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PUBLICATIONS:

Monographs:

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Edited Volumes:

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Articles and Book Chapters:

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- Entries for Egyptian and Near Eastern (non-Mesopotamian) bronzes in the Harvard University Art Museums, published in *Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Bronzes at the Harvard University Art Museums* on-line at < <http://www.harvardartmuseums.org/collections/special-collections/ancient-mediterranean-and-near-eastern-bronzes-at-the-harvard-art-museums>> Susanne Ebbinghaus, Editor; Lisa M. Anderson, General Editor. 2014.
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- “Who’s that Goddess? The Global, the Local, and the Minet el-Beida Ivory Lid at Bronze Age Ugarit.” To appear in *Divinity in Ancient Israel and Beyond: Essays in Honor of Theodore J. Lewis*, ed. A.R. Davis, R. Liebermann, A. Mandell, and R. Jasnow, Society of Biblical Literature, ms. submitted for publication in summer 2025.

PAPERS DELIVERED:**Invited Talks:**

- “The Question of Phoenician Ivory,” presented at Phoenician Identity in the Making, Research Workshop of the Israel Science Foundation, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies, Jerusalem, 2-4 February 2026.
- “Globalization and Materiality: Goddesses, Textiles, and Ivory at Late Bronze Age Ugarit,” presented at The Future of Ancient Near Eastern Art History, University of Chicago, 16 May 2025.
- “Is there a Mesopotamian Ontology?” presented at Trees, Birds, and Funny Words: A Symposium in Honor of Professor Niek Veldhuis, UC Berkeley, 28 April 2025.
- “Goddesses, Textiles, and Ivory: A Materiality-Based Approach to a 13th c. BCE Carved Ivory Lid from a Syrian Port City,” Local and Global Perspectives on Materiality in the Premodern World, Marco Symposium 2025, The Marco Institute, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 7-8 March 2025.
- “The Display and Reception of Akkadian Period (c. 2350-1250 BCE) Royal Monuments in Later Mesopotamian History,” **Keynote Lecture** at Opening the Ancient World, Saving Ancient Studies Alliance, virtual conference, 21-22 July 2024.
- “Remembering and Forgetting in Ancient Mesopotamia: Ziggurats, Royal Sculpture, and the Shaping of the Akkadian Empire during the Ur III Period (c. 2100-2000 BCE),” **The Ellen and Charles S. La Follette Lecture**, AIA-San Francisco Society, presented on-line, 20 March 2024.
- “Remembering and Forgetting in Ancient Mesopotamia: Ziggurats, Royal Sculpture, and the Shaping of the Akkadian Empire during the Ur III Period (c. 2100-2000 BCE),” AIA-New York Society, presented on-line, 6 March 2024.
- “The Material Charisma of Akkadian Kingship: Bodies and Fabric in Early Mesopotamian Art,” **The Mary Auslund Tooze Endowed Visiting Professor in Ancient and Islamic Art Lecture**, Portland State University, 1 December 2022.
- “The Globalizing World of Images and Objects in the Ancient Near East during the Second Millennium BCE,” presented at Globalization in Visual Culture: A Transhistorical Approach, Historisches Seminar, Klassische Archäologie und Antikenmuseum, Universität Leipzig, 27-28 October, 2022.
- “Minor Arts (Luxury Industry),” presented at Mittani: An Enigmatic Empire, University of Bern, 21-23 October, 2022.
- “Charismatic Rulers in a Material World: the Art of the Akkadian Empire, c. 2350-2150 BCE,” presented virtually for The International Association for Archaeological Research in Western & Central Asia (ARWA), 9 September 2022. [online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=YKqgw53Tyek>]
- “Charismatic Rulers and Spatial Voids in the Art of the Akkadian Empire, c. 2350-2150 BCE,” Members’ Lecture, The OI, The University of Chicago, Chicago, 4 May 2022.
- “Charismatic Rulers and Spatial Void in a Material World: Art from the Akkadian Empire, c. 2350-2150 BCE,” **The Elizabeth S. Ettinghausen Lecture**, Princeton Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, Princeton, NJ, 21 March 2022.
- “Atmospheres of Power: Architecture and the Senses in Iron Age Syro-Anatolian Kingdoms,” presented at On Artists, Masons and Authority Ploys: Power and Symbolism in Judah, Israel and the Coast, A Conference in Honor of Prof. Tallay Ornan and Prof. Ilan Sharon on the Occasion of Their Retirement, Jerusalem and virtual, 13-14 October 2021 (given virtually).

- “Can There Be a General Theory of Style?” **Keynote Lecture**, Beyond Attribution?! Style and Communication in Visual Media of the Late Bronze and Iron Age Near East, International Virtual Conference organized by the Institut für Archäologische Wissenschaften, Freiburg University, and Vorderasiatische Archäologie, University of Tübingen, April 12-14, 2021 (given virtually).
- “Spatial Perspective as Emotional Affect in Neo-Assyrian Palace Reliefs,” University of Venice, February 4, 2021 (given virtually).
- “Fragments of Social Space: Near Eastern Carved Ivory Furniture Elements from the Early First Millennium BCE,” Conversations on Context: The Fragment in Archaeology, Getty Research Institute, Scholars Program, virtual event, December 7, 2020 (given virtually).
- “Monumental Architecture and the (De)construction of Memory: Ziggurats of the Ur III Period (c. 2100-2000 BCE) in Mesopotamia,” Altorientalisches Kolloquium, Institut für Vorderasiatische Archäologie, Ludwigs-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, July 2, 2019.
- “The Hidden Life of Meaning in Ancient Near Eastern Art,” **Keynote Lecture** for session on Visual and Textual Forms of Communication, Broadening Horizons 6, Bridging the Gap: Disciplines, Times and Spaces in Dialogue, Berlin, June 24-28, 2019.
- “Monumental Architecture and the (De)construction of Memory: Ziggurats of the Ur III Period (c. 2100-2000 BCE) in Mesopotamia,” part of the Visual Culture and Anthropology Program, Institut für Archäologische Wissenschaften, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität, Freiburg, June 19, 2019.
- “Monumental Architecture and the (De)construction of Memory: Ziggurats of the Ur III Period (c. 2100-2000 BCE) in Mesopotamia,” Vorderasiatische Archäologie, Tübingen, June 17, 2019.
- “Structure and Monument: Memory and Revolution in Southern Mesopotamia at the End of the Third Millennium BCE,” presented at Ancient Mediterranean Revolutions: A Conference on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of the Graduate Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology, University of California, Berkeley, September 6-8, 2018.
- “Monumental Architecture and the (De)construction of Memory: Ziggurats of the Ur III Period (c. 2100-2000 BCE) in Ancient Mesopotamia,” Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Chicago, May 31, 2018.
- “A New Perspective on Perspective in Neo-Assyrian Orthostat Reliefs,” Institute of Archaeology at the Hebrew University, Mount Scopus Campus, March 21, 2018.
- “Reassessing Style as an Indicator of Cultural Exchange during the Iron Age,” part of the conference, “The Connected Iron Age: Interregional Networks in the Eastern Mediterranean, 900-600 BCE,” Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago, Jan. 12-13, 2018.
- “Style as a Fragment of the Ancient World: A View from the Iron Age Levant and Assyria,” Classical Archaeology Seminar and Classical Art Research Centre Special Lecture, Oxford University, May 8, 2017. Available as a podcast at: <https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/style-fragment-ancient-world-view-iron-age-levant-and-assyria>
- “A New Perspective on Perspective in Neo-Assyrian Orthostat Reliefs,” Maison de l’Orient et de la Méditerranée, University of Lyon, April 14, 2017.
- “A New Perspective on Perspective in Neo-Assyrian Orthostat Reliefs,” University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, February 10, 2017.

