

16th Annual Archaeology Discovery Weekend

Nov 16–17, 2024

Petra: Ancient World of Wonder

In-person & Online
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Photograph: Al-Khazneh (The Treasury) peaks through the end of the Siq

In Memoriam — C. Fred Cornforth (1959-2024)

We proudly dedicate this Archaeology Discovery Weekend to C. Fred Cornforth, a long-time friend, archaeophile, and generous supporter of CNEA. We are all in his debt for his eternal optimism and can-do spirit, his commitment to excellence, his life-long legacy of love for and support of others for the greater good.



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THE PROGRAM

2024 Archaeology Discovery Weekend

PRESENTERS (alphabetically listed)



Prof. Fadi Bala'awi is Secretary General of the Ministry of Tourism of Jordan and Director General of the Department of Antiquities. Having earned his PhD in the conservation of archaeological sites at University College London, Prof. Fadi was Dean of the Queen Rania Faculty of Tourism and Heritage at Hashemite University in Zarqa for several years.

Dr. Leigh-Ann Bedal is Associate Professor of Anthropology at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College. She received her PhD from the University of Pennsylvania and went on to excavate in Iraq, Syria, and Jordan. In time she was captivated by the landscape and people of Petra and turned her attention to the pool and garden complex near the Great Temple.



Dr. Kent Bramlett is Professor of Archaeology and the History of Antiquity at La Sierra University, having earned his PhD at the University of Toronto in Near Eastern archaeology. He is also Chair of the Department of Biblical Studies and Archaeology, Associate Director of CNEA, and co-directs the Balu'a Regional Archaeological Project in Jordan.

Dr. Glenn Corbett is Editor-in-Chief of *Biblical Archaeology Review* (BAR). Having earned his PhD at the University of Chicago, he excavated in Jordan, Turkey, and Israel, focusing on the archaeology of lands of the Bible. He specialized in archaeological preservation, which led him to the award-winning Temple of the Winged Lions project in Petra.



Dr. Cynthia Finlayson is Associate Professor of Ancient, Classical, and Islamic Archaeology and Museum Studies at Brigham Young University. Having received her PhD from the University of Iowa, she has excavated in the Near East for 45 years, beginning in Petra and has directed excavations in Syria. She is now back in Petra at "The Monastery."

Dr. Megan Perry is Professor of Anthropology and Distinguished Professor of International Studies at East Carolina University. She earned her PhD at the University of New Mexico which set her on course to assess disease, diet, mobility, mortuary practices, and community demographics at Petra, using human skeletal remains.



2024 Archaeology Discovery Weekend PROGRAM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

3:00-6:00 PM (PST) – Illustrated Presentations w/ Q&A @ Zapara School of Business	
WELCOME to La Sierra University and Archaeology Discovery Weekend	3:00-3:05
La Sierra University President, Criston Arthur	
WELCOME to CNEA and the 16 th Annual Archaeology Discovery Weekend	3:05-3:10
Center for Near Eastern Archaeology Director, Douglas Clark	
PRESENTATIONS	
Larry Geraty, Presiding	
Archaeological Work and Tourism: Priority and Comprehensivity, the Conservation of Jordan	3:10-3:55
Fadi Bala'awi	
Fortuity and Fortune: Contextualizing the Golden Age of the Nabataeans	3:55-4:35
Kent Bramlett	
BREAK for refreshments	4:35-4:50
The Petra Pool and Garden as Visual Propaganda	4:50-5:30
Leigh-Ann Bedal	
PANEL DISCUSSION on Saturday Presentations	5:30-6:00
Presenters	
SPECIAL RECEPTION: Celebrating CNEA as “Little Jordan” – ZSB Atrium	6:00-7:15
EXHIBITS (Petra-themed) @ CNEA	7:15-8:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

1:00-4:00 PM (PST) – Illustrated Presentations w/ Q&A @ Zapara School of Business	
WELCOME	
La Sierra University Provost, April Summitt	1:00-1:05
PRESENTATIONS	
Friedbert Ninow, Presiding	
Nabataean Water-saving Strategies in Petra: Lessons for a Warming Climate	1:05-1:50
Cynthia Finlayson	
Interfacing with Our Elders: Aging and Health in Petra	1:50-2:35
Megan Perry	
BREAK for refreshments	2:35-2:50
Preserving Petra: Lessons from the Temple of the Winged Lions	2:50-3:30
Glenn Corbett	
PANEL DISCUSSION on Sunday Presentations	3:30-4:00
Presenters	

ALSO ON SUNDAY

Kids Dig @ CNEA	2:00-4:00 PM
Refreshments at the Bedouin Tent @ CNEA	3:00-6:00 PM
Hands-on lab activities and Petra-themed exhibits @ CNEA	4:00-6:00 PM
Archaeology Book Sale @ CNEA	4:00-6:00 PM



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SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- CNEA Founding Members and Supporters
- La Sierra University Administration
- La Sierra University Publicist Darla Tucker
- All Presenters, Respondents, and Specialists contributing to Archaeology Discovery Weekend 2024
- Sponsor of the 2024 Archaeology Discovery Weekend – Versacare Foundation
- Co-sponsors of the 2024 Archaeology Discovery Weekend (see listing below)
- The CNEA Archaeology Planning Committee and Advisory Council
- Event Coordinators: Kaitlyn Satelmayer, Dawn Acevedo, Lovelyn Razzouk, Suha Huffaker, Carolyn Waldron, Terri Shaw, Raul Zanatta
- Additional CNEA staff and volunteers
- Kids Dig coordinator, Craig Lesh
- Student volunteers
- Event IT Providers and Support Team: Kevin Speyer from ZSB and the campus IT Department
- La Sierra University Advancement and Marketing, Physical Plant, Custodial, and Security departments
- All the brave souls who attended or fearlessly navigated Zoom or Livestream to be part of this year's conference





OTHER ACTIVITIES connected to the Center for Near Eastern Archaeology 2024-2025

[Visit the Center for Near Eastern Archaeology website — www.lasierra.edu/archaeology]

- Lectures (Winter Lecture in February and Homecoming Lecture in April)
- Archaeology Adventures for elementary and middle school students
- Archaeology undergraduate major and minor
- MA degree in Near Eastern Archaeology
- Volunteering in the Collections Lab
- Khirbat Ataruz, Jordan excavations
- Khirbat al-Balu'a, Jordan excavations
- Madaba Regional Archaeological Museum Project
- Archaeology Discovery Weekend: 15-16 Nov 2025

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Please join us for a very special
reception celebrating CNEA as

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The Atrium at Zapara School of Business
Saturday, 16 November | 6:00 - 7:15pm



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The Lawrence T. Geraty & Douglas R. Clark Center for Near Eastern Archaeology (CNEA) has been involved in archaeological research in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan since CNEA's inception in 2012 and many of its archaeologists long before then. Working under the auspices of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan, administered by numerous Directors General over the years, CNEA-affiliated projects have developed life-long professional relationships and personal friendships with members of the Royal Family, government officials, other scholars, and local workers.



Tall al-Umayri



Khirbat al-Balu'a



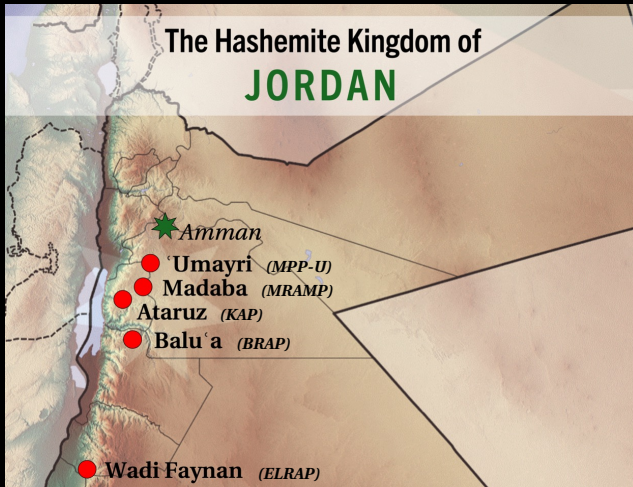
Khirbat Ataruz



Madaba Archaeological Park West



Khirbat an Nahas in the Wadi Faynan



The Hashemite Kingdom of
JORDAN

- ★ Amman
- Umayri (MPP-U)
- Madaba (MRAMP)
- Ataruz (KAP)
- Balu'a (BRAP)

- Wadi Faynan (ELRAP)

- The Madaba Plains Project – Tall al-'Umayri (MPP-U – 1984 to 2016) directed by Larry Geraty, Larry Herr, Douglas Clark, Kent Bramlett, and others
- Khirbat al-Balu'a (BRAP – 2012 to present) directed by Friedbert Ninow, Kent Bramlett, Monique Roddy, and others
- Khirbat Ataruz (KAP – 2000 to present) directed by Chang Ho Ji and others
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