Curriculum Vitae

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**Education and Degrees**:

Northwestern University, 1962-1966; Yale University, 1966-1973; University of Chicago, summer, 1967; University of Munich, 1969-1970.

BA 1966, Northwestern University

MPhil 1971, Yale University

PhD 1973, Yale University

Doctor of Letters (honoris causa), La Trobe University (Melbourne), 1998.

**Academic and Professional Appointments**:

Senior Fellow, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University, 2010—

Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 2011—

Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, University of New Mexico, 2011—

Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona, 1972-1973; Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona, 1973-1979; Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona, 1979-1987; Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona, 1987-1993.

Professor, Department of Near Eastern Studies, 1993--present (chair 1993-1998, Fall 1999); Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, both University of Michigan, 1993-2010.

1979-1980, Visiting Fellow, Wolfson College, Oxford; 1984 (Spring Semester), Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley; 1984-1985, Fulbright Senior Fellow, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Sydney, Australia; 1987-88, Visiting Fellow, Wolfson College, Oxford; 1994-98, Senior Fellow, Michigan Society of Fellows; 1995-96, Gast-Professor, Altorientalisches Seminar, Freie Universität Berlin. 1998, CRA/LaTrobe University (Melbourne, Australia) Distinguished Visiting Fellow in the School of Archaeological and Historical Studies in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences; 2006-7, Steelcase Research Professor, Institute for the Humanities, Univ. of Michigan

**Major Fields**:

Assyriology: Mesopotamian culture, languages, history; Near Eastern archaeology: late prehistoric and early historic periods; comparative early civilizations; legal anthropology

**Major Grants** **and Fellowships:**

Fellow in Mesopotamian Civilization, American Schools of Oriental Research, Istanbul, Turkey and Oxford, England, summers, 1973 and 1974

Fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend Program, Oxford, England, 1976

Member of Common Room, Wolfson College, Oxford, summer 1976

American Council of Learned Societies Grant-in-Aid, Oxford, England, 1979-80

Fulbright Senior Scholarship for lecturing/research, University of Sydney, Australia, 1984-85

International Research and Exchanges Board, ACLS/USSR Academy of Sciences grant for research in Moscow, USSR, Institute of Archeology, November-December, 1986

University of Arizona Foundation, Mesopotamian Archaeological Project, 1987

International Research and Exchanges Board translation grant, 1987

University of Arizona, Provost's Teaching Improvement Awards Program, 1990

School of American Research, Resident Scholar (NEH program), 1991-1992

International Institute, University of Michigan, Workshop on Archaeological Method and Theory, São Paulo and Brasilia, Brazil, August, 1995

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst fellowship, Berlin, Fall, 1995

Distinguished Visiting Fellowship, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia, April-June, 1998

School of American Research, summer scholarship, 2000

Salus Mundi Foundation, research and writing, 2002-3

Spencer-Pappas Fellowship, University of Melbourne, 2009

**Professional Service**:

Member, Executive Committee, Western Branch, American Oriental Society, 1977-82

Member, Nominating Committee, AOS, 1983-86

Vice President, Western Branch AOS, 1986-88

President, Western Branch, AOS, 1988-90

Secretary, Archaeology Unit, American Anthropological Association, 1988-90

Member, Baghdad Committee, American Schools of Oriental Research, 1987-1993

Member, Editorial Board, "New Directions in Archaeology," Cambridge University Press, 1988-present

Member, Committee for Professional Relations, Society for American Archaeology, 1989-1993

Member, Editorial Board (for archaeology), American Anthropologist, 1990-1993

Member, Editorial Board, Monographs in Mediterranean Archaeology, Sheffield University Press

Member, Editorial Board, Athlone Publications in Egyptology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (now Continuum Press), 1991-present

Member, AAA Committee to select Editor of American Anthropologist, 1994

Editor, Cambridge World Archaeology monographs, Cambridge University Press, 1994--present

Member, Advisory Board, Journal of Political Ecology, 1994--present

Member, Editorial Board, Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient, 1994-2000. Editor, Sept, 2000—to present (2nd 3-year term, renewable)

Member, Society for American Archaeology, Book Award Committee, 1995--1998

Member, external evaluation team, Dept. of Middle Eastern and Asian Languages and Cultures, Columbia University, May, 1999

Executive Committee, American Anthropological Association, Undesignated Seat, 2000-2003

Member, Lifetime Distinguished Service Award selection committee, Society for American Archaeology (2001-03); Chair of committee, 2003-06

Amerind Foundation, SAA seminar selection committee, 2003—2007

Amerind Foundation, member, board of directors, 2007--

Yad Hanadiv Foundation, Jerusalem. Panel of selectors for archaeological fellowships,

2009--

Member, Editorial Board, *Origini. Rivista di Preistoria e Protoistoria delle Civiltà*

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**Publications and Manuscripts**:

**Monographs**:

1977 The Economic Role of the Crown in the Old Babylonian Period. Bibliotheca Mesopotamica 5, Undena Publications, Malibu, CA.

1981 Explaining Trade in Ancient Western Asia. Monographs on the Ancient Near East, vol. 2, fascicle 2: 21-60.

1986 Old Babylonian Texts from Kish Conserved in the Istanbul Archaeological Museums (co-author with Veysel Donbaz). Bibliotheca Mesopotamica 17, Undena Publications, Malibu, CA.