- “A New Perspective on Perspective in Neo-Assyrian Orthostat Reliefs,” Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York, NY, February 1, 2017.
- “What is the Matter with Ancient Near Eastern Art? New Materiality Studies and Art History of the Ancient Near East,” 50th Anniversary of the Columbia University Seminar on the Ancient Near East, New York, NY, November 12, 2016.
- “The Mobility of Levantine Luxury Arts in the Near East and Eastern Mediterranean during the early First Millennium BCE,” Kershaw Lecture, Archaeological Institute of America, Ottawa, Canada, April 10, 2016, and Iowa City, April 18, 2016.
- “Tracing Northern Networks among the Arts of Syria in the Middle and Late Bronze Ages,” presented at the international conference Ebla and Beyond, Rome, December 15-17, 2014.
- “Consuming the East: Near Eastern Luxury Goods in Orientalizing Contexts,” Assyria to Iberia at the Dawn of the Classical Age, a symposium organized by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in conjunction with the exhibition, New York, November 6-7, 2014.
- “The Displacement of Luxury Arts in the Iron Age Near East and Eastern Mediterranean,” The John Howard Young Lecture, Baltimore Society of the AIA, Baltimore, October 24, 2014.
- “The Inscription of Identity and Memory on Iron Age “Phoenician” Metal Bowls, c. 1000-600 BCE,” presented in the “Babylon at Brown” Graduate Colloquium Series, Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, Brown University, April 7, 2014.
- “The Reuse and Recycling of Iron Age Levantine Luxury Arts,” Department of the Languages and Cultures of the Near and Middle East, SOAS, University of London, March 17, 2014.
- “The Displacement of Levantine Luxury Arts in the Early Iron Age,” Ancient Mediterranean Archaeology Graduate Program Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, January 17, 2014.
- “Early Iron Age Decorated Metal Bowls and the Ritualization of Inscribed Memory and Identity around the Eastern Mediterranean,” Internationales Kolleg Morphomata, University of Cologne, May 6, 2013.
- “The Inscription of Identity and Memory on Iron Age “Phoenician” Metal Bowls, c. 1000-600 BCE,” Institute for Greek and Roman Antiquity, National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, April 22, 2013.
- “Beyond Iconography: The Case of Cylinder Seals in the Late Bronze Aegean,” Department of History, Bogaziçi University, Istanbul, March 12, 2013.
- “Speaking Bowls: Early Iron Age Levantine Metal Bowls and the Ritualization of Inscribed Memory and Identity,” International Symposium on Cult and Ritual on the Levantine Coast and Its Impact on the Eastern Mediterranean Realm, Beirut, October 23-28, 2012 [*canceled due to political events*].
- “Communities of Style: The Inscription of Identity and Memory on Iron Age Levantine Metal Bowls, c. 1000-600 BCE,” Departments of Near Eastern Studies and History of Art, Johns Hopkins University, March 28, 2012.
- “The Modern Signscape of Ancient Levantine Ivories,” Cast in Space: Bildräume und Blickräume in der Antiken Welt, International Symposium, Excellence Cluster: TOPOI, Freie Universität, Berlin, February 20-21, 2012.
- “Speaking Objects: Inscriptions on Iron Age “Phoenician”/Levantine Metal Bowls,” UCHRI Working Group: The Material World in Social Life, UC San Diego, May 13-14, 2011.
- “Recreating the World in the Image of Assyria: Representations of the Other in Neo-Assyrian Art,” Imagined Beginnings: The Poetics and Politics of Cosmogony, Theogony and Anthropogony in the Ancient World, The Center for the Study of Ancient Religions at

- the University of Chicago and the Midwest Consortium on Ancient Religions, The University of Chicago, April 8-10, 2011.
- “The Practical Logic of Style and Memory in Early First Millennium Levantine Ivories,” Department of Art and Archaeology, Princeton University, April 5, 2011.
- “Beyond Iconography: Resonance, Value, and Making Meaning – the Case of Cylinder Seals in the Late Bronze Age Aegean,” History of Art Department, Faculty Lecture series, University of California, Berkeley, November 1, 2010.
- “Beyond Iconography: Resonance, Value, and Making Meaning – the Case of Cylinder Seals in the Late Bronze Age Aegean,” History of Art Department and Center for Ancient Studies, University of Pennsylvania, October 7, 2010.
- “The Materiality of Style: The Case of Ivories from early 1st Millennium BCE Syria,” The Bard Graduate Center, New York City, October 6, 2010.
- “Beyond Iconography: Resonance, Value, and Making Meaning – the Case of Cylinder Seals in the Late Bronze Age Aegean,” University of Heidelberg, June 23, 2010.
- “The Materiality of Style: A Late Bronze-Iron Age Case,” presented at the international conference, Materiality and Practice: Transformative Capacities of Intercultural Encounters, Heidelberg, Germany, March 25-27, 2010.
- “Deported Goods: The Representation of Booty in Neo-Assyrian Art,” presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Biblical Literature, New Orleans, November 21, 2009.
- “Expanding the Iconographies of Interconnections at 2nd Millennium Qatna,” presented at the international conference, Qatna and the Networks of Bronze Age Globalism, Stuttgart, Germany, October 17-20, 2009
- “Style as Material Memory in Early Iron Age Syria,” Memory and Identity Working Group, Near Eastern Studies Department, UC Berkeley, September 16, 2009.
- “The Art of Ivory Carving in the Second Millennium B.C.,” The Raymond and Beverly Sackler Symposium: Beyond Babylon: Art, Trade, and Diplomacy in the Second Millennium B.C., The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, December 18 and 19, 2008.
- “The Looting of Memory: Assyria’s Conquest of the West and the Nimrud Ivories,” Department of Art History, University of Chicago, September 30, 2008.
- “Luxury Arts and Interconnections in the Late Bronze and Early Iron Age Eastern Mediterranean and Near East,” The C. Densmore Curtis Lecture, Department of Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology, Bryn Mawr College, April 18, 2008.
- “Art as a Mediator of International Relations in the Eastern Mediterranean and Near East, 1400-1200 BCE,” Pepperdine University, Malibu, California, November 30, 2007.
- “The Visual Language of Diplomacy in the Eastern Mediterranean and Near East, c. 1400-1200 BCE,” University of Venice, Venice, Italy, November 6, 2007
- “Art in Action: Luxury Arts and Interconnections in the Late Bronze and Early Iron Ages,” Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology, Brown University, April 17, 2007
- “Palaces, Paintings, and Power: Frescoes between the Aegean and the Near East, 2000-1600 BCE,” San Francisco chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America, Annual Spring Banquet, 6 May 2005.
- “The Lives (and Deaths) of Mesopotamian Monuments,” presented at the symposium, “Dialogues in Art History: Celebrating 25 Years,” Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., 21-22 April 2005.

