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Oriental Institute
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Bronze and Iron Ages of the ancient Near East and eastern Mediterranean; complex society; urbanism; landscape archaeology, GIS and remote sensing; ceramic analysis; the built environment and architecture; spatial analysis; forced migration; territoriality; monumentality; social and archaeological theory; cognitive archaeology; use of historical texts in archaeology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Near Eastern Archaeology

Oriental Institute, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, and the College, University of Chicago 2015-present

Postdoctoral Fellow in Archaeology

Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, Brown University 2014-2015

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Humanities

Department of Near Eastern Studies, Johns Hopkins University 2012-2014

Postdoctoral Scholar, Institute for European and Mediterranean Archaeology

Department of Anthropology, State University of New York at Buffalo 2011-2012

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge MA

Ph.D., 2011. Archaeology of the Levant, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. Dissertation Title: *Spatial Analysis and Political Authority in the Iron Age Kingdom of Patina, Turkey*. Awarded with distinction.

Ankara Üniversitesi TÖMER, Ankara, Turkey

Turkish Language School, level 7 certificate, February 2010

Harvard University, Cambridge MA

A.M., 2008. Archaeology of the Levant, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

University of Toronto, Toronto ON

B.A. (Honors), 2003. Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS (*External)

- 2018 **Frank Institute for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship**, in support of a full year research leave during the 2018-2019 academic year, \$40,000
- 2017 ***Loeb Classical Library Foundation Fellowship**, in support of the conference *The Connected Iron Age: Interregional Networks in the Eastern Mediterranean, 900-600 BCE*, \$13,222
- 2017 **Franke Institute for the Humanities Center for Disciplinary Innovation Grant**, for “The Mediterranean Sea in Antiquity: Imperial Connections,” (with Catherine Kearns), \$1500
- 2016 **Franke Institute for the Humanities Conference Award**, in support of the conference *The Connected Iron Age: Interregional Networks in the Eastern Mediterranean, 900-600 BCE*, \$2500
- 2015 **Signature Humanities Course**, Teaching grant awarded by the University of Chicago Humanities Division for proposed “signature” courses, \$3000
- 2014 ***Wenner-Gren Foundation**, Post-Ph.D. Research Grant for “The Impact of the Neo-Assyrian Conquest: Forced Resettlement and Daily Practice at Tell Tayinat (Turkey) (Grant #8963),” \$19,800
- 2014 ***National Geographic Society**, Committee for Research and Exploration Grant for the “Tayinat Lower Town Project: Craft Production and Specialization in the Iron Age Mediterranean (Grant #9485-14),” \$18,830
- 2013 ***American Schools of Oriental Research**, Mesopotamian Fellowship for “The Iron Age Diaspora: Forced Resettlement in the Near East, 900-600 B.C.E.,” \$5000
- 2011 ***American Schools of Oriental Research**, Heritage Fellowship, \$1000
- 2010 **Harvard University Graduate Society**, Dissertation Completion Fellowship, \$28,000
- 2009 ***Institute of International Education**, Fulbright Scholarship, Turkey, \$15,000
- 2009 **Harvard University**, Frederick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship, \$19,000
- 2009 ***US Department of Education**, Foreign Languages and Areas Studies Language Study Academic-Year Fellowship (Turkish), \$20,000
- 2008 ***American Schools of Oriental Research**, Sean W. Dever Memorial Prize for the best paper by a graduate student in Near Eastern archaeology, “The Bench Tomb in Iron Age Judah: Secondary Mortuary Practice and Social Values,” \$650
- 2007 **Harvard University Graduate Society**, Predissertation Summer Fellowship, \$3000
- 2007 ***American Schools of Oriental Research**, Dorot Foundation Travel Scholarship, \$1000

PUBLICATIONS

Books

J. F. Osborne, ed. 2014. *Approaching Monumentality in Archaeology*. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

J. F. Osborne and N. P. VanValkenburgh, eds. 2013. *Territoriality in Archaeology*. Archeological Papers of the American Anthropological Association, Vol. 22. Arlington, VA: Wiley-Blackwell.

Books in Preparation

J. F. Osborne. In prep. *Diaspora and Mobility: The Syro-Anatolian Culture Complex*. Under contract with Oxford University Press.

Journal Articles (peer reviewed)

J. F. Osborne and S. Karacic. 2017. "Urbanism beyond the Acropolis: The Tayinat Lower Town Project Surface Survey, 2014-2015." *Anatolica* XLIII: 37-70.

