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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Archaeology 2009 – 2013
Institute of Archaeology, University College London
Dissertation: “Constructing Urbanism: Relating the Construction of Middle Bronze Age Cities to the Process of Urbanization”
Advisors: Arlene Rosen, Katherine Wright, Elizabeth Graham
Examiners: Tony Wilkinson (Durham University), Mark Altaweel (University College London)
- M.A. Archaeology of the Eastern Mediterranean & the Middle East 2008 – 2009
Institute of Archaeology, University College London
Thesis Title: “Constructing Society: Earthen Ramparts and Urbanization in Middle Bronze Age Canaan”, awarded Distinction
- M.A. Biblical Text 2003 – 2005
Graduate School of Theology, Abilene Christian University
Thesis Title: “Mythological Apocalypses: Eschatological Mythopoeic Speculation of the Combat Myth in Biblical Apocalyptic Literature”
- B.S. Biblical Studies 1999 – 2003
Abilene Christian University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Harvard University* 2016 - 2018
Center for Geographic Analysis; Position: Visiting Fellow
- W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research* 2016 – 2017
Educational and Cultural Affairs Fellow
- Harvard University* 2014 – 2016
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations; Position: College Fellow of Archaeology
Affiliations: Department of Anthropology, Harvard Divinity School
- San Francisco State University* 2013 – 2014
Anthropology Department; Position: Visiting Lecturer
- University of California, Berkeley* 2013 – 2014
Archaeological Research Facility; Position: Visiting Scholar
- Kelkit Aydın Doğan Meslek Yüksek Okulu (Kelkit/Gümüşhane, Turkey)* 2006 – 2007
English Department; Position: English Instructor

FORMAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE¹

GIS and Spatial Analysis in Archaeology <i>Harvard University, Department of Anthropology</i> Level: Undergraduate/Graduate * Co-taught with Prof. Jason Ur	Spring 2016
Ancient Warfare in the Near East: An Anthropological Perspective <i>Harvard University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations</i> Level: Undergraduate/Graduate	Spring 2016
Sophomore Tutorial in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations <i>Harvard University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations</i> Level: Undergraduate * Contributing Lecturer; course organized with Dr. Gojko Barjamovic	Spring 2016
Junior Tutorial in Archaeology <i>Harvard University, Department of Anthropology</i> Level: Undergraduate * Contributing Lecturer; course organized by Dr. Jessica Cerezo-Roman	Fall 2015
Biblical Archaeology <i>Harvard University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations</i> Level: Undergraduate/Graduate	Fall 2014, 2015
Environmental Archaeology of the Near East <i>Harvard University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations</i> Level: Graduate	Spring 2015
Archaeology of the Levant <i>Harvard University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations</i> Level: Graduate	Fall 2014
Archaeological Methods <i>San Francisco State University, Anthropology Department</i> Level: Undergraduate	2013 – 2014
Ancient Civilizations of the Near East <i>San Francisco State University, Anthropology Department</i> Level: Undergraduate	Spring 2013
Archaeological Field Techniques <i>JVRP (Course Credit through University of Hawaii)</i> Level: Undergraduate * Designed and taught with staff members of the JVRP	Summer 2013, 2015
Advanced Archaeological Field Techniques Level: Undergraduate * Designed and taught with staff members of the JVRP	Summer 2013, 2015
Field Techniques in Archaeology <i>Tel Aviv University</i> Level: Undergraduate * Designed and taught with staff members of the Megiddo Expedition	Summer 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016
Beginning AND Intermediate English <i>Kelkit Aydın Doğan Meslek Yüksek Okulu</i> Level: Undergraduate	2006 – 2007
Beginning Greek AND Elementary Greek Readings <i>Abilene Christian University</i> Level: Undergraduate * Course teaching and grading as Teaching Assistant	2004 – 2005

¹ Unless otherwise noted (*), the full responsibility of course design and teaching were carried out by R. Homsher.

