- 2009c “Tenth-Century Tel Zayit: Life in the Liminal Zone,” paper presented to the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, November 21.
- 2011 “The Geo-Political Setting of Tel Zayit in Late Roman Cartography,” a presentation to the following groups: Chinese delegation visiting PTS, October 2; the Colonial Dames, October 18; OctoberQuest, October 22; Beth El Synagogue, November 7; and the Mount Lebanon Historical Society, January 18, 2012.
- 2012a “Liminal Life and the Story of Tel Zayit,” 2012 Tyndale Lecture in Biblical Archaeology; Triennial Conference, King’s Park Conference Centre, Northampton, England, UK, July 3.

- 2012b “*Abacadabra: A Writer’s Tenth-Century Toolkit*,” invited seminar presentation at the Lanier Library, Houston, November 2, 2012.
- 2013a “The Archaeology and History of Tel Zayit: A Record of Liminal Life,” paper presented at and published by The World Congress of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem, Israel, July 28, 2013.
- 2013b “The Trouble with Old Excavation Reports . . . And New Ones, Too?” paper presented at the annual meeting of the Biblical Colloquium, Baltimore, MD, November 1, 2013.
- 2014a “Jerusalem: City of Passion,” a series of three Lenten Lectures based on the intersection of archaeological, historical, and textual studies delivered at the American Church in Paris, France, April 6–20.
- 2014b “Raising Canaan: Excavations in the Shephelah of Israel,” an invited address to the Harvard Club of Paris, delivered at the Musée d’art et d’histoire du Judaïsme, Paris, April 17.
- 2014c “Back to the Land by Grounding the Text: The Lay of the Land and the Message of the Bible,” keynote address to the Continuation Education seminar and workshop for teachers held at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, September 27.
- 2014d “Claiming (and Changing) Identity at the Middle Ground: Life Cycles of a Biblical Site,” The Robert W. MacVittie Annual Lecture in Theology delivered at SUNY Geneseo, sponsored by The Geneseo Foundation of the State University of New York, College at Geneseo, The Geneseo Interfaith Service Project, and The Livingston County Coalition of Churches, November 18.
- 2014e “The Land of Ancient Israel: How the Natural World Shaped the Biblical Message,” adult education seminar at Central Presbyterian Church, Geneseo, NY, November 19.
- 2015a I was invited by the Council and Director of the Australian Institute of Archaeology to deliver the annual Petrie Oration at the AIA and to present other lectures in doctoral seminars and for the general public at various institutions in Australia. I delivered nine lectures at six different universities or societies, as follows:
 University of Melbourne
 Latrobe University
 Australian Institute of Archaeology (*Annual Petrie Oration*)
 University of Sydney
 Macquarie University
 University of New England
- 2015b “Letters: The Working-Class Invention that Revolutionized Writing,” the Kelso Museum of Near Eastern Archaeology Lecture Series and the Biblical Archaeological Society of Pittsburgh.
- 2015c “Betwixt and Between: The Give and Take of Life in the Borderlands of Biblical Judah,” the Kelso Museum of Near Eastern Archaeology Lecture Series and the Biblical Archaeological Society of Pittsburgh.
- 2016a “The Samaria Ostraca: Shipping Dockets Discovered on Ancient Israel’s Capitol Hill,” the Kelso Museum of Near Eastern Archaeology Lecture Series, the Biblical Archaeological Society of Pittsburgh, and Rodef Shalom Synagoge, Pittsburgh, PA.

- 2016b “Life’s Connections from Ancient Tel Zayit: Everywhere . . . But Neither Here Nor There,” lecture to members of the Azekah Expedition from Tel Aviv University, Galon, Israel.
- 2017a “Evidence from the Final Years of Israelite Samaria: A Dialectic between Texts and Archaeology, or between Modern Day Scholars?” paper presented at the conference *The Last Days of the Kingdom of Israel*, March 15–17; sponsored by the Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung and the Alexander von Humbolt Foundation, Munich, Germany.
- 2017b “The Archaeology of Israelite Samaria: Accomplishments . . . and Problems,” paper presented to the Evangelická Teologická Fakulta, Univerzita Karlova, Prague, The Czech Republic, March 21.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS (selected; list of more than 175 additional presentations available upon request):

