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## CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

Professor of Islamic Archeology (tenured, life-time appointment), Department of Islamic Studies, University of Bonn

Director, Research Unit in Islamic Archaeology, Department of Islamic Studies, University of Bonn

## RECENT AFFILIATIONS

Co-Director/Research Professor, Annemarie Schimmel Kolleg of Mamluk Studies (2012-2019)

## EDUCATION

1992- 1998: University of Toronto. Ph.D. May 1998. Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations (formerly Middle East and Islamic Studies). 1992-1994, 1996-1997 Open Doctoral Fellowships, 1992-1994 International Student Fee Waivers. Advisor - Dr. Lisa Golombek, Royal Ontario Museum.

Thesis title: "The Ceramic Correlates of Decline in the Mamluk Sultanate: An Analysis of Late Medieval Sgraffito Wares"

1989-1992: University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. M.A. May 1992. GPA=3.8, Department of Near Eastern Studies. Graduate Tuition Fellowship 1989-1990, 1991-1992. Advisor - Dr. William Dever.

1985-1989: Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA. B.A. May 1989, *cum laude*. GPA=3.53, Department of Classical and Near Eastern Archaeology. Minor in anthropology.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

July 2022: Visiting Fellow, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin (Department III)

2022-2025: DFG – 374,676 euros for project entitled "Reading" Ancient Landscapes: Peasant Decision-Making and Terraced Agriculture in Central Palestine over *la Longue Durée*", project number 493699283

2019-2020: Gerda Henkel Stiftung – 12,787 euros for project entitled "Migration and Resettlement in Late Medieval Syria"

2019-2020: Max van Berchem – 10,000 euros for project entitled “The Farmhouses and Fields of Medieval Hisbān, Jordan: the 2020 Season”

2017-2020: German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development - for 3-year project “The Medieval Jerusalem Hinterland Project: A Multidisciplinary Landscape Study“ – for collaborative excavations at Khirbet Beit Mamzil, hinterland terrace survey, and OSL dating of terrace soils – held jointly with Gideon Avni (Israel Antiquities Authority/Hebrew University) (165,000 euros)

2017-2020: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (Sachbeihilfe) – Project GZ: WA 2525/5-1 – 190.695 euros of a 36-month project. Art historical/archaeological monograph project entitled “Heraldik und ‘Materielle Kultur’ in der Zeit der Mamluken in Aegypten und Syrien”.

2015: Barakat Trust for project project “Agriculture and Rural Settlement in Late Medieval and Ottoman Palestine“ (£1,270.00)

2015: Deutscher Verein zur Erforschung Palästinas, funding for „Khirbet Beit Mazmil Project, 2015“ (3000 euros)

2015: Palestine Exploration Fund grant for project „Agricultural and Rural Settlement in Late Medieval and Ottoman Palestine: Archaeological and Architectural Investigations of Khirbet Beit Mazmil, Jerusalem.“ (£2,000)

2014: ASOR Harris grant for field project “Laser Mapping and Water Simulations of Subterranean Systems at Tall Hisban” (\$750).

2014-2017: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft – Project #50150165 - 160.769 Euros of a 36-month project totaling 315.528 Euros. Archaeological-earth science project entitled “Historische Landnutzung und Landschaftswandel in der Dekapolis-Region” under the auspices of the DACH Lead-Agency. Co-written with Dr. Bernhard Lucke (DFG project lead), Erlangen University (Dept. of Geography), and third partner Prof. Dr. Günther Schörner, University of Vienna (Institute of Archaeology – funded separately)

2012 (full calendar year): Fellow of the Annemarie Schimmel Kolleg for the History and Society of the Mamluk Era (1250-1517), University of Bonn.

2011 (summer): Summer Faculty Fellowship (Missouri State University) – to advance completion of book project “Local Responses to Global Pressures: Publication of the Tall Hisban Excavation Final Reports” (\$6000)

2009 (Jan. 1- June 30): American Center of Oriental Research, Amman, Jordan – National Endowment for the Humanities senior fellowship (c. \$20,000) - to complete book project “Jordan in the Late Middle Ages: Transformation of the Mamluk Frontier”

2008 (fall): College of Humanities and Public Affairs Initiatives Incentive Grant (internal grant - Missouri State University) for project “Promotion of MSU’s Jordanian Archaeology Study Collection through Publication” (\$4170)

2006 (fall): University of Bergen Guest Scholars grant – for book project “Jordan in the Late Middle Ages: Transformation of the Mamluk Frontier” (c. \$15,000 USD)

2004 (summer): National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend – (FT-52524-04) – Project entitled “The Politics of Land Management in Medieval Islam: The Village of Hisban, Jordan” (\$5000)

2003 (fall): Oklahoma Humanities Council Research Grant – for archaeological survey of Malka region, northern Jordan (\$3000)

2003 (spring): School of International Studies, Oklahoma State University, travel grant – for a three-month trip to Pattani, Thailand to develop a curriculum of Middle East Studies at the Islamic College of Prince of Songkla University (\$1500)

