

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### Personal

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### Education

B.S. Cornell University, 1969 -- Chemical Engineering  
A.M. University of Pennsylvania, 1973 -- Anthropology  
Ph.D. University of Michigan, 1979 -- Anthropology

### Academic Employment

1979-80 Visiting Assistant Professor, Duke University Department of Anthropology  
teaching introductory level courses on archeology and human evolution and upper  
level undergraduate courses on regional analysis and the archeology of complex  
societies  
1992-2013 Adjunct Associate Research Scientist, Univ. of MI Museum of Anthropology  
2013-present Research Affiliate, Univ. of MI Museum of Anthropological Archaeology

### Grants and Fellowships

1976 NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant, #BNS-76-81955  
1978 Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Michigan  
1991 National Geographic Society Research Grant, "Mapping Inka Installations in the  
Atacama," with Thomas F. Lynch, P. I.  
2003 National Geographic Society Research Grant #7429-03, "Politics, Trade, and  
Regional Economy in the Bronze Age Central Zagros," with Kamyar Abdi, P. I.  
2008 White-Levy Program for Archaeological Publications Grant, "Excavations in the  
GHI Area of Tal-e Malyan, Fars Province, Iran."  
2009 White-Levy Program for Archaeological Publications Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> year of funding

### Publications

1973 The Question of Trade in Proto-Elamite Iran. A.M. Thesis, Univ. of Pennsylvania  
Dept. of Anthropology, Philadelphia, PA.  
1977 "Surface Survey at Quachilco." In R. D. Drennan, ed., The Palo Blanco Project: A  
Report on the 1975 and 1976 Seasons in the Tehuacán Valley, pp. 16-22. Univ. of  
Michigan Museum of Anthropology, Ann Arbor, MI.  
1978 "A Sasanian Kiln From Tal-i Malyan, Fars." Iran XVI: 127-133.  
1979a Regional Economic Organization in Banesh Iran. Ph.D. Dissertation, Univ. of  
Michigan Dept. of Anthropology. University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, MI.

- 1979b "A Reconstruction of Toltec Period Political Organizations in the Valley of Mexico." In K. Cooke and C. Renfrew, eds., Transformations: Mathematical Approaches to Culture Change, pp. 169-200. Academic Press, New York.
- 1979c "Systematic Surface Survey at Quachilco." In R. Drennan, ed., Prehistoric Social, Political, and Economic Development in the Area of the Tehuacán Valley: Some Results of the Palo Blanco Project, pp. 129-167. Univ. of Michigan Museum of Anthropology Technical Reports No. 11, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 1982a "Marketplace Exchange as Indirect Distribution: An Iranian Example." In J. Ericson and T. Earle, eds., Contexts for Prehistoric Exchange, pp. 83-101. Academic Press, New York.
- 1982b "Trade and Politics in Proto-Elamite Iran." Current Anthropology 23: 613-640.
- 1987a "The Susa III Period." In F. Hole and G. Johnson, eds., The Archaeology of Western Iran, pp. 157-170. Smithsonian Institution Press, Washington D. C.
- 1987b "A Civilization's Remains: Review of R. W. Keatinge, ed., "Peruvian Prehistory," edited by R. W. Keatinge." Natural History 4/87.
- 1988 "Ceramic Ring Scrapers: An Uruk Period Pottery Production Tool." Paléorient 14(1): 143-150.
- 1991 "Deciphering the Lives of the Late, Great Kings: Review of "A Forest of Kings," by L. Schele and D. Freidel." Natural History 3/91, pp. 82-84.
- 1992 "First Writes: Review of "Before Writing," by D. Schmandt-Besserat." Natural History 3/92, pp. 64-66.
- 1994 "Old Foods in the New World: Review of "America's First Cuisines," by Sophie D. Coe." Natural History 5/94, pp. 76-79.
- 1995a Review of "The Emergence of Civilization: From Hunting and Gathering to Agriculture, Cities, and the State in the Near East," by Charles Keith Maisels. American Antiquity 60(1): 175-176.
- 1995b Review of "Pampa Grande and the Mochica Culture," by Izumi Shimada. Latin American Indian Literatures Journal 11(2): 169-170.
- 2003a "Excavations at Tal-e Kureh." Appendix D, pp. 187-198 in Malyan Excavation Reports, Volume III: Proto-Elamite Civilization in the Land of Anshan, by William M. Sumner. University Museum Monographs, Philadelphia.

