



Archaeology Society of Alberta



LETHBRIDGE CENTRE OCTOBER 2017 ACTIVITY BULLETIN

MONTHLY MEETING: COREY DAVIS

WHO: Corey Davis, M.A.

WHAT: *Coastal Mediterranean: Harbour Sites and the Corresponding Trade Relations in the Northeastern Mediterranean*

WHEN: Tuesday, **November 14th*, 2017, 6:30 pm social,**

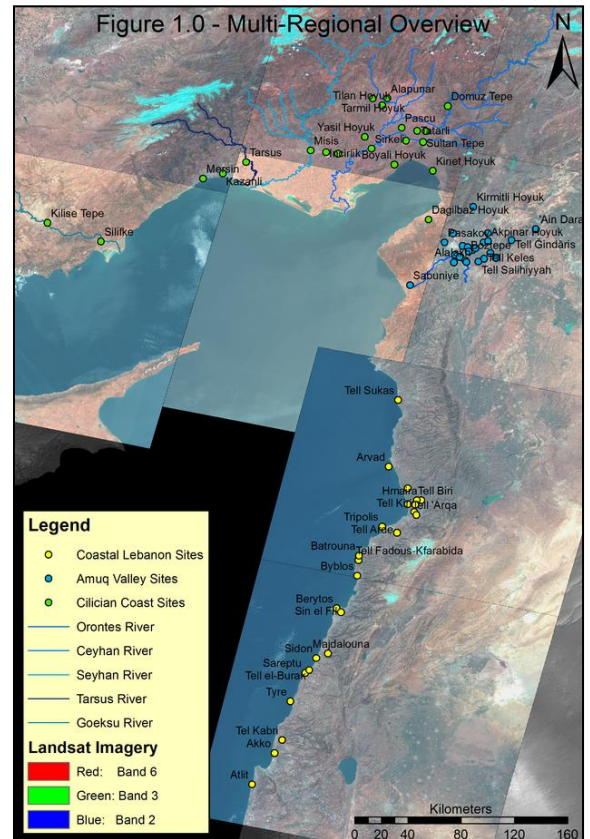
7 pm meeting start

WHERE: Theatre Room, Main Branch of the Lethbridge Public Library

****Please note this is a week later in the month than normal due to a scheduling conflict with the Library****

Ancient trade and coastal interactions within the Eastern Mediterranean have been the subject of intensive archaeological study. However, despite the maritime history of the Mediterranean being extensively covered, the scale of study has been relatively restricted. Two recurring themes in the relevant literature are either broader, inter-regional approaches or smaller, site or time period specific approaches. Rather than adopt these particular methods, a middle scale regional approach with site specific queries (extending from the Cilician Coast to the Southern-most sites of Lebanon) were employed for this project. This method reveals a wider regional area and time frame, extending from the Early Bronze Age (EBA) to the Early Iron Age, without losing significant individual site resolution. The sites within the study area were selected based upon a set of specific attributes, including: site size, site location with relation to the shoreline, presence of natural harbours and arable land, and availability of imported cultural materials (primarily imported ceramics). Geographic information Systems (GIS) and differing satellite imagery was implemented as the predominate methods for data acquisition and organisation, allowing for the development of an extensive database.

This allowed the varying trends that impacted the selected sites from the EBA to the Early Iron Age to be illustrated. The intention of identifying these specific attributes throughout an extended time frame was to correlate and compare archaeological sites with the corresponding trade relations within a fixed geographical area in order to extract and analyze any patterns that were to emerge.



International Day of Archaeology – October 21st!

World Archaeology Day

2017

Join us for traditional pinch-pot making, try out the dig boxes, or make your own atlatl.



Saturday, October 21 at 1:00pm

Admission: ages 7-17 \$3
under 6 free

Sir Alexander Galt Museum & Archives
502 - 1st Street South
www.galtmuseum.com/programs



Other Archaeology Day Activities:

WHO: Strathcona Society

WHAT: *Fieldtrip to Viking Burial & Viking Ribstones*

WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 21st, 8 am – 4 pm

WHERE: Meet the bus at Wal-Mart, 775 Tamarack Way NW, Edmonton, AB.

COST: \$40 (offset bus cost)

We've booked a comfortable tour bus, with a bathroom and PA system. Snacks will be provided. Bring a lunch, good shoes, and weather appropriate clothing. For insurance reasons, you must be an SAS member to participate in field trips and other events. SAS membership is \$20. Event details available on our Facebook page (Strathcona Archaeological Society).

Tickets are available on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/field-trip-viking-burial-and-viking-ribstones-tickets-36705092921>

WHO: Dr. Katie Biittner

WHAT: *Musings on MacEwan's Mill Creek Field School*

WHEN: October 23, 2017 at 7pm

WHERE: CanAlta Hotel, Provost, AB.

Field schools are dynamic learning environments. They frequently contribute to ongoing research programmes, and for many archaeologists are a rite of passage. A commitment to public archaeology combined with extensive media coverage and a highly visible site led to many highs and lows for our students. In this talk, Dr. Biittner will reflect upon her experiences as the instructor of the field school, and present some of her thoughts on field schools in general including a critique of their value, accessibility, and structure.

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Fundraising Request from the Bodo Centre:

The Bodo Archaeological site and Center is an educational interpretive center located in east-central Alberta. We provide drop in tours, day trips, overnight camps and hands on archaeological dig camps to the public every May through August, with growing success. Visitors to our center get to learn about Archaeology and the history of the First Nations people who lived in the Canadian Plains for thousands of years through hands on experiences and participants have the option of using our Tipis during spring and summer events, either as an alternative camping experience for those in the area, or as part of the archaeological experience we provide.

This past summer however, our beloved Tipis were toppled during a bad storm, tearing them up and rendering them unusable. We depend on these Tipis for our overnight school camps, who love the experience dearly, and for those who are interested in a different camping experience when they come to our facility. They also provide a space for lunch time activities and story time with our regular day camp participants as well.

We are looking to raise just enough money to cover the cost of making new ones. We are replacing two Tipis, so whatever money you can spare will help us out immensely in the long run. Even sharing the link to friends and family will help us out greatly.

If we are able to raise the funds we need, we will do a Live Stream of the Tipi raising event on our Facebook and Instagram pages to help celebrate, and this way everyone who donated can be involved somehow. If we go over the designated funds, the overages will go towards permanent signage for the Tipi grounds, new trees that can act as a windbreak, and much needed supplies for our center to help keep us up and running.

Thank you for your time, and for helping us replace our Tipis.

-The Bodo Archaeological Society

Donation link:

<https://www.generosity.com/community-fundraising/new-tipi-s-for-the-bodo-archaeological-center--2>

Membership Renewal Time!

Wendy will be armed and ready with her receipt book at the November meeting, so don't forget to renew your ASA membership for another year!

Students: \$10

Adults/Family: \$20

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