J. F. Osborne. 2017. "Counter-Monumentality and the Vulnerability of Memory." *Journal of Social Archaeology* 17/2: 163-187.

J. F. Osborne. 2017. "Exploring the Lower Settlements of Iron Age Capitals in Anatolia and Syria." *Antiquity* 91 (355): 90-107.

S. Karacic and **J. F. Osborne**. 2016. "Eastern Mediterranean Economic Exchange during the Iron Age: Portable X-Ray Fluorescence and Neutron Activation Analysis of Cypriot-Style Pottery in the Amuq Valley, Turkey." *PLoS ONE* 11(11): e0166399. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0166399

J. F. Osborne. 2015. Ancient Cities and Power: The Archaeology of Urbanism in the Iron Age Capitals of Northern Mesopotamia. *International Journal of Urban Sciences* 19/1: 7-19.

J. F. Osborne and G. D. Summers. 2014. Visibility Graph Analysis and Monumentality in the Iron Age City at Kerkenes in Central Turkey. *Journal of Field Archaeology* 39/3: 292-309.

J. F. Osborne. 2014. Settlement Planning and Urban Symbology in Syro-Anatolian Cities. *Cambridge Archaeological Journal* 24/2: 195-214.

J. Ur, L. de Jong, J. Giraud, **J. F. Osborne**, and J. MacGinnis. 2013. Ancient Cities and Landscapes in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq: The Erbil Plain Archaeological Survey 2012 Season. *Iraq* 75: 89-117.

J. F. Osborne. 2013. Sovereignty and Territoriality in the City-State: A Case Study from the Amuq Valley, Turkey. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 32: 774-790.

J. F. Osborne. 2012. Communicating Power in the Bīt-Ḫilāni Palace. *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 368: 29-66.

T. P. Harrison and **J. F. Osborne**. 2012. Building XVI and the Neo-Assyrian Sacred Precinct at Tell Tayinat. *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* 64: 125-143.

J. F. Osborne. 2011. Secondary Mortuary Practice and the Bench Tomb: Structure and Practice in Iron Age Judah. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 70/1: 35-53.

Book Chapters

J. F. Osborne. 2018. "Representing Cities in Syro-Anatolian and Neo-Assyrian Art," pp. 197-209 in *Assyromania and More: In Memory of Samuel M. Paley*. F. Pedde and N. Shelly, eds. Münster: Zaphon Press.

J. F. Osborne. 2017. "Monuments of the Hittite and Neo-Assyrian Empires during the Late Bronze and Iron Ages," pp. 87-105 in *Mercury's Wings: Exploring Modes of Communication in the Ancient World*. F. Naiden and R. Talbert, eds. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

J. Ur and **J. F. Osborne**. 2016. "The Rural Landscape of the Assyrian Heartland: Recent Results from Arbail and Kilizu Provinces," pp. 163-174 in *The Provincial Archaeology of the Assyrian Empire*. J. MacGinnis, D. Wicke, and T. Greenfield, eds. Cambridge: McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research.

J. F. Osborne. 2014. "Monuments and Monumentality," pp. 1-19 in *Approaching Monumentality in Archaeology*. J. F. Osborne, ed. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

N. P. VanValkenburgh and **J. F. Osborne**. 2013. "Home Turf: Archaeology, Territoriality, and Politics," pp. 1-27 in *Territoriality in Archaeology*. J. F. Osborne and N. P. VanValkenburgh, eds. Archeological Papers of the American Anthropological Association. Arlington, VA: Wiley-Blackwell.

J. F. Osborne. 2007. "Tel Halif," in *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible, Volume 2*. K. D. Sakenfeld, ed. Pp.721-2. Nashville: Abingdon Press.

Book Reviews

J. F. Osborne. 2017. Review of Harmanşah, Ö. *Cities and the Shaping of Memory in the Ancient Near East*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013; **and** Harmanşah, Ö. *Place, Memory, and Healing: An Archaeology of Anatolian Rock Monuments*. New York, NY: Routledge, 2015. *CAAreviews.org*, Taylor & Francis: DOI: 10.3202/caa.reviews.2017.117.

J. F. Osborne. 2013. Review of *The Oxford Handbook of Ancient Anatolia (10,000-323 BCE)*. Edited by S. R. Steadman and G. McMahon. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011. *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 370: 225-227.

