

15th Annual Archaeology Discovery Weekend

November 11-12, 2023

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THE PROGRAM

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PRESENTERS (alphabetically listed)



Dr. John J. Collins is Professor of Old Testament Criticism and Interpretation Emeritus at Yale University. He is THE world expert on apocalyptic literature related to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and the Dead Sea Scrolls. A widely respected scholar, he has served as president of the two most prestigious biblical studies societies in the US—SBL and CBA.

Dr. Alex P. Jassen is Ethel and Irvin Edelman Associate Professor of Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University. He has published widely on the Dead Sea Scrolls and ancient Judaism and served as the academic advisor of the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Science Museum of Minnesota. A current area of interest is violence in the Dead Sea Scrolls.



Dr. Jodi Magness is Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Magness' research focuses on the archaeology of Palestine in the Roman, Byzantine, and early Islamic periods. Among her numerous publications, *The Archaeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls*.

Dr. Emanuel Tov is Professor of Bible at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He specializes in the textual criticism of Hebrew and Greek Scripture as well as in the Qumran Scrolls. A prolific author/editor, he has published widely in these academic areas, and for 13 years he was the editor-in-chief of the Dead Sea Scrolls Publication Project.



Dr. Sidnie White Crawford is Willa Cather Professor of Hebrew Bible and Second Temple Judaism *emerita* at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. A world-renowned scholar, she has worked extensively on the Dead Sea Scrolls and Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and chairs the Old Testament editorial board of *Hermeneia*.

Ms. Sabal Al-Zaben (PhD candidate, Andrews University) grew up in the shadow of Tall Jalul, Jordan, a tell her father, Akash Zaben, a Jordanian military commander, donated to the Department of Antiquities. She worked for several years in the Department, helping conserve sites like Umm ar-Rasas.



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 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 Interim President, Richard Osborn
- WELCOME to CNEA and the 15th Annual Archaeology Discovery Weekend 3:05-3:10
Center for Near Eastern Archaeology Director Douglas Clark
- PRESENTATIONS
- Larry Geraty, Presiding
The Discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Their Nature, and Their Publication 3:10-3:55
Emanuel Tov
The Archaeology of Qumran 3:55-4:40
Jodi Magness
- BREAK for refreshments 4:40-4:55
- The Discovery of Qumran Cave 1 by My Father, Commander Akash Zaben** 4:55-5:30
Sabal Al-Zaben
- PANEL DISCUSSION on Saturday Presentations 5:30-6:00
Presenters plus Larry Geraty and Richard Medina
- 15th ADW ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION—Bedouin Tent @ CNEA 6:15-7:30
Dead Sea Scrolls-themed Exhibits @ CNEA

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 1:00-4:00 PM (PST) – Illustrated Presentations w/ Q&A @ Zapara School of Business
- WELCOME
- La Sierra University Provost, April Summitt 1:00-1:10
- PRESENTATIONS
- Friedbert Ninow, Presiding
What Do the Dead Sea Scrolls Teach Us about the Bible? 1:10-1:50
Sidnie White Crawford
Jewish Biblical Interpretation and the Dead Sea Scrolls 1:50-2:30
Alex Jassen
- BREAK for refreshments 2:30-2:45
- The Place of Apocalypticism in the Dead Sea Scrolls** 2:45-3:30
John J. Collins
- PANEL DISCUSSION on Sunday Presentations 3:30-4:00
Presenters plus Luiz Gustavo Assis and Matt Korpman

ALSO ON SUNDAY

- Kids Dig @ CNEA 2:00-4:00 PM
Hands-on lab activities and DSS-themed exhibits @ CNEA 4:00-5:30 PM
Refreshments at the Bedouin Tent @ CNEA 4:00-5:30 PM

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- 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: 16-17 Nov 2024

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