1991 Old Babylonian Texts from Kish and Elsewhere, Part I (with S. Dalley). Oxford Editions of Cuneiform Texts, vol. 13. Oxford: Clarendon Press.

2005 Myths of the Archaic State: Evolution of the Earliest, Cities, States, and Civilizations

Cambridge University Press

In preparation: Winds of Desolation: History and Archaeology of the Mesopotamian City of

Kish

**Edited Volumes**:

1977 Ancient Near Eastern Essays in Memory of J. J. Finkelstein. Memoirs of the Connecticut Academy of Sciences, vol. 19, New Haven, CT (edited by M. de J. Ellis; editorial board: M. de J. Ellis, J. Cooper, N. Yoffee).

1988 The Collapse of Ancient States and Civilizations (co-edited with George L. Cowgill). University of Arizona Press.

1993 Early Stages in the Evolution of Mesopotamian Civilization: Soviet Excavations in the Sinjar Plain, Northern Iraq. Edited by Norman Yoffee (co-edited with Jeffery J. Clark). University of Arizona Press.

1993 Archaeological Theory: Who Sets the Agenda? Edited by Norman Yoffee and Andrew Sherratt. New Directions in Archaeology, Cambridge University Press.

2006 Excavating Asian History: Interdisciplinary Studies in History and Archaeology (co-edited with Brad Crowell). Tucson: University of Arizona Press

2007 Negotiating the Past in the Past: Identity, Memory, and Landscape in Archaeological

Theory. Tucson: University of Arizona Press

2009 Questioning Collapse: Human Resilience, Environmental Variability, and the Aftermath of

Empire (co-edited with Patricia McAnany). Cambridge University Press

Forthcoming

Early Cities and Comparative History. Vol. 3, Cambridge History of the World.

**Series editor of Cambridge World Archaeology**

1996 The Bronze Age of Southeast Asia by Charles Higham

1997 The Archaeology of Elam by Daniel Potts

2000 European Societies in the Bronze Age by A.F. Harding

2001 Ethnoarchaeology in Action by Nicholas David and Carol Kramer

2001 The Early Neolithic in Greece by Catherine Perlès

2001 The Archaeology of Ancient Greece by James Whitley

2002 The Archaeology of Southern Africa by Peter Mitchell

2003 The Archaeology of Seafaring in Ancient South Asia by Himanshu Prabha Ray

2003 The Archaeology of Islam in Sub-Saharan Africa by Timothy Insoll

2003 The Archaeology of Syria by Peter Akkermans and Glenn Schwartz

2004 The Archaeology of Micronesia by Paul Rainbird

2006 The Archaeology of Early Egypt by David Wengrow

2007 Olmec Archaeology and Early Mesoamerica by Christopher Pool

2007 The Prehistory of Britain and Ireland by Richard Bradley

2007 The Urals and Western Siberia in the Bronze and Iron Ages by Ludmila Koryakova and

Andrej Epimakhov

2007 The Making of Bronze Age Eurasia by Philip Kohl

2007 The Archaeology of the Caribbean by Samuel Wilson

2008 African Archaeology from the Earliest Tool Makers to Most Recent Foragers by Lawrence

Barlow and Peter Mitchell

2009 The Paleolithic Settlement of Asia by Robin Dennell

2009 Archaeology of the Classic Maya by Steven Houston and Takashi Inomata

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Liu Li and Chen Xingcan

The Archaeology of China: From the First Villages to the First States

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**Articles**:

1977 Old Babylonian Texts from Kish: A First Report. In Ancient Near Eastern Essays in Memory of J. J. Finkelstein, edited by M. de J. Ellis, pp. 219-223. Memoirs of the Connecticut Academy of Sciences, vol. 19. New Haven, CT.

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1978 On Studying Old Babylonian History. Journal of Cuneiform Studies 30: 18-32.

1979 The Decline and Rise of Mesopotamian Civilization: An Ethnoarchaeological Perspective on the Evolution of Social Complexity. American Antiquity 45: 5-35.

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1982 Social History and Historical Method in the Late Old Babylonian Period. Journal of the American Oriental Society 102: 347-353.

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1988 Context and Authority in Early Mesopotamian Law. In State Formation and Political Legitimacy, edited by Ronald Cohen and Judith Toland, pp. 95-113. Transaction Press, Rutgers University.

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1989 "Chuzhezemtsy" v Mesopotamii ("Outsiders" Inside Mesopotamia). Vestnik Drevnej Istorii 1989/2:95-100. (Russian with English summary)

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1999 Robert McCormick Adams. In Encyclopedia of Archaeology: The Great Archaeologists edited by Tim Murray, pp. 791-810. ABC-Clio, Santa Barbara (original version of article in American Antiquity 1997).

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2000 Law Courts and the Mediation of Social Dispute in Ancient Mesopotamia. In Order, Legitimacy, and Wealth in Ancient States, ed. by J.E. Richards and M. Van Buren, pp. 46-63. New Directions in Archaeology, Cambridge University Press

Order, Legitimacy, and Wealth: Setting the Terms (with John Baines). In Order, Legitimacy, and Wealth in Ancient States (see above), pp. 13-17.