2001 (summer): Oklahoma Humanities Council Research Grant – for an archaeological excavation of Tall Hisban, Jordan; Oklahoma State University Arts and Sciences Travel Program (2001, Round 2) – for archival work Cairo; Oklahoma State University Dean’s Incentive Grant – to support work on the monograph “Life on the Mamluk Frontier: Transjordan, 1250-1517 A.D.” (\$3500)

2000 (summer): National Endowment for the Humanities Post-Doctoral Fellowship, American Center of Oriental Research, Amman, JORDAN. Archival project entitled “Reconstructing Mamluk and Early Ottoman Administration in the Transjordan” (\$20,000)

1998: Veronika Gervers Research Fellowship in Textiles and Costume History, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto. Research project entitled “The Role of Textiles in Mamluk Ceremonial”. (\$3000)

1995-1996: Kress Predoctoral Fellowship in Egyptian Art and Architecture, American Research Center in Egypt, Cairo, EGYPT. (\$9000)

1994-1995: Fulbright Predoctoral Fellow in Cyprus, Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute, Nicosia, CYPRUS. (\$9000)

1990-1991: Center for Arabic Studies Abroad (CASA) full-year Arabic fellow - The American University in Cairo. Part-time graduate studies in Islamic art history with Drs. Bernard O’Kane and George Scanlon at AUC.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

\*2021-on: Professor of Islamic Archaeology, Department of Islamic Studies, University of Bonn

\*June 2013 – 2021: Research Professor of Mamluk Studies, Annemarie Schimmel Kolleg/Department of Islamic Studies, University of Bonn – appointed Nov. 31, 2012 (life-time appointment). Founding Director of Islamic Archaeology Research Unit, Department of Islamic Studies, University of Bonn.

\*2013-2018: Faculty member GRAKO 1878: “Archäologie vormoderne Wirtschaftsräume” – Universities of Bonn and Köln (2013-2018).

Co-Speaker: BIGS-IOA; Advisor, BIGS-IOA (Bonn International Graduate School, Institute of Oriental and Asian Studies) International Peer Group

### Former PhD students (graduated):

- Hussein al-Sababha, M.A., Yarmouk University (Irbid, Jordan) – primary advisor for dissertation entitled “Islamic pottery and its distribution in agricultural fields as a marker of land use throughout the Islamic periods in Northern Jordan” (Islamic Archaeology, DFG-funded) – successfully defended July 31, 2018.
- Gregory Williams, M.A., American University in Cairo – primary advisor for thesis entitled “Islamization and Global Trade in Late Antique and Medieval Egypt: The Case of Aswan” (Islamic Archaeology) – successfully defended June 26, 2019.
- Nur Özdilmac, M.A., University of Bonn – primary advisor for thesis entitled “Heraldik oder Materielle Kultur in der Zeit der Mamluken” (Islamic Archaeology, DFG-funded) – successfully defended November 27, 2020.

**Former MA students (graduated):**

- Sherihan Inalo, B.A. University of Aleppo – primary advisor for MA thesis entitled “The Reuse of Material Culture (Spolia) in the Early Islamic Period in Greater Syria” (Abt. Islamwissenschaft) – September 2018
- Salama Kassem, B.A. University of Damascus – primary advisor of MA thesis entitled “Reconstructing Rural Social Networks through Archaeometry: The Glazed Pottery of Mamluk-Hisban (13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Centuries CE)” – November 2019

**Doctoral students currently under advising:**

Students at the University of Bonn:

As primary advisor:

- Iman Abdulfattah, M.A., American University in Cairo – primary advisor for thesis entitled “A sultan and his monument: The role of the Complex of Qalawun in the development of Mamluk architecture” (Abt. Islamwissenschaft, Bonn Graduate School) – funded by the Annmarie Schimmel Kolleg (via the DFG) and the American Research Center in Egypt
- Shireen El Kassem, M.A. – School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London – primary advisor for thesis entitled “Mamluk textiles: changing patterns in Mamluk clothing and its impact in the Mediterranean” (Annemarie Schimmel Kolleg/Abt. Islamwissenschaft, Bonn Graduate School) – funding from the Annemarie Schimmel Kolleg (via the DFG)
- Ali Jarkhi, M.A. – University of Copenhagen – primary advisor for thesis entitled “Economic Network Analysis of Early Islamic Arabian Mining Centers” (Abt. Islamwissenschaft, Bonn Graduate School) – funded through a Kuwait state scholarship
- Hend Elsayed, M.A. – Fayyoun University (Egypt) – primary advisor for thesis entitled “Modelling Economic Change in Late Medieval Cairo through Religious Architecture” (GRAKO 1878: “Archäologie vormoderne Wirtschaftsräume”) – partially funded by the DFG
- Raffaele Ranieri, M.A. – University of Florence – primary advisor for thesis entitled “The wheel thrown pottery in the Bilad-al-Sham (cc. XII-XIII): production and distribution. The case-study of Shawbak (Southern Jordan)” (Abt. Islamwissenschaft, Bonn Graduate School) – funded by the DAAD
- Lauren Erker, M.A. – University of Edinburgh – primary advisor for thesis entitled “Diverging Paths: a socio-archaeological investigation of rural settlement in Ottoman Palestine and Transjordan” (Abt. Islamwissenschaft, Bonn Graduate School)
- Julia Maczuga, M.A. – University of Warsaw - primary advisor for thesis entitled “Islamization and Social Transformation in Transformation: pre-modern Arabic graffiti as ego-documents” (Abt. Islamwissenschaft, Bonn Graduate School) – funded by the Gerda Henkel Stiftung
- Ahmad Mousa, M.A. – Yarmouk University (Irbid, Jordan) - primary advisor for thesis entitled “Mamluk epigraphical heritage in the Jordanian Badiya based on materials: A Cultural Historical Approach” (Abt. Islamwissenschaft, Bonn Graduate School) – funded by the DAAD