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES:

Homsher, R.S., and Cradic, M.S. 2018. The Amorite Problem: resolving an historical dilemma. *Levant* 50. DOI: 10.1080/00758914.2017.1418038

Homsher, R.S., Adams, M.J., Prins, A.B., Gardner-Cook, R., and Tepper, Y. New Directions with Digital Archaeology and Spatial Analysis in The Jezreel Valley. *Journal of Landscape Ecology* 10(3): 154-64.

Yahalom-Mack, N., Eliyahu-Behar, A., Martin, M.A.S., Kleiman, A., Shahak-Gross, R., Homsher, R.S., Gadot, Y., and Finkelstein, I. Metalworking in Megiddo during the Late Bronze and Iron Ages. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 76(1): 53-74.

Kleiman, A., Cohen, M.E., Hall, E., Homsher, R.S., and Finkelstein, I. 2017. Cult activity at Megiddo in the Iron Age: New evidence and a long-term perspective. *Zeitschrift des Deutschen Palästina-Vereins* 133(1): 24-52.

Homsher, R.S., Tepper, Y., Drake, B.L., Adams, M.J., and David, J.K. 2016. From the Bronze Age to the "Lead Age": Observations on Sediment Analyses at Two Archaeological Sites in the Jezreel Valley, Israel. *Mediterranean Archaeology & Archaeometry* 16(1): 203-220.

Regev, L., Cabanes, D., Homsher, R.S., Kleiman, A., Weiner, S., Finkelstein, I., and Shahack-Gross, R. 2015. Geoarchaeological investigation in a domestic Iron Age quarter, Tel Megiddo, Israel. *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 374: 135-157.

Prins, A., Adams, M.J., Homsher, R.S., and Ashley, M. 2014. Digital Archaeological Fieldwork and the Jezreel Valley Regional Project, Israel. *Near Eastern Archaeology* 77(3): 196-201.

Adams, M.J., David, J.K., Homsher, R.S., and Cohen, M.E. 2014. The Rise of a Complex Society: New Evidence from Tel Megiddo East in the Late Fourth Millennium. *Near Eastern Archaeology* 77(1): 32-43.

Homsher, R.S. 2012. Mud Bricks and the Process of Construction in the Middle Bronze Age Southern Levant. *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 368: 1-27.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES:

Homsher, R.S., and Cradic, M.S. 2017. Amorite or Canaanite? In: Lipschits, O., Gadot, Y., and Adams, M.J., eds., *Rethinking Israel: Studies in the History and Archaeology of Ancient Israel in Honor of Israel Finkelstein*. Eisenbrauns

IN PRESS:

Homsher, R.S., and Cradic, M.S. 2018. Palestine during the Bronze Age. In Dell, K. (ed.) *The Biblical World*, 2nd ed. Routledge/Taylor and Francis.

Homsher, R.S., and Finkelstein, I. 2018. New Light on Schumacher's *Südliches Burgtor* at Megiddo. *Palestine Exploration Quarterly* 150.

Homsher, R.S. Connections and transformations in the southern Levant during the 2nd millennium with a view from Megiddo. In: Hausleiter, A., ed., *Material Worlds: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Contacts and Exchange in the Ancient Near East*.

Homsher, R.S., and Kleiman, A. Area Q: Levels Q-6 to Q-1. In: I. Finkelstein *et al.*, eds., *Megiddo VI: the 2010-2014 Seasons*. Tel Aviv.

Homsher, R.S. Observations on the Middle Bronze Age Mudbrick Fortifications. In: I. Finkelstein *et al.*, eds., *Megiddo VI: the 2010-2014 Seasons*. Tel Aviv.

IN PREPARATION:

Edited Books:

Adams, M.J., Homsher, R.S., and Cohen, M.E., eds. *Tel Megiddo East 1 (2010-2013 Seasons)*. Jezreel Valley Regional Project Studies 1. Atlanta: Lockwood Press. 22 Chapters.