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2003

T. Patrick Culbert--an Appreciation. Ancient Mesoamerica (special issue edited by Anne Pyburn) 14: 49-59

On a Recent Review. (with Marten Stol and Karel Van Lerberghe). Akkadica 124/2: 239-241

2005 State Societies, Emergence of. Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History, pp. 1774-1777.

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2006 Afterword: Lenses on Mississippian Leadership. Leadership and Polity in Mississippian

Society), edited by Brian Butler and Paul Welch, pp. 398-401. Carbondale: Southern

Illinois University Press.

Notes on Regeneration. In The Archaeology of Regeneration, edited by Glenn Schwartz and John J. Nichols, pp. 223-227. Tucson: University of Arizona Press

Historical Archaeology in Asia: An Introduction (with Bradley L. Crowell). In Excavating Asian History: Interdisciplinary Studies in Archaeology and History, edited by Norman Yoffee and Bradley L. Crowell, pp. 3-14. Tucson: University of Arizona Press

2008 Peering into the Palimpsest. Introduction in Negotiating the Past in the Past: Identity, Memory, and Landscape in Archaeological Theory, edited by Norman Yoffee. University of Arizona Press.

Foreward. *Handbook of South American Archaeology*, ed. by Helaine Silverman and

William Isbell. Springer, pp. xi-xiii

2009 Kingship, Cities, and States: Early Chinese Cities in Comparative Perspective (with Li

Min) English introduction and text in Chinese. by Jing Zhichun and Tang Jigen. Beijing: Kexue chubanshe (Science) Press**王权、城市与国家：比较考古学视野中的中国早期城市 (**诺曼·雅斐[[1]](#footnote-1)\* 李旻). Yoffee，Norman 叶斐 and Li Min 李?F 2009. Wangquan chengshi yu guojia:  
bijiao gaoguxue shiye zhong de zhongguo zaoqi chengshi 王权，城市与国家：  
比较考古学视野中的中国早期城市 (Kingship, cities, and states: early cities in  
comparative perspective). Jing Zhichun 荆志淳, Tang Jigen 唐际根, and Ken  
Takashima 高?肭? (eds.). Duowei shiyu: Shang wangchao yu zhongguo zaoqi  
wenming yanjiu 多维视域：商王朝与中国早期文明研究 (Multi-dimensional horizon: research  
on the Shang dynasty and the early Chinese civilization)， pp. 276-290.  
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Collapse in Mesopotamia: What Happened, What Didn’t. In *Questioning Collapse: Human Resilience, Ecological Vulnerability, and the Aftermath of Empire*, edited by Patricia McAnany and Norman Yoffee, pp. 176-206. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

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2007 Mesopotamien. Die altbabylonische Zeit, by D. Charpin, D.O. Edzard, M. Stol. Journal of the American Oriental Society.

2008 Regime Change in the Ancient Near East and Egypt from Sargon of Akkade to Saddam

Hussein, ed. by Harriet Crawford, 2007. *Cambridge Archaeological Journal* 18 (1), 2008.

Settlement and Society: Essays Dedicated to Robert McCormick Adams, ed. Elizabeth Stone. *Journal of Anthropological Research*.64: 617-618

2102 Island Realm (review of P. Kirch, How Chiefs Became Kings. *Times Literary Supplement*,

January 13 2012: 28

Forthcoming:

The Development of Pre-State Communities in the Ancient Near East. Studies in Honor of Edgar Peltenburg, edited by Diane Bolger and Louise C. Maguire. *Journal of the American Oriental Society*

Writing, Law, + Kinship in Old Babylonian Mesopotamia by Dominique Charpin, translated by Jane Marie Todd.  *Journal of Cuneiform Studies*

Texts from the Late Old Babylonian Period by Seth Richardson. *Ancient Near East* (Melbourne)

Agency and Identity in the Ancient Near East, ed. by Sharon Steadman and Jennifer Ross. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*

**Conference Papers and Invited Lectures**:

1973 Aspects of the Bureaucracy of the Crown in the Old Babylonian Period. American Oriental Society, Washington, D. C.

1974 Old Babylonian Texts from Kish: A First Report. American Oriental Society, Santa Barbara, CA.

Assyriology as Anthropology: A Progress Report. American Anthropological Association.

The Setting and Function of the Code of Hammurabi. Department of Classics Colloquium, University of Arizona.

1975 Weltschmerz Meets the Werewolf: Social History and Historical Method in the Old Babylonian Period. American Oriental Society, Columbus, OH.

1976 Living Together in Ancient Mesopotamia. American Oriental Society, Philadelphia, PA.

1977 Kings of Marad in the Old Babylonian Period. American Oriental Society, Ithaca, NY.

History and Economy in the Old Babylonian Period: The Kish Project Western Branch, American Oriental Society, Tucson, AZ.

The Decline and Rise of Mesopotamian Civilization. Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, LA.

1978 The Bureau of Brick Production at Kish. American Oriental Society, Toronto, Canada.

1979 Ethnicity, Subsistence, and the "Amorite Invasions" of Mesopotamia. Western Branch, American Oriental Society, Seattle, WA.

