

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2017

Three-Year Research Award

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Prof Roger Matthews (Reading University)

Early Neolithic Iran: Excavations at Sheikh-e Abad (£5,000 per annum over three years)

Investigating the transition from mobile hunter-forager to sedentary farmer-herder at one of the earliest Neolithic sites in Iran, Sheikh-e Abad, Kermanshah. Excavation will focus on the early stages of a 10m-deep sequence of Pre-Pottery Neolithic occupation, dated c 9800 BC to 7600 BC, which provides a unique opportunity to investigate early herding and domestication of animals such as wild goat, and plants such as cereals, as well as the transition from seasonal mobility to year-round sedentism and early architecture.

Research Awards

Prof John Chapman (Durham University)

The Ukrainian Trypillia Mega-Sites Project (£2,000)

Post-excavation analysis of finds from Nebelivka, Ukraine, one of the largest settlements of the 4th millennium BC in Europe.

Dr Chantal Conneller (Manchester University)

Magdalenians of the Channel River Valley (£3,000)

Final season of excavation at the Magdalenian site of Les Varines (c 14,700 BP), characterising human activity and investigating the role of the Channel River in the colonisation of Britain.

Margaret Dunn (Discovering Old Welsh Houses Group)

Discovering Old Welsh Houses in North-East Wales (£1,169)

Community-based programme of recording and investigation of houses dating before AD 1700 in North-East Wales.

Dr Duncan Garrow (Reading University)

Islands of Stone: Excavating the Earliest Crannogs (£5,000)

Exploratory excavation of newly-identified Neolithic crannog sites on the Isle of Lewis, Outer Hebrides.

Dr Elizabeth Gemmill (Oxford University)

Prices from Durham Obedientary Accounts AD 1368-1460 (£4,000)

Analysis of price levels and trends of consumables and commodities as an indicator of economic conditions, experiences and decisions in North-East England.

Dr Alex Gibson (Bradford University)

Justy Howe, Wensleydale (£4,541)

Survey and ground truthing of a possible Neolithic Great Barrow: detailed topographic survey, geophysical survey of the monument and environs by Ground Penetrating Radar and Electrical Resistivity Tomography, and ground truthing by Radiocarbon-supported geoarchaeological coring.

Jesse Martin (La Trobe University, Australia)

Drimolen Hominin Material (£3,000)

Analysis of the endocranial reconstruction of the DNH 134 cranium from the Drimolen palaeocave in South Africa, and geometric morphometric comparisons between DNH 134 and East African Homo erectus.

Dr David Petts (Durham University)

Discovering Lindisfarne: Holy Island Project (£3,500)

Survey and excavation of the early medieval monastic site on Lindisfarne.

Dr Alex Pluskowski (Reading University)

Frontier Authorities in Medieval Central Iberia (£3,500)

Excavation at the castles of Molina de Aragón and Atienza in Guadalajara to build a robust chronology for these key sites of frontier authority, and to characterise their spatial use and exploitation of natural resources in the context of multi-ethnic relations.

Prof Colin Renfrew (Cambridge University)

Excavations at the Keros Sanctuary (£1,700)

Fieldwork and excavation to characterise and contextualise this important ritual centre of the early Bronze Age Aegean.

Dr Rick Schulting (Oxford University)

People and Place on Prehistoric Gower (£5,000)

A regional study investigating the use of caves for burial during the Neolithic, and the relationship between the use of caves in the Mesolithic and Neolithic, in the Gower peninsula of South Wales.

Dr Emilie Sibbesson (Canterbury Christ Church University)

Telling Time: Oscar Montelius and Britain (£800)

Does unstudied correspondence between Oscar Montelius and colleagues in Britain, held in the Montelius archive in Stockholm, shed light on the development of the discipline of Archaeology in the British Isles?

Dr Saro Wallace (Manchester University)

Technology in crisis: Bronze-Age – Iron-Age Crete (3,800)

Analysing unpublished but well-contextualised artefact assemblages from Karfi to explore the collapse of Bronze-Age states in the eastern Mediterranean and subsequent social and economic restructuring.

Dr Hugh Wilmott (Sheffield University)

Little Carlton Archaeology Project (2,990)

Excavation of Middle Anglo-Saxon settlement in Lincolnshire discovered by a metal detecting.

Jones Fund

Dr Alexander Langlands (Swansea University)

Old Sarum and its Landscape (£9,538)

Characterisation and dating of the settlements/suburbs to the west of Old Sarum through geophysical survey, topographical survey, fieldwalking, small-scale archaeological excavation, and re-assessment of pottery assemblages from past excavations.

Dr Richard Tipping (Stirling University)

Bradford Kaims: Landscape and Geoarchaeology (£10,363)

Characterisation and dating of prehistoric domestic activity and its environment across an important wetland cultural landscape in northern England seemingly dominated by ritual elements.

Lambarde Fund

Dr Kate Armstrong (Durham University) (£450)

Travel to Crete to participate in IMS-FORTH workshop on issues in archaeological geophysical prospection.

Dr Duncan Keenan-Jones (Glasgow University) (£499)

Travel to Rome and Naples to research urban water supply in Roman Italy.

Dr Oren Margolis (Oxford University) (£500)

Travel to Rome for research on the origins of 'Pontifex Maximus' as a title of the Pope.

Janet Arnold Awards

Dr Svenje Bethke (Leicester University)

Clothing and Fashion in Palestine/Israel (£2,500)

Pilot study exploring the history of migration from Eastern Europe and Germany to Palestine/Israel as represented in clothing, fashion and ideals of beauty.

Cynthia Jackson (Independent Researcher)

The Broderers' Crowns (£4,025)

The reproduction of a rare extant example of professional embroidery known as the Broderers' Crown, one of two embroidered crowns in the possession of the Broderers' Company, dating from the latter half of the 16th century.

David Wilcox (Edinburgh College of Art)

European Men's Clothing 1600-1850 (£2,960)

Research towards a monograph publication on the development of tailoring, documenting the development of cut and construction from as wide a variety of extant garments as possible. Each garment's two-dimensional fabric pieces will be recorded as scale drawings which are then annotated with further details of the processes of construction.

Wheeler Fund

Otto Bagi (Warsaw University) (£500)

Travel to participate in excavations at New Tiberias, Israel.

Summer Courts (Royal Holloway College, London University) (£497)

Travel to participate in the Apolline project, Campania, Italy.