**KATHLEEN J. BIRNEY, Ph.D.**

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS:**

Cultural interaction between the Near East and the Aegean, Sea Peoples, Philistines, Phoenicians, Persian & Hellenistic Levant, “knock- offs” and elite emulation, market systems, ‘modeling’ ethnicity, burials

**EDUCATION**

Harvard University Ph.D., Near Eastern & Mediterranean Archaeology 2007

*Fields:* Near Eastern History, Syro-Palestinian Archaeology, Mediterranean Archaeology, Hebrew Bible

*Dissertation:* Sea Peoples or Syrian Peddlers? The Late Bronze – Iron I Aegean Presence in Syria & Cilicia

Harvard Divinity School Master of Theological Studies 1998

Yale University B.A., Classics (Ancient Greek) 1996

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Wesleyan University, Asst. Professor, Classical Studies & Archaeology Program 2011-present

*Affiliate*: Department of Art History, Jewish and Israel Studies, Middle Eastern Studies Certificate

Harvard Semitic Museum, Volume Co-Editor & Research Fellow 2009-2010

Harvard University, Post-Doctoral Fellow 2007-8

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS**

Co-Editor, OpenARCHEM Archaeometric Database 2016 - present

(https://openarchem.wordpress.com)

Co-Director, Mouliana Project, Crete (www. moulianaproject.org) 2016 - present

Head of Persian and Hellenistic Research, Tel Shimron Project 2015 - present

Assistant Director, Ashkelon Excavations (Israel) 2015 - 2016

Grid Supervisor, Ashkelon Excavations 2007 - 2015

Square Supervisor, Ashkelon Excavations 1998-2002, 2004

Research Appointment, Ashkelon Publications, Cambridge MA 2003, 2005

Archaeological Field School, Caesarea-Maritima Excavations (Caesarea, Israel) 1997

**WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*From Ashkelon to Ascalon: the Archaeological History of the Hellenistic Period.* Final Reports of the Leon Levy Expedition to Ashkelon, Volume 10 (with Eisenbrauns)

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**WORKS IN PROGRESS (cont’d)**

“Comparative Organic Residue Analysis of Legacy and Freshly-Excavated Archaeological Ceramics: Considering New Analytical Methodologies” (with A. Koh, B. Gillespie, for submission to *Science and Technology of Archaeological Research*)

“The Phoenician Perimeter: Considering Persian control of the Southern Levant in the 4th century B.C.” (in preparation, for submission to *IEJ/NEA*).

“Mid-Range Markets: Style, Contents and Significance of LMIIIC ‘Tweener’ Octopus jars” (with A. Koh, for submission to *Antiquity*)

“Hellenistic Market Economy: Ashkelon as a Case Study” (with M. Marston, D. Fulton, in preparation)

“Stratigraphy and Methodology”, in L. Stager, J. Greene, B. Gernand and K. Birney (eds.) *Excavations in the “Precinct of Tanit” (Tophet) at Carthage, 1976-1979*. American Schools of Oriental Research Punic Project, vol. 1. (volume expected in press 2018)

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

“Phoenician Bathing in the Hellenistic East: Ashkelon and Beyond” (forthcoming, *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*, issue not yet specified)

“An *Astynomos* at Ascalon” (forthcoming, *Israel Exploration Society,* issue not yet specified)

“Organic Compounds and Cultural Continuity: The Penn Museum Late Minoan IIIC Jar from 2017 Tourloti” (with A. Koh, in press, *Mediterranean Archaeology & Archaeometry 17.2)*

“To the Dregs: Drawing Meaning from the Rhodian Handles of Hellenistic Ashkelon” 2015

*Center for Hellenic Studies Research Bulletin 3.2* (2015)

<http://nrs.harvard.edu/urn-3:hlnc.jissue:CHS_Research_Bulletin.Vol_03.Issue_02.2015>

“Infant Burial and the Iconography of Death on a Burial from Philistine Ashkelon”, 2011

(with B. Doak) *Israel Exploration Journal* 61/1 (2011): 32-53.

“‘Phoenician’ Inscribed Bronze Cuboid Weights” and “Iron II Weights and Measures” 2011

(with E. Levine), in Stager, Schloen and Master (eds.), *Final Reports of the Leon Levy Expedition to Ashkelon, vol. III.: The 604 B.C.E. Destruction*, 473-92. (Eisenbrauns)

“Tracking the Cooking pot *à la steatite*: Signs of Cyprus in Iron Age Syria”, 2008

*American Journal of Archaeology* 112 (2008): 565-580*.*

**EXCAVATION REPORTS**

Grid 51, Ashkelon: 2014 Field Season Preliminary Excavation Report 2014

<https://www.academia.edu/31877844/2014_Grid_51_Field_Season_Report>

Grid 51, Ashkelon: 2013 Field Season Preliminary Excavation Report 2013

<https://www.academia.edu/31877843/2013_Grid_51_Field_Season_Report>

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**EXCAVATION REPORTS (cont’d)**

Grid 51, Ashkelon: 2012 Field Season Preliminary Excavation Report 2012

<https://www.academia.edu/31877845/2012_Grid_51_Field_Season_report.doc>

Grid 51, Ashkelon: 2011 Field Season Preliminary Excavation Report 2011

<https://www.academia.edu/31877841/2011_Grid_51_Field_Season_Report.docx>

Grid 51, Ashkelon: 2010 Field Season Preliminary Excavation Report 2010

<https://www.academia.edu/31877842/2010_Grid_51_Field_Season_Report.pdf>

Grid 51, Ashkelon: 2009 Field Season Preliminary Excavation Report 2009

<https://www.academia.edu/31877840/2009_Grid_51_Field_Season_Report.doc>

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Loeb Classical Library Fellowship (declined) 2015

Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies Research Fellowship, Washington D.C. 2015

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship 2014

(W.F. Albright Institute for Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, Israel)

U.S. Women’s National Team, Shotokan Karate 2004-2011

Robert Pfeiffer Traveling Fellowship for archaeological research in Israel 2000, 2004, 2007

Derek Bok Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University 2001, 2006

Dorot Foundation Travel Fellowship 1998, 1999, 2002

G. Ernest Wright Prize for academic excellence in the study of ancient history 1998

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Wesleyan University, Dept. of Classical Studies 2011- present

Visualizing the Classical (Design Theory & Archaeological Reconstruction, Advanced) 2017

The Greek Vase as Art and Artifact (Advanced) 2014, 2016

Pyramids & Pyres: Death and Afterlife in Egypt & Greece (Intermediate) 2013, 2015

Single Combat in the Ancient World (First-year Writing Seminar) 2012, 2013, 2015

Greek Art & Archaeology (Introductory) 2012, 2014

Hesiod: The Greek Creation Myth in Mediterranean Context (Advanced, in Greek) 2013

Introduction to Ancient Greek (two semester course, Introductory) 2011-2016

Bronze Age Art & Archaeology (Introductory) 2011, 2013

Archaeological Field Methods (on-site, Intermediate) 2011-2016

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE (cont’d)**

Wesleyan University, Dept. of Classical Studies (cont’d)

Senior Thesis Advising for Archaeology and the Dept. of Classical Studies (Advanced) 2011-2016

*Archaeology of Pan-Hellenic Politics: Monumental Dedications at Delphi and Cycladic Political Identity* (A. Peck 2012)

*Hellenistic or Roman? A Case Study of a Mosaic in Tel Dor, Israel in Regional Context* (A. Ruiz-Lopez 2013)

*What is for Lunch? Thin-Section Optical Mineralogy Study of Cooking Vessel Fabric during the Hellenistic Period at*

*Ashkelon, Israel* (E. Shames, co-advised with J. Varenkamp of Geology 2015)

*Egyptianizing Amulets from Persian Ashkelon* (S. McCully 2016)

*Grave Concerns: The Sacred Corpse and Burial Re-entry in Antiquity* (M. Rothberg 2016, co-advised with A.

Sharma of Anthropology, 2016)

*Colonial Collecting* (Senior Essay with exhibit in Olin Library, virtual exhibit online, S. Hoynes 2016)

Ashkelon Archaeological Field School(undergraduate and graduate instruction) 2008 - 2016

Harvard University, Classics Department and Core Program 2006

*Teaching Fellow, “Images of Alexander the Great” (Professor David Mitten)*

Independent Tutor for Latin Language SAT 2006

Harvard University, Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations 1999, 2001, 2003

*Head Teaching Fellow “The Bible and Its Interpreters” Prof. James Kugel, Prof. Gary Anderson*

Harvard University, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations 2002

*Head Teaching Fellow “The Archaeological History of Egypt” (Prof. Peter der Manuelian)*

**CONFERENCE PAPERS**

The Phoenician Perimeter: Considering Persian Control of the Southern Levant Nov 2017

(Paper accepted for delivery at the Society for Biblical Literature Annual Conference, Boston MA)

Hellenistic Agricultural Economy in the Southern Levant: New Evidence from Ashkelon Nov 2017

(with J. Marston, Paper accepted for delivery at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools

of Oriental Research, Boston, MA)

The Mouliana Project: Results of the 2016 Season (with A. Koh, M. Clinton) 2017

Paper delivered at the Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting, Toronto

To the Dregs: Drawing Meaning from the Rhodian Handles of Hellenistic Ashkelon. 2015

Paper delivered at the Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies Research Symposium, Washington D.C.

To Rinse or to Receive? An Analysis of 2nd Century Stuccoed Rooms at Ashkelon. 2015

Paper delivered at Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research Paper, Atlanta, GA

From Ashkelon to *Askalon:* Towards a Reconstruction of the Hellenistic City. 2014

Paper delivered at the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, Israel.

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**CONFERENCE PAPERS (cont’d)**

Recent Excavations at Ashkelon: The Persian and Hellenistic Periods in Grid 51 2013

Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Baltimore, MD

Mycenaean Influence in Iron Age Syria – Reconstructing the Big Picture 2008

Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Boston, MA

Intramural Infant and the Iconography of Death at Ashkelon (with B. Doak) 2008

Paper delivered at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Boston MA.

Tracking the Cooking Pot à la Stéatite: the Road Inland 2005

Paper delivered at the American Schools of Oriental Research, Philadelphia, PA

**INVITED TALKS**

Of Markets and Migrants: Thinking ‘with’ Mycenaean material culture in the 12th century 2017

Keynote speaker for the Brandeis Graduate Conference April 22, 2017, Waltham, MA

Philistines, Dead and/or Alive: Recent Archaeological work at Ashkelon, Israel 2016

Invited talk for the Classical Association of Connecticut.

Wrestling with *-ization* yet again: Material, Culture and Identity in Persian-Hellenistic Ashkelon 2016 Invited talk for the University of Connecticut Archaeology Lecture Series.

The Impact of Hellenism on the Coast of Palestine: Ashkelon as a Test Case. 2014

Invited talk at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel.

Pushing Boundaries: Pioneers of Attic Red Figure 520-490 B.C. 2014

Invited talk at Wesleyan Potters, Middletown, CT.

From Philistines to Phoenicians and Beyond: Ongoing excavations at the city of Ashkelon 2013

Invited talk at the Wasch Center, Wesleyan University

An Introduction to Philistine Culture 2011

Invited talk for the American Institute of Archaeology Lecture Series, Trinity University, Hartford CT

Rethinking our Approach to the Sea Peoples 2010

Invited talk for the Core Archaeology Graduate Group, Harvard University

Economy and Trade in Ancient Egypt 2009

Invited talk for the Harvard Semitic Museum, Cambridge, MA

Late Bronze Age Trade in the Mediterranean: Modern Market Principles in the Ancient World 2008

Invited talk for the Harvard Semitic Museum

Mycenaean-Style Pottery in the ’Amuq Valley, Syria 2006

Invited Talk, Dept. of Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Wesleyan University Faculty Committee on Rights and Responsibilities 2017-2019

AIAR National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship Committee 2017

Brandeis University 2016-2018

Master’s Thesis Co-Advisor, Dept. of Classical Studies

*Thermodynamics in 3D: Modeling Heating Patterns in Hellenistic Cooking pots* (B. Auccoin)

*Spatial Studies of Rhodian Amphora Distribution in Hellenistic Israel (S. Chase)*

Archaeological Institute of America, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee 2016-2019

Session Co-Chair “Integrating Organic Residue Analysis into Archaeology”. Panel accepted 2017

for the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Nov 2017

Wesleyan University, Language Resource and Technology Committee 2016-2017

Project-Based Learning Grant, Wesleyan University Center for Pedagogical Initiatives 2016

University Lecture Grant, Allbritton Center for Public Life (with E. Visvardi) 2016

(for sponsored lecture by Prof. Josiah Ober, Stanford University)

Design and Engineering Course Initiative Grant, Wesleyan University (with C. Parslow) 2016

Wesleyan University Language Resource Center Committee 2015-2016

Session Chair, “Archaeology of the Near East: Bronze and Iron Ages,” Nov 2013

Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Baltimore, MD

Wesleyan University First Year Program Committee 2013-2014

Wesleyan University Archaeology and Anthropology Collections Committee 2013-2014

Admissions Office Faculty Panel Speaker 2013-present

Collaborative Proposal Grant, Allbritton Center for Public Life (with S. Croucher) 2013

(for Archaeology and Politics Symposium, speakers Anne Killebrew, Michael. Blakey,

Carla Sinopoli, Dorothy Lippert)

University Lecture Grant, Allbritton Center for Public Life, 2012

(for sponsored lecture by Dr. Adriaan Lanni, Harvard Law School Feb 2013)

SHARE Field Program Coordinator 2012-2015

Board Member, Society for Humanitarian Archaeological Research and Exploration 2010-2015

Mentor, AIA/APA Women’s Classical Caucus 2012-2013

Reviewer, Israel Science Foundation 2011-present

Voting Institutional Representative, American School of Classical Studies at Athens 2011-present

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (cont’d)**

Instructor and Coach, Harvard Karate Club and Harvard Karate Team 1998-2011

Non-resident Tutor, Lowell House, Harvard University 2004

**LANGUAGE TRAINING**

*Ancient*: Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Phoenician, Ugaritic, Aramaic, Hittite, Luwian

*Modern*: Russian, reading fluency in French and German.

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Institute of Archaeology

American Schools of Oriental Research

American School of Classical Studies at Athens

Society for Humanitarian Archaeological Research and Exploration

Society for Biblical Literature