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CURRENT APPOINTMENT

University of California, Los Angeles, 2005–Present
Asst. Prof., *Archaeology of the Levant*, Dept. of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

EDUCATION

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Ph.D. Near Eastern Archaeology, 2004 [[dissertation](#)]

M.A. Near Eastern Archaeology, 2000

Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, 1996, *magna cum laude*

B.A.s Archaeology and Near Eastern Studies; Ancient Languages

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

in press [Walled Up to Heaven: The Evolution of Middle Bronze Age Fortification Strategies in the Levant](#). Studies in the Archaeology and History of the Levant 4. Lawrence E. Stager, ed. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns.

Edited Books

Peilstöcker, Martin and Aaron A. Burke (eds.)

in prep *Studies on the History and Archaeology of Jaffa 1*. The Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project 1. Los Angeles: Cotsen Institute of Archaeology.

Articles

Batiuk, Stephen and Aaron A. Burke

2005 The Tell Atchana Mapping and GIS Project. Pp. 145–52 in [The Amuq Valley Regional Projects, Volume 1: Surveys in the Plain of Antioch and Orontes Delta, Turkey, 1995–2002](#), ed. K. A. Yener. Oriental Institute Publications 131. Chicago: Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago.

Burke, Aaron A.

2000 Arabah. Pp. 81–2 in *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*, D. N. Freedman (ed.). Grand Rapids, Eerdmans.

2000 Beth-Dagon. P. 169 in *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*, D. N. Freedman (ed.). Grand Rapids, Eerdmans.

2006 Tarshish in the Mountains of Lebanon: Attestations of a Biblical Place Name. *Maarav* 13/1:125–27.

2007 Magdalūma, Migdālīm, Magdoloī, and Majādīl: The Historical Geography and Archaeology of the Magdalu (Migdāl). *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 346: 29–57

forthc. The Archaeology of the Levant in North America: The Transformation of Biblical and Syro-Palestinian Archaeology in *The New Biblical Archaeology: From Text to Turf*, ed. T. E. Levy. London: Equinox.

forthc. More Light on Old Reliefs: New Kingdom Egyptian Siege and Asiatic Resistance in *Festschrift in honor of Lawrence E. Stager*. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns.

forthc. Introduction to the Middle Bronze Age: Themes and Developments. In *The Oxford Handbook of the Archaeology of the Levant (ca. 8000–332 BCE)*, eds. A. E. Killebrew and M. L. Steiner. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

forthc. Canaanite Jaffa: From the Middle Bronze Age to the Persian Period. In *Studies on the History and Archaeology of Jaffa 1*, eds. M. Peilstöcker and A. A. Burke. The Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project 1. Los Angeles: Cotsen Institute of Archaeology.

Burke, Aaron A. and Alice Mandell

forthc. Egyptian Beer Jugs from Kaplan's Excavations at Jaffa: Cultural and Historical Implications. In *Studies on the History and Archaeology of Jaffa 1*, eds. M. Peilstöcker and A. A. Burke. The Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project 1. Los Angeles: Cotsen Institute of Archaeology.

Burke, Aaron A. and George A. Pierce

forthc. The Bibliography of Jacob Kaplan and Haya Ritter-Kaplan. In *Studies on the History and Archaeology of Jaffa 1*, eds. M. Peilstöcker and A. A. Burke. The Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project 1. Los Angeles: Cotsen Institute of Archaeology.

Burke, Aaron A. and Martin Peilstöcker

forthc. The Kaplan Excavations Publication Project. In *Studies on the History and Archaeology of Jaffa 1*, eds. M. Peilstöcker and A. A. Burke. The Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project 1. Los Angeles: Cotsen Institute of Archaeology.

Book Reviews

- 2005 Review of *The Middle Bronze Age in the Levant*, Manfred Bietak, ed. Vienna: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2002. *JNES* 64/3:208–9.
- 2006 Review of *Shechem III: The Stratigraphy and Architecture, Vols. I and II*. Edward F. Campbell and George R. H. Wright, eds. Atlanta: Scholars, 2002. *JNES* 65/4:309–11.
- 2007 Review of *Busayra Excavations by Crystal-M. Bennett 1971–1980*, by Piotr Bienkowski. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002. *JNES* 66/2:135–137.
- 2007 Review of *Dan II: A Chronicle of the Excavations and the Late Bronze Age “Mycenaean” Tomb*, by Avraham Biran and Rachel Ben-Dov. Jerusalem: Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, 2002. *JNES* 66/2:137–138.
- 2008 Review of *The Near East in the Southwest: Essays in Honor of William G. Dever*, Beth A. Nakhai, ed. Boston: ASOR, 2003. *JNES* 67:49–50
- forthc. Review of *Early Riders: The Beginnings of Mounted Warfare in Asia and Europe* by Robert Drews. New York: Routledge, 2004. *JNES*.
- forthc. Review of *One Hundred Years of American Archaeology in the Middle East: Proceedings of the American Schools of Oriental Research Centennial Celebration, Washington, DC, April 2000*, Douglas Clark, ed. Boston: ASOR, 2003. *JNES*.
- forthc. Review of *Swords and Daggers in Late Bronze Age Canaan* by Sarel Shalev. Prähistorische Bronzefunde, Abteilung IV, 13. Band. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 2004. *JNES*.
- forthc. Review of *The Archaeology of Ancient Judea and Palestine* by Ariel Lewin. Los Angeles: Getty 2005. *JNES*.
- forthc. Review of *Just Past? The Making of Israeli Archaeology* by Raz Kletter. London: Equinox 2006. *JNES*.
- forthc. Review of *The Tafila-Busayra Archaeological Survey 1999–2001, West-Central Jordan*. By Burton Macdonald et al. Boston: American Schools of Oriental Research, 2004. *JNES*.
- forthc. Review of *Bronze and Iron Age Tombs at Tel Gezer, Israel: Finds from Raymond-Charles Weill’s excavations in 1914 and 1921*. BAR International Series 1206. By Aren M. Maeir. Oxford: Archaeopress, 2004. *JNES*.
- forthc. Review of *Confronting the Past: Archaeological and Historical Essays on Ancient Israel in Honor of William G. Dever*, ed. by S. Gitin, E. J. Wright, and J. P. Dessel. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2006. BASOR.

PAPERS PRESENTED/SESSIONS MODERATED

Program Unit Chair, *Hebrew Bible, History, and Archaeology* Section. Society of Biblical Literature, 2007–Present

The Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project: Archaeological Exploration in an Urban Environment. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research (San Diego). November 17, 2007

The Bronze Age Landscape of the Levant. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research (Washington, DC). November 17, 2006

A Geodatabase for Archaeological Research in the Levant. Annual Meeting of Computers and Quantitative Analyses in Archaeology (Fargo, ND). April 14, 2006

Moderator, Panel Discussion of *Chieftains of the Highland Clans: A History of Israel in the 12th and 11th Centuries BC* by Robert Miller (Eisenbrauns 2005). Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature (Philadelphia). November 2005

Estimating the Labor and Resources Required in Middle Bronze Age Fortification Construction. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research (San Antonio, TX). November 2004

The Kingdom of Ashkelon: Archaeological Inquiry into a Middle Bronze Age Kingdom in the Southern Levant. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research (Atlanta, GA). November 21, 2003

A Chronological Typology of Middle Bronze Age Fortifications in Syria and Palestine. Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research (Toronto, Canada). November 23, 2002

WORKSHOPS AND SYMPOSIA

Nostalgia for Solomon or Solomonic Nostalgia?, for Symposium in Honor of Kershaw Term Chair, UCLA. Oct. 15, 2006

The Pre-Philistine Kingdom of Ashkelon: A Middle Bronze Age Kingdom in Israel (ca. 1925–1550 BC). Presentation for the Osher Institute, UCLA Extension. November 3, 2005

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, 2005—Present
Asst. Prof., Archaeology of the Levant, Ancient Israel, and Early Judaism

- Graduate seminars (ANE 230):
 - The Archaeology of the Amorites in the Levant*, Win 2006
 - Archaeology of Warfare in the Ancient Near East*, Spr 2006
 - Archaeology of the Late Bronze and Early Iron Age Levant*, Win 2007
 - Archaeology of the Iron II Levant*, Spr 2007
 - Ceramics of the Levant*, Fall 2007
 - Archaeology of Late Bronze Age Ugarit*, Win 2008
- Undergraduate courses:
 - Jerusalem, the Holy City* (ANE 10W), Win 2006, SumA 2006, Win 2007, Win 2008
 - From the Patriarchs to the Rabbis* (JEWST/HIST M182A), Spr 2006, Fall 2007
 - Fiat Lux Seminar: *Warfare in the Ancient Near East and Its Modern Implications* (ANE 19), F2006, F2007
 - Archaeology and Religion of Ancient Israel* (ANE 162), Spr 2007

Augustana College, Department of Religion (Rock Island, IL), Win 2004–2005
Adjunct instructor, “Religion, Culture, and Archaeology” (2 sects.)

PUBLIC LECTURES

The Pre-Philistine Kingdom of Ashkelon: The Archaeology of a Middle Bronze Age Canaanite Kingdom (ca. 1925–1550 BC). *Biblical Archaeology Society*. Monrovia, CA. October 6, 2006.

“Walled up to Heaven:” The Archaeology of Warfare in Bronze Age Canaan. Director’s Council talk, Cotsen Institute of Archaeology. May 23, 2006

“Reconstructing Bronze Age Kingdoms: Archaeological Evidence for the Middle Bronze Age Kingdom of Ashkelon (ca. 1925–1550 BC),” Madison Biblical Archaeology Society (Madison, WI), March 16, 2005

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK

Jaffa, ISRAEL (June–August 2007), Co-Director of Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project excavations in Ganor Compound.

Tel Kabri, ISRAEL (July 2005). Assaf Yassar-Landau (Tel Aviv U.) & Eric H. Cline (George Washington U.), co-directors. Co-Area Supervisor with Celia Bergoffen (Area D-South).

Tell Atchana (Alalakh), TURKEY (September–October 2003). K. Aslihan Yener, Director and J. David Schloen, Assoc. Director. The Oriental Institute, The University of Chicago. Field Supervisor of Area 3 (Step Trench).

Ashkelon, ISRAEL (1997–2000, 2004). Lawrence Stager, director (Harvard University) and J. David Schloen, associate director (The University of Chicago). Leon Levy Expedition. Square supervisor working in MBA-LBA tombs and LB-Iron I occupation. Oversaw use of GIS software for project.

Tell el-Borg, EGYPT (March–April 2001). James K. Hoffmeier, director (Trinity International University). Square supervisor working in New Kingdom occupation.

Yaqush, ISRAEL (May–June 2000). J. David Schloen, director (The Oriental Institute, The University of Chicago). Square supervisor working on Early Bronze Age occupation levels in Area 1.

Ketef Hinnom, ISRAEL (July 1994). Gabriel Barkay, director (Tel Aviv University). Institute for Holy Land Studies. Square supervisor working on Byzantine Church and Roman Burials.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project, Co-Director with Martin Peilstöcker, Israel Antiquities Authority (2007–Present)

Virtual Archaeology of the Levant Project, (2005–Present)

- Co-Director with William Schniedewind
- Computer modeling of archaeological sites in the Levant (see: [Qumran Visualization Project](#))
- Virtual Ugarit, 2007 on

Geodatabase for the Archaeology of the Levant (GAL), Director (2006–Present)

- Seeks to provide GIS datasets from former and currently ongoing projects, as well as previously published data

Encyclopedia of Archaeological Research in the Levant (EARL), Director (2006–Present)

- Joint project by UCLA (Aaron Burke) and University of Chicago (David Schloen)
- On-line encyclopedia including excavation and survey data as well as bibliography for these projects in the Levant
- <http://ochre.lib.uchicago.edu>

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Faculty Career Development Award, UCLA, 2007–2008

Digital Humanities Fellowship, Humanities Division, UCLA, 2007

University of California Senate Faculty Research Grant

2006–2007, Levant Geodatabase: Research on Middle Bronze Age kingdoms

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (2005–2006; DECLINED)

For preparation of dissertation for publication at Albright Institute, Jerusalem.

MUSEUM AND ARCHIVAL WORK

Guest Curator, The Oriental Institute, The University of Chicago, 2004–2005

Assisted with the preparation of labels and displays for exhibits in the Syro-Anatolian gallery.

Assistant Archivist, The Oriental Institute archives, The University of Chicago, 1998–1999

Catalogued various journals, monographs, and maps for the Oriental Institute library.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Conference Sessions Moderated

Program Unit Chair, *Hebrew Bible, History, and Archaeology* Section. Society of Biblical Literature, 2007–Present

Moderator, Panel Discussion of *Chieftains of the Highland Clans: A History of Israel in the 12th and 11th Centuries BC* by Robert Miller (Eisenbrauns 2005). Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature (Philadelphia). November 2005

University

Committee member, Archaeology IDP, UCLA, 2005–2008. Monica Smith, chair.

Secretary, NELC Department faculty meetings, September 2005–Present

Reader, Graduate languages exams in Spanish, 2006–Present

Manager, Cotsen Institute Geographic Information Systems Laboratory, 2005–Present.

Reviewer

Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research, 2007. James Weinstein, editor.

Israel Science Foundation (No. 1113/06), Feb. 26, 2006

ASOR NEH selection committee, 2005. Sy Gitin, chair.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Schools of Oriental Research
1997, 1999–Present

Archaeological Institute of America, 2004–Present

Israel Exploration Society, 1999–Present

Near East Archaeological Society, 1996–Present

The Oriental Institute, 1996–Present

Society for Biblical Literature

1996, 1998–2000, 2003–Present