- Muwaffaq Hazza, M.A. – Yarmouk University (Irbid, Jordan) – primary advisor for thesis entitled “Religion and Society at Umm al-Jimal and the North-Eastern Badya in the Islamic periods: Material evidence for Islamic religion in the towns and rural areas of the Northeast Jordanian Badya from the Early to Late Islamic Periods (7<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> centuries AD)” (Abt. Islamwissenschaft)– funded by the Gerda Henkel Stiftung
- Ngoc Han Le, M.A. – University of Heidelberg – primary advisor for thesis entitled “Material culture and identity - Vietnamese ceramics from the Lý 李 (1010-1225) and Trần 陳 (1225-1400) dynasties: A Visual indicator for cultural encounter between Vietnam and China” (Abt. South Asian Studies)
- Salama Kasseem, M.A. – University of Bonn – primary advisor for thesis entitled “Social and Economic Networks in Late Medieval Rural, southern Greater Syria: An Archaeometrical Study of Mamluk Pottery” – funded by Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes
- Sherihan Inalo, M.A. – University of Bonn – primary advisor for thesis entitled “Decoding Spolia: Material Expression of the Decision-Making Process Behind Rebuilding in Islamic Syria
- Omer Ze’evi, MA. – Tel Aviv University – primary advisor for thesis entitled “The Settlement Mesh Around Jerusalem in the Late Islamic Period: Hierarchy, movement, and Interconnections” – funded by DFG
- Nolwenn Guedeau, M.A. – Université Poitiers – co-advisor for thesis entitled “Smoking in the Ottoman Empire, from Kurdistan to Algeria. Clay pipes: identity marker and instrument of sociability”. – funded by the BCDSS (via the DFG)
- Shrouq Munther, M.A. - Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest - co-advisor for thesis entitled “Cuisine Traditions and Cooking vessels during the Mamluk period in south Bilad al-sham”
- Anastasia Thamnopoulou. M.A. – University of Bonn – primary advisor for thesis entitled “The Ottoman administration and the local realities; an archaeological approach in the Ottoman Thessaly, Greece” – funded by the DAAD
- Nikolaus Martin Hochstein Cox – “From Hajj Forts to Hinterland: Understanding the impact of Ottoman influence upon indigenous communities in southern Jordan through tracing the distribution of late Ottoman (1798 - 1918) material culture from centralized points of imperial control into local Arab communities”
- Giacomo Ponticelli, M.A. – University of Florence, - primary advisor for thesis entitled “Rural settlement dynamics in southern Jordan. Investigating the late medieval landscapes of Shawbak in the Crusader, Ayyubid and Mamluk periods”

Doctoral students outside the University of Bonn (as second advisor):

- Loren Cowen (University of Kiel, Graduate School Human Development in Landscapes): second advisor for thesis entitled “The Mapping and Analysis of the Urban Topography of Medieval Islamic Merv”
- Annette Hansen (University of Groningen, Netherlands – Institute of Archaeology) – second advisor for thesis on “The agricultural economy of Islamic Jordan, from the Arab Conquest to the Ottoman period”

- Anja Dreiser (University of Bamberg, Department of Islamic Art and Archaeology) – second advisor for thesis entitled “From Metal Mirror Images to Vitreous Mirror Images – An Investigation of Medieval Islamic Mirrors and the Mirage”

Member of thesis committee for doctoral defenses:

- Reem al-Shqour (University of Ghent) – thesis entitled “Aqaba Castle, origin, development and evolution of Khans in Jordan: An Archaeological Approach”. Successfully defended March 25, 2015. (external reviewer)
- Maher Tarboush (University of Copenhagen) – thesis entitled “Provenance and Technology of Early Islamic Pottery from North Jordan”. Successfully defended June 23, 2015. (external reviewer)
- Sofia Laparidou (University of Texas, Austin – Department of Anthropology) – second advisor. Dissertation entitled “The political ecology and resilience of medieval peasant communities in Jordan: The social significance of phytoliths”. Successfully defended April 25, 2016. (second advisor)
- Elizabeth Osinga, University of Southampton – thesis entitled “The Countryside in Context: stratigraphic and ceramic analysis at Umm, el-Jimal and environs in northeastern Jordan (c. 1st-20th century)”. Successfully defended February 9, 2017. (external reviewer)
- Christian Mader, University of Bonn (GraKo) - thesis entitled “Sea Shells in the Mountains and Llamas on the Coast :The Vertical Economic Organization of the Paracas in Palpa (Southern Peru) during the Late Formative Period (370 to 200 BC)“. Successfully defended February 22, 2017 (external reviewer)
- Susanne Reichert, University of Bonn (GraKo) – thesis entitled „Craft Production in the Mongol Empire: Karakorum and its Artisans“. Successfully defended August 10, 2017. (second advisor)
- Nicolò Pini (University of Köln) –second advisor for thesis entitled “Arabische Städte. Stammesstruktur und Siedlungsorganisation in Jordanien vom Hellenismus bis in frühislamische Zeit“ – successfully defended October 23, 2017.
- Ameenah Abdulkarim, University College London-St. Mary – thesis entitled „Building Craftsmen in Mamluk Society 648-923/1250-1517: The Professional Muhandis in Context“. Successfully defended December 1, 2017. (external reviewer)
- Cora Gäbel (University of Köln, GraKo 1878: “Archäologie vormoderne Wirtschaftsräume”) – second advisor for thesis entitled “The Jagannath Mandir in Puri: A Temple and Its Economy” – successfully defended January 17, 2019. (third advisor)
- Alex Peterson (Aarhus University) – thesis entitled “Ceramics in Context: The History and Pottery of a Middle Islamic Settlement in the Northwest Quarter of Jerash” - successfully defended April 2, 2019 (external reviewer)
- Piotr Makowski (University of Warsaw) – thesis entitled “Life among the ruins: an archaeological assessment of Khirbat esh-Dharrah and the southern Transjordan during the 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> centuries” – successfully defended 18 June 2020 (external reviewer)
- Kathleen Forste (Boston University, Institute of Anthropology) – thesis entitled “An Archaeobotanical Investigation of Early Islamic Agricultural Economy in the Levant” –

successfully defended 13 August 2021(third advisor)

**\*August 2008 – June 2013: Professor of Middle Eastern History, Department of History, Missouri State University (promoted to Full Professor in 2012)**

\*August 2006 – August 2008: Associate Professor of Middle Eastern History (tenured), Department of History, Grand Valley State University.

\*August 2004-August 2006: Assistant Professor of Middle Eastern History, Department of History, Grand Valley State University.

\* August 2000 – August 2004: Assistant Professor of Middle Eastern History, Department of History, Oklahoma State University.

\* May-June 2003: Taught one course at Nova Southeastern University, Tampa Campus: American History to 1865.

\* March – May 2003: Visiting Professor of Middle Eastern History, Islamic College, Prince Songkla University, Pattani, THAILAND.

\* August 1999 - May 2000: Visiting Assistant Professor of Middle Eastern History, Department of History, Oklahoma State University.

#### **TEACHING AWARDS**

\* 2004 and 2005: Who's Who of American Teachers

\* April 2001: Oklahoma State University History Professor of the Year

#### **ARCHAEOLOGY-RELATED EXPERIENCE**

\* 2014 – 2019: Khirbet Beit Mazmil Archaeological and Development Project, Jerusalem.

\* 2003 - 2016: Northern Jordan Project, JORDAN

\* 1998 - today: Hisban Cultural Heritage Project, JORDAN

\* October 27, 1995: Adjudicator for student archaeology competition, Bishop Strachan School, Toronto, ON.

\* July 1994: Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies excavations of medieval Zaraka (13th-c. Cistercian monastery - Lake Stymphalos, GREECE). Trench supervision and ceramic study.

\* June-August 1993: summer research at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, Departments of Islamic and Medieval Arts and the Brooklyn Museum.

\* December 1992: Field Supervisor for Royal Ontario Museum excavations of Islamic Zabid, YEMEN

\* June-August 1992: trench supervisor - University of Arizona Expedition to Idalion, classical temple site, Dhali, CYPRUS.

\* 1990-1991: draughting intern with the Egyptian Antiquities Organization (through CASA).

The Antiquities position was a rare opportunity to work with Egyptian staff as a ceramist at the Pharaonic sites of Abu Sir, the Western Cemetery at Giza, and the Workmen's Cemetery at Giza, and the Ayyubid and Mamluk fortifications in Islamic Cairo, EGYPT

\* June-August 1989: Museum Director - Nemea Valley Archaeological Project, Nemea, GREECE.

\* June-August 1988: archaeological field assistant - Bureau of Land Management, Lakeview, OR

\* June-August 1987: archaeological intern - Carnegie Institute of Natural History, Pittsburgh, PA – salvage excavations in western Pennsylvania

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT AFFILIATIONS

\*2023-on: Co-Director, Khirbet Beit Loya excavations, Israel

\* 2014 – 2019: Co-Director – Khirbet Beit Mazmil Archaeological and Development Project, Jerusalem. (Now in final publication phase.)