- “Historical Geography of the Land of the Bible,” a series presented at Montecito Covenant Church in Santa Barbara, CA.
- “Kinship and Covenant in the Biblical World,” a series presented at the Free Methodist Church in Santa Barbara, CA, and at the Cambridge Drive Baptist Church in Goleta, CA.
- “The Old Testament in its Social and Historical Context,” a series presented at Bakerstown Presbyterian Church, Bakerstown, PA.
- “Did Pre-Exilic Israel Really Exist? The Bible and Archaeology,” presented at Bellfield Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA.
- “The Old Testament in its Social and Historical Context,” a course offered by The Westminster Academy of Christian Studies and The Office of Continuing Education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (with support from The Christian Education Unit of the Pittsburgh Presbytery); presented at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Upper St. Clair, PA.
- “Stories and Poems from Old Israel: A Literary-Historical Look at the Trials of the Divided Monarchy,” a series presented at Bakerstown Presbyterian Church, Bakerstown, PA.
- “Back to the Future: Biblical Archaeology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary,” a workshop given during *OctoberQuest 1998* at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and to prospective students during Seminary preview days.
- “Kingship, Kinship, and Conquest in Old Israel,” a series presented to the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, Fox Chapel, PA.
- “What’s Happening in Archaeology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary?” address to the United Methodist Women, United Methodist Church, Oakmont, PA.
- “The Family in Early Israel” and “The Battle of Lachish and the Theology of Jerusalem,” two addresses given to the Shenango Presbytery, New Castle, PA.
- “Writers on the Wind: Ancient Inscriptions and What They Tell Us about Biblical Israel,” luncheon address presented to the retired men’s group at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Upper St. Clair, PA.

- “Archaeology, History, and Texts: Windows into Life in Ancient Canaan and Israel,” a series presented at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, Fox Chapel, PA.
- “Some Notes on Old Testament Backgrounds,” a series presented to the Northmont United Presbyterian Church, McCandless, PA.
- “What’s Happening in Archaeology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary?” address presented at Oakmont Presbyterian Church, Oakmont, PA.
- “Resurrecting the Old Testament: Themes that Inform Our Lives,” adult education series presented at Covenant United Prebyterian Church, Butler, PA.
- “Tel Zayit: A Biblical Town on the Border of Judah,” presentation to prospective students at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, PA.
- “Understanding the Old Testament: The Life and Literature of Early Israel,” adult education series presented at Longwood at Oakmont, Verona, PA.
- “Understanding Theological Themes from Old Israel through Archaeology, History, and Texts,” a four-part seminar conducted at Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA.
- “Historical Geography of Ancient Israel: What it Tells Us about Biblical History,” adult education series presented at Parkwood United Presbyterian Church, Allison Park, PA.
- “Three Curious Stories About Three Curious Prophets: Elijah, Elisha, and Micaiah ben Imlah,” a course offered by The Westminster Academy of Christian Studies and presented at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Upper St. Clair, PA.
- “The Prophets and Kings of Old Israel: A Literary-Historical Look at the Trials of a Divided Monarchy,” adult education series presented at Covenant United Presbyterian Church, Butler, PA.
- “Three Seasons of Excavation at Tel Zayit, Israel: What Have We Learned?” three lectures presented at an Elderhostel sponsored by the Kelso Museum of Near Eastern Archaeology and in an evening address at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, PA.
- “Geography and Old Testament History: How do They Relate?” adult education presentation at First Methodist Church of Shadyside, Pittsburgh, PA.
- “The Life and Times of Amos the Prophet,” adult education series presented at Sharon Presbyterian Church, Moon, PA.
- “Geography and Old Testament History: How They Relate,” adult education series presented at Glenshaw Presbyterian Church, Glenshaw, PA.
- “Wars and Rumors of Wars: The Life and Times of Amos and Isaiah,” adult education series presented at Longwood at Oakmont, Verona, PA.
- “Digging up the Old Testament: The History and Theology of Early Israel,” adult education series presented at Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church, PA.
- “The Identity of Tel Zayit, Israel: Biblical Libnah or Biblical Ziklag?” The Joseph M. Markowitz Memorial Lecture at Beth Israel Synagogue, Pittsburgh, PA.