- “Hoarded Treasures: The Megiddo Ivories and the End of the Bronze Age,” invited talk at symposium, “Kingdoms of Ivory, Kingdoms of Iron,” Oriental Institute Museum of the University of Chicago, 5 March 2005.
- “Meaning and Contexts for 2nd and 1st Millennium Syrian and Phoenician Ivories,” the Second International Workshop: Syrian and Phoenician Ivories of the Early First Millennium BCE: Chronology, Regional Styles and Iconographic Repertoires, Patterns of inter-regional distribution, Pisa, December 9th-11th, 2004.
- “The Shared Culture of Wall Painting in the Eastern Mediterranean during the Second Millennium BCE,” University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, 12 November 2004.
- “Diplomacy by Design: Luxury Goods and International Relations in the Eastern Mediterranean and Near East, 1400-1200 BCE,” Archaeological Institute of America - Vancouver Chapter and the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, 10 November 2004.
- “Diplomacy by Design: Luxury Arts and an ‘International Style’ in the Ancient Near East, 1400-1200 B.C.E.,” Center for Ancient Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 23 October 2003.
- “The Diplomacy of Art: Luxury Goods and an ‘International Style’ in the Eastern Mediterranean and Near East, 1400-1200 BCE,” The Center for East Asian Studies, Stanford University and The Inner Asia/ Silkroad Study Group, Stanford University, Palo Alto, 6 May 2003.
- “The Art of Diplomacy in the Ancient Near East, 1400-1200 BCE,” Department of Near Eastern Studies, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, 19 March 2003.
- “International Style or Visual Hybridity? A Question of Terminology,” presented in the forum Conversations with Colleagues, sponsored by the Archaeology Research Facility, UC Berkeley, 3 March 2003.
- “What Do We Mean by an ‘International Style’ in the Late Bronze Age?” Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, University of California, Los Angeles, 1 November 2002.
- “Visual Hybridity and International Kingship in the Late Bronze Age,” Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology Noon Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley, 29 April 2002.
- “Tutankhamen: International Man of Mystery,” Archaeological Institute of America, Portland, Oregon Chapter, 28 November 2001
- “Tutankhamen: International Man of Mystery,” American Research Center in Egypt, Northern California Chapter, 28 January 2001.
- “Women as Gifts/Women as Bestower of Gifts in the Royal Courts of the Fourteenth and Thirteenth Centuries BCE,” presented at the symposium, “Courtly Ambiguities: Harems and Gender in the Eastern Mediterranean,” University of California, Berkeley, 4 March 2000.
- “An Introduction to the Luristan Bronzes,” presented in panel on Archaeology and Ethnography of Luristan, the Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, 11 March, 1999.

Conference Talks:

- “Digging Down: Foundations and Memory in Ur III Ziggurats,” to be presented at the 71st Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Baghdad, 30 March – 2 April 2026 [*canceled due to political situation*].
- “The Minet el-Beida Ivory Lid: A Story of Goddesses, Textiles, and Ivory in the Eastern Mediterranean,” presented at the Annual Conference of ASOR, Boston, November 19-22, 2025.

- “Atmospheres of Wonder in the Ur III Ziggurat Complexes of Southern Mesopotamia,” presented at the Annual Conference of ASOR, Boston, November 20-23, 2024.
- “Knowledge for Knowledge’s Sake,” presented in the workshop, “So, What? Finding Meaning in Near Eastern Studies,” at the Annual Conference of ASOR, Chicago, November 15-18, 2023.
- “Internationalizing Images on Second-Millennium BCE Cylinder Seals,” Workshop: Talking through Images: Iconography and Its Material Support in the Ancient Near East, 13 ICAANE, Copenhagen, May 22-26, 2023.
- “What, If Anything, Does Style Tell Us About Identity,” Style and Identity Session, Annual Conference of ASOR, Boston, November 16-19, 2022.
- “Making and Forgetting Sacred Space in Late Third Millennium BCE Mesopotamia,” College Arts Association Annual Conference, virtual meeting, February 10-13, 2021.
- Respondent for “From Assyria to Iberia and Back: Current Archaeological Work in the Expanded “Near Eastern” Mediterranean,” ASOR, Virtual Annual Meeting, November 12-15, 19-22, 2020.
- “The Assyrian Perspective,” in the Workshop: Imagining Islands, Meditating on Mainlands, Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Washington, D.C., January 2-5, 2020.
- Discussant, Joint AIA/SCS Colloquium (Inter-) Regional Networks in Hellenistic Eurasia, Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Washington, D.C., January 2-5, 2020.
- “The Practical Logic of Sealing Tablets in the Ur III Period,” Workshop: Practical Education in Ancient Mesopotamia/L’enseignement technique en Mésopotamie, 65e RAI, Paris, July 8-12, 2019.
- “Monumental Architecture and the (De)construction of Memory during the Ur III Period,” 11 ICAANE, Munich, April 3-7, 2018.
- “Inscribing Cosmic Space on the Babylonian Map of the World,” annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Antonio, November 16-19, 2016.
- Discussant for “Forum Discussion: Rethinking Online Pedagogies for Art History,” annual meeting of the College Art Association, Washington D.C., February 3-6, 2016.
- “In Pursuit of Luxury (Arts) in Ancient Mesopotamia,” annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Atlanta, November 18-21, 2015.
- “Consuming Ivories in the Iron Age Levant,” 61st Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Geneva and Bern, Switzerland, 22-26 June, 2015.
- “Recycling Luxury and Emerging Community in the Funerary Arts of 8th c. BCE Cyprus,” annual conference of the College Art Association, New York, February 11-14, 2015.
- “The Changing Role of Art History and Unprovenanced Objects,” presented in the session “The Values of ASOR: Developing a Comprehensive Ethics Policy,” annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Baltimore, November 20-23, 2013.
- “Greek-Near Eastern Networks and Canons: The Case of the Samos and Eretria Bronze Horse Harness Ornaments,” annual meeting of the Archaeological Institute of Archaeology, Seattle, January 3-7, 2013.
- “The Mobility of Ivory in and around the Assyrian Empire,” annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Chicago, November 14-18, 2012.
- “Materiality and Style in Art History,” annual conference of the Cultural Studies Association, San Diego, California, March 28-31, 2012.