- 2003b "Sherd Size and the Banesh Period Occupation in the ABC Operation at Tal-e Malyan, Iran." In N. Miller and K. Abdi, eds., Yeki Bud, Yeki Nabud: Essays on the Archaeology of Iran in Honor of William M. Sumner, pp. 109-120. Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, University of California-Los Angeles.
- 2003c Review of "The Archaeology of Elam," by Daniel T. Potts. Name-ye Iran-e Bastan: The International Journal of Ancient Iranian Studies III(1): 79-83.
- 2004 "Kushk-e Hezar: A Mushki/Jari Period Site in the Kur River Basin, Fars, Iran." By John R. Alden, Kamyar Abdi, Ahmed Azadi, Fereidoun Biglari, and Saman Heydari. Iran XLII: 25-45.
- 2005a Review of "Excavations at the Prehistoric Mound of Chogha Bonut, Khuzestan, Iran: Seasons of 1976/77, 1977/78, and 1996," by Abbas Alizadeh. Journal of the American Oriental Society 125-1: 109-111.
- 2005b "Fars Archaeological Project 2004: Excavation at Tal-e Malyan." By John R. Alden, Kamyar Abdi, Ahmed Azadi, Gary Beckman, and Holly Pittman. Iran XLIII: 39-47.
- 2006 "Identifying the Sources of Inka Period Ceramics from Northern Chile: Results of a Neutron Activation Study." By John R. Alden, Leah Minc, and Thomas F. Lynch. Journal of Archaeological Science 33 (4): 575-594. D.O.I. 10.1016/j.jas.2005.09.015
- 2009 "Chapter 4: Stratigraphy and Ceramics: The H1 Sounding." ms prepared for John R. Alden, ed., Anshan in the 2nd Millennium BC: The GHI Excavations at Tal-e Malyan, Iran. To be published as Vol. IV in the Malyan Excavation Reports Series, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2010 "Malyan, Iran." ARCANE (Associated Regional Chronologies for the Ancient Near East and the Eastern Mediterranean) Database Project, West Iran Section.
- 2011a Review of Chogha Mish Vol. 2: The Development of a Prehistoric Regional Center in Lowland Susiana, Southwestern Iran, by Abbas Alizadeh. American Journal of Archaeology 115:1 (January 2011) Online Publications: Book Reviews.
- 2011b "William M. Sumner: An Appreciation." Journal of Iranian Archaeology 2: 7-10.
- 2013a "The Kur River Basin in the Proto-Elamite Era – Surface Survey, Settlement Patterns, and the Appearance of Full-Time Transhumant Pastoral Nomadism." In Cameron Petrie, ed., Ancient Iran and Its Neighbours:

Local Developments and Long-Range Interactions in the Fourth Millennium BC, pp. 207-232. Oxford and Oakville: Oxbow Books

- 2013b “Preliminary Report on the First Season of Excavations at the Chalcolithic Site of Surezha in the Erbil Governate Kurdistan Region, Iraq, 2013.” By Gil J. Stein, Abbas Alizadeh, Loghman Ahmadzadeh, John Alden, Henrike Backhaus, Barbara Coutouraud, Hamid Fahimi, Sam Harris, Kate Leiber, Mehdi Omidfar, and Max Price. *Iranian Archaeology* 4 (2013): 32-41.
- 2014 “INAA Analysis of Ceramics From Tall-e Geser and Abu Fanduweh: Compositional Signatures and Evidence for Ceramic Exchange.” By John R. Alden, Leah Minc, and Abbas Alizadeh. Appendix A in Abbas Alizadeh, *Ancient Settlement Systems and Cultures in the Ram Hormuz Plain, Southwestern Iran: Excavations at Tall-e Geser and Regional Survey of the Ram Hormuz Area*. Chicago: OIP 140 pp. 257-272.
- 2015a Review of Nomadism in Iran: From Antiquity to the Modern Era, by Daniel T. Potts. *Antiquity* 89 (August 2015): 996-997. doi:10.15184/aqy.2015.66
- 2015b “New Radiocarbon Dates for the Banesh Period Occupation at Tal-e Kureh, Fars, Iran.” By John R. Alden and Cameron A. Petrie. *Iran* LII (2015): 185-189.
- 2016 Itinerant Potters and the Transmission of Ceramic Technologies and Styles During the Proto-Elamite Period in Iran. By John R. Alden and Leah Minc. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports* 7 (2016): 863-876.
- 2018 Review of Persia’s Imperial Power in Late Antiquity: The Great Wall of Gorgān and Frontier Landscapes of Sasanian Iran, by Eberhard W. Sauer, Hamid Omrani Rekavandi, Tony J. Wilkinson and Jebrael Nokandeh. *JAOS* 138.2 (2018): 420-422.

## **Field Research**

June-Oct, 1969: Callejon de Huaylas Project (excavations in Guiterraro Cave and other Peruvian preceramic sites), directed by Dr. Thomas Lynch, Cornell University.

Jan-May, 1971: Chiriqui Project (excavations in early village sites in Panama), directed by Dr. Olga Linares, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institution.

July-Aug, 1971: Idaho Primitive Area Survey (survey for preceramic sites), supervised by Prof. B. Robert Butler, Idaho State University.

June-July, 1972: Excavations in Historic Philadelphia, directed by Barbara Liggett, city archaeologist for Philadelphia.

Sept-Jan, 1972-3: Sept-Jan, 1974-75: Aug-Oct, 1976: Malyan Project (excavation of an early urban center in Iran), directed by Dr. William Sumner, Ohio State University.

June-Sept, 1974: Hasanlu Project (excavation of an Iron Age town in Iran), directed by Dr. Robert Dyson, University of Pennsylvania.

May-Aug, 1975: Palo Blanco Project (excavations in Early Classic sites near Tehuacán, Mexico), directed by Dr. Robert Drennan, University of Pittsburgh.

May-Aug, 1976: River Raisin Survey (survey in southeastern Michigan), supervised by Dr. Chris Peebles, University of Michigan.

Oct-May, 1976-7: Proto-Elamite Survey (survey of early complex society sites in highland and lowland Iran), directed by myself.

November, 1981: Survey of the Wadi Isal, Jordan, directed by Dr. Linda Jacobs, American Center for Oriental Research, Amman, Jordan.

January, 1988: Punta Negra Survey (survey in the Atacama Desert highlands of northern Chile), directed by Dr. Thomas Lynch, Cornell University.

Nov-Dec, 1988: Wadi Batha Survey (survey in Oman), directed by Dr. Chris Edens, Harvard University.

January, 1992; Nov., 1993; Nov., 1995: Catarpe/Atacama Inka Road Project (mapping Inca installations in the Atacama Desert highlands of northern Chile), directed by myself and Dr. Thomas Lynch, Cornell University.

Mar-May, 2001 and 2002: Tell Brak Expedition (excavations in eastern Syria), directed by Dr. Geoff Emberling and Ms. Helen McDonald, University of Michigan and Cambridge University, England.

April-May, 2003: Fars Archaeology Project (excavations at Tal-e Bashi, Iran), co-director with Dr. Kamyar Abdi, Dartmouth College.

Sept-Oct, 2004: Fars Archaeology Project (excavations at Tal-e Malyan, Iran), co-director With Dr. Kamyar Abdi, Dartmouth College.

Aug-Sept, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018: excavation ceramicist, Surezha Excavation Project (excavations at a Late Chalcolithic site near Erbil, in Iraqi Kurdistan), directed by Dr. Gil Stein, Oriental Institute.