- “Psalm 23: Reading the ‘Shepherd’s Song’ Correctly,” adult education presentation at First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, Bakerstown, PA.
- “Wars and Rumors of Wars: The Life and Times of Amos and Isaiah,” adult education series presented at Shadyside United Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, PA.
- “Language and Meaning in Old Testament Texts,” adult education series presented at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Upper Saint Clair, PA.
- “Covenant and Kinship in Early Israel,” adult education series presented at Sharon Community Presbyterian Church, Moon, PA.
- “Wars and Rumors of Wars: The Life and Times of Amos and Isaiah,” adult education series presented at Glenshaw Presbyterian Church, PA.
- “Down from Above: When God Comes to Earth — Part I (1 Kings 18–19); “Up from Below: The Israelite View of Heaven—Part II (1 Kings 22),” adult education series presented at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, PA.
- “Writers on the Wind: *Extra-Biblical* Texts and What They Tell Us about *Biblical* Israel”; “The History and Waterworks of Jerusalem in the Time of King Hezekiah and the Prophet Isaiah (2 Kings 20)”; “When a Mother Arose in Israel: The Great Battle of Deborah (Judges 4–5)”; “Could Tel Zayit Be Ancient Libnah or Ziklag? (1 Samuel 27–30),” public lecture series presented at Longwood at Oakmont, Verona, PA.
- “The Life and Times of Amos and Isaiah,” adult education series presented at Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA.
- “The Misadventures of Ahab and Jezebel: Kings and Prophets, Psychology and Theology,” adult education series presented at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Butler, PA.
- “The Misadventures of Ahab and Jezebel Amidst a Prophetic Revolution,” adult education series presented at First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, PA.
- “The Office of Prophet as Background to the Book of Amos”; “Geography and Imagery in the Book of Amos”; “The Battle of Lachish and the Theology of Jerusalem: A View from Archaeology”; “The Battle of Lachish and the Theology of Jerusalem: A View from the Biblical Texts,” Continuing Education Series presented at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.
- “Bible History in the Light of Ancient Writings from Outside the Bible,” adult education series presented at Southminster Presbyterian Church, Mount Lebanon, PA.
- “How Then Shall We Trust God? Guidance from the Prophets and Psalms,” a series of six sermons and lectures delivered at the 2005 New Life Conference, East Main Presbyterian Church, Grove City, PA.
- “Grounding the Text in the Lay of the Land,” adult education lecture presented at Beulah Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA.
- “Kinship and Covenant in the Biblical World,” two adult education series presented at Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, Monroeville, PA and Oakmont Presbyterian Church, Oakmont, PA.

“Political Assassinations, Floating Axe Heads, and Bears Eating Children: Hard-to-Understand Passages in the Deuteronomistic History,” adult education series in preparation.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Invited nominee as Fellow in the Explorer’s Club, New York City (decision pending)
 Frank Moore Cross Award from the American Schools of Oriental Research (for *Literate Culture and Tenth-Century Canaan: The Tel Zayit Abecedary in Context*, R. E. Tappy and P. Kyle McCarter, Jr., eds.), 2009
 Induction into the Biblical Colloquium, 2009
 Faculty Development Grant (for professional research), PTS, 1998, 1999
 PEW Charitable Trust Research Fellowship, 1997
 Faculty Development Grant (for professional research), Westmont College, 1993, 1996
 Giles Whiting Fellowship (dissertation award), Harvard University, 1989–1990
 Kohler Award, Harvard University, 1989
 Leon Levy Expedition Grant, 1988, 1989, 1990
 Pfeiffer Award, Harvard University, 1988, 1990
 ASOR/EBR Travel Scholarship, 1988
 Harvard University Scholarships, 1985–86, 1986–87, 1988–89
 Stern Award, University of Chicago, 1985
 Phi Alpha Chi Honor Society, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 1984
 Academic Scholarship, Institute of Holy Land Studies, Jerusalem, 1981
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APPENDIX A:

The Kelso Museum of Near Eastern Archaeology Lecture Series

For the past 110 years, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary has maintained a commitment to the study and practice of archaeology in biblical lands, broadly defined. As part of this ongoing interest, The Kelso Museum of Near Eastern Archaeology, founded in 1926, has sponsored an annual lecture series for the last 44 years. The mandate of this program involves bringing to campus distinguished scholars who have made recognized contributions in archaeology and related disciplines. As director of the program since 2000, I have organized and moderated the following presentations:

2017–2018	September 28	“Lawrence of Arabia’s War: The Arabs, the British, and the Remaking of the Middle East in World War I” Neil Faulkner, University of Bristol, England
	April 12	“Samson in Stone: New Discoveries in the Ancient Synagogue at Huqoq in Israel’s Galilee” Jodi Magness, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
2016–2017	(sabbatical year)	

- 2015–2016 October 1 “Letters: The Working-Class Invention that Revolutionized Writing”
Ron E. Tappy, G. Albert Shoemaker Professor of Bible and
Archaeology and Director of The Zeitah Excavations, Pittsburgh
Theological Seminary
- October 22 “The People of the Dead Sea Scrolls: Identity, Religion, and History”
Lawrence H. Schiffman, Judge Abraham Lieberman Professor of
Hebrew and Judaic Studies, New York University
- November 17 “How and Why Did Jewish Art Flourish in Late Antiquity as Never Before?”
Leei Levine, Rev. Moses Bernard Lauterman Family Professor
Emeritus of the Archaeology of Eretz Israel, The Hebrew University
of Jerusalem
- December 10 “Betwixt and Between: The Give and Take of Life in the Borderlands of
Biblical Judah”
Ron E. Tappy, G. Albert Shoemaker Professor of Bible and
Archaeology and Director of The Zeitah Excavations, Pittsburgh
Theological Seminary
- February 4 “The Samaria Ostraca: Shipping Dockets Discovered on Ancient Israel’s
Capitol Hill”
Ron E. Tappy, G. Albert Shoemaker Professor of Bible and
Archaeology and Director of The Zeitah Excavations, Pittsburgh
Theological Seminary
- May 26 “Attending the Olympic Games in Fifth-Century BCE Greece: A Tourist’s
Guide”
Neil Faulkner, University of Bristol, England
- 2014–2015 April 14 “Women and Weaving: The World’s Oldest Textiles”
Elizabeth Wayland Barber, Professor Emerita of Archaeology
and Linguistics, Occidental College and Research Associate, Cotsen
Institute of Archaeology, UCLA
- December 18 “The Emergence of Israel in the Land of Canaan”
Avraham Faust, Professor of Archaeology, Martin (Susz) Department
of Land of Israel Studies and Archaeology, Bar Ilan University, Israel
- November 6 “The Aramaeans: The Ubiquitous People Group of the Ancient Near East”
K. Lawson Younger, Jr., Professor of Old Testament, Semitic
Language, and Ancient Near Eastern History, Trinity International
University
- October 16 “Getting to be King and Staying There: The Davidic Royal Ideal Illustratæed
from Hittite Texts”
Harry A. Hoffner, Jr., John A. Wilson Emeritus Professor of
Hittitology, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago
- 2013–2014 September 17 “The Archaeology of Taxation in Biblical Judah”
Gabriel Barkay, Bar Ilan University; Jerusalem University College

