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Current Position

7/24 – current	Director of Graduate Studies, Anthropology, Univ. of Notre Dame
5/21 – current	Professor, Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of Notre Dame
8/17 – current	Research Associate, Carnegie Museum of Natural History
8/15 – current	Fellow, Nanovic Institute for European Studies, Univ. of Notre Dame
10/23 – current	Fellow, Keough Naughton Institute for Irish Studies, Univ. of Notre Dame
3/14 – current	Concurrent Professor, Gender Studies, Univ. of Notre Dame
2004 – current	Co-Director, Expedition to the Dead Sea Plain

Professional History

5/06 – 4/21	Associate Professor	Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of Notre Dame
7/00 – 5/06	Assistant Professor	Dept. of Anthropology , University of Notre Dame
9/04-12/04	Visiting Professor	Dept. of Archaeology, University of Reading, UK
9/99 – 5/00	Adjunct Professor	Dept. of Geography, University of Lethbridge, Canada
9/98 -6/99	Lecturer	Dept. of Anthropology, Brandeis University
9/98 - 1/99	Lecturer	Dept. of Anthropology, Harvard Univ. Extension School
1/98 – 6/99	Teaching Assistant	Dept. of Anthropology , Harvard University
9/97 – 6/98	Asst. Wing Tutor	Dept. of Anthropology , Harvard University

Education

6/93 - 6/97	Harvard Univ.	Ph.D. (Anthropology) 6/97 Cambridge, MA
Thesis: *Urban Households in Early Bronze Age Communities of Syro-Palestine*		
8/95 - 6/97	Univ. of California	Exchange Scholar (Anthropology) Berkeley, CA
9/91 - 6/93	Harvard Univ.	M.A. (Anthropology) Cambridge, MA
8/85 - 12/89	Brown Univ.	B.A. with Honors (Classics) Providence, RI

Publications (Former or Current *Undergraduate, @Graduate Student, and +Postdoctoral Appointee)

Monographs:

2025 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) *Irish Dressers and Delph: Homemaking Through Time.* Cork University Press (389 pages with 357 images). [Chapter 4 co-authored by Ian Kuijt, Meagan Conway McDonald*, Katherine Shakour*, Nicholas Ames@, Tommy Burke, and Rachel Tracey]

2020 *Numayra: Excavations at the Early Bronze Age Townsite in Jordan, 1977-1983*. (**Meredith S. Chesson,** R. Thomas Schaub, and Walter E. Rast). University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University/Eisenbrauns. (939 pages with 575 illustrations, 100 tables, and 251 single-

spaced pages of downloadable database (Appendixes E and F) hosted by Open Context (https://opencontext.org)).

Edited volumes and special journal issues

2011 (ed. **Meredith S. Chesson**) *Daily Life, Materiality and Complexity in Early Urban Communities of the Southern Levant: Papers in Honor of Walter E. Rast and R. Thomas Schaub*. With Associate Editors Ian Kuijt and Walter Aufrecht. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns Publishing.

2003 (ed. **Meredith S. Chesson** and Graham Philip) *Tales of the City: Reexamining 'Urbanism' in the Early Bronze Age Levant*. *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology* 16.1 special issue in June 2003.

2001 (ed. **Meredith S. Chesson**) *Social Memory, Identity and Death: Ethnographic and Archaeological Perspectives on Mortuary Rituals*. Archaeological Publications of the American Anthropological Association Publication Series, Vol. 10. Arlington, VA: American Anthropological Association.

Articles in Refereed Journals

2026 (Agustina Fiorani[@], Julián Salazar, and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Crafting a Shared History of Learning: Pottery making and the building of agropastoral communities (Argentina, c. 250-800 CE). *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*: https://authors.elsevier.com/sd/article/S0278-4165(26)00005-X

2025 (Hanna Erftenbeck[@] and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Complicated Endings: Household-Based Foodways and the Demise of Early Bronze Age Urban Society in the Southern Levant. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* vol. 79 online view: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0278416525000327?dgcid=coauthor

2023 (Ryan Lash[*+], **Meredith S. Chesson,** Elise Alonzi[*@], Ian Kuijt, Terry O'Hagan, John Ó Néill, and Tommy Burke) Sensational Ensembles: Picnicking and Pilgrimage on Inishark Island, Co. Galway, Ireland 1650-1960. *Current Anthropology* 64(4): 380-409.

2023 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Early Bronze Age IA Mortuary Practices and Difference on the south-eastern Dead Sea Plain, Jordan. *Levant* 55(1): 61-77.

2020 (Ian Kuijt, **Meredith S. Chesson**, Sara Morrow[@], Diarmuid Ó Giolláin, and Ryan Lash[*+]) The Good Death and the Materiality of Mourning: 19th – 20th Centuries Coastal Ireland. *International Journal of Historical Archaeology* 25: 333–374.

2020 (John Robb, **Meredith S. Chesson**, Hamish Forbes, Lin Foxhall, Helen Foxhall-Forbes, Paula K. Lazrus, Kostalena Michelaki, Alfonso Picone Chiodo, and David Yoon). The 20th century invention of ancient mountains: the archaeology of highland Aspromonte. *International Journal of Historic Archaeology* 25: 14-44.

2019 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Isaac I.T. Ullah, Giovanni Iiriti, Hamish Forbes, Paula K. Lazrus, Nicholas Ames[@], Yesenia Garcia[@], Sarah Benchekroun[@], John Robb, Nicholas P.S. Wolff[@], and Maria Olimpia Squillaci) Archaeology as Intellectual Service: Engaged Archaeology in San Pasquale Valley, Calabria, Italy. Invited submission for special issue of *Archaeologies: Journal of the World Archaeological Congress* 15(3): 422-443.

2019 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Nicholas Wolff[@], John E. Robb, David Yoon, Mark Gillings, Ivana Fiore, Kostalena Michelaki, Antonio Tagliacozzo, Jeremy Taylor, and Chantel E. White[@]) Events, Social Memories, and Community in a Final Bronze Age Building's Biography at Sant'Aniceto, Calabria, Italy. *Journal of Field Archaeology* 44: 480-499.

2019 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Isaac I. T. Ullah, Nicholas Ames[@], Hamish Forbes, Yesenia Garcia[@], Giovanni Iiriti, Paula K. Lazrus, John Robb, Maria Olimpia Squillaci, and Nicholas P.S. Wolff[@]) Laborscapes and Archaeologies of Sustainability: An Early Technoscape of Commercial Farming in the San Pasquale Valley, Calabria, Italy from 1800 – 2018. *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology* 32.1: 32-62.

2019 (Max D. Price, Cheryl A. Makarewicz*, and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Domestic Animal Production and Consumption at Tall al-Handaquq South (Jordan) in the Early Bronze Age III. *Paléorient* 44.1: 75-91.

2018 (Ryan Lash*+, Ian Kuijt, Terry O'Hagen, Elise Alonzi*@, **Meredith S. Chesson**, and Tommy Burke) Differing in Status, but One in Spirit: Sacred Space and Social Diversity at Island Monasteries in Connemara, Ireland. *Antiquity* 92(362): 437-455.

2015 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Reconceptualizing the Early Bronze Age Southern Levant without Cities: Local Histories and Walled Communities of EBA II-III Society. *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology* 28.1: 21-79.

2014 (Chantel E. White@, **Meredith S. Chesson**, and R. Thomas Schaub) A Recipe for Disaster: Emerging Urbanism and Unsustainable Plant Economies at Early Bronze Age Ras an-Numayra, Jordan. *Antiquity* 88: 363-377.

2012 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Achieving an Angle of Repose? Ethics and Engagement in Critical Archaeology. *Forum Kritische Archäologie* 1: 57-63. [Invited essay for inaugural issue of new international journal in archaeology, published simultaneously in German: Einen ruhigen Blickwinkel finden? Ethik und Engagement im Rahmen einer Kritischen Archäologie, trans. Carolin Jauss, pp. 64-68)

2005 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Cheryl A. Makarewicz*, Ian Kuijt, and Charlotte Whiting) Results of the 2001 Kerak Plateau Early Bronze Age Survey. *Annual of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 59: 1-62.

2003 (Bill Finlayson, Ian Kuijt, Trina Arpin, **Meredith S. Chesson**, Samantha Dennis, Nathan Goodale@, Seiji Kadowaki, Lisa Maher, Samuel Smith, Mark Schurr, and Jode McKay) Dhra' Excavation Project, 2002 Interim Report. *Levant* 35:1-38.

2003 (**Meredith S. Chesson** and Graham Philip) Tales of the City? 'Urbanism' in the Early Bronze Age Levant from Mediterranean and Levantine Perspectives. *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology* 16.1: 3-16.

2003 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Households, Houses, Neighborhoods, and Corporate Villages: Modeling the Early Bronze Age as a House Society. *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology* 16.1: 79-102.

2002 (Ian Kuijt and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Excavations at 'Ain Waida', Jordan: New insights into Pottery Neolithic Lifeways in the Southern Levant. *Paléorient* 28(2): 111-124.

1999 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Libraries of the Dead: Early Bronze Age Charnel Houses and Social Identity at Urban Bab edh-Dhra', Jordan. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 18: 137-164.

1998 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Preliminary Results of Excavations at Tell el-Handaquq South, Jordan, 1993-1996. *Palestine Exploration Quarterly* 130: 20-34.

1995 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Matthias Flenders, Hermann Genz, Fouad Hourani, Ian Kuijt, and Gaetano Palumbo) Tell Sukhne North: an Early Bronze Age II site in Jordan. *Paléorient* 21(1): 113-122.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Forthcoming (Ryan Lash*+, Ian Kuijt, **Meredith S. Chesson**) Rendered by Water: The Hydraulics of Craft, Devotion, and Dwelling on Connemara's Island Monasteries. For publication in Sophie Hüglin (ed.), *Islands, Monasteries, and Water*. To be published by the University of Tübingen Press.

2025 (Morag M. Kersel and **Meredith S. Chesson**) The Annotated Archive, Marginalia and Meaning in Following Pots. For publication in (eds.) Olympia Bobou, Rubina Raja, and Maria Stamatopoulou, *Turning the Page: Archaeological Archives and Entangled Cultural Knowledge*, pp. 449-462. Turnhout, Belgium: Brepols.

2019 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) The Southern Levant During the Early Bronze Age I-III. In *The Social Archaeology of the Levant: From Prehistory to the Present*, eds. Assaf Yasur-

Landau, Eric Cline, and Yorke M. Rowan, pp. 163-182. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Volume awarded ASOR's G.E. Wright Publication Award.

2018 (Rahul Oka, Nicholas Ames[@], **Meredith S. Chesson**, Ian Kuijt, Chapurukha M. Kusimba, Vishwas D. Gogte, Abhijit Dandekar) Dreaming Beyond GINI: Methodological Steps Toward a Composite Archaeological Index. Eds. Tim Kohler and Michael Smith, *Quantifying Ancient Inequality*, pp. 67-95. Amerind Foundation Volume. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona Press.

2016 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Risky Business: A Life Full of Obligations to the Dead and the Living on the Early Bronze Age Southeastern Dead Sea Plain, Jordan, in *The Archaeology of Anxiety*, edited by Jeffrey Fleischer and Neil Norman, pp. 41-65. New York: Springer.

2014 (Susan Guise Sheridan, Jaime Ullinger, Lesley Gregoricka*, and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Bioarchaeological Reconstruction of Group Identity at Early Bronze Age Bab edh-Dhra`, Jordan. In *Remembering the Dead in the Ancient Near East: Recent Contributions from Bioarchaeology and Mortuary Archaeology*, edited by Benjamin W. Porter and Alexis T. Boutin, pp. 133-184. Boulder, CO: University of Colorado Press.

2013 (Morag M. Kersel and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Looting Matters—Early Bronze Age Cemeteries of Jordan's southeast Dead Sea Plain in the Past and Present. In (Eds.) Sarah Tarlow and Liv Nillson, *The Oxford Handbook of Death and Burial*, pp. 677-694. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2012 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Homemaking in the Early Bronze Age. In *New Perspectives in Household Archaeology*, edited by Bradley J. Parker and Catherine P. Foster, pp. 45-79. Winona Lake, IL: Eisenbrauns.

2011 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) 'the depth of their impression': Honoring Walter E. Rast and R. Thomas Schaub's Scholarship and Contributions to Early Bronze Age Studies in the Southern Levant, in *Daily Life, Materiality and Complexity in Early Urban Communities of the Southern Levant: Papers in Honor of Walter Rast and R. Thomas Schaub*. Edited by Meredith S. Chesson with Associate Editors Ian Kuijt and Walter Aufrecht, pp. vii – xii. Winona Lake, IN: Eisebrauns Publishing.

2007 (Ian Kuijt and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Images and Social Relationships: Shifting Identity and Ambiguity in the Neolithic. In *Image and Imagination: Material Beginnings*, eds. Colin Renfrew and Ian Morley, pp. 211-226. McDonald Institute Monograph. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2007 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) House, Town, Field, and Wadi: Economic, Political and Social Landscapes in Early Bronze Age Walled Communities of the Southern Levant. In *The Durable House: House Society Models in Archaeology*, edited by Robin A. Beck, Jr., pp. 317-343. Center for Archaeological Investigations, Occasional Paper No. 35. Carbondale, IL: Southern Illinois University.

2007 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Remembering and Forgetting in Early Bronze Age Mortuary Practices on the southeastern Dead Sea Plain, Jordan. In *Performing Death: Social Analyses of Funerary Traditions in the Ancient Mediterranean*, ed. Nicola Laneri, pp. 109-123. Chicago: Oriental Institute, University of Chicago.

2007 (R. Thomas Schaub and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Life in the earliest walled towns on the Dead Sea Plain: Numeira and Bab edh-Dhra`. In *Crossing Jordan: North American Contributions to the Archaeology of Jordan*, edited by Thomas E. Levy, P.M. Michele Daviau, Randall W. Younker, and May Shaer, pp. 246-252. London: Equinox Press.

2007 (**Meredith S. Chesson** and R. Thomas Schaub) Death and Dying on the Dead Sea Plain: Fifa, al-Khanazir and Bab adh-Dhra` Cemeteries. In *Crossing Jordan: North American Contributions to the Archaeology of Jordan*, edited by Thomas E. Levy, P.M. Michele Daviau, Randall W. Younker, and May Shaer, pp. 253-260. London: Equinox Press.

2005 (Ian Kuijt and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Lumps of Clay and Pieces of Stone: Ambiguity, Bodies, and Identity as Portrayed in Neolithic Figurines. In *Blackwell Studies in Global Archaeology: Archaeology of the Near East*, edited by Reinhard Bernbeck and Susan Pollock, pp. 152-183. London: Basil Blackwell.

2001 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Social Memory, Identity and Death: An Introduction, in *Social Memory, Identity and Death: Ethnographic and Archaeological Perspectives on Mortuary Rituals*, Meredith S. Chesson (ed.), pp. 1-11. Archaeological Publications of the American Anthropological Association Publication Series, Vol. 10. Arlington, VA: American Anthropological Association.

2001 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Embodied Memories of Place and People: Death and Society in an Early Urban Community, in *Social Memory, Identity and Death: Ethnographic and Archaeological Perspectives on Mortuary Rituals*, Meredith S. Chesson (ed.), pp. 100-113. Archaeological Publications of the American Anthropological Association Publication Series, Vol. 10. Arlington, VA: American Anthropological Association.

2000 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Ceramics and Daily Life in the Early Bronze Age Household: Form, Function, and Action in Residential Compounds at Tell el-Handaquq South, Jordan. *Breaking with the Past: Ceramics and Change in the Early Bronze Age of the Southern Levant*, Graham Philip and Douglas Baird (eds), pp. 365-378. Sheffield: Sheffield University Press.

2000 (John P. Gerry and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Gender, Status and Diet in Classic Maya Society. *Gender and Material Culture in Archaeological Perspective*, edited by Moira Donald and Linda Hurcombe, pp. 250-264. London: Macmillan Publishers.

1994 (Robert W. Preucel and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Blue Corn Girls: A Herstory of Three Early Women Archaeologists at Tecolote, New Mexico. In *Women in Archaeology*, Cheryl Claassen (ed), pp. 67-84. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

Other Publications

2024 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Morag M. Kersel, Susan G. Sheridan, Hanna Erftenbeck[@], Megan Nishida[@], Keri Porter[@], Madeleine Kohl*, Maria Chapman*, Charlotte Cardarella*, Nancy Lapp, Mark McConaughy, Karen Bowden, and Jim Richardson, in *Archaeology in Jordan, Seasons 2022 and 2023*, Volume 4: 116-118. Amman: American Center of Research (DOI: https://publications.acorjordan.org/articles/expedition-to-the-dead-sea-plain-edsp-publication-efforts-of-edsp-excavations-at-bab-adh-dhra-and-numayra/)

2022 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Austin (Chad) Hill, Morag M. Kersel, Quinn Comprosky, Madeline Kohl* and Maria Chapman*) Expedition to the Dead Sea Plain in *Archaeology in Jordan,Seasons 2020-2021 Pandemic Volume,* Volume 3: 77-79. Amman: American Center for Oriental Research (DOI: file:///Users/mchesson/Desktop/aij-3-30-dead-sea-plain-kersel.pdf)

2021 (Morag M. Kersel, **Meredith S. Chesson**, Austin C. Hill) When Biblically Inspired Pseudoscience and Clickbait Cause Looting. DOI: https://www.sapiens.org/archaeology/tall-el-hamman/

2020 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Morag M. Kersel) In Memoriam: R. Thomas Schaub and Marilyn McNamara Schaub. Online ACOR Newsletter, March 2020. DOI: http://www.asor.org/news/2020/03/schaub-tribute?fbclid=IwAR1M8hpWg_EXErRONPhpi6mhvtnHUslviqz1ikkzXlifsAGfo1tYKFqjuJU

2019 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Morag M. Kersel) Dead Sea Plain – Numayra. In *Life at the Dead Sea: Exhibition Catalog*, edited by Martin Peilstocker and Yvonne Schmuhl, pp. 222-226. Chemnitz, Germany: State Museum of Chemnitz Press.

2019 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Morag M. Kersel) Dead Sea Plain – Bab adh-Dhra`. In *Life at the Dead Sea: Exhibition Catalog*, edited by Martin Peilstocker and Yvonne Schmuhl, pp. 219-221. Chemnitz, Germany: State Museum of Chemnitz Press.

2018 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Morag M. Kersel, Sara Berumen*, Dayonni Phillips*, and Theresa Kyoo Young Kim*) Expedition to the Dead Sea Plains in Archaeology in Jordan Newsletter, pp. 65-66. Amman: American Center for Oriental Research (DOI: https://www.acorjordan.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/AIJ-2016-2017-Hi-Res.pdf?v=7516fd43adaa).

2014 (Morag M. Kersel, Austin C. Hill and **Meredith.S. Chesson)**. Follow the Pots: Mapping, Surveying, and Site Monitoring at Fifa. *American Journal of Archaeology* 118(4): 652-653.

2013 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Book review of *Agency and Identity in the Ancient Near East: New Paths Forward*, edited by Jennifer C. Ross and Sharon R. Steadman, Routledge Press (2010). *Levant* 45(2): 263-265.

2013 (Morag M. Kersel and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Tomato Season in the Ghor es-Safi: A Lesson in Community Archaeology. *Near Eastern Archaeology* 76(3): 159-165.

2011 (Morag M. Kersel and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Not the Usual Suspects: New Directions in Community Archaeology. *SAA Archaeological Record* 11(4): 43-46.

2008 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Book review of *Early Urbanism on the Syrian Euphrates*, by Lisa Cooper, Routledge Press (2006). *Cambridge Archaeological Review* 18:2: 271-273.

2004 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Book review of *Tepe Gawra: The Evolution of a Small Prehistoric Center in Northern Iraq*, by Mitchell S. Rothmann, with an Appendix by Brian Peasnall, University Museum Monographs 112, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology: Philadelphia, 2002. *Society for Archaeological Sciences Bulletin* 27(3): 25-27.

2004 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Early Bronze Age Settlement on the Kerak Plateau. *Newsletter of the Council for British Research in the Levant* 2004: 21-23.

1997 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Excavations at Tell el-Handaquq South. *Occident and Orient* 2(1): 24.

1994 (**Meredith S. Chesson** and Ian Kuijt) Tell el-Handaquq South, in Archaeology in Jordan. *American Journal of Archaeology* 98(3): 534.

1994 (Ian Kuijt and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Investigations at Jebel Quiesa, Jordan (1993): A Reconsideration of Chronology and Occupational History. *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* 38: 223-238.

Technical and Community Reports

2023 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Il Progetto Valle San Pasquale, 2015-2018: Rapporto di sintesi per i partecipanti (24 pages)

2021 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Beautiful Things: Dressers and Delph Stories in Western Ireland. Report for study participants (70 pages: 11,100 words)

2019 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Final report of the Dresser Project. Report for submission to the Cultural Landscape of the Irish Coast Project Archives (45 pages; 17,000 words; 47 figures; 17 tables).

2015 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Hamish Forbes, Paula Lazrus, Isaac Ullah, and Nicholas Wolff). Architettura Storica ed Etnoarcheologica del Post-Mediovale nella Valle di San Pasquale (Bova Marina, RC). Report for submission to Soprintendenza Archeologica della Calabria, Reggio Calabria, Italy.

2012 (John O'Neill, **Meredith S. Chesson**, Ryan Lash*+, Terry O'Hagen, Franc Myles, Thomas Burke, Elise Alonzi@, Claire Brown*, and Ian Kuijt) Clochan Leo 2012 Report. For submission to the Duchas Heritage Management Office and Heritage Offices for Western Island Confederation of Ireland.

2012 (John O'Neill, Ryan Lash*+, Terry O'Hagen, **Meredith S. Chesson**, Thomas Burke, Elise Alonzi*@, and Ian Kuijt) Inis Goirt 2012 Test Excavations Report. For submission to the Duchas Heritage Management Office and Heritage Offices for Western Island Confederation of Ireland.

2012 (John O'Neill, Ryan Lash*+, **Meredith S. Chesson**, Franc Myles, Terry O'Hagen, Elise Alonzi*@, and Ian Kuijt) Teampuill Leo 2012 Excavations Report. For submission to the Duchas Heritage Management Office and Heritage Offices for Western Island Confederation of Ireland.

2011 (John O'Neill, Terry O'Hagen, **Meredith Chesson**) Clochan Leo Test Excavations 2011. Submitted to the Duchas Heritage Management Office and Heritage Offices for Western Island Confederation of Ireland.

2009 (**Meredith S Chesson,** John Robb, Chantel White@, Nicholas Wolff@, and David Yoon) Bova Marina Archaeological Project: Preliminary Report, 2009 Season. Submitted to the Soprintendenza Archeologica della Calabria, Reggio Calabria, Italy.

2008 (John Robb, **Meredith S. Chesson**, Helen Farr, Paula Lazrus, Kostalena Michelaki, Chantel White@, Nicholas Wolff@, and David Yoon) Bova Marina Archaeological Project: Preliminary Report, 2008 Season. Edited by John Robb, with contributions by. Submitted to the Soprintendenza Archeologica della Calabria, Reggio Calabria, Italy.

2007 (John Robb, Lin Foxhall, David Yoon, **Meredith S. Chesson**, Paula Lazrus, Hamish Forbes, Jeremy Taylor and Joe Skinner) Bova Marina Archaeological Project: Preliminary Report, 2007 Season. Submitted to the Soprintendenza Archeologica della Calabria, Reggio Calabria, Italy.

2004 (**Meredith S. Chesson** and R. Thomas Schaub) Final Field Report, Surface Survey and Final Planning at Numeira and Bab edh-Dhra', Jordan by the Expedition to the Dead Sea Plain, submitted to the Department of Antiquities, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, November 2004.

2002 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Final Field Report, 2002 Excavations at Khirbet el-Minsahlat on the Kerak Plateau, submitted to the Department of Antiquities, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, July 2002.

2001 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Final Field Report, Survey, Preservation Assessment, and Test Excavations of Eight Early Bronze Age Sites on the Kerak Plateau, submitted to the Department of Antiquities, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, July 2001.

1996 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Final Field Report, Excavations at Tell el-Handaquq South, Jordan, submitted to the Department of Antiquities, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, April 1996.

1994 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Final Field Report, Excavations at Tell el-Handaquq South, Jordan, submitted to the Department of Antiquities, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, November 1994.

1994 (Ian Kuijt and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Final Field Report, Excavations at Ain Waida, Jordan, submitted to the Department of Antiquities, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, November 1994.

1993 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Final Field Report, Test Excavations at Tell el-Handaquq South, Jordan, submitted to the Department of Antiquities, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, July 1993.

External Research Grants and Fellowships (Awarded)

Wenner-Gren Foundation Historical Archiving Grant, PI **Meredith S. Chesson** and co-PI Morag M. Kersel (DePaul University), September 2017 – September 2027. Expedition to The Dead Sea Plain Archives: Curating 50 Years of Early Bronze Age Research In Jordan ($14,944)

NEH Collaborative Research Grant, **PI Meredith S. Chesson**, co-PI John E. Robb (Cambridge University), January 2015 – September 2019. The political logic of a Mediterranean landscape: Southernmost Calabria from 6000 BC to the present. ($222,273)

Wenner-Gren Foundation Research Grant (**PI Meredith S. Chesson,** co-PI Dr. Morag Kersel), January 2010-December 2013: Follow the Pots: The Social Lives of Early Bronze Age Artifacts from the southeastern Dead Sea Plain, Jordan. ($25,000)

National Geographic Society CRE Grant, July 2008-December 2009. **PI Meredith S. Chesson** Awarded to support excavations at Sant'Aniceto, Italy. ($24,733)

Leon Levy Shelby White Foundation for Archaeological Publications Fellowship, July 2008-June 2009. **PI Meredith S. Chesson**, co-PI R. Thomas Schaub. Awarded to support publication of final site report for Numayra, Jordan. ($30,000)

Leon Levy Shelby White Foundation for Archaeological Publications Fellowship, July 2006-June 2007. **PI Meredith S. Chesson**, co-PI R. Thomas Schaub. Awarded to support publication of final site report for Numeira, Jordan. ($30,000)

Wenner-Gren Foundation, June 2003-December 2006. Awarded to plan and prepare final publication for Numeira, Jordan. ($24,978)

National Science Foundation Program Grant, May 2001-May 2002. Awarded funding to run an archaeological pilot survey and test excavations of eight EBA sites on the Kerak Plateau, Jordan. ($19,960)

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Completion Grant, January - June 1997. Awarded to support the completion of the dissertation. ($6,000)

Cora DuBois Fellowship, Harvard University, September 1996 - January 1997. Awarded to support the completion of the dissertation. ($6,000)

Wenner-Gren Foundation Predoctoral Grant, September 1995 - August 1998. Awarded to support the processing of radiocarbon samples and petrographic analysis of ceramics from the excavations at Tell el-Handaquq South. ($6,000)

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Support Grant, June 1995 - April 1996. Awarded to support excavations at Tell el-Handaquq South, Jordan. ($6,000)

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, August 1994 - September 1995. Awarded to support excavations at Tell el-Handaquq South, Jordan for dissertation research. ($12,000)

Sigma Xi Grant-in-Aid of Research, October 1993 - October 1994. Awarded for the processing of radiocarbon samples from Tell el-Handaquq South. ($900)

Mellon Foundation Summer Research Grant, Summer 1993. Awarded to support excavations at Tell el-Handaquq South, Jordan. ($2,400)

EBR Summer Travel Grant, Summer 1993. Awarded to support excavations at Tell el-Handaquq South, Jordan. ($1,500)

Rotary International Fellowship, 1992. Awarded for a year of university study abroad. (Declined)

Dorot Foundation Travel Grant, June - August 1987. Awarded for summer study and travel in Israel. ($1,500)

Graduate Student Co-PI External Research Grants and Fellowships (Awarded)

National Science Foundation DDRIG, PI Megan Nishida and co-PI **Meredith S Chesson,** August 2025. Socioeconomic Differentiation and Emerging Urbanism: Early Bronze Age Mortuary Practices at Bab adh-Dhra`, Jordan. Recommended strongly for funding by Archaeology Review Panel and Director John Yellen, not funded by NSF due to political interference ($0 of budgeted $15,906)

Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, PI Agustina Fiorani, co-PI **Meredith Chesson**, April, 2024: Assembling the early Andean village: people, ancestors, and meals at the onset of agropastoral lifestyles (Argentina, ca. 200 BCE-AD 800) ($20,424)

Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, PI Sara Morrow, co-PI **Meredith Chesson**, April 2017: Forging an Islander Identity: Consumer Practice and Daily Island Life in 19th and early 20th century Ireland. ($15,812)

Internal Research Grants and Fellowships (Awarded)

Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies, March 2026. Awarded to support Inishbofin Storymapping Project ($3,000)

Nanovic Institute for European Studies, April 2025. Awarded to support the training of an Irish graduate student in storymapping and archaeological survey ($2,596)

Franco Family Institute for Liberal Arts and the Public Good, March 2025. Awarded to support pilot season of Inishbofin Storymapping Project ($20,000)

Nanovic Publication Subvention Grant, November 2024. Awarded to support publication of *Irish Dressers and Delph: Homemaking through Time* ($2,500)

ISLA Publication Subvention Grant, October 2024. Awarded to support publication of *Irish Dressers and Delph: Homemaking through Time* ($3,000)

Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies, September 2024. Awarded to support the launch of the Inishbofin Local Studies Collection in concert with County Galway Libraries and Archive, Inishbofin, Ireland ($5,172)

ISLA Small Research Grant, December 2023. Awarded to support establishment of Archival Repository on Inishbofin, Co. Galway, Ireland ($2,500)

Nanovic Institute Research Grant, December 2023. Awarded to support establishment of Archival Repository on Inishbofin, Co. Galway, Ireland ($4,000)

Nanovic Institute Research Grant, June 2023. Awarded to support archival analysis in Dublin and oral history research on Inishbofin, Ireland ($3,500)

ISLA Small Research Grant, April 2023. Awarded to support archival analysis in Dublin and oral history research on Inishbofin, Ireland ($2,500)

ISLA Image grant, April 2023. Awarded to pay royalties for image reproduction in my book *Irish Dressers and Delph* ($979.86)

ISLA Small Research Grant, April 2022. Awarded to support ethnoarchaeological research on dressers in Inishbofin, Inishturk, and Inishark, Ireland ($2,500)

Faculty Research Support Grant (PI **Meredith S. Chesson**, co-PI Isaac I.T. Ullah), Nov 2021, Traditional Rural Lifeways, Sustainable Rural Futures: Historic and Contemporary Communities in the Bova region of southern Calabria, Italy, 1800 – 2021 ($99,955)

Nanovic Institute Research Cluster Grant (PI Martin Bloomer, co-PIs **Meredith S. Chesson** and Charles Leavitt). Awarded to research Place, Memory, and Story in Contemporary Calabria, Italy ($10,000)

Arizona State University's School of Human Evolution and Social Change's *Interdisciplinary Research Grant* Program (PI Kostalena Michelaki, co-PIs Christopher Morehart, Sarah Oas, Matt Peeples, Hallie Eakin, Jamison Wetmore, Todd Braje, **Meredith S. Chesson**, Paula Lazrus, John Robb, and Isaac Ullah) to investigate how and why do food technological systems transform comparing case studies in Mexico, Italy, the US Southwest, and San Diego ($47,683) [declined due to Pandemic]

ISLA Small Research Grant, May 2019. Awarded to finish ethnoarchaeological research on dressers in Inishbofin, Inishturk, and Inishark, Ireland ($2,500)

Nanovic Institute Research Grant, June 2019. Awarded to support ethnoarchaeological research on dressers in Inishbofin, Inishturk, and Inishark, Ireland ($2,500)

ISLA Small Research Grant, April 2018. Awarded to support ethnoarchaeological research on dressers in Inishbofin, Inishturk, and Inishark, Ireland ($2,500)

ISLA Small Research Grant, April 2017. Awarded to support ethnoarchaeological research on dressers in Inishbofin, Inishturk, and Inishark, Ireland ($2,500)

Nanovic Institute Research Grant, April 2016. Awarded to support ethnoarchaeological research on dressers and Ledgers in Westport, Inishbofin, and Clifden, Ireland ($2,000)

ISLA Small Research Grant, April 2016. Awarded to support ethnoarchaeological research on dressers in Inishbofin, Inishturk, and Inishark, Ireland ($2,500)

ISLA Small Research Grant, April 2015. Awarded to support ethnoarchaeological research on dressers in Inishbofin, Inishturk, and Inishark, Ireland ($2,500)

Kobayashi Travel Grant, May 2015. Awarded to support historic survey of standing buildings in San Pasquale Valley, Bova Marina, Italy. ($1,000)

ISLA Small Research Grant, April 2014. Awarded to support ethnoarchaeological research on dressers in Inishbofin, Inishturk, and Inishark, Ireland ($2,500).

Nanovic Institute Collaborative Grant, February 2014. Awarded to support historic survey of standing buildings in San Pasquale Valley, Bova Marina, Italy ($5,000).

ISLA Small Research Grant, April 2013. Awarded to support illustrator Eric Carlson produce final plans and section drawings for the Numayra monograph ($2,500).

ISLA Large Research Grant, July 2011. Awarded to support post-excavation analysis of ceramics from Sant'Aniceto, Italy ($6,000)

ISLA Faculty Research and Travel Grant, Summer 2009. Awarded to support excavations at Sant'Aniceto, Italy. ($7,500)

Faculty Research Program Grant, December 2007. Awarded to support archaeological excavations at Sant'Aniceto, Italy ($10,000).

ISLA Pilot Funds Grant, December 2006. Awarded to support new archaeological project in Calabria, Italy. ($15,000)

ISLA Career Enhancement Grant, May 2006. Awarded to support new research program in Sicily ($7,500)

ISLA Faculty Summer Research and Travel Grant, Summer 2006. Awarded to support exploratory research in Sicily. ($6,000)

Undergraduate Intellectual Initiative Grant, Spring/Fall 2005. Awarded to support field trip to Ireland for Archaeology of Ireland course (ANTH 35582) ($18,000).

Pilot Project Funds, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (Univ of Notre Dame), May 2002-May 2003. Awarded to run an archaeological field school at Kh. el-Minsahlat, Jordan. ($15,000)

Pilot Project Funds, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (Univ of Notre Dame), May 2001-May 2002. Awarded to run an archaeological field school this summer in Jordan. ($15,000)

American School of Prehistoric Research Grant, June 1995 - April 1996. Awarded to support excavations at Tell el-Handaquq South, Jordan. ($5,000)

Department of Anthropology Research Grant, June 1995 - April 1996. Awarded to support excavations at Tell el-Handaquq South, Jordan. ($1,500)

Department of Anthropology Summer Training Grant, June - August, 1992. Awarded to support summer research on the Pottery Neolithic in Israel. ($1,300)

Emma Josephine (Ayer) Archaeological Fellowship, 1990. Awarded to a Brown University woman graduate planning to continue studies in the field of archaeology. ($100)

Odyssey Fellowship, January - May 1988. Bibliographic work to develop a course and syllabus on the question of Ethnicity in Ancient Greece. (Work Study position)

Odyssey Fellowship, September - December 1986. Bibliographic work to develop a course and syllabus on the History of Science and Religion. (Work Study position)

External and Internal Conference Organization Grants

Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts Henkels Conference Grant, November 2022, co-PI with Ian Kuijt and Audrey Horning, to support an international conference workshop on western Irish heritage practices at Kylemore in June, 2023 ($20,000)

Nanovic Institute for European Studies Conference Grant, September 2022, co-PI with Ian Kuijt and Audrey Horning, to support an international conference workshop on western Irish heritage practices at Kylemore in June, 2023 ($6,000)

National Monuments Service, Republic of Ireland, co-PI with Ian Kuijt and Audrey Horning, grant to support an international conference workshop on western Irish heritage practices at Kylemore in June, 2023 (€5,000)

Kylemore Abbey Global Centre Research Partnership Grant, Notre Dame International, August 2022, co-PI with Ian Kuijt and Audrey Horning, to support an international conference workshop on western Irish heritage practices at Kylemore in June, 2023 ($10,000)

Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies, May 2022, co-PI with Ian Kuijt and Audrey Horning, to support an international conference workshop on western Irish heritage practices at Kylemore in June, 2023 ($10,000)

Henkels Conference Grant, ISLA, co-PI with John Robb and Lin Foxhall, to support an international conference at Notre Dame's Rome Global Gateway in June, 2018 ($10,000)

Conference Grant, Nanovic Institute for European Studies, September 2017, co-PI with John Robb and Lin Foxhall, to support an international conference at Notre Dame's Rome Global Gateway in June, 2018 ($10,000)

Conference Organization

2023 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Ian Kuijt, and Audrey Horning) Shore-to-Shore: Ireland's Western Islands, Connectivity, and Transatlantic Communities. Co-sponsored by Republic of Ireland National Monuments Office; Queen's University, Belfast; Kylemore Abbey Global Centre; Notre Dame's Office of Research; Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies; Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts; and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies. Conference/workshop will gather 23 Irish, Northern Irish, and North American scholars and heritage practitioners to tour landscapes, heritage sites, and workshop papers, 4-9 June 2023.

2018 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, John Robb, and Lin Foxhall) The Political Logic of Mediterranean Landscapes: Crafting Communities and Sustainable Futures from the Ground Up. Co-sponsored by The British School at Rome, Cambridge University, and University of Notre Dame, 28-30 June, 2018. Held at The British School at Rome and Notre Dame's Rome Global Gateway Center with 24 participants from the US, UK, Netherlands, and Italy.

External and Internal Non-Research Grants

Franco Family International Conference Travel Grant, January 2025, to support participation in the International Congress of Archaeology of the Ancient Near East conference in Lyon, France (1-7 June 2025) ($1,500)

ISLA International Conference Travel Grant, April 2023, to support participation in the Society for Historical Archaeology conference in Lisbon, Portugal (4-7 January 2023) ($1,000)

Teaching Beyond the Classroom Grant, College of Arts and Letters of Notre Dame, September 2022, to support visit by Prof. Anna Prentiss to ND ($1,500)

Graduate School Grant, University of Notre Dame, September 2022, to support visit by Prof. Anna Prentiss to ND and lunches and meetings with graduate students ($400)

ISLA International Conference Travel Grant, December 2018, to support participation in the 14th International Congress for the History and Archaeology of Jordan, 21-25 January 2019 in Florence, Italy ($1,939.29)

Provost's Distinguished Women Lecture Award to support the visit of Dr. Sabrina Agarwal for the Sr. Kathleen Cannon Lecture Series, so-sponsored by Anthropology, Gender Studies, Biological Sciences, and the Medieval Institute, in March, 2019 ($2,025)

Publication Subvention Grant from James McKenna, September 2017, to support the publication of Numayra volume ($5,000)

ISLA Publication Subvention Grant, April 2016, to support the publication of Numayra volume ($5,000)

ISLA International Conference Travel Grant, April 2016, to support participation in the 10th ICAANE conference in Vienna, Austria (25-30 April 2016) ($2,500)

ISLA International Conference Travel Grant, May 2013, to support participation in Bova Marina Archaeological Project Publication Workshop (2-8 July 2013) ($1,960)

ISLA International Conference Travel Grant, May 2012, to support participation in the 8th ICAANE conference in Warsaw, Poland. ($2,500)

Undergraduate Office of College of Arts and Letters Teaching Beyond the Classroom (TBC) Grant to support visit by guest lecturer Dr. Elizabeth Brumfiel for ANTH 45520/GSC 43604/GSC 63604 with additional public lectures to ND community co-sponsored by Anthropology, Gender Studies, History, Art/Art History/Design, the Kellogg Institute, and the Graduate School. ($1,283, declined due to death of speaker)

ISLA International Conference Travel Grant, May 2008, to support participation in the 6th ICAANE conference in Rome, Italy ($1,225)

College of Arts and Letters Learning Beyond the Classroom (LBC) Grant, Fall 2007. Awarded to support guest lecturers Henry Glassie and Pravina Shukla for ANTH 45880 (Archaeology of Ireland), ANTH 30103 (Fundamentals of Social Anthropology), with additional public lectures to ND community co-sponsored by Anthropology, American Studies, Irish Studies, History, Center for Asian Studies, and Art/Art History/Design. ($1,429)

College of Arts and Letters UII Grant, Spring 2006. Awarded to support guest lecturers for ANTH 45880 (Archaeology of Gender), with additional lectures to ND community. ($2,700)

Keough Institute Interim Grant for Undergraduate Studies, Fall 2005. Awarded to support field trip to Ireland for Archaeology of Ireland course (ANTH 35582) ($6,000).

ISLA Course Development Grant, 2004-2005. Awarded to support the development of new course on Archaeology of Egypt. ($3,000)

ISLA Young Scholars Speakers Series (co-prepared with Hugh Page, Dept of African and African American Studies), supporting the visit of Dr. Maria Franklin (Dept. of Anthropology, University of Texas, Austin) in Fall 2001 ($1,000).

ISLA Miscellaneous Grant, March 2001. Awarded to support the visit of Dr. Paul Goldberg to the Dept of Anthropology to guest lecture in ANTH 329 and to the broader university community. ($300)

Lectures

Invited Lectures

2026 Irish Dressers and Delph: Reading History through Everyday Furnishings. The Butter Museum, as part of the 2026 Cork World Book Fest (25 April 2026).

2024 Jordan's First Cities: The Archaeology of Early Bronze Age Urbanism, c.3600-2000 BCE. Presented via Zoom to SELA, a Petra-based NGO specializing in training heritage practitioners in Jordan.

2024 Assembling the Here, Paving the Future: Dressers and Delph Stories in Western Ireland. Stanford University, Center for Archaeological Research, February 2024.

2022 The Materiality of Early Bronze Age Homemaking at Numayra, Jordan, 2850-2550 BCE. University of Liverpool Households and Community Research Group Seminar, April 2022.

2022 Beautiful Things: Dressers and Delph Stories in Western Ireland. Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies Lecture Series, February 2022.

2021 Archaeology as Service: Archaeologies of Sustainability in Calabria, Italy. Nanovic Institute for European Studies Lecture Series, November 2021.

2019 Archaeology as Service: Laborscapes and Archaeologies of Sustainability in Calabria, Italy. Notre Dame Department of Anthropology First Fridays Speaker Series, December 2019.

2019 Celebrating Walter Rast's Scholarly Legacy: A Half Century of Innovative Archaeological Research into the Emergence of Cities. Invited Archaeological Institute of America Lecture, Valparaiso University, September 2019.

2018 The Materiality of Homemaking in EB III Numayra, Jordan. Departments of Anthropology and Near Eastern Studies, University of Chicago, February 2018.

2017 There's No Place Like Home: An Archaeology of Homemaking in Early Bronze Age Numayra, Jordan. Pittsburgh Theological Seminar Speaker Series, March 2017.

2015 Homemaking and Difference at the Early Bronze Age Walled Town of Numayra, Jordan (2850-2550 BCE cal). Department of Anthropology Fall 2015 Colloquium Series, University of Pittsburgh, PA, October 2015.

2014 Homemaking for the Living and the Dead: Early Bronze Age Towns and Cemeteries of ancient Israel, Jordan, Palestine, and southern Syria. Archaeological Research Facility Spring Lecture, University of California, Berkeley, March 2014.

2006 Inventing Towns and Reinventing Landscapes: The Early Bronze Age of the southern Levant. Garrod Lecture Series, Dept. of Archaeology, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, September 2006.

2006 Inventing Towns, Reshaping Places: The Early Bronze Age of the southern Levant. Research Seminar Series, School of Archaeology, Classics, and Egyptology, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, UK, September 2006.

2004 Early Bronze Age Social and Economic Landscapes on the Dead Sea Plain. Department of Archaeology, University of Reading, Reading, UK, November 2004.

2002 Tales of the City? Social Differentiation in Walled Communities of the Early Bronze Age Southern Levant. Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, March 2002.

2002 Death and Identity in Early Bronze Age Bab edh-Dhra', Jordan. Archaeological Institute of America Lecture Series, Valparaiso College, Valparaiso, IN, February 2002.

2002 Death, Identity and Society in the Early Bronze Age of Jordan: Practices of Life and Death on the Southeast Dead Sea Plain, Jordan. Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, January 2002.

2001 Death, Social Memory, and Identity: Early Bronze Age Mortuary Practices on the Southeast Dead Sea Plain, Jordan. Archaeological Research Facility Speaker Series, University of California, Berkeley.

2000 (**Meredith S. Chesson** and Ian Kuijt) Urbanism and Household Structure: Early Bronze Age life at Bab ed-Dhra', Jordan. Department of Anthropology, The University of Montana, Missoula, March 2000.

2000 Houses of Life and Death: Early Bronze Age Mortuary Practices at Bab edh-Dhra', Jordan. Archaeological Society of Alberta, Lethbridge, Alberta.

1995 Excavations at Tell el-Handaquq South: