

*THE 19TH ANNUAL BATCHELDER  
CONFERENCE FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES AND  
ARCHAEOLOGY  
NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> TO 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2017  
THOMPSON CENTER, UNO*



*Figure 1, A Hellenistic Oil Lamp (2nd century BCE), on the nozzle, a bearded face of Silenus. RTI Photo by Hanan Shafir, Discovered at Bethsaida 2014*

## Program

Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 7:30PM

Keynote:

Rami Arav, University of Nebraska at Omaha,

Richard Freund, University of Hartford, respondent

*The first 30 years of Bethsaida Excavations; what have we learned? Where should we proceed?*



Figure 2, City Gate of Stratum VI, 11th to 10th centuries BCE. Photographed Hanan Shafir

## Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00 – 10:00AM, Presider, Rami Arav

Richard Freund, University of Hartford

*Seeking Mary: The 15 Years of the Scribante Family Excavations Project in Nazareth*

10:00- 11:00 AM

Leonard Greenspoon, Creighton University

*The Museum of the Bible: An Outsider's Inside View*

11:00:00 – 12:00

Curtis Hutt, University of Nebraska at Omaha

*Jerusalem: Religion and the Representation of the Past*

2:00 – 3:00, Presider, Richard Freund

Bridget Sandhoff, University of Nebraska at Omaha

*A Rare Gold Earring from Bethsaida*

3:00 – 4:00

Ian Darnell, MBDAQ, MPIA, CPP, Warwick, Australia

*Pencil vs. Digital*

4:00 – 5:00

Paul Williams, University of Nebraska at Omaha

*Proverbs, Wisdom, and Social Ordering Processes; From Bethsaida to Congo and Beyond.*



*Figure 3 An Early Roman juglet, restored by Karin Nobbs, photographed, Hanan Shafir*

7:30 PM

Keynote

David Gurevich, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

*Water and Society: Jerusalem Water Installation during the Hasmonean and the Herodian Dynasties*

## Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Harry Jol, Richard Freund, Carl Savage, Marcela Zapata Meza, Maha Darawsha, Dina Shalem, Justin Lockhart and Barry Davis

*Preliminary results from 2017 geophysical surveys at four northern Israeli sites: Nazareth, Magdala, El Araj and Peki'in*

Harry Jol, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

*Why lake levels matter at archaeological sites along the Sea of Galilee: Insights from Kursi, El Araj, and Magdala?*

10:00 – 11:00, Presider, Paul Williams

Richard Mataitis, Harry Jol, Richard Freund, Carl Savage, Justin Lockhart and Barry Davis

*Coastal progradation and subsurface investigations at El Araj: An overview of the geomorphic story*

Luke Burds, Joseph Beck, Richard Mataitis, Harry Jol, Richard Freund, Paul Bauman, Alastair McClymont and Gintautas Zabiela

*Holocaust Geoarchaeology I: Trying to locate a mass burial at Fort VII, Kaunas, Lithuania*

Joseph Beck, Luke Burds, Richard Mataitis, Harry Jol, Richard Freund, Paul Bauman, Alastair McClymont and Gintautas Zabiela

*Holocaust Geoarchaeology II: Searching for mass execution trenches at Fort IX, Kaunas, Lithuania*

11:00 – 12:00

Carl Savage, Drew University

*The 'Other Bethsaida:' Some Insights on El Araj from observations and recent GPR studies*

2:00 – 3:00, Presider, Carl Savage

Andrea Garza Díaz Barriga, Centro de Investigación en Culturas de la Antigüedad

*Money, an important piece of ancient economic development. Magdala coins, part of an archaeological context*

3:00 – 4:00

Rosaura Sanz-Rincón, Centro de Investigación en Culturas de la Antigüedad, Mexico

*The art of Magdala; an approach to understanding cultural context of Early Roman Galilee.*

4:00 – 5:00

Dylan Campbell, University of Nebraska at Omaha

Minoan (Crete) religious symbols on seals pre and post Thera volcano Eruption



TYRE, TYCHE (THE FORTUNE CITY GODDESS) WEARING TURRETED CROWN, VEIL, AND EARRING, BEHIND PALM BRANCH, 1<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY BCE- 1<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CE, discovered at Bethsaida 2014, Photographed Hanan Shafir