The 19th Batchelder Conference for Archaeology and Biblical Studies

Conference Program

Thursday, November 10th 7:30 PM

Keynote speaker

Prof. Avraham Ronen – “The Earliest Burials and the Origin of Religions”

Friday, November 11th

8:00 – 8:45 Breakfast at the Israel Center UNO

Session chair Dr. Nicolae Roddy, Creighton University

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Dr. Richard Freund, University of Hartford CT, “Why Geo-Science Matters: The Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) in Nazareth to the Great Synagogues of Vilna” 25 min

Dr. Phil Reedeer, Dean of Bayer School of Science, Duquesne University, “The Mapping of the ‎Greater Mary's Well and Bathhouse and the Greater Vilna area (Great Synagogue of Vilna, Ponar and Rasu Prison)”

10:00 – 11:00 AM

Dr. Harry Jol, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, and students, “Four GPR studies of Rhodes, Greece: Kahal Shalom, Kahal Grande, Synagogues, the Church of the Victory, and the Grandmaster Palace”

11:00 – 12:00 PM

Dr. Carl Savage, Drew University, “Jerusalem Lights on the Sea of Galilee”.

12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch break

1:00 – 2:00 PM

 Dr. Leonard Greenspoon, “And the Walls Came Tumbling Down? Once More with Joshua to Jericho”

Session chair, Dr. Richard Freund

2:00 – 3:00

Dr**.** Marcela Zapata Meza, Universidad Anahuac, Mexico, “The Archaeological Excavations at Magdala”

3:00 – 4:00

Cyd Burrows, University of Southern California, “GIS at Bethsaida”

4:00 – 5:00

Hanan Shafir, Israel, Photographing Archaeological excavations, RTI technology.

7:30 Keynote Speaker

Curtis Hutt, University of Nebraska at Omaha, “Animal Sacrifice in the Post Temple Period: History vs. Religious Tradition”

Saturday November 12th

Session chair: Dr. Rami Arav

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Alan Hix, Shorter University, “The Influence of Israel's Northern Neighbors on Religious Forms, Practices, and Architecture During the Iron Age”

10:00 – 11:00 AM

Ken Bensimon, “I am like a city wall and my breasts like towers; then I would have been in his eyes as one who finds peace” (Songs of Solomon, 8:10) Walls and Towers at Bethsaida.

11:00 – 12:00

Dr. Simon Gibson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, “New discoveries at Mt. Zion”.

12:00 – 1:00

Lunch break

1:00 – 2:00

Jerome Lynn Hall, University of San Diego, “Who Built the Kinneret Boat?”

Session Chair,

Dr. Carl Savage, Drew University

2:00 – 3:00 PM

Dr. James Tabor, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, "The Abba Tomb in Jerusalem: Does it Belong to Hyrcanus II/Antigonus—the Last of the Hasmonean Kings?"

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Dr. Kris Udd, Grace University, “Nomina Sacra, the use of sacred names in the ancient records”

4:00 – 5:00

Dr. Rami Arav, University of Nebraska at Omaha, “The First 30 years of Excavations at Bethsaida”.