

13th Annual Archaeology Discovery Weekend

November 13-14, 2021

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2021 Archaeology Discovery Weekend

PRESENTERS

(Arranged Alphabetically)

Kent Bramlett is Professor of Archaeology and the History of Antiquity at La Sierra University, having earned his PhD at the University of Toronto in Near Eastern archaeology. He is also Co-director of CNEA and the Balu`a project, Jordan.



Thomas (Tom) Davis, Professor of Archaeology at Lipscomb University, is also Assoc. Director of the Lanier Center for Archaeology. For years, he was Director of the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute and co-directs several projects.

Kendra Haloviak Valentine is Professor of New Testament Studies at La Sierra University, having earned her PhD in New Testament Ethics at the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley. She has also taught on study tours to the Middle East.



Helmut Schwaiger is Senior Academy Scientist at the Austrian Archaeological Institute of the Austrian Academy. In addition to excavations in Austria, Italy, and Egypt, he has been responsible for the research project: Ephesus in Post Antiquity.

Theresa Shaw earned a Juris Doctor degree, using it to practice law for 23 years and teach at La Verne Univ. Law School. She has volunteered in several museum settings and at CNEA, where she developed her numismatic specialization.



Charles Anthony Stewart is an art historian and archaeologist. He specializes in the development of Late Roman and Early Medieval architecture, especially around the Mediterranean and Central Asia, leading him to study monotheistic religions.

Mark Wilson is founder and Director of the Asia Minor Research Center of Antalya, Turkey, through which he has led numerous study tours of the Mediterranean world. He has a D.Litt. et Phil. degree from the University of South Africa.



2021 Archaeology Discovery Weekend PROGRAM

Saturday, November 13

3:00-6:00 PM (PST) – Illustrated Presentations with Q&A—Zapara School of Business

WELCOME to La Sierra University and Archaeology Discovery Weekend 3:00-3:05
La Sierra University President *Joy Fehr*

WELCOME to CNEA and INTRODUCTIONS 3:05-3:10
Center for Near Eastern Archaeology Director *Douglas Clark*

PRESENTATIONS

Larry Geraty, Presiding

An Archaeological Trajectory of Religious Sites in Southwest Turkey 3:10-3:55
Mark Wilson

Living in the Ruins of the Future: Ephesus in Late Antiquity and the 3:55-4:40
Early Middle Ages
Helmut Schwaiger

BREAK for refreshments 4:40-4:50

The Great Synagogue of Sardis 4:50-5:35
Tom Davis

The Adornments of Artemis of the Ephesians: Coins and Sculpture 5:35-6:00
650 BC to AD 200
Theresa Shaw

RECEPTION—Bedouin Tent @ CNEA 6:00-7:00

Sunday, November 14

1:00-4:00 PM (PST) – Illustrated Presentations with Q&A—Zapara School of Business

WELCOME 1:00-1:05
La Sierra University Provost *April Summitt*

PRESENTATIONS

Friedbert Ninow, Presiding

The Archaeology of the Seven Churches of the Apocalypse 1:05-2:00
Mark Wilson

Response to Seven Churches Presentation 2:00-2:20
Kendra Haloviak Valentine

BREAK for refreshments 2:20-2:30

When Thales Ditched the Gods: The Disenchantment of Nature and 2:30-3:15
the Beginning of Science
Kent Bramlett

Early Christian Art in Southwest Turkey 3:15-4:00
Charles Anthony Stewart

RECEPTION—Bedouin Tent @ CNEA 4:00-5:00

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- Lectures
- *Archaeology Adventures*
- Archaeology undergraduate major and minor
- MA degree in Near Eastern Archaeology
- Volunteering in the Collections Lab
- Homecoming Weekend—29 April-1 May 2022
- Ataruz excavations—summer 2022
- Balu`a excavations—23 June-4 August 2022
- Archaeology Discovery Weekend—12-13 Nov 2022





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