Articles/Chapters:

Homsher, R.S., Hall, E., Cohen, M.E., and Finkelstein, I. Early Iron Age cultic transformations at Tel Megiddo.

BOOK REVIEWS:

Homsher, R.S. 2014. [Review of: Braun, E., with Ilan, D., *et al.* 2013. *Early Megiddo on the East Slope (the "Megiddo Stages")*: A Report on the Early Occupation of the East Slope of Megiddo (Results of the Oriental Institute's Excavations, 1925-1933)] In *Strata: The Bulletin of the Anglo-Israel Archaeological Society* 32: 129-31.

SELECT WEB PUBLICATIONS:

Homsher, R., Tepper, Y., Cradic, M., Prins, A., and Adams, M. 2007. Kibbutz Megiddo (B-449-2017). *Hadashot Arkheologiyot – Excavations and Surveys in Israel*. <http://www.hadashot-esi.org.il>

Adams, M.J., David, J., Homsher, R.S., and Cohen, M.E. 2014. Temples and Temple-Builders at Early Bronze Age Megiddo. *Ancient Near East Today*. <http://asorblog.org/?p=7348>

Adams, M.J., David, J., Homsher, R.S., and Cohen, M.E. 2011. 2011 Summer Season at Tel Megiddo East. <http://www.jezreelvalleyregionalproject.com/2011-summer-season.html>

CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

PAPERS:

Greener, A., Adams, M.J., and Homsher, R.S. "A Rich Early Bronze Age I Ground-stone Assemblage from Tel Megiddo East, Israel," Ground Stone Artifacts and Society, Universität Mainz, Sept. 2017.

Homsher, R.S., Adams, M.J., Prins, A., Gardner-Cook, R., and Ashley, M. "New directions with digital archaeology and spatial analysis in the Jezreel Valley," Landscape Archaeology Today, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, March 2017.

Homsher, R.S., Adams, M.J., and Tepper, Y. "A preliminary report on the first two seasons of regional survey conducted by the Jezreel Valley Regional Project," Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Antonio, November 2016.

Homsher, R.S., and Adams, M.J. "Ancient Landscapes of the Jezreel Valley: A preliminary report on environmental study," Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Atlanta, November 2015

Homsher, R.S., Shimelmitz, R., and Drake, B.L. "Chipping Away at the Canaanite Blade Industry: A Study of XRF Characterization of Lithics from Tel Megiddo East," Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Diego, November 2014.

Shahack-Gross, R., Homsher, R.S., Regev, L., Cabanes, D., and Kleiman, A. "Geoarchaeological Investigation in a Domestic Iron Age Quarter," Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Baltimore, November 2013.

David, J.K., Adams, M.J., Homsher, R.S., and Cohen, M.E. "Recent Research and Excavations of the Jezreel Valley Regional Project," Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Baltimore, November 2013.

Adams, M., David, J., Homsher, R.S., and Cohen, M.E. "The Jezreel Valley Regional Project 2012 Excavations at Tel Megiddo East," Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Chicago, November 2012.

Adams, M., David, J., Homsher, R.S., and Cohen, M.E. "The Jezreel Valley Regional Project: Survey and Excavations at Tel Megiddo East," Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Philadelphia, January 2012.

Adams, M., David, J., Homsher, R.S., and Pincus, J. "The Jezreel Valley Regional Project 2011 Excavations at Tel Megiddo East," Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Francisco, November 2011.

Homsher, R.S. "Mud-Bricks, Construction and the Process of Urbanization in the MB Levant," Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Francisco, November 2011

Homsher, R.S. "Constructing Urbanism: The Construction of the Bronze Age City and the Process of

Urbanization”, “The Tyranny of the Tell?” The Prehistoric Society Europa Day Student Workshop, Durham University, May 2011.

Homsher, R.S. “Building Urbanism: How the process of construction facilitated urbanization in the Middle Bronze Age of the Southern Levant,” Social and Cultural Dynamics Research Group Research Workshop, UCL Institute of Archaeology, February 2010.

Homsher, R.S. “Constructing Society: Urbanization and Site Formation in MBA Canaan,” Graduate Research Conference, UCL Institute of Archaeology, November 2009.

POSTERS:

Homsher, R.S., Prins, A., Cradic, M.S., and Adams, M.J. “New Dimensions in Digital Documentation: Tomb 50 of Megiddo,” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Antonio, November 2016. (Winner of the 2016 Joy Ungerleider Poster Award)

Ashley, M., Prins, A., Adams, M.J., Cradic, M.S., Kraus, N., Homsher, R.S., and David, J. “Total Paperless Recording of the Legio VI Ferrata camp in the Jezreel Valley, Israel,” Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, San Francisco, January 2016

DISCUSSANT:

Homsher, R.S. “Material Worlds: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Contacts and Exchange in the Ancient Near East,” workshop at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University, 7th March 2016.

CHAired CONFERENCE SESSIONS:

“Reports on Current Excavations,” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, 2017.

“Reports on Current Excavations – Non-ASOR Affiliated,” Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, 2014 – 2016.

“Theorising City Landscapes: Boundaries and Place in Urban Space,” Theoretical Archaeology Group Annual Meeting, University of Bristol, December 2010.

INVITED LECTURES OF NOTE

“Multiscalar 3D Data Acquisition and Integration: a case study in landscape archaeology.” U.S. Geological Survey National Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Project, Department of the Interior, October 4, 2017.

Homsher, R.S. “Aerial and Terrestrial Structure from Motion in Archaeological Fieldwork,” The Drone Revolution in Spatial Analysis, Harvard Center for Geographic Analysis, April 28, 2017.

“Climate Change and Late Bronze Age Transitions: Reassessing the data.” Workshop at the W.F. Albright Institute for Archaeological Research, January 12, 2017. [<https://youtu.be/45ZR0AdRzT0>]

“Complex Societies and Environmental Dynamics through Time: Insights from the Bronze Age Near East.” al-Quds University, October 16, 2016.

“From Early Monumentality to Military Occupation: New discoveries from the Megiddo landscape.” The Department of Classics and Archaeology, Loyola Marymount University. January 31, 2014.

“The Middle Bronze Age: From urbanization to specialization.” The English-speaking supporters of the Institute of Archaeology at Tel-Aviv University, Israel, June 4, 2013.

“The Potential of Mud-Brick Study for Understanding Social Complexity.” Brownbag Luncheon of the Archaeological Research Facility at the University of California, Berkeley. March 6, 2013.

“Warfare and Urbanization: Rethinking the Role of Fortifications.” Noon Colloquium Series of the Graduate Group of Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology at the University of California, Berkeley. January 25, 2013.

CAMPUS TALKS

- “A Climate of Change? Re-assessing environmental and social dynamics at the end of the Bronze Age.”
Harvard History and Archaeology of Ancient Near Eastern Societies Workshop, Harvard University.
Forthcoming, November 4, 2015.
- “From Early Monumentality to Military Occupation: New discoveries from the Megiddo landscape.”
Harvard Archaeology Program Seminar Series, Harvard University. September 3, 2014.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Contributing Expert, Past Preservers	2016 –
Advisor for Smarthistory’s Imperiled Cultural Heritage Initiative	2016 –
Public lectures for the Adult Learning Community at Temple Shir Tikvah	Spring 2016
Member of the NELC Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Harvard University	2015 – 2016
Member of the NELC Graduate Curriculum Committee, Harvard University	2015 – 2016
Public outreach educator for “Amazing Archaeology Fair” at Harvard University	Fall 2015
Instructor of the “Professional Development Workshop” for NELC graduate students at Harvard University	2015 – 2016
Organizer of "A Career in Ruins: Practical advice on becoming an archaeologist" workshop for the SFSU Anthropology Students Association	Spring 2013
Graduate Representative for PhD students, UCL Institute of Archaeology	2009 – 2011
Member of UCL Institute of Archaeology Facilities Committee	2009 – 2011
Member of UCL Institute of Archaeology Library Committee	2009 – 2011
Member of UCL Institute of Archaeology Publication Committee	2009 – 2011
PhD Representative to Social and Cultural Dynamics Research Group, UCL Institute of Archaeology	2009 – 2010

PEER-REVIEW ACTIVITY

JOURNALS:

Journal of Near Eastern Studies
Advances in Archaeological Practices
Journal of Field Archaeology
Archaeological and Anthropological Sciences
The Holocene

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES:

Digging up Jericho: Past, present and future. Finlayson, B., Sparks, R., and Wagemakers, B. (eds.).
Centre for British Research in the Levant.

BOOK PROPOSALS:

Routledge: Book proposal in the Cities of the Ancient World series.
Routledge: Book proposal in the Copenhagen International Seminar series.

LANGUAGES

Modern Languages: Turkish, Spanish, Hebrew, German (reading only)
Ancient Languages (reading only): Hebrew, Greek (Classical/Koine), Syriac

AWARDS AND HONORS

Joy Ungerleider Poster Award, ASOR Annual Meeting	2016
Educational and Cultural Affairs Fellowship W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem	2016 – 2017
Jay P. Young Excellence in Anthropology Award, SFSU	2014
Sean W. Dever Memorial Prize Awarded for “Mud-bricks, Construction and the Process of Urbanization in the Middle Bronze Age Levant,” presented at the 2011 ASOR Annual Meeting, San Francisco	2012
Educational and Cultural Affairs Fellowship (declined)	2011
Institute of Archaeology Award research grant, UCL	2011
UCL Master’s Distinction	2009
Chancellor's List, ACU	2004 – 2006
Biblical Studies Scholarship, Graduate School of Theology, ACU	2003 – 2005
Student Leadership Award, ACU	2003
Student’s Association Servant Appreciation Award	2003
Dean's List, ACU	2000 – 2003
Trustee Scholarship, ACU	1999 – 2003

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

<i>Lower Tell Salvage Excavation</i> , Tel Megiddo, Israel Position: Co-Director	2017
<i>Kibbutz Megiddo Test Excavation (B-449)</i> , Israel Position: Co-Director	2017
<i>JVRP – Legio VI Ferrata</i> , Israel Positions: Assistant Director, Archaeological Science Coordinator, Instructor	2013, 2015, 2017
<i>JVRP Survey</i> , Jezreel Valley, Israel Position: Co-Director, Geoarchaeology Team Leader	2015 –
<i>The Megiddo Expedition</i> , Tel Megiddo, Israel Position: Area Supervisor (Area Q), Instructor	2012, 2014, 2016
<i>JVRP – Tel Megiddo East</i> , Israel Positions: Assistant Director, Senior Field Supervisor (Areas B and C), Geoarchaeologist	2010 – 2013
<i>Shahrizor Plain Project</i> , Kurdistan, Iraq Position: Geoarchaeologist	2012
<i>Pella</i> , Jordan Geoarchaeological sampling	2011
<i>The Megiddo Expedition</i> , Tel Megiddo, Israel Position: Co-Area Supervisor (Area K)	2010
<i>Tel Kabri</i> , Israel Position: Assistant Area Supervisor/Registrar (Area D-West)	2009
<i>The Megiddo Expedition</i> , Tel Megiddo, Israel Position: Assistant Area Supervisor (Area K)	2006, 2008
<i>Tel Rehov</i> , Israel Position: Square Supervisor (Area D2)	2007
<i>The Megiddo Expedition</i> , Tel Megiddo, Israel Position: Student (Area L)	2004

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association
American Archaeology Abroad
Archaeological Institute of America
American Schools of Oriental Research

Climate History Network
Register of Professional Archaeologists
Society of Biblical Literature
Society for American Archaeology

REFERENCES

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