- “Artistic Style, Hybridity, and the Problem of Ancient Ivory Workshops,” Contemporary Theory in Near Eastern Archaeology session, Theoretical Archaeology Conference, UC Berkeley, May 6-8, 2011.
- “Discussion: Reflections on the Subject/Object Divide.” Respondent for the session, Bridging Subjects and Objects in the Near Eastern and Mediterranean Worlds, Theoretical Archaeology Conference, Stanford University, May 3, 2009.
- “Representations of Chariots in LBA Eastern Mediterranean and Near East: A Case for Exchange or Not?” presented at the workshop: Luxury Goods: Production, Exchange, and Heritage in the Near East during the Bronze and Iron Ages, held at the University of California, Berkeley, January 17 and 18, 2008.
- “Trading Nostalgia: Phoenician and North Syrian Luxury Arts in the Eastern Mediterranean,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Washington, D.C., 15-18 November, 2006.
- “Frescoes and Exotica in the Middle Bronze Age Levant,” presented at the annual meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Montreal, January 5-8, 2006.
- “Knowing the Foreign: Power, Exotica, and Frescoes in the Middle Bronze Age,” presented at the 51e Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Chicago, July 18-22, 2005.
- “Context as Content: Two Case Studies of Contextual Art Analysis in the Eastern Mediterranean,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Antonio, Texas, 17-20 November 2004.
- “Images Across a ‘Dark Age’: Internationalizing Motifs in the Late Bronze and Early Iron Ages,” presented at the 4th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, Berlin, 29 March - 3 April 2004.
- “Assur Tomb 45 and the Emergence of the Assyrian Empire at the End of the Second Millennium BCE,” presented at the 105th Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, San Francisco, 2-5 January 2004.
- “Assur Tomb 45 and the Birth of the Assyrian Empire,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Atlanta, 19-22 November 2003.
- “Nineveh to Thebes and Back: Art and Politics between Assyria and Egypt in the Seventh Century BCE,” presented at the 49th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, London, 7-11 July 2003.
- “Gift Exchange and Visual Hybridity in the Expression of International Kingship, 1400-1200 BCE,” presented at the annual conference of the College Art Association, New York City, February 2003.
- “Visual Hybridity and International Kingship in the Late Bronze Age,” presented at the Third International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, Paris, 15-19 April 2002.
- “Ugarit and the Kaleidoscope of Late Bronze Age Exchanges,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Boulder, 14-17 November 2001.
- “Ties that Bind: Prestige Goods in the Eastern Mediterranean, 1400-1200 BCE,” invited lecture for the Archaeological Institute of America, San Francisco Chapter, 28 October 2001.
- “Who Wants to Marry an Egyptian Princess? Status and Identity in Late Bronze Age Diplomatic Marriages,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Nashville, 15-18 November 2000.

- “Who Wants to Marry an Egyptian Princess? Status and Identity in Late Bronze Age Diplomatic Marriages,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Research Center in Egypt, Berkeley, 28-30 April 2000.
- “Why Does the Minet el-Beida Pyxis Lid Look the Way it Does?” presented at the annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 17-20 November, 1999.
- “The Borrowed Past: The Adaptation of Egyptian Royal Iconography in a Pair of Ivory Furniture Panels from Ugarit,” presented at the annual conference of the American Research Center in Egypt, Chicago, 23-25 April 1999.
- “Transcending Regionalism: The Iconography of Kingship in Egypt and the Near East during the Late Bronze Age,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Oriental Society, Baltimore, 21-24 March 1999.
- “Interwoven Relations: Internationalism and an Embroidered Tunic from the Tomb of Tutankhamun,” presented at the annual conference of the College Art Association, Los Angeles, 10-13 February 1999.
- “Ties that Bind: Luxury Goods and Royal Gifting in the Eastern Mediterranean and Near East,” shoptalk, Center for the Advanced Study in the Visual Arts, National Gallery of Art, 20 November 1997.
- “A Reevaluation of a Pair of Late Bronze Age Ivory Panels from Ras Shamra-Ugarit,” the annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, New Orleans, 23 November 1996.
- “Tales from a Middle Assyrian Tomb: Assyria’s Entrance onto the International Stage of the Late Bronze Age,” Mediterranean Interactions II: 1996 Yale Graduate Symposium, New Haven, 13 April 1996.
- “The Animate Object: Luxury Goods and International Relations at the End of the Late Bronze Age,” Annual Graduate Symposium, Department of the History of Art, Cornell University, Ithaca, 10 February 1996.
- “Regional v. International Style in the Late Bronze Age: Luxury Goods from Ras Shamra-Ugarit,” Mediterranean Interactions I: Yale Graduate Symposium on Art and Archaeology, New Haven, 9 April 1994.