\* 2003 – 2016: Senior Director – Northern Jordan Project.

\* 1998 – on-going: Director of Excavations – Excavations at Tall Hisban, Madaba Plains Project, JORDAN.

\* 2008, 1995: Ceramics consultant (medieval and post-medieval) – Vasilikos Valley Project, CYPRUS – directed by Ian Todd and Alison South.

\* 2001 – 2003: Ceramics consultant (medieval and post-medieval)– University of Warsaw – Polis-Pyrgos Archaeological Project, CYPRUS.

\* 1994 - 1997: Ceramics specialist - Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies (Toronto, ON) - excavations of medieval Zaraka, Stymphalos, GREECE.

## INTERDISCIPLINARY, INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

\* from 2021 -Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Department III, Working Group on “Agriculture and the Making of Sciences (1100-1700)” – informal affiliation through remote reading groups

\*from 2018: Co-Principal Investigator for German Research Foundation-funded Excellence Cluster “Beyond Slavery and Freedom: Asymmetrical Dependencies in Pre-Modern Society”, University of Bonn – 10 million euros.

\*2011-2019: Senior Fellow (2011-2012) at and Co-Director of the Annemarie-Schimmel-Kolleg for the History and Society of the Mamluk Era (1250-1517), an international research project. Sponsored by the Institut für Orient- und Asienwissenschaften, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität, Bonn and funded by the DFG (German Research Foundation) - (see project website: <http://www.mamluk.uni-bonn.de/>)

\* 2014-2015: Member of Local Dynamics of Globalization in the Pre-Modern Period project, an international research initiative funded by the Centre for Advanced Study at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, hosted by the University of Oslo. (see project website: <http://www.stordalen.info/LDG/Home.html>)

\*2009-2017: Site Manager and participant in the Virtual Lab of Islamic Ceramics, an on-line forum for international collaboration in medieval ceramics research.



\*2009 on: Member of international Islamic Working Group, Jordan Museum, Amman, JORDAN. Development of collaborative research projects, lectures series, and special exhibit themes.

\*2005-2008: Research participant in Norwegian project “Global Moments in the Levant: Towards an Understanding of a Contact Zone between Peoples, Cultures, and States”, sponsored by the University of Bergen and funded by the Norwegian Research Council (for 16 million kroner/\$2.6 million). (see project website: [www.globalmoments.uib.no](http://www.globalmoments.uib.no))

\*2004-2006: Research participant, Steering Committee, and Conference Organizer for Syrian component of French-American project “Exercising Power in the Age of the Sultanates”, co-sponsored by the American Research Center in Egypt and l’Institut Français d’Archéologie, and funded, in part, by the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Education, and Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Monographs*

Jordan in the Late Middle Ages: Transformation of the Mamluk Frontier. Chicago: Middle East Documentation Center, University of Chicago, Chicago Studies on the Middle East Monograph Series, 2011.

### *Edited Works*

*Journal of Islamic Archaeology* (Equinox): <https://www.equinoxpub.com/journals/index.php/JIA>. (2014 – on.) - senior/founding editor

History and Society during the Mamluk Period (1250-1517). Studies of the Annemarie Schimmel Institute for Advanced Study III, ed. Bethany J. Walker and Abdelkader al-Ghouz (Bonn: V&R Press, 2021).

Oxford Handbook of Islamic Archaeology, ed. Bethany J. Walker, Timothy Insoll, and Corisande Fenwick (Oxford University Press, 2020)

Living with Nature and Things: Contributions to a New Social History of the Middle Islamic Periods, ed. Bethany J. Walker and Abdelkader al-Ghouz (Bonn: V&R Press, 2020).

*Mamluk Studies Review* 20 (2017) – guest editor, the Annemarie Schimmel Kolleg issue.

Reflections of Empire: Archaeological and Ethnographic Studies on the Pottery of the Ottoman Levant, ed. Bethany J. Walker. Boston: ASOR, Annual of the American School of Oriental Research, #64, 2009.

Le pouvoir à l’âge des sultanats dans le Bilâd al-Shâm, Proceedings from the IFPO-ACOR Conference of same title, 13-15 May 2005, Amman; Published under *Bulletin des Études Orientales* 57, supplement (2008); Damascus. (Co-edited with Jean-François Salles.)

*Mamluk Studies Review* 11.1 (2007), guest editor, special volume on the Mamluk provinces.

### *Articles/Book Chapters*

“Peasant Dependencies in Medieval Islam: Whose Agency in Food Production and Migration?”, BCDSS Working Paper (<https://www.dependency.uni-bonn.de/images/pdf-files/working-papers/wp-walker.pdf>)

“Echoes of Late Antique Ebus in Mamluk Ḥisbān (Jordan)”, pp. 103-122 in Cities as palimpsests? Erasure, exposure and other responses to the past in eastern Mediterranean urbanism, ed. Beth Clark, Elizabeth Key Fowden, Suna Çağaptay, Edward Zychowicz-Coghill, Louise Blanke. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022).