Topics in the Study of Ancient Oriental Civilizations. Introduction to Plenary Session of the Western Branch, American Oriental Society, Los Angeles, CA.

Explaining Trade in Ancient Western Asia. Seminar for Near Eastern Archaeology, University of Oxford.

1980 Political Archaeology. Research Seminar, Institute of Archaeology, University of Oxford.

The City of Kish in the Old Babylonian Period. Seminar for Near Eastern Archaeology, University of Oxford.

Trade and Exchange in Ancient Mesopotamia. Department of Archaeology, University of Sheffield.

Political Archaeology. Department of Archaeology, University of Sheffield.

The City of Kish in the Old Babylonian Period. Institute of Assyriology, University of Leiden.

Political Archaeology. Department of Social Anthropology, University of Leiden.

Ethnoarchaeological Perspectives on the Rise of Social Complexity. Institute for Pre- and Proto-history, University of Amsterdam.

Political Archaeology. Conference on the Archaeology of Social Stratification, University of Cambridge, England.

Ethnoarchaeological Perspectives on State Formation in Ancient Mesopotamia. Institute of Archaeology, University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Ethnoarchaeological Perspectives on State Formation in Ancient Mesopotamia. Department of Archeology, University of Southampton, England.

Ethnoarchaeological Perspectives on State Formation in Ancient Mesopotamia. Departments of Archaeology, Assyriology, and Jewish History, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel.

The City of Kish in the Old Babylonian Period. Assyriological Seminar, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

The Collapse of Ancient Civilizations. Sociology Seminar, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

The Rise of Civilization in Mesopotamia. Honors College, UCLA.

Archaeology and History of Kish in the Old Babylonian Period. Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, UCLA.

1981 Political Archaeology. Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona.

Explaining Trade in Ancient Western Asia. American Oriental Society/American Schools of Oriental Research, Boston, MA.

Political Archaeology. Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University.

Political Contexts in Early Mesopotamian Law. Symposium, Legitimacy and the State, American Anthropological Association, Los Angeles.

1982 Mesopotamian Ethnicity: History and Prehistory. Grasshopper Archaeological Field School.

The Law Code of Hammurabi: Its Setting and Function. Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame.

1983 The Collapses of Mesopotamian Civilization. Western Branch, American Oriental Society, Berkeley, CA.

Mesopotamian Interaction Spheres. Second USA-USSR Exchange on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East and Central Asia, Samarkand, Uzbekistan, USSR.

1984 The Collapse of Ancient Civilizations. Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley.

The Collapse of Ancient Civilizations. Department of Anthropology, Stanford University.

Changing Perspectives in the Study of Ancient Western Asian Civilizations. Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley.

Changing Perspectives in the Study of Ancient Western Asian Civilizations. Department of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Barbara.

Mesopotamian Archives. Symposium on Administrative Archives in History, University of Minnesota.

Outsiders Inside Mesopotamia. Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale, Leningrad.

The Collapse of Ancient Civilizations. Department of Archaeology and Prehistory, University of New England, NSW, Australia.

The Collapse of Ancient Civilizations. Department of Archaeology and Sociology, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Qld, Australia.

The Collapse of Ancient Civilizations. Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney, NSW, Australia.

Mesopotamian Archives and Mesopotamian History. Department of History, University of Sydney.

Changing Priorities in the Study of Ancient Western Asian Civilizations. Department of Archaeology, University of Sydney.

Caravans and Kings: Long-distance Trade and Local Exchange in Ancient Mesopotamia. Friends of the Classical Museum, University of Adelaide, South Australia.

The Collapse of Ancient Civilizations. Department of Visual Arts, Flinders University, Adelaide, South Australia.

Perspectives on "Trends Towards Social Complexity in Prehistoric Australia and Papua New Guinea." Australian Archaeological Association, Tallebudgera, Qld, Australia.

Two interviews, program "Archaeologists at Work," 2SER, Sydney.

1985 The Collapse of Ancient Civilizations. Department of Prehistory, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University.

Changing Priorities in the Study of Ancient Western Asian Civilizations. Department of Prehistory, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University.

Level and Trend in Social Evolution. Department of Prehistory, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University.

The Royal Archives of Ebla. Introduction and Discussion of film, The Australian Museum Society, Sydney (with Basil Hennessy).

Context and Authority in Ancient Mesopotamian Law. Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney.

Mesopotamian Archives and Mesopotamian History. Friends of the Classical Museum, University of Adelaide, South Australia.

The Royal Archives of Ebla. Introduction and discussion of film, Flinders University, Adelaide, South Australia.

Mesopotamian Archives and Mesopotamian History. Departments of History and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Melbourne.

Rules of the Game: Changing Priorities in the Study of Ancient Western Asian Civilizations. Departments of Prehistory, La Trobe University, Melbourne.

Level and Trend in Social Evolution. Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney.

Changing Priorities in the Study of Ancient Western Asian Civilizations. Department of Anthropology, University of Western Australia, Perth.

Ancient Mesopotamian Business. Liberal Arts Association, University of Sydney.

The Royal Archives of Ebla. Introduction and discussion of film. University of Auckland Archaeology Society.

Context and Authority in Ancient Mesopotamian Law. Department of Classics and Ancient History, University of Auckland.

Changing Priorities in the Study of Ancient Mesopotamian Civilizations. Department of Anthropology, University of Auckland.

The Collapse of Ancient Civilizations. Department of Anthropology, University of Auckland.

Intimations of Ethnicity in Ancient Mesopotamia. Western Branch, American Oriental Society, Boulder, CO.

1986 Old Babylonian Tablets from Dilbat. American Oriental Society, New Haven, CT.

The Process of Ruralization in Social Evolutionary Theory. Discussion of Society for American Archaeology symposium, "Rural Communities in Early State Societies", New Orleans.

Land Sales and Social Organization in Old Babylonian Dilbat. Third USA-USSR Archaeological Exchange, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.

China and Mesopotamia: Comparisons, Contrasts, and the Evolution of Ancient Civilizations. Conference on "Ancient China and Social Science Generalizations, Airlie House, VA.

Maya Elite Interaction: Through a Glass, Sideways. School of American Research Advanced Seminar, "Elite Interaction in the Maya Classic."

Social Change in Mesopotamia, ca. 2000-1200 B.C. Society of Biblical Literature symposium.

Mesopotamian Interaction Spheres. Institute of Archaeology, Moscow, USSR.

1987 Aspects of class and class struggle in ancient Mesopotamia. Symposium, "Class and Class Struggle in the Ancient World." Southeast Marxist Scholars' Conference, Duke University.

Comments on Divine Sanction and Law in the Ancient World. Symposium on "Divine Sanctions: Approaches to Ancient Legal Material," Departments of Classics and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Johns Hopkins University.

Social and Economic Change in Ancient Mesopotamia. Department of Near Eastern Studies, Johns Hopkins University.

Assyriology. "Intellectual Odysseys." Near Eastern Center, University of Arizona.

The Structure of Archeological Theory: Two Views (with M. B. Schiffer). Department of Anthropology Lecture Series, University of Arizona.

Aspects of Social Change in Early Historic Mesopotamia. Seminar for the Archaeology of the Pre-Islamic Near East. University of Oxford.

Level and Trend in Social Evolutionary Theory. Department of Archaeology and Prehistory, University of Sheffield.

1988 Aspects of Social Change in Early Historic Mesopotamia. Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Cambridge.

Level and Trend in Social Evolutionary Theory. Department of Archeology, University of Cambridge.

Mesopotamian Interaction Spheres. Seminar for the Archaeology of the Pre-Islamic Near East, University of Oxford.

Level and Trend in Social Evolutionary Theory. Department of Archaeology, University of Reading.

Level and Trend in Social Evolutionary Theory. Department of Archaeology, University of Southampton.

Aspects of Social Change in Early Historic Mesopotamia. Center for Research in the Humanities, University of Copenhagen.

Level and Trend in Social Evolutionary Theory. Institut fuer Archaeologie, Freie Universitaet, Berlin.

Aspects of Social Change in Early Historic Mesopotamia. Seminar fuer Vorderasiatische Altertumskunde, Freie Universitaet, Berlin.

Introductory remarks as panel chair "Literacy and the Problems of Protohistory." In conference "Europe in the first and last millennia: Social Reconstruction 1000 BC-AD 1000." Institute of Archaeology, University of Oxford.

Archaeological Theory: Something Borrowed, Something Blue, Theoretical Archaeology Group, Sheffield in panel "Archaeological Theory: Who Sets the Agenda?" organized by Andrew Sherratt and Norman Yoffee.

The Art of the State in Social Evolutionary Theory. TAG, "Archaeological Theory: Who Sets the Agenda?", Sheffield.

1989 Tales from Kish. American Oriental Society, New Orleans.

New Perspectives in Social Evolutionary Theory. Grasshopper Archaeological Field School, Grasshopper, AZ.

Tales of Kish. Western Branch American Oriental Society, Presidential Address, Boulder, CO.

Too Many Chiefs? or Safe Texts for the 90s. American Anthropological Association, Symposium, "Pre- and Early State Societies in the Ancient Near East," Washington, D.C.

1990 The Late Great Tradition in Ancient Mesopotamia. College Art Association, panel The Formation of "Great Traditions."

Adventures in Mesopotamian Historiography: Tales of Kish. George C. Cameron Lecture in Ancient Near Eastern Studies. University of Michigan.

Introduction; Spheres of Power in Mesopotamia Outside Temple and Palace Estates. In symposium co-organized by Christopher Edens and Norman Yoffee, "Power in Pre-history." American Anthropological Association, New Orleans.

Too Many Chiefs? Dept of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Barbara.

1991 Discussion of "Origin of the State in Ancient Egypt," Dept of Archaeology, Boston University.

Too Many Chiefs? Dept. of Anthropology, Northwestern University.

Discussion of "The Integration of Archaeological and Textual Data." In symposium "The Study of the Ancient Near East in the 21st Century." Johns Hopkins University.

"The Mold of Change in Ancient Mesopotamia." In symposium "Contact, extinction, and survival." International Congress of Americanists, New Orleans.

1992 Assemblies in Mesopotamia. American Oriental Society, Boston.

Reading Between the Lines, Sideways, At a Distance: Anthropological Perspectives on ancient Mesopotamian Economy and Society. Conference "Documenting Cultures: Written and Unwritten in Pre-industrial Societies," Columbia University.

Discussion of "City-states in Archaeological Perspective." American Anthropological Association meeting symposium.

1993 Discussion of "Archaeology in the Holy Land: New Approaches to the Past." Conference organized by T. Levy, UC, San Diego.

Ancient Near Eastern Studies in the Modern University. Invited presentation to ANSE, Near Eastern Studies Students Association, John Hopkins University.

Old Babylonian City-States in Comparative Perspective. Department of Near Eastern Studies, Johns Hopkins University.

Reading Between the Lines, Sideways, from a Distance: Anthropological Perspectives on Ancient Mesopotamian Economy and Society. Johns Hopkins University.

Discussions in archaeological theory: recent history, social evolutionary theory, post-processual archaeology. 2nd Workshop in Archaeological method and theory, Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil

States and Segments: Comments on S. Houston's "Deciphering Maya Politics: Archaeological and Epigraphic Perspectives on the Segmentary State Concept. Complex Society Group, 1st biennial meetings, Tempe, AZ

The State of the Hohokam State (with Suzanne Fish=primary author). Chacmool conference on complexity. Calgary

1994 Square-dancing with The Blob. Discussion of "Prehistoric States as Complex Adaptive Systems". Society for American Archaeology (symposium organizers: Michael Diehl and George Gumerman)

Discussion of conference "Great Towns, Regional Polities in the American Southwest and Southeast". Amerind Foundation (organized by Jill Neitzel and Anne Woosley)

The Evolution of Ancient States and Civilizations: New Rules of the Game. Dept. of Anthropology, University of Michigan

Four lectures in Santa Fe Institute Complex Systems Summer School: Social Evolutionary Theory and Complexity: The Problem; Theory, Analogy, and Progress in Social Evolutionary Theory; States and Civilizations as Problematic; The Limits of Self-Organization in Social Evolutionary Theory

Elites Manipulating the System: Gender and Economics in the Old Babylonian Period. Symposium, Order Legitimacy, and Wealth in Ancient States. American Anthropological Association, Atlanta

New Views on Mesopotamian Civilization. Dept. of Anthropology, Rice University, November, 1994

1995 Hampshire College, The Evolution of Ancient States and Civilizations: New Views (to D. Martin class), Feb, 1995

Political Economy in Early Mesopotamian States. Dept. of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Feb, 1995

Political Economy in Early Mesopotamian States. Dept. of Anthropology, University of Illinois, April, 1995

The Evolution of Ancient States and Civilizations: CAS Models and Archaeological Muddles. Santa Fe Institute, May, 1995

The Role of City-States in Social Evolutionary Theory. Workshop in Archaeological Method and Theory, São Paulo

Social Evolution in the American Southwest and Southeast. Workshop in Archaeological Method and Theory, São Paulo

Ethnicity in Mesopotamia. Workshop in Archaeological Method and Theory, Brasilia

Historical Meanings in the Old Babylonian Period. Carsten Niebuhr Institute, University of Copenhagen

1996 Organizer and introducer of Plenary Session, "Appropriate Theory in Archaeological Investigations," Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans

Law Courts and the Mediation of Social Conflict in Mesopotamia. Ancient Studies Workshop, University of Chicago

City-States. Dept. of Anthropology, Northwestern University

City-States. Dept. of Anthropology, University of Arizona

The Earliest City-States and Nations in Archaeological Perspective. Institute de l'Art et Archéologie, Université de Paris I/Panthéon--Sorbonne

Legal Context and Social Power in Early Mesopotamian States. University of Naples, University of Venice, Italy

City States. University of Rome, Italy. German universities: Freiburg, Muenchen, Berlin, Leipzig (Law Courts and the Mediation of Social Conflict in the Old Babylonian Period)

1997 Keynote speaker at Southern Illinois University Visiting Scholar Conference, "Hierarchies in Action."

Discussant at Society for American Archaeology Workshop, "Understanding the Transition to History in Southeast Asia"

Seminar on Order, Legitimacy, and Wealth: New Terms of Social Evolutionary Theory; Conference on Collapse. Dept. of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder

Kish and Tells in the Old Babylonian Period. Dept of Anthropology, University of Colorado, Boulder

The Evolution of Ideology and its Practice in Ancient States and Civilizations. Conference on Social Theory in Archaeology. University of Utah

Comments on Teotihuacan/Cowgill. Southwest Complex Societies Group, University of Arizona

Kish and Tells in the Old Babylonian Period. University of Leiden, The Netherlands

1998

Discussant in panel: Perspectives in NW Mexico Prehistory: From Dichotomy to Diversity. Southwest Symposium, Hermosillo, Sonora

Discussant SAA symposium: A Revolt against Hierarchical Authority: Alternative Models of Prehistoric Social Organization

Lectures at La Trobe University, University of Melbourne, University of Sydney, Australia

Discussant in AAA symposium: Population Movements in the Middle East, Past and Present. Philadelphia

1999

The Economics of Ritual at Old Babylonian Kish. Dept of Anthropology, Arizona State University

The End of the Cycle? Assessing the Impact of Hellenism on Mesopotamian Civilization (with Jane Rempel).SAA symposium, Chicago