J. F. Osborne. 2012. Review of Gilibert, A. *Syro-Hittite Monumental Art and the Archaeology of Performance*. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2011. *American Journal of Archaeology* 116/4 ([online](#)).

J. F. Osborne. 2012. Review of *Agency and Identity in the Ancient Near East: New Paths Forward*. Edited by S. R. Steadman and J. C. Ross. Oakville, CT: Equinox, 2010. *Journal of Field Archaeology* 37/1: 75-77.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago

Ceramic Analysis in Archaeology (Spring 2018)
Ancient Near Eastern History and Society II: Anatolia (Winter 2018)
Self, Culture, and Society [20th century social theory] (Winter 2018)
The Mediterranean Sea in Antiquity: Imperial Connections between East and West (Fall 2017)
The Archaeology of Anatolia (Spring 2017)
BIG: Monumental Buildings and Sculptures in the Past and Present – *Signature Humanities Course* (Spring 2017)
The Neo-Hittite and Aramaean City-States (Winter 2017)
Self, Culture, and Society [20th century social theory] (Winter 2017)
Monuments and Monumentality in the Past and Present (Spring 2016)
Migrations and Population Movements of the Ancient Near East (Spring 2016)
Self, Culture, and Society [20th century social theory] (Winter, 2016)
The Archaeology of the Built Environment (Winter 2016)

Brown University

Before the Islamic State: The Archaeology of Ancient Mesopotamia (undergraduate course, 2015)
History, Anthropology, and Archaeology: Disciplinary Dialogues (advanced undergraduate and graduate course, 2014)

Johns Hopkins University

Ceramic Analysis in Archaeology (undergraduate course, 2014)
BIG: Monumental Buildings and Sculptures in Antiquity and Today, freshmen writing intensive seminar (undergraduate course, 2013)
The Rise and Fall of the Iron Age City-State System in the Near East (graduate course, 2013)
Jerusalem: The Holy City in History and Archaeology (undergraduate course, 2012)

SUNY Buffalo

Monuments and Monumentality in the Past and Present (undergraduate and graduate course, 2012)

Harvard University (* Harvard University Certificate of Distinction; all courses as Teaching Assistant)

* Digging the Glyphs: Adventures in Decipherment, *Head Teaching Assistant*, (2008)
The Aztec Empire, *Teaching Assistant* (2008)
Archaeology of the Levant, *Teaching Assistant* (2008)
Syro-Palestinian Pottery, *Teaching Assistant* (2008)
* History of the Ancient Near East, *Teaching Assistant* (2007)
From Judaism to Christianity; From the Hebrew Bible to the Old Test., *Teaching Fellow* (2007)
Biblical Archaeology, *Teaching Fellow* (2007)
Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures, *Teaching Fellow* (2007)

Archaeology of the Levant, *Teaching Fellow* (2006)
Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures, *Teaching Fellow* (2006)
Syro-Palestinian Pottery, *Teaching Fellow* (2006)
TEFL English-language training: kindergarten to middle school, Taipei, Taiwan, 2003-2004

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD PROJECTS

Landscape Archaeology in the Sakarya Region (LASER) – *permit application pending*
Co-Director (with Müge Durusu-Tanrıöver): 2018-

Tayinat Lower Town Project, Tell Tayinat, Turkey
Director: 2013-2016

Erbil Plain Archaeological Survey, Kurdistan Regional Government of Iraq
Associate Director: 2012 –

Tayinat Archaeological Project, Turkey
Field Supervisor (Field 2, Iron II/III temple): 2007-2012
Square Supervisor 2005-2006

Kerkenes Dağ, Turkey
Area Supervisor (Cappadocia Gate): 2010

Amuq Valley Regional Projects, Turkey
Survey team member: 2010

British Museum Excavations at Sidon, Lebanon
Square Supervisor (Early Bronze Age domestic architecture): 2001-2003

Leon Levy Expedition to Ashkelon, Israel
Excavation team member (Early Iron Age horizon): 2004

Tell Madaba Archaeological Project
Ceramic analyst: 2002

Tel Yaqush, Israel
Field school team member: 2000

INVITED LECTURES

“Counter-monumentality and the Vulnerability of Memory in the Past and Present.” Flagship lecture presented to the Department of Archaeology, Classics, and Egyptology, University of Liverpool, UK, 2018.

