



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA OMAHA

**THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BATCHELDER CONFERENCE FOR ARCHAEOLOGY  
AND BIBLICAL STUDIES  
NOVEMBER 9-10, 2018, 8:30 am TO 5:15 pm  
THOMPSON CENTER  
6705 DODGE STREET, OMAHA, NEBRASKA**



*The Roman Emperor Antoninus Pius gold coin, 138 CE. Photo Hanan Shafir*

## Program

### Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30 Breakfast, registration

9:00 Greetings, Introduction

Presider: Paul Williams

9:10 – 9:40 Leonard Greenspoon, Creighton University, *The Museum of the Bible; An Outsider's Inside View*

9:40 – 10:00 Q&A, Coffee break

10:00 – 10:40 David Ilan, Hebrew Union College, Jerusalem, *How Israel Began; the View from Tel Dan*

10:40 – 11:00 Q&A, Coffee break

11:00 -11:40 Stefania Peluso, Zinman Institute of Archaeology, Haifa University, *Fine Ware Pottery from Bethsaida; Style and Archaeological Historical Implications*

11:40 – 12:00 Q&A Coffee break

12:00 – 2:00 Lunch break

Presider: Rami Arav

2:00 – 2:40 Elizabeth McNamer, Rocky Mountains College, *Was there a Bethsaida Voice at Antioch, the City from which Christianity Sprang?*

2:40 – 3:00 Q&A Coffee break

3:00 – 3:40 Curtis Hutt, University of Nebraska at Omaha, *The Sorrows of Mattidia*

3:40 – 3:50 Q&A Coffee break

3:50– 4:30 Patricia Duncan, *Review on Curtis Hutt's book*

4:30 – 4:40 Q&A Coffee break

4:40 – 5:15 Richard Freund, Hartford University, *Three Cities, Bethsaida, Magdala and Nazareth in the First Century through the Lens of their Excavations*

6:00 – 7:30 Presenters' Reception and dinner

7:30 – 8:45 PM

Plenary speaker: Jodi Magness, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,

*More than just Mosaics: The Ancient Synagogue at Huqoq in Israel's Galilee*



*The Ancient synagogue of Huqoq*

**Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

Presider: Mark Celinscak, University of Nebraska at Omaha

9:00 – 11:00

Harry Jol, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, *Ground Penetrating Radar and Archaeology*

Joseph D. Beck, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, *Ground Penetrating Radar*

Sam Schneider, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, *Ground Penetrating Radar surveys for the Lithuania "Anne Frank"*

Logan Bergevin, University of Wisconsin, Eau Clair, *Locating the Former Synagogue of Seduva*

- 11:00 – 11:10 Q&A, Coffee break
- 11:10 – 11:50 Philip Reeder, Duquesne University, *In Search of a Harbor: Ground Penetrating Radar Surveys at Tel Akko, Mapping the Holocaust*
- 11:50 – 12:00 Q&A Coffee break
- 12:00 – 2:00 Bethsaida Consortium Meeting

Presider: Gloria Epps

- 2:00 – 2:40 Carl Savage, Drew University, *Southern Lights Part III – Comparing ICP data from Bethsaida and Jerusalem Herodian Oil Lamps*
- 2:40 – 3:00 Q&A Coffee break
- 3:00 – 3:40 Ann Haverkost, University of Nebraska at Omaha, *A vent full of Sunlight, Macedonian Origins revisited*
- 3:40 – 3:50 Q&A Coffee Break
- 3:50 – 4:20 Patrick Russel, Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, *Bethsaida as 'Thirdspace' in Mark's Gospel*
- 4:20 – 4:30 Q&A Coffee break
- 4:30 – 5:10 Rami Arav, University of Nebraska at Omaha, *Thirty Years of Excavations at Bethsaida*



*Lilies and ivies, white on black background, a West Slope Style decoration on a bowl from Bethsaida. Second century BCE. Photo Hanan Shafir*