Public/Community Facing Talks:

- “Remembering and Forgetting in Ancient Mesopotamia: Ziggurats, Royal Sculpture, and the Shaping of the Akkadian Legacy during the Ur III Period (c. 2100-2000 BCE)” Biblical Archaeology Forum, Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, Rockville, MD, March 11, 2026.
- “King of the Four Quarters of the World: The Art and Architecture of Assyrian Kingship,” TARI and the Embassy of Iraq Lecture Series, February 25, 2021 (given virtually).
- “The Lives (and Deaths) of Mesopotamian Monuments,” Biblical Archaeology Forum, Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, Rockville, MD, January 6, 2016.
- “Cultural Heritage, Looting and Antiquities – A Discussion of the Current Situation in Iraq and Syria,” Hamilton Street Club, Baltimore, MD, February 5, 2015.
- “King of the Four Quarters of the World: The Art and Architecture of Assyrian Kingship,” The Rita Lowenstein Annual Docent Lecture, The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, May 12, 2014.
- “King of the Four Quarters of the World: The Art and Architecture of Assyrian Kingship,” presented in lecture series associated with the exhibition “Breath of Heaven, Breath of

- Earth: Ancient Near Eastern Art from American Collections,” at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art, Willamette University, Willamette, Oregon, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013.
- “Diplomacy by Design: Luxury Arts and an “International Style” in the Ancient Near East, 1400-1200 BCE,” Archaeological Museum, Istanbul, March 18, 2013.
- “Arts and Imperialism in the Ancient Near East,” University of California at Berkeley Office of Resources for International and Area Studies (ORIAS) Summer Teacher’s World History Institute, UC Berkeley, July 26, 2010.
- “Diplomacy by Design: Luxury Arts and an “International Style” in the Ancient Near East, 1400-1200 BCE,” Chicago Art Institute, talk and book signing, April 19, 2007
- “Diplomacy by Design: Luxury Arts and an ‘International Style’ in the Eastern Mediterranean, 1400-1200 B.C.E.,” Ancient Hellenic Arts Council, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, 20 March 2004.
- “The Art of Egyptian Diplomacy,” invited lecture at Ancient Egypt: Treasures of the New Kingdom, organized by Humanities West, San Francisco, 1 June 2002.
- “The Art of Diplomacy,” Cosmos Club of Berkeley, University of California, Berkeley, 1 April 2002.
- “A Tale of Two Civilizations: Interrelations between Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia,” Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum, San Jose, California, 4 October 2001.
- “Mesopotamia and its World,” continuing education lecture for docent training, The Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore, 17 November 1997.
- “Continuity and Change in Cultural Traditions in Late Bronze--Early Iron Age Syria-Palestine: The Evidence from Ancient Art,” presented in conjunction with the opening of the exhibition “Cyprus at the Semitic Museum,” The Semitic Museum of Harvard University, Cambridge, 8 April 1997.

CHAired EVENTS:

- “Talking through Images: Iconography and Its Material Support in the Ancient Near East,” workshop co-organized with Ianir Milevski (Israel Antiquities Authority), 13 ICAANE, Copenhagen, May 23, 2023.
- “Ecologies of Scale, Fragmentation, and Environment in the Aegean and Near East,” Ancient Studies Colloquium, co-organized with Emily Anderson, Classics and Near Eastern Studies Departments, Johns Hopkins University, Oct. 14, 2022.
- “Material Entanglements in the Ancient Mediterranean and Beyond: Workshop 2,” co-organized with Dr. Antigoni Zournatzi (National Hellenic Research Foundation, Greece), Crete, Sept. 27-Oct. 3, 2019.
- “Material Entanglements in the Ancient Mediterranean and Beyond: Workshop 1,” co-organized with Dr. Antigoni Zournatzi (National Hellenic Research Foundation, Greece), Athens, Oct. 2-9, 2018.
- “What Can Objects Do that Words Can’t,” workshop, co-chaired with Stephanie Langin-Hooper, 62nd Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Philadelphia, July 11-15, 2016.
- “Art Historical Approaches to Near Eastern Art,” general session chair at the Annual Meetings of the American Schools of Oriental Research, 2005 - 2013.
- “Mesopotamian Civilizations: Examining Social Life through Texts and Material Culture,” co-chaired with Matthew Rutz at the annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, November 17, 2011.
- “Art and Artifacts of the Ancient Near East: Celebrating the Career of Irene J. Winter,” at the annual meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, November 20, 2008.

“Luxury Goods: Production, Exchange, and Heritage in the Near East during the Bronze and Iron Ages,” workshop held on January 17 and 18, 2008, at UC Berkeley and March 27 and 28, 2008, at the CNRS, Nanterre, France.

“Lives of the Objects: New Approaches to Ancient Art,” co-chaired at the annual conference of the College Art Association, Seattle, 18-21 February 2004.

“Courtly Ambiguities: Harems and Gender in the Eastern Mediterranean,” co-chaired symposium at the University of California, Berkeley, 4 March 2000.

“Mapping Art and the Construction of Political Identity,” co-chaired at the annual conference of the College Art Association, New York, 15 February 1997.

FELLOWSHIPS:

- 2019 Visiting Professor, Institute of Archaeological Research (IAW), University of Freiburg, Germany (June-July 2019)
- 2013 Fellow, Internationales Kolleg Morphomata: Genesis, Dynamics and Mediality of Cultural Figurations, University of Cologne, Germany (April-July 2013)
- 2011 Townsend Center for the Humanities Associate Professor Fellowship, UC Berkeley (spring 2011)
- 2008 – 2009 ACLS Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship for Recently Tenured Scholars at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, CA
- 2008 American Philosophical Society Sabbatical Fellowship, *declined*
- 2003 – 2004 J. Paul Getty Postdoctoral Fellowship in the History of Art and the Humanities
- 2002 – 2003 Townsend Center for the Humanities, Assistant Professor Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley
- 2000 – 2001 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, Penn Humanities Forum, University of Pennsylvania, *declined*
- 1995 – 1998 David E. Finley Predoctoral Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
- 1995 – 1996 Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, one year dissertation research grant, Harvard University
- 1994 Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute Fellowship in recognition of Charles Upchurch Harris, two-month research grant at CAARI, Cyprus
- 1993 Mellon II Fellowship, six-month travel and research fellowship, Department of Fine Arts, Harvard University
- 1993 Mellon I Fellowship, three-month research fellowship, Department of Fine Arts, Harvard University
- 1991 Lazarus Fellowship, summer travel fellowship, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University
- 1990 – 1995 Mellon Fellow in the Humanities, The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS:

- 2025 Visiting Scholar, Israel Institute for Advanced Studies (IIAS), Jerusalem, as part of the Research Group “Phoenician Identity in the Making: A Longue Durée Perspective,” organizers: Naama Yahlom-Mack, The Hebrew University, and Alexander Fantalkin, Tel-Aviv University (invited for AY24-25, but only able to attend in June 2025)