“Reconstructing Homeland at a Time of Globalizing Change: Peasant Migration in Late Medieval Syria”. Pp. 544-582 in Levantine Entanglements Cultural Productions, Long-Term Changes and Globalizations in the Eastern Mediterranean, ed. Terje Stordalen and Øystein S LaBianca (Equinox, 2021)

“Searching for a Home in Long-Abandoned Places: the Resettlement of Late Medieval Syria”, pp. 451-472 in Humanistische Anthropologie. Ethnologische Begegnungen in einer globalisierten Welt. Festschrift für Christoph Antweiler zu seinem fünfundsechzigsten Geburtstag von seinem Freund\*innen und Kolleg\*innen, ed. Trang-Dai Vu, Oliver Pye, Hans Dieter Olschleger und Günther Distelrath. Bonner Asienstudien (Bonn: V&R Press, 2021).

“Peasants, rural economy and cash crops in medieval Islam”, pp. 91-113 in Markets, “money” and exchanges: Their economic logics in pre-modern societies, ed. Juan Carlos Moreno García (Oxford: Oxbow Books, 2021).

“*Hirbet Bēt Mazmīl*, Investigations of Medieval Jerusalem’s Hinterland: Interim Report on the 2015 and 2017 Field Seasons”, *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Palaestina-Verein* 136.2 (2020): 191-234. (co-authored with Benjamin Dolinka, with Walker as lead author)

“Editorial Introduction”, “Section Introduction: Central Islamic Lands”, and “Southern Syria”, pp. 1-16, 17-19, and 49-79 in Oxford Handbook of Islamic Archaeology, ed. Bethany J. Walker (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020).

“Jordan’s Northern Highlands in the Later Islamic Periods: Rural Prosperity Beyond the Decapolis”, pp. 143-163 in Drawing the Threads Together: Studies on Archaeology in Honour of Karin Bartl, ed. Alexander Ahrens, Dörte Rokitta-Krumnow, Franziska Bloch, and Claudia Bührig. Zaphon *marru* 10 (Münster: Zaphon Verlag, 2020).

“*Khirba*”, *Encyclopaedia of Islam* III, Part 2021.1: 73-75 – (available online at: [https://referenceworks.brillonline.com/entries/encyclopaedia-of-islam-3/khirba-COM\\_35538?s.num=32&s.start=20](https://referenceworks.brillonline.com/entries/encyclopaedia-of-islam-3/khirba-COM_35538?s.num=32&s.start=20)).

“Agricultural Terracing and Rural Revival in Late Medieval Palestine” (jointly written with Yuval Gadot, Yelena Elgart-Sharon, and Omer Ze’evi; Walker as lead author), pp.651-661 in Proceedings of the 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, vol. II, Islamic Archaeology section ed. Lorenz Korn and Anja Heidenreich (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2020)

“The Physical World as a Social World”, pp. 11-28 in Living with Nature and Things: Contributions to a New Social History of the Middle Islamic Periods, ed. Bethany J. Walker and Abdelkader al-Ghouz (Bonn: V&R Press, 2020).

“The ‘Liquid Landscapes’ of the Late Mamluk Mediterranean: Rural Perspectives on the Ever-Changing Sultanate”, Pp. 261-280 in The Mamluk Sultanate from the Perspective of Regional and World History: Economic, Social and Cultural Development in an Era of Increasing International Interaction and Competition, ed. Reuven Amitai and Stephan Conermann (Bonn: University of Bonn Press, 2019)

“Tall Ḥisbān 2016 Excavation Season: Household Archaeology in the Medieval Village”, *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* 59 (2018): 557-595. (co-authored with Tarina Greer, Reem al-Shqour, Aren LaBianca, Robert D. Bates, Jeffrey P. Hudon, Warren Schultz, Julian Henderson, Chiara Corbino, Sofia Lapidou, Annette Hansen, and Øystein S. LaBianca; Walker as lead author)

“Settlement Abandonment and Site Formation Processes: Case Studies from Late Islamic Syria”, Proceedings of the Tenth International Conference on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, 2016, ed. M. Ritter and M. Guidetti (2018), pp. 681-694.

“Did the Mamluks Have an Environmental Sense?: Natural Resource Management in Syrian Villages”

*Mamluk Studies Review* 20 (2017): 167-245 – co-written with Sofia Laparidou, Annette Hansen, and Chiara Corbino (Walker as lead author)

“Residue Analysis as Evidence of Activity Areas and Phased Abandonment in a Medieval Jordanian Village.”, *Journal of Islamic Archaeology* 4.3 (2017): 217-248. (co-authored with R. Bates, S. Polla, A. Springer, and S. Weihe; Walker as lead author)

“The Struggle over Water: Evaluating the ‘Water Culture’ of Syrian Peasants under Mamluk Rule”. Pp. 287-310 (Ch. 14).in *Developing Perspectives in Mamluk History* , ed. Yuval Ben-Bassat. (Brill, 2017).