- October 22 “Uses and Misuses of Radiocarbon Testing in Archaeological Dating”
Christopher Bronk Ramsey, Director, Oxford Radiocarbon Accelerator Unit, Oxford University
- November 19 “Kuntillet ‘Ajrūd: Yahweh, ‘His Asherah’, and Much More”
Christoph Uehlinger, University of Zürich
- December 17 “The Sisters of Sinai: How Two Lady Adventurers Discovered the Hidden Gospels”
Janet Soskice, University of Cambridge
- May 1 “Archaeo-Musicology: Ancient Sumerian, Egyptian, Canaanite, and Greek Musical Notation”
Philip and Gayle Neuman, Ensemble de Organographia
(this lecture includes performances on double reed pipes, kithara, sistrum, and Greek and Egyptian trumpets)
- 2012–2013 December 6 “Uncorking the Past: The Biomolecular Archaeology of Wines, Beers, and Extreme Beverages”
Patrick McGovern, University of Pennsylvania Museum
- April 25 “The Achaemenid Imagery and Ideology of Power”
Amélie Kuhrt, Emerita Professor, University College London
- May 14 “The Wonderful Things of Punt: Excavations at a Pharaonic Harbor on the Red Sea”
Kathryn Bard, Boston University
- 2011–2012 November 10 “Nubians, Alphabets, and Bread Forms: New Light on the Second Intermediate Period in Egypt’s Western Desert”
John Darnell, Yale University
- April 23 “A Land of Milk and Honey: The Discovery of an Iron Age Bee-Keeping Industry at Tel Rehov”
Amihai Mazar, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- May 10 “The Magnificent Peutinger Map: Roman Cartography at its Most Creative”
Richard J. A. Talbert, University of North Carolina
- 2010–2011 October 12 “The Ulu Burun Shipwreck and Late Bronze Age Maritime Trade in the Eastern Mediterranean”
Cemal Pulak, Texas A & M University
- November 16 “Faunal Analysis and the Interpretation of Archaeological Sites”
Edward Maher, The Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago
- April 14 “Mummies of the XVIII Dynasty: New Approaches to Ancient Evidence”
Robert Connolly, University of Liverpool
- 2009–2010 November 15 “At the Border: Iron Age Beth-Shemesh”
Zvi Lederman, Tel Aviv University

- April 13 "A New Inscription from the Time of King David? The Excavations at Khirbet Qeiyafa and What They Tell Us about the Tenth Century BCE"
Yosef Garfinkel, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2008–2009 November 18 "Recent Results from the Excavations at Megiddo"
Israel Finkelstein, Tel Aviv University
- April 28 "King Solomon's Mines: Recent Archaeological Research in Southern Jordan"
Thomas Levy, University of California, San Diego
- 2007-2008 December 6 "The Bible and Archaeology Today: Truth Revealed or Spin Confirmed?"
Alan Millard, University of Liverpool
- April 24 "Excavating the Galilean House: Jesus, Judaism, and Roman Rule"
Jonathan Reed, LaVerne University
- 2006-2007 November 2 "Archaeology at the Petra Great Temple, Jordan 1993–2006"
Martha Sharp Joukowsky, Brown University
- April 26 "Tsunami: The Song of the Sea and the Song of Deborah"
David Noel Freedman, University of California at San Diego
- 2005-2006 December 8 "The Tel Zayit Inscription: An Archaeological Benchmark in the History of Writing"
Ron E. Tappy, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
P. Kyle McCarter, The Johns Hopkins University
- April 27 "Hidden Power: The Religious Culture of Israelite Women"
Carol Meyers, Duke University
- 2004-2005 December 9 "The Fate of Iraqi Archaeology: Mesopotamian Heritage Under Threat"
McGuire Gibson, Oriental Institute, The University of Chicago
- February 10 "The Temple Mount in Jerusalem: Past and Present"
Gabriel Barkay, Bar Ilan University; Jerusalem University College
- April 28 "Towns and Tombs of the Dead Sea Plain"
R. Thomas Schaub, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- 2003-2004 October 2 "The Archaeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls"
Jodi Magness, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- April 22 "Jerusalem at the Time of the United Monarchy: The Archaeological Evidence"
Jane Cahill, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 2002-2003 February 5 "The Earliest Biblical Verses Discovered in Jerusalem"
Gabriel Barkay, Bar Ilan University; Jerusalem University College

	May 1	“Ekron of the Bible: The Rise and Fall of the Philistines” Seymour Gitin, William Foxwell Albright Institute of Archaeological Research
2001-2002	April 25	“Ancient Shipwrecks in the Mediterranean” Lawrence E. Stager, Harvard University
2000-2001	September 18	“The Age of Solomon: Myth or Reality?” William G. Dever, University of Arizona
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1999-2000	April 27	Open House Ribbon-cutting Ceremony for Renovated Museum Reception Honoring Nancy Lapp