“Near Eastern and Aegean Interaction during the Early First Millennium BCE.” A.K. Grayson Lecture in Assyrian History and Culture for the Canadian Society of Mesopotamian Studies, Toronto, 2018.

“Strange Loops: Texts and Urban Space in Iron Age Cities of the Syro-Anatolian Culture Complex.” Borghesi-Mellon workshop lecture at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI, 2018.

“City Planning and Monumental Architecture in Iron Age Turkey.” Breasted lecture presented in Rockford, IL, 2018

“Near Eastern and Aegean Interaction during the Iron Age.” Archaeological Institute of America Kershaw Lecturer in Near Eastern Archaeology for 2017. Lecture presented in Bozeman, MO; Las Vegas, NV; and Iowa City, IO. 2017.

“City Planning and Monumentality: Urban Symbology in Iron Age Turkey.” Invited lecture presented to *Topoi Excellence Cluster: Großbauten in ihren Gesellschaften – zwischen praktischer Nutzung und symbolischer Bedeutung*. Freie Universität, Berlin, 2016.

“Results of the Tayinat Lower Town Project.” Invited lecture to the Department of History and Cultures, University of Bologna, 2016.

“The Iron II/III Pottery Assemblages at Tell Tayinat.” Invited lecture to the Department of History and Cultures, University of Bologna, 2016.

“A Multi-Scalar Approach to the Neo-Assyrian Forced Migration.” Invited lecture presented at the workshop *The Levant under Assyrian Domination*, Yad Ben-Zvi Institute, Jerusalem, 2015.

“The State and its Region in Past and Present: Territoriality in the Iron Age Kingdom of Patina.” Invited lecture for the Western New York Society of the American Institute of Archaeology, 2012.

“Archaeology, Urbanism, and Town Planning: A Study of the Anatolian Iron Age.” Invited lecture for D’Youville College, Buffalo, 2012.

“The State and its Region in Past and Present: Territoriality in the Iron Age Kingdom of Patina.” Invited lecture presented at Bilkent University, Ankara, 2010

“Ancient Conceptions of Political Territory: A View from the Iron Age Kingdom of Patina.” Invited lecture for the American Research Institute of Turkey, Ankara, 2010

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“The Tayinat Lower Town Project.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Toronto, 2017.

“In Big Things Remembered: Memory and Counter-Monumentality.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Antonio, 2016.

“Production and Consumption of Cypro-Geometric Pottery in the Amuq Valley.” With Steven Karacic. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Antonio, 2016.

“The Formation of the Syro-Anatolian City-States: New Evidence from Patina and Beyond.” Invited paper presented at 10ICAANE meeting in Vienna, Austria, 2016.

“Forced Migration in the Near East: Preliminary Results of the Tayinat Lower Town Project.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Atlanta, 2015.

“Visibility Graph Analysis of Monumental Buildings in Iron Age Turkey.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco, 2015.

“The Iron Age Diaspora of the Early First Millennium BCE: The Tayinat Lower Town Project and the Erbil Plain Archaeological Survey.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Diego, 2014.

“Results of the Erbil Plain Archaeological Survey (EPAS), Kurdistan Region of Iraq.” With Jason Ur. Paper presented at the International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (9ICAANE), Basel, 2014.

“Archaeological Landscapes of the Erbil Plain, Kurdistan Region of Iraq.” With Jason Ur. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Baltimore, 2013.

“Settlement Planning and Urban Symbology in Syro-Anatolian Cities.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Baltimore, 2013.

“Communicating Power in the Bīt-Ḫilāni Palace.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Chicago, 2012.

“Near Eastern Archaeology and Anthropology: A Junior Scholar’s Journey.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Theoretical Archaeology Group, Buffalo, 2012.

“Feasting Scenes from the Near Eastern Iron Age: Cultural Insights from Elite Feasting Practices in the Syro-Anatolian City-State.” Invited paper for the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Memphis, 2012

“Al Mina and East-West Relations: The View from Tell Tayinat.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Philadelphia, 2012

“Strategies of Sovereignty in the Iron Age City-State: Settlement Patterns and Political Authority in Patina/Unqi, Turkey.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Francisco, 2011

“Spatial Analysis and the Nature of Political Authority in the Syro-Hittite City-State: The Evidence from Patina/Unqi.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Atlanta, 2010

“Home Turf: Archaeology, Territoriality, and Politics.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta (co-authored with Parker VanValkenburgh), 2009

“The Bench Tomb in Iron Age Judah: Secondary Mortuary Practice and Social Values.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, 2008

“The Bench Tomb in Iron Age Judah: Secondary Mortuary Practice and Social Values.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Diego, 2007

PRESENTATIONS ON CAMPUS

“Monuments and their Destruction in the Past and Present.” Oriental Institute lecture for the museum volunteers, 2018.