- 2024 Keynote Lecturer at Opening the Ancient World, Saving Ancient Studies Alliance, virtual conference, 21-22 July 2024
- 2024 The Ellen and Charles S. La Follette Lecture, AIA-San Francisco Society, presented on-line, 20 March 2024
- 2022 The Mary Ausplund Tooze Endowed Visiting Professor in Ancient and Islamic Art, Portland State University (December 2022)
- 2022 The Elizabeth S. Ettinghausen Lecturer, Princeton Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, Princeton University (March 2022)
- 2016 Kershaw Lecturer in Near Eastern Art, Archaeological Institute of America
- 2015 The W. F. Albright Award for outstanding service contributions to the Baghdad Committee of the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR)
- 2013 Visiting Professor, The Getty Foundation “Connecting Art Histories Initiative,” Department of History, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey (March 2013)
- 2010 Visiting Professor, University of Heidelberg (June 2010)
- 1995 Alternate for American Research Center in Egypt Fellowship
- 1995 Alternate for Pomerance Traveling Fellowship, Archaeological Institute of America
- 1995 Second alternate for Olivia James Travel Fellowship, Archaeological Institute of America
- 1993 Nominated for Harvard Merit Fellowship by Department of Fine Arts
- 1990 Phi Beta Kappa, Columbia University
- 1988 – 1989 Junior Year Abroad at Pembroke College, Cambridge University, England

GRANTS:

- 2017-2020 “Material Entanglements in the Ancient Mediterranean and Beyond,” Getty Foundation, Connecting Art Histories Initiative, Co-PI with Dr. Antigoni Zournatzi (National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens), \$236,000
- 2016-2017 Technology Fellowship for “Teaching Mesopotamian Art through OERs,” Center for Educational Resources, The Johns Hopkins University, \$4000.00
- 2015-2016 Technology Fellowship for “Teaching Mesopotamian Art through OERs,” Center for Educational Resources, The Johns Hopkins University, \$4000.00
- 2010-2011 University of California Humanities Research Institute (UCHRI) Working Group “The Material World in Social Life,” with Chandra Mukerji (UCSD), \$10,000
- 2007-2008 France-Berkeley Fund grant for workshop “Luxury Goods: Production, Exchange, and Heritage in the Near East during the Bronze and Iron Ages,” UC-Berkeley, with Dr. Michèle Casanova (University of Nanterre), \$9000.00
- 2007-2008 Townsend Center for the Humanities, conference grant for workshop “Luxury Goods: Production, Exchange, and Heritage in the Near East during the Bronze and Iron Ages,” UC-Berkeley
- 2006-2007 Faculty Research Grant, UC-Berkeley
- 2006-2007 Research Assistantship in the Humanities Grant, UC-Berkeley
- 2005-2006 Research Assistantship in the Humanities Grant, UC-Berkeley
- 2004-2005 Hellman Family Faculty Fund, “The Shared Culture of Wall Paintings in the Eastern Mediterranean, 2000-1500 BC”
- 2004-2005 Classroom Technologies Grant, Office of Media Services, for digitization of teaching slide collection

- 2004-2005 Research Assistantship in the Humanities Grant, UC-Berkeley
 2004-2005 Junior Faculty Mentor Grant, UC-Berkeley
 2004 Stahl Endowment Grant for book illustrations, Archaeological Research Facility, UC-Berkeley
 2004 Millard Meiss Author's Grant for book illustrations, College Art Association
 2004 Instructional Minigrant for course development, Office of Student Life-Educational Development, UC-Berkeley
 2003-2004 Research Assistantship in the Humanities Grant, UC-Berkeley
 2002-2003 Junior Faculty Research Grant, UC-Berkeley
 2002-2003 Research Assistantship in the Humanities Grant, UC-Berkeley
 2002 Instructional Minigrant for course development, Office of Student Life-Educational Development, UC-Berkeley
 2001-2002 Junior Faculty Research Grant, UC-Berkeley
 2001 Classroom Technologies Grant, Office of Media Services, UC-Berkeley
 2001-2002 Research Assistantship in the Humanities Grant, UC-Berkeley
 2000-2001 Junior Faculty Research Grant, UC-Berkeley
 2000-2001 Research Assistantship in the Humanities Grant, UC-Berkeley
 1999 Conference Support Grant, for the symposium "Courtly Ambiguities: Harems and Gender in the Eastern Mediterranean," Townsend Center for the Humanities, UC-Berkeley
 1999 Instructional Minigrant for course development, Office of Student Life-Educational Development, UC-Berkeley
 1999 spring Mellon Conference Travel Grant, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UC-Berkeley
 1999 fall Mellon Conference Travel Grant, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UC-Berkeley
 1996 Graduate Student Council Conference Travel Grant, Harvard University
 1991 Graduate Student Council Summer Research Grant, Harvard University

MUSEUM EXPERIENCE:

- 2013 - Archaeological Museum, Johns Hopkins University
 2001 - 2013 Phoebe Hearst Museum of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley, Curator of Middle Eastern Archaeology
 1997 - 1998 The Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore, CASVA Curatorial Fellow
 1996 - 1997 Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Graduate Student Lecturer
 1995 - 1996 Semitic Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, Graduate Student Researcher
 1992 - 1994 Harvard University Art Museums, Cambridge, Mellon Foundation Intern

EXCAVATION EXPERIENCE:

- 2024-present Small finds/glyptic specialist, Kurd Qaburstan, Director Tiffany Earley-Spadoni, University of Central Florida
 2013-present Small finds specialist, Tell Tayinat Archaeological Project, Director, Timothy Harrison, University of Toronto
 1999, 2000 Site Supervisor, Umm el-Marra, Syria: Co-directors, Hans H. Curvers, Instituut voor Prae- en Protohistorie, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, and Glenn Schwartz, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland

1991 Excavation Assistant, Göltepe, Turkey: Director, Aslihan Yener, University of Chicago

EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENT SERVICE:

2005 Created a Designated List for Emergency Protection for Iraqi Antiquities for the Cultural Heritage Center of the US State Department.

2004 Instructor of Ancient Near Eastern art and museology, USAID-Iraq program in Higher Education and Development, 22 July to 28 August, Amman, Jordan; project director: Professor Elizabeth C. Stone, Stony Brook University. Training program for 55 Iraqi university-affiliated scholars specializing in the archaeology, art, and languages of Iraq.

