



Programme

Thursday, December 10th

- 16.00** **Registration**
- 17.15-17.30** **Welcome**
Cyprian Broodbank, McDonald Institute
- 17.30-18.30** **Keynote Address –**
Richard Zettler, University of Pennsylvania
- 18.30-19.30** **Reception at the McDonald Institute**

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Friday, December 11th

08.40-09.20 *Introduction* – Yağmur Heffron, University of Cambridge

Session I: Assyriology and Archaeology

Chair: Martin Worthington, Cambridge

09.00-09.20 **Of Haematite and Apricots: Matching up the Mesopotamian World**

Nicholas Postgate, University of Cambridge

09.20-09.40 **Mind the Gap! Building a Methodology to Overcome the Text-Artifact Divide in the Ancient Near East**

Christina Tsouparopoulou, Universität Heidelberg

09.40-10.00 **Response**

Richard Zettler, University of Pennsylvania

10.00-10.30 **Discussion**

10.30-11.00 **Tea/Coffee**

Session II: Archaeology and Texts in Syria and the Levant

Chair: Augusta McMahon, Cambridge

11.00-11.20 **Figural and Aniconic Deities of the Bronze Age Levant, in Texts and Archaeology**

Marie-Henriette Gates, Bilkent University

11.20-11.40 **Biblical Archaeology in The Postmodern Era: Towards A New Dialogue between Archaeology and the Bible**

Shlomo Bunimovitz, Tel Aviv University

11.40-12.00 **Response**

Susan Sherratt, University of Sheffield

12.00-12.30 **Discussion**

12.30-14.00 **Lunch at the University Centre**

Session III: Out of Mesopotamia and into Iran

Chair: Graeme Barker, Cambridge

14.00-14.20 **“Man”, “Plough”, “Cow”: Progress and Pitfalls in the Decipherment of Proto-Elamite**

Jacob Dahl, University of Oxford

14.20-14.40 **Of Tablets and Bricks: Institutional Landscapes in Achaemenid Archives and Provinces**

Wouter Henkelman, École Pratique des Hautes Études

14.40-15.00 **Response**

Cameron Petrie, University of Cambridge

15.00-15.30 **Discussion**

15.30-16.00 **Tea/Coffee**

Session IV: Text, Image, and Archaeology

Chair: Hratch Papazian, Cambridge

16.00-16.20 **The (Uninscribed) Material Culture of Dedication in the Early Dynastic Temple**

Jean Evans, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

16.20-16.40 **Magical Gems as Material Texts**

Caitlín E. Barrett, Cornell University

16.40-17.00 **Response**

Mehmet Ali Ataç, Bryn Mawr College

17.00-17.30 **Discussion**

20.00 **Conference dinner in Trinity College**

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Session V: Landscapes and Texts

Chair: T. Emre Şerifoğlu, Bitlis

- 09.00-09.20** **Satellite Remote Sensing, Archaeological Survey, and Historical Geography in Northern Mesopotamia**
Jesse Casana, Dartmouth College
- 09.20-09.40** **The Authority of the Archive: Textual Fabrication of Anatolian Landscapes and Archaeological Resistance**
Ömür Harmanşah, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 09.40-10.00** **Response**
Gojko Barjamovic, Harvard University
- 10.00-10.30** **Discussion**
- 10.30-11.00** **Tea/Coffee**

Session VI: Bioarchaeology and Texts

Chair: Tamsin O'Connell, Cambridge

- 11.00-11.20** **Title tbc**
Levent Atıcı, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- 11.20-11.40** **Reading Bodies and Exhuming Texts: Formulating a Historical Bioarchaeology of the Near East**
Megan Perry, East Carolina University
- 11.40-12.00** **Response**
Walther Sallaberger, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
- 12.00-12.30** **Discussion**
- 12.30-14.00** **Lunch at the University Centre**

Session VII: Comparanda, Near and Far: Egypt and Mesoamerica

Chair: Eleanor Robson, London

- 14.00-14.20** **Histories of Decline and Fall: Archaeology, Epigraphy, and the Maya Collapse**
Nick Carter, Brown University
- 14.20-14.40** **Title tbc**
Kate Spence, University of Cambridge
- 14.40-15.00** **Response**
Elizabeth Froom, University of Oxford
- 15.00-15.30** **Discussion**
- 15.30-16.00** **Tea/Coffee**

Session VIII: Lessons from the Aegean

Chair: Simon Stoddart, Cambridge

- 16.00-16.20** **'Blended Administration': Reflections on the Implication of Written Texts and Palatial Activities in the Late Bronze Age Aegean**
John Bennet, University of British School at Athens / University of Sheffield
- 16.20-16.40** **The Literary Texts of Classical Antiquity**
Naoise Mac Sweeney, University of Leicester
- 16.40-17.00** **Response**
Jonathan Hall, University of Chicago
- 17.00-17.30** **Discussion**

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Session IX: Textual Islamic and Medieval Historical Archaeology

Chair: Susanne Hakenbeck, Cambridge

09.00-09.20 Telling Archaeological Stories: Test Cases from the Crusader Arena

Scott Redford, School of Oriental and African Studies

09.20-09.40 Historical Archaeology: Bridging between Monuments and Unheard Voices

Nanouschka Myrberg Burström, Stockholms Universitet

09.40-10.00 Response

Patrick Geary, Institute for Advanced Study

10.00-10.30 Discussion

10.30-11.00 Tea/Coffee

Session X: Plenary

Chair: Yağmur Heffron

11.00-11.30 Closing Address

Speaker tbc

11.30-12.30 Discussion

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