“Confederate Monuments and Counter-Monumentality in the Past and Present.” Lecture given to the Franke Institute for the Humanities, 2017.

“The Syro-Anatolian City-States: A Neglected Iron Age Culture.” Oriental Institute Members Lecture, 2016.

“Urbanism and Interregional Interaction in Iron Age Anatolia.” Oriental Institute lecture for the museum volunteers, 2016.

“Forced Migration in the Iron Age: A Multi-Scalar Approach.” Lecture presented at the Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop, University of Chicago, 2015.

“Return to Mesopotamia: The Iron Age Diaspora and the Erbil Plain Archaeological Survey.” Invited lecture for the Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World, Brown University, 2014.

“Excavations at the Neo-Hittite Capital City of Kunulua: Results of the Tayinat Archaeological Project.” Lecture for the Institute of European and Mediterranean Archaeology, State University of New York at Buffalo, 2011

“Excavations at the Aramean Capital of Kunalua in the Plain of Antioch.” Lecture presented in the Harvard Semitic Museum Lecture Series, 2007

“The Archaeology of the Amuq in the Iron Age: Ethnicity in a Cultural Crossroad.” Lecture presented in Harvard University’s Archaeology Wing Seminar Series, 2006

CHAired CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

The Connected Iron Age: Interregional Networks in the Eastern Mediterranean, 900-600 BCE. Conference at the Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago, Jan. 2018, co-chaired with Jonathan Hall.

Approaching Monumentality in the Archaeological Record. Fifth Annual IEMA Visiting Scholar Conference. Institute for European and Mediterranean Archaeology, SUNY Buffalo, 2012.

Territoriality in Archaeology: The Politics of Land and Space. Symposium of the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta, 2009, co-chaired with N. Parker VanValkenburgh.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Chair, Center for Ancient Middle Eastern Landscapes (CAMEL), faculty advisory committee	2018-
NELC Department Director of Undergraduate Studies	2017-
Oriental Institute Postdoctoral Fellow search committee	2017-
Ancient fields book review editor, <i>Journal of Near Eastern Studies</i>	2016-
Faculty representative to the Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop	2015-
University of Chicago institutional representative to the American Research Institute of Turkey	2015-
Oriental Institute Turkey Archaeology lecture series coordinator	2017-2018
Humanities Division Signature Humanities Course selection committee	2017-2018
Center for Ancient Middle Eastern Landscapes review committee	2017-2018
Oriental Institute Directorship Review Advisory Committee	2016-2017
Oriental Institute Egyptian Archaeology Research Associate search committee	2016-2017
Oriental Institute Visiting Services and Security Manager search committee	2016-2017
10 th International Congress of Hittitology organizing committee	2016-2017
Oriental Institute Chief Curator and Deputy Director for Collections and Exhibitions search committee	2015-2016
NELC department colloquium and social hour committee member	2015-2016

ACADEMIC SERVICE

External Ph.D examiner: Kathryn Morgan, University of Pennsylvania (2018); Mia Montesanto, University of Liverpool (2018)

Editorial Advisory Board member: *Journal for Mediterranean Archaeology*, Athens University *Review of Archaeology*

Peer-reviewer (article manuscripts) for *American Anthropologist*, *American Journal of Archaeology*, *Athens University Review of Archaeology*, *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*, *Cambridge Archaeological Journal*, *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*, *Journal of Archaeological Research*, *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology*, *Near Eastern Archaeology*

Peer-reviewer (book manuscripts) for *Brill*, *De Gruyter*, *Routledge*, *SUNY Press*

Peer-reviewer (grant applications) for *National Science Foundation*

American Research Institute of Turkey, Nominations Committee

2017-

ASOR Committee on Archaeological Research and Policy (CAP)

Class of 2016

LANGUAGES

<i>Turkish</i>	Excellent conversational, reading, and writing ability
<i>French</i>	Reading knowledge, good conversational ability
<i>German</i>	Reading knowledge, moderate conversational ability
<i>Biblical Hebrew</i>	Reading knowledge
<i>Akkadian</i>	Reading knowledge