FACULTY AFFILIATIONS:

Johns Hopkins University:

Archaeological Museum, advisory committee, 2013 – present
Undergraduate Program in Archaeology, faculty affiliate, 2013 – present

UC Berkeley (2000-2013):

Archaeological Research Facility, University of California, Berkeley, faculty affiliate (member of the advisory board, 2003-2008).
Graduate Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology, University of California, Berkeley, faculty affiliate.
Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley, faculty affiliate.

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE:

Johns Hopkins University:

Diversity Champion, History of Art, 2020—present
Director of Graduate Studies, History of Art, 2024-2026
Department Chair, History of Art, 2017-2020
Interim Department Chair, History of Art, fall 2023
Interdisciplinary Humanistic Studies PhD Program, Member of Governance Board, 2018—present
Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee, 2017-2019
Alexander Grass Humanities Institute, Faculty Advisory Board, 2016-2017
Acting Director of Graduate Studies, History of Art, fall 2016
Provost Search Committee, Member, spring 2016
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Program in Archaeology, 2014-fall 2016

UC Berkeley (2000-2013):

Undergraduate Advisor, Near Eastern Studies Department, 2002-2003; 2004-2008, 2009-fall 2012
Head Graduate Advisor, the Graduate Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology, 2009-2012
Archaeological Research Facility Advisory Board, 2002-2007
Nemea Center Advisory Board, 2005-2010

Townsend Center for the Humanities Advisory Board, 2006-2009
 University-wide Graduate Fellowship Committee, 2005-06; 2007-08; 2009-10; 2011-12
 University Prizes, Academic Senate Committee, 2009-2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Ongoing Service:

Visiting Committee, Ancient Near Eastern Department, The Metropolitan Museum of Art,
 Member, 2020—present
 Worlds of the Ancient Near East and Mediterranean, monograph series published by Equinox
 Press, Editorial Board Member, 2020—present
 International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (ICAANE), Member of the
 International Committee, 2019—present
Hesperia Journal, Editorial Advisory Board Member, 2008—present
 Cambridge University Press Elements series, *The Archaeology of Ancient Israel*, Editorial
 Advisory Board, 2021—present

Completed Service:

Ars Orientalia, Editorial Board Member, 2012-2016
 The Baghdad Committee of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Member 2005-2009;
 Committee Chair 2009-2015
 Subvention Committee, Archaeological Institute of America, Member 2011-2015; Committee
 Chair 2015-2017
 External reviewer, History of Art Department, University of Pennsylvania, spring 2017
 External reviewer, Near Eastern Studies Department, Cornell University, spring 2017
 External reviewer (Chair), Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, Brown
 University, fall 2018
 External reviewer, History of Art Department, Cornell University, fall 2023

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

The American Academic Institute in Iraq (formerly, American Association for Research in
 Baghdad)
 American Oriental Society
 American Research Center in Egypt
 American Society of Overseas Research (formerly, American Schools of Oriental Research)
 Archaeological Institute of America
 College Art Association

DISSERTATION SUPERVISION:

Johns Hopkins University:

2025

Richard Essam, “Sumerian Texts on Prisms in the Old Babylonian Period,” third internal reader
 (NES; Paul Delnero and Jacob Lauinger, advisors)
 Paige Paulsen, “Movement, Settlement Pattern, and Architecture in Iron Age Southeast Arabia,”
 third internal reader (NES; Michael Harrower and Glenn Schwartz, advisors)

2024

Bianca Evon Hand, “The Relentless Pursuit of Difference: The Subversive Role of Alterity in the Reliefs and Architecture of Sargon II’s (721-705 BCE) Royal Palace at Khorsabad,” **primary advisor** (History of Art)

2023

Avary Taylor, “The Lives of Things in Ashurnasirpal II’s Northwest Palace at Nimrud, Iraq,” **primary advisor** (NES)

Tanave Jagdale, “A Passage from India: Locating the “Limbo Crossroads” in the Writings of Alejo Carpentier, V.S. Naipaul and Salman Rushdie,” external reader and committee chair, Modern Languages and Literature

2021

Elizabeth Bevis, “*Aula Sepulta Resurgit*: Dissonant Material Discourses and the Local Experience of Late Antiquity in Roman Villas of the Loire Valley,” **primary advisor** (HoA)

2020

Amy Miranda, “Relational Spaces of the Roman Empire: Spatial Experiences of Architecture in Rome’s Provinces during the Antonine Principate, 138-192 CE,” **primary advisor** (HoA)

Laura Hutchison, “Retrospection in Classical Athens: Notions of the Past in Late Fifth Century Athens,” external member and chair of the defense (advisor, Alan Schapiro, Classics)

2019

Ioana Dumitru, “A Comparative Approach to the Development of Ancient Copper and Obsidian Supply Networks in Oman and Ethiopia,” third internal reader (advisor, Michael Harrower, NES)

Timothy B. Smith, “*Philaglaia*: Religion and Society at Archaic and Classical Akragas,” external member (advisor, Dimitrios Yatromanolakis, Classics)

2018

Nicole Berlin, “Old Houses, New Viewers: Domestic Renovation in Roman Sicily,” **primary advisor** (HoA)

2017

Jennifer Swerida, “Housing the Umm an-Nar: The Settlements and Houses of Bat,” third internal reader (advisor, Glenn Schwartz, NES)

2016

Ashley Arico, “The Contexts of Ancient Egyptian Statuary in the Levant,” external member (advisor, Betsy Bryan, NES)

Jessica Lamont, “Amphiaraios into Attica: The Rise of Athenian Healing Cults,” external member and chair of defense (advisor, Alan Schapiro, Classics)

Laura Wright, “Glyptic Art under and after Empire: Late Bronze IIB and Iron I Scarabs and Stamp Seals from the Southern Levant,” third internal reader (advisor, Kyle McCarter, NES)

2015

Jacquelyn H. Clements, "Autochthony: The Iconography of Athenian Identity in the Late Fifth Century BCE," second internal reader (advisor, Alan Schapiro, Classics)

Shana O'Connell, "Surface, Suggestion and Seeing Through: Visual Perception and the Significance of Objects Depicted in Roman Wall Painting," second internal reader (advisor, Pier Luigi Tucci, HoA)

Robert P. Webber, "Wit as Argument in Cicero and Beyond," external member and chair of defense (advisor, Matthew Roller, Classics)

2014

Adam Maskevich, "Umm el-Marra and the Westward Expansion of the Mittani Empire in Northwestern Syria," third internal reader (advisor, Glenn Schwartz, NES)