Discussant in SAA symposium: The Complications of Complexity (Chicago)

Anthropology and the Mesopotamians. Conference in Honor of Sally Humphreys (U Michigan)

The City of Kish in the Old Babylonian Period. The Canadian Society for Mesopotamian Studies (Toronto)

Delimiting Agency in Early Mesopotamian States. AAA symposium ,The Limits of Agency: Lebenswelt and Doxa (Chicago)

Seminars on the Collapse of Mesopotamian Civilization; The State of the State in Archaeological Theory. Carsten Niebuhr Institute, University of Copenhagen (Unable to attend because of illness)

2000

Keynote address: Revisiting the Chaco Rituality. Southwest Symposium (Santa Fe) (Unable to attend because of illness)

Discussion of symposium in honor of Patrick Culbert. SAA (Philadelphia)

Discussion of paper by Gebhard Selz, Conflict and Conflict Management in Early Mesopotamia. Symposium Rezeption archaeologischer Denkrichtungen in der Vorderasiatischen Altertumskunde. Berlin

The Economics of Ritual, University of Vienna

Discussant, Interdisciplinary Archaeological Workshop/Ancient Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, Perspectives on Colonialism

2001

The Economics of Ritual. Stanford University archaeological consortium.

Discussion of SAA session, Beyond a Prestige Goods Economy: Social Valuables, Agency, and Power. New Orleans

Social change and environmental change. Ohio State University

States and Landscapes. Discussion of G. Algaze paper. Complex Society Group, Arizona State University.

Discussion of symposium, Complexity and the Idea of Power, AAA meeting, Washington, DC

Environmental Change and Social Change in Mesopotamia and Elsewhere. Dept of Anthropology, Binghamton University

2002

The Meanings of Ancient Mesopotamian Law. Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft conference on Wissenskultur im Alten Orient. Muenster University

Power and Ideology in Archaeological Theory. Society for American Archaeology meeting, Denver, panel honoring Douglas W. Schwartz.

Violence and Terror in Ancient Mesopotamia. Dept of Anthropology, University of California, Santa Barbara (May)

2003

Discussant of 20th annual visiting scholar conference, Center for Archaeological Investigations, Southern Illinois University, “Borne on a Litter with much prestige: leadership and polity in Mississippian Society.”

Discussant of SAA symposium (Milwaukee), “Beyond Collapse”

2004 Social Evolutionary Theory as World History. In symposium in honor of Bruce Trigger, Society for American Archaeology, Montreal

Zusammenbruch Assyriens. Deutsche Orient-Gesellschaft, Berlin

Hohokam History, Identity, and Social Memory. (Provisional title). Hohokam conference, Amerind Foundation Dragoon, Arizona

Urbanism. Dept of Scientific Anthropology and Dept of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Stanford University

2005 The Earliest Cities and the Evolution of History. Dept Anthropology, University of Chicago

The Earliest Cities and the Evolution of History. Institute of Archaeology and the Ancient World, Brown

University.

The Earliest Cities and the Evolution of History. Dept. of Anthropology, University of British Columbia.

The Earliest Cities in China: Comparative Perspectives (with Li Min). Workshop on Early Chinese

Civilization: Social, Cultural, and Historical Dynamics of Early Chinese Civilization. University of British Columbia

Complexity on the Margins. The Cycles of Social and Environmental Complexity in Lowland Latin America.

Santa Fe Institute, School of American Research, and Museu de Arqueólogia e Etnológia de São Paulo.

Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil

The Earliest Cities and the Evolution of History. Advanced Studies Institute, Universidade de São Paulo

Complexity and Infanticide: Not So Bad? Conference on Complexity and archaeological theory, Northern Arizona University

2006 Discussant SAA symposium, “African Complex Societies of the latter 2nd Millennium A.D.” San Juan,

Puerto Rico (April)

Discussant in Student Affairs Committee Sponsored Forum, “Impacts of Rapidly Changing University

Environments on Student Education and Professional Development. SAA, San Juan, PR (April)

Creating Peripheries, Focusing on Margins in Mesopotamian History. American Oriental Society, Seattle,

WA (March)

Collapse in Mesopotamia: What Happened and What Didn’t. Conference on “Reasons for Change: Birth,

Decline, and Collapse of Societies between the End of the Fourth and the Beginning of the Second

Millennium B.C. Università degli Studi di Roma “La Sapienza”, Rome, Italy (June 15-17)

“Center and Periphery in the Evolution of Early States.” Keynote address, conference on Shang archaeology,

Academia Sinica, Taiwan (August)

Collapse in Mesopotamia: What Happened and What Didn’t. Academia Sinica, Taiwan

Introduction to AAA panel: Exploring scholarly and best-selling accounts of social collapse and colonial

encounters. Session organized by Patricia McAnany and Norman Yoffee. San Jose.

Collapse in Mesopotamia: What Happened and What Didn’t. AAA panel, Exploring scholarly and best-

selling accounts of social collapse and colonial encounters, San Jose

2007 Collapse in Mesopotamia: What Happened, What Didn’t. Working group, Co-evolution of Behaviors and

Institutions, Santa Fe Institute (Jan. 2-4)

Biography of a City: The History and Archaeology of Kish, Mesopotamia. Institute for the Humanities, U-M

The History and Archaeology of Kish. Dept of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Harvard University

Three lectures each at Beijing University and Shandong University (Mar. 18-31)

Evolution of the Earliest Cities, States, and Civilizations: New Thoughts

Winds of Desolation: History and Archaeology of the Mesopotamian City of Kish

Collapse in Early Mesopotamian States: What Happened, What Didn’t

Three lectures at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (April 1-15)

Discussant on symposium, Considering Complexity: Confounding Categories with Practices in the New

World, Society of American Archaeology, Austin, organized by Susan Alt (April 25-29)

Big Comparisons, Archaeological Worlds, Theoretical Agendas: On the Work of Andrew Sherratt.

Symposium in Memory of Andrew Sherratt, organized by Alexander Bauer, SAA, Austin

From the Southwest (USA) to the Southwest (Asia) and Back Again. Aztec Ruin National Monument, Aztec New Mexico (June 29)

History and Archaeology of a Mesopotamian City. Astor Lecture. University of Oxford (Nov.)

Also seminars to Archaeology and Anthropology & Oriental Institute

2008 Unbounded Structures, Cultural Permeabilities, and the Calyx of Change: Mesopotamia and its World.

Ancient World Systems conference in memory of A.G. Sherratt, University of Sheffield

Questioning Collapse. Dept. of Anthropology, Georgia State University.

The Limits of Power. Plenary address to Chacmool, University of Calgary.

2009 Questioning the Collapse of Ancient States. University Forum, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Nevada,

Las Vegas, January

Questioning the Collapse of Ancient States and what it means for us. Southwest Seminars, Santa Fe, April

Mesopotamian Cities in Comparative Perspective. University of Rome, Conference “Nonsolostoria” in honor

Of Mario Liverani. April

Questioning the Collapse of Ancient States and What it means for us. Spencer-Pappas Lecture, University of

Melbourne. May

Early Cities and the Evolution of History. University of Melbourne. May

Workshop, Dept. of Archaeology, La Trobe University. Fragility. May

Constituent, Confederate, and Conquered Space in Upper Mesopotamia: The Case of the Mittanni Transition.

Political Governance and Governed Spaces of the CE TOPOI, The Formation and Transformation of Space

and Knowledge in Ancient Civilizations. Berlin, July 13-15.

2010 The Evolution of Fragility: The Resistible Rise and Irresistable Fall of Early States/ Die Entwicklung der

Zerbrechlichkeit: Der aufhaltsame Aufstieg und unaufschiebbare Zerfall der fruehen Staaten. Staatenbildung

und Staatenzerfall im Nahen und Mittleren Osten in Antike und Moderne. Marburg, Germany. March 24-27

Discussion of “Cahokia: The City” in panel organized by Tim Pauketat, SAA, St Louis (April)

The Evolution of Fragility. Hebrew University, Jerusalem (May)

Nuns, Priestesses, and Prostitutes in ancient Babylonia. Dept. of Anthropology, Wheaton

College (September)

Crises in Mesopotamia? Workshop “Crisis, What Crisis? Collapses and Dark Ages in Comparative

Perspective. McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, University of Cambridge

Nuns, Priestesses, and Prostitutes in ancient Babylonia. Dept. of Anthropology. AIA, Dept. of Classics, and

the Spurlock Museum, University of Illinois (October)

Discussion of panel: Counternarratives of states and history: papers in honor of Norman Yoffee. American

Anthropological Association

2011 Nuns, Priestesses, and Prostitutes in Ancient Babylonia. University Forum, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Early Cities and Comparative History. Dept. of Anthropology, University of New Mexico

Early Cities and the Evolution of History; The Collapse of Ancient States and Civilizations: New Perspectives, Brigham Young University, Grace Shallit Memorial Lecture, Dept. of Anthropology

Nuns, Priestesses, and Prostitutes in Ancient Babylonia; Early Cities and the Evolution of History; The

Collapse of Ancient States and Civilizations: New Perspectives, University of Bergen

Early Cities and the Evolution of History; The Collapse of Ancient States and Civilizations, University of

Gothenburg

The Collapse of Ancient States and Civilizations: New Perspectives. University of Lund

The Collapse of Ancient States and Civilizations: New Perspectives; Early Cities and the Evolution of

History. University of Copenhagen

Early Cities and the Evolution of History. Free University of Berlin

Rites of Marriage, Divorce, and Adoption in Old Babylonian Mesopotamia. International Colloquium, Life,

Death, and Coming of Age in Antiquity: Individual Rites of Passage in the Ancient Near East. University of

Strasbourg

2012 The Evolution of Fragility. Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, UCLA

Early Cities and the Evolution of History. Keynote address for conference on Chinese archaeology: new

Perspectives. UCLA

Anthropological Perspectives on Mesopotamian Law (2 lectures). Institute for the Study of the Ancient

World, NYU

Early Cities and the Evolution of History. Scholion, Hebrew University

Cuneiform Law: Traditions and Countertraditions. ISAW.

**Film**:

The Royal Archives of Ebla. Academic consultant for documentary, Alberg Theatrical Productions, Mildred Alberg, Producer. Film aired through PBS network in 1980 and 1981 and subsequently available in schools and universities.

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