“Tall Hisban 2013 and 2014 Excavation Seasons: Exploration of the Medieval Village and Long-Term Water Systems”. *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* 58 (2017): 483-523. (co-written with Robert Bates, Jeff Hudon, and Øystein LaBianca, with Walker as lead author) .

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## **ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA, LECTURES TO PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES (last five years)**

### **Upcoming conferences**

October 10-15, 2022: Conference in Tokyo, Japan on „Strong Asymmetries in Social Relations in the Mamluk Sultanate and Medieval Japan: A Comparative Study“, co-sponsored by the Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies and Toyo Bunko (The Oriental Library), Historiographical Institute of the University of Tokyo – paper entitled „Were peasants “tied to the land”?: the roles of migration in making and breaking asymmetrical dependencies in medieval Syria”

September 2022 (final dates TBD): Workshop on Cooking Wares, Crusader in Comparison; University of Haifa, Haifa, Israel – invited presentation on kitchen culture in Mamluk Transjordan

July 7-8, 2022: School of Mamluk Studies Annual Conference, Marburg, Germany – lecture entitled “Farming for profit: terraces, farmsteads, and the transformation of Syrian agriculture in the late Mamluk period

May 20, 2022: Mamluk Studies Symposium in Celebration of Carl Petry’s Retirement. Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, USA – lecture on current strands of research in Mamluk archaeology in Syria

### **Past conferences**

December 9, 2021: Ulrich Haarmann Memorial Online Lecture Series (sponsored by University of Bonn) – lecture entitled “Kitchen culture in 13th-century Syria: archaeological and botanical perspectives on dietary choices, garbage disposal, and health”, presented jointly with Alan Farahani (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

November 20, 2021: VarI Forschungstag (Bonn-Cologne). Online – lecture entitled “Late Medieval Farmsteads and Market Agriculture: The Khirbet Beit Mazmil Project, Jerusalem “

January 28, 2021: “The Rural Renaissance of Mamluk Jordan: Tall Hisban in Context”, Zoom lecture series “Islamic Archaeology: State of the Art, Challenges and Perspectives”, sponsored by l’Institut Français du Proche Orient in Amman.

January 26, 2021: Invited lecture entitled “Farmsteads and gardening in late medieval Palestine: recent archaeological work at Khirbet Beit Mazmil, Jerusalem”, Archäologisches Kolloquium, University of Bamberg. – RESCHEULED from May 12, 2020 due to the Covid pandemic.

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April 13-17, 2020: Invited paper entitled “Finding Meaning in the Medieval Midden: What Ceramic Dumps Reveal about Household Consumption”, for panel “Tales from the garbage. Excavation, methodology and pottery processing of the dumping deposits in the Near East from the Roman to the Islamic periods”, International Conference on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, Boulogne, Italy – RESCHEDULED to 6-10 April 2021, due to pandemic.

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May 7-10, 2019: Paper entitled “Echoes of Late Antique Esbus in Mamluk Ḥisbān (Jordan)”, International conference “Cities as palimpsests? Urban evolutions in the eastern Mediterranean”, Istanbul – sponsored by Cambridge and Bahçeşehir Universities. (by invitation)

May 2-3, 2019: Paper entitled “Orchard cultivation and cereal diversification: Lessons learned about sustainability from Early Ottoman Palestine”, for workshop “Food Security in Flux: Archaeological Methods for Economic Sustainability” sponsored by the Max-Planck Institute in Jena (by invitation)

April 12-14, 2019 – Paper entitled “The Changing Face of Agricultural ‘Estates’ in 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>-c Palestine: the Commercialization of Khirbet Beit Mazmil”, for “The 2nd International Conference: The Mamluk-Ottoman Transition: Continuity and Change in Egypt and Bilad al-Sham in the Sixteenth Century”, sponsored by the Annemarie Schimmel Kolleg, University of Bonn. (by invitation)

January 21-25, 2019: Paper entitled “Understanding the Contours of Rural Life in the Middle and Late Islamic Periods: New Evidence from Tall Hisban”, for International Conference of the History and Archaeology of Jordan, University of Florence.

December 1-2, 2018: Paper entitled “Agricultural Terracing and Gardening for Profit: Transformation of Palestinian Landscapes in the Mamluk Period”- for the Japanese-German Conference on Mamluk Studies, Tokyo (by invitation)

November 14-17, 2018: Paper entitled “Pottery for the General Staff: What was the function of Mamluk “Barracks Wares?”, for Annual Meetings of the American Schools of Oriental Research.

November 14-17, 2018: Paper entitled “The Domestic Living Spaces at the Tall Ḥisbān Medieval Village: A Preliminary Report of the 2016-18 Excavation Seasons” (presented jointly with Robert Bates, Andrews University), for Annual Meetings of the American Schools of Oriental Research.

November 19-21, 2018: Keynote speaker for international symposium entitled “Material Entanglements in the Islamic World: New Approaches to Islamic Archaeology & Ceramics” – University of Leiden – Keynote address entitled “Made on Order for the Amir: What was the function of Mamluk “Barracks Wares?”. (by invitation)

September 14-15, 2018 – Paper entitled “Farmsteads and commercial farming in the Mamluk and Ottoman periods: What We are Learning From Khirbet Beit Mazmil”, for First ‘Medieval Jerusalem Hinterland Project’ Workshop (organized by Walker), Islamic Archaeology Research Unit, University of Bonn

May 17-19, 2018 – Paper entitled “Locating Economic Behavior in Local Communities.”, for workshop “Histories of Economy of the Middle East”, University of California – Santa Barbara (by invitation)

April 3-7, 2018 – Paper entitled “Agricultural Terracing and Rural Revival in Late Medieval Palestine” (jointly written with Yuval Gadot, Walker as lead author), for the International Conference on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, University of Munich.

## MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Schools of Oriental Research, Deutscher Verein zur Erforschung Palästinas (German Society for the Exploration of Palestine), Palestinian American Research Center, Palestine Exploration Society, Council for British Research in the Levant, Ernst Herzfeld Society for Studies in Islamic Art and Archaeology

## PROFESSIONAL OFFICES HELD

Senior Editor, *Journal of Islamic Archaeology* (Equinox) (<https://www.equinoxpub.com/journals/index.php/JIA>) – 2014 on

Co-editor of *Monographs in Islamic Archaeology* (Equinox) (<https://www.equinoxpub.com/home/monographs-islamic-archaeology/>) – 2020 on

Member of Editorial Board for monograph series *Agriculture and the Making of Sciences 1100-1700: Texts, Practices, and Transcultural Transmission of Knowledge in Asia* (Brill)

Member of Advisory Board, *Jordan Journal for History and Archaeology* (University of Jordan/Ministry of Higher Education in Jordan), 2021 - today.

Member of Editorial Board, *Tel Aviv Journal* – 2021 – today.

Member of Editorial Board, *Comparative Islamic Studies* (Equinox) (<https://www.equinoxpub.com/journals/index.php/CIS>) – 2015 – today.

Member of Editorial Board, *Mamluk Studies Review* (University of Chicago), 2004 - today.

Member of Editorial Board, *Bulletin d' Études Orientales*, (French-language, peer-reviewed journal on medieval history and culture, Damascus), 2007 – today.

Member of Editorial Board, *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*, 2013 – 2010.

Member of Editorial Board, *Polish Archaeological Series* (PCMA) – 2020 – today.

Chair, ASOR Consultation for Dig Directors in Jordan (liaison between Jordanian Department of Antiquities and ACOR North American dig directors) – Nov. 2001 – today.

Member, ACOR Board of Trustees, 2010-today. Member, Library (from 2010), Fellowships (from 2011), and Strategic Planning and Development (from 2011, chairing from 2013) subcommittees.

Member of ASOR Board of Trustees, 2004-2007.

Member, ASOR Program Committee, 2010-2012.

Member of ASOR's CAP (Committee on Archaeological Policy), 2005-2007.

Board of Directors, Middle East Medievalists, 2005 – 2007.

Member of Editorial Board, *Near Eastern Archaeology*, 2004 – 2012.

Member of Scientific Committee, ICHAJ (International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan) Tri-Annual Conference, Florence, Italy (Jan. 2019) - [www.ichaj.org](http://www.ichaj.org)

American Organizing Committee for International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan, May 23-28, 2007, Washington, D.C. ([www.ichaj.org](http://www.ichaj.org)) – 2006-2007.

Member of Steering Committee and ACOR representative scholar for CAORC project entitled “The Exercise of Ruling Power in the Middle East and North African Societies (13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> C): Practices and Representations”, a series of joint French and American-led international research symposia in five Middle Eastern capitals during 2004-2006.

Co-Editor, Mamluk Studies On-line Bibliography, University of Chicago (under development), 2004 – on.

Associate Member, Middle East Center, University of Chicago, 2004-2006.

Associate Researcher, Institute of Archaeology, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI, 2004-on.

Regular article referee for *Mamluk Studies Review* (Chicago) and *Near Eastern Archaeology* (USA) and occasionally for *Levant* (Oxford, UK), *Annales Islamologiques* (Paris, France), *'Atiqot* (Jerusalem, Israel), *Holocene* (for environmental studies, UK), and *International Journal of Historical Archaeology* (USA)

## FUND RAISING

Member of Advisory Board for an Oklahoma university consortium project entitled “al-Sharaka”. This project won a \$15 million, 3-year USAID grant in November 2003 for rebuilding Iraq's higher education system; was Team Lead for Cultural Heritage component of this project.

## LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Native fluence: English

Functional fluency: Arabic (classical and Egyptian colloquial), French, and German

some reading and speaking proficiency: Greek (modern Cypriot)

limited speaking ability: Hungarian

**HOBBIES**

play jazz clarinet and classical piano, chorus, “friendly” tennis, hiking, love travel