UC Berkeley:**2020**

Miriam Said, "Materializing *Apotropaia*: The Entangled Body of Neo-Assyrian Magical Art, 9th-7th c. BCE," **co-chair** with Andrew Stewart (History of Art)

2017

Andrea Creel, "Connectivity on the Edge of Empire: Movement, Liminality, and Ritual in the Southern Levantine Drylands," **co-chair** with Benjamin Porter (NES)

Martin Weber, "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," **co-chair** with Benjamin Porter (NES)

2016

Lindsey McCandless, "The Making of an Event: Encountering the Battle of Kadesh through Time," **co-chair** with Francesca Rochberg (AHMA)

2015

Antonietta Catanzariti, "The Archaeology of Economic Systems in the Central Levant during the Middle Bronze Age: A Case study from Kamid el-Loz (Lebanon)," **co-chair** with Benjamin Porter (NES)

2014

Kiersten Neumann, "Resurrected and Reevaluated: The Neo-Assyrian Temple as a Ritualized and Ritualizing Built Environment," **co-chair** with Francesca Rochberg (NES)

- Awarded the 2015 Donny George Youkhana Prize for the best U.S. doctoral dissertation on ancient Iraq, TAARII

2012

Dana DePietro, "Piety, Practice and Politics: Ritual and Agency in the Late Bronze Southern Levant," **chair** (NES)

Constance Gane, “Composite Beings in Neo-Babylonian Art,” third reader (chair, David Stronach, NES)

Elizabeth Minor, “The Use of Egyptian and Egyptianizing Material Culture in Nubian Burials of the Classic Kerma Period,” third reader (chair, Carol Redmount, NES)

2011

Laurent Dissard, “Submerged Stories from the Sidelines of Archaeological Science: The History and Politics of the Keban Dam Rescue Project (1967-1975) in Eastern Turkey,” **chair** (NES)

Donna Gillette, “Rock Art in California,” outside reader (chairs, Meg Conkey and Kent Lightfoot, Anthropology)

Stephanie Langin-Hooper, “Beyond Typology: Investigating Entanglements of Difference and Exploring Object-Generated Social Interactions in the Terracotta Figurines of Hellenistic Babylonia,” **chair** (NES)

2010

Cindy Ausec, “Hearing the Prayers of Ptah,” third reader (chair, Carol Redmount, NER)

Felipe Rojas, “Empire of Memories: Anatolian material culture and the imagined past in Hellenistic and Roman Lydia,” outside reader (chair, Crawford Greenwalt, Classics)

2009

Cassibry, Kimberly, “The Allure of Monuments in the Roman Empire: Provincial Perspectives on the Triumphal Arch,” third reader (chair, Chris Hallett, HA)

Foster, Catherine, “Household Archaeology and the Uruk Phenomenon: A Case Study from Kenan Tepe, Turkey,” **chair** (NES)

Maras, Sabrina, “Iconography, Identity and Inclusion: the Winged Disk and Royal Power During the Reign of Darius the Great,” **co-chair** with David Stronach (NES)

Shih, Shang-Ying, “Interdisciplinary Approaches to Ancient Egyptian Visual Culture and Visualities: Spectatorship, Gender, Sexuality, and Power,” second reader (chair Carol Redmount, NES, December 2009)

2008:

Brown, Brian, “Monumentalizing Identity: Class, Ethnicity and Competition in North Syria and Assyria, 1200-800 BCE,” **co-chair** with David Stronach (NES)

2006:

Javier Alvarez-Mon, “The Arjan Tomb: At the Crossroads between the Elamite and the Persian Empires,” second reader (chair David Stronach, NES)

Alina Ayvazian, “Urartian Glyptic: New Perspectives,” second reader (chair David Stronach, NES)

Heidi Saleh, “Changes in Ethnic and Gender Identities under the Libyan Dynasties of Third Intermediate Period Egypt (ca. 1069-715 BCE): Analyses of Donation and Funerary Stelae,” third reader (chair Carol Redmount, NES)

2005:

William Collins, “Cultural Transmission, Exchange and Complex Society in Late Fourth and Early Third Millennium BCE Inland West Syria,” second reader (chair David Stronach, NES)

Other Universities:

Kate Justement, “Being an Assyrian Official: Agency and Group Formation in an Affective Network of People, Images, and Materials,” Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University, 2024 – external committee member

Eva Miller, “Enemy Punishment and the Creation of the Assyrian World: Ashurbanipal’s Teumman-Dunanu Narratives in Reliefs, Epigraphs, and Prisms,” D.Phil., Oriental Studies, Hertford College, University of Oxford, 2017 – external examiner

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS SUPERVISION:

Johns Hopkins University:

2016

Colleen Livingstone, “Persian Imperial Presence in the Periphery: Analysis of a Burial at Kurd Qaburstan,” Grade: A (NES)

UC Berkeley:

2013

Emily Booker, “Small Artifacts on a Small Island: Late Bronze Age Cypriot Cylinder Seals and the Rising Palace Elite,” High Honors (NES)

2012

Patricia Kim, “The Materiality and ‘Enchantment’ of the Gebel el-Arak Knife and the Gerzean Flint Blade Production,” Highest Honors, 2012 Library Prize for Undergraduate Research, Departmental Citation (NES)

Siobhan Shinn, “The Image of a Predynastic Cow Goddess and Her Influence on Pharaonic Ideology,” Honors (NES)

2010

Karly Peterson, “The Excavations at al Mina: Sir Leonard Woolley’s Popular Account and its unlikely Role in Scholarship,” High Honors (HA)

2009

Jaimee Comstock-Skipp, “Whose Painted Reality? Redefining Orientalism in British Representations of the Sultan Hasan Mosque in Cairo,” Highest Honors (NES)

2008

Steven Vu, “The Various Representations of Power through Artistic Composition in Mesopotamian Art,” Honors (NES)

2005

Farzana Ali, "Prisoners of War: Political Iconoclasm in Nineveh Palace Reliefs," High Honors (NES)

Jessica Stevenson-Stewart, "'Of Ghosts which were once me': Historical, Archaeological, and Personal Memory in the Landscape Photography and Travel Writing of Gertrude Bell," Highest Honors (HA)

2004

Anobel Youhana Odisho, "The Akitu Festival in Mesopotamia: The Expression of Royal Ideology through Religion, Ritual and Architecture," Highest Honors, Departmental Citation (NES).

2002

Shane Black, "Looking Back: Sargon II of Assyria, Sargon of Agade, and Mesopotamian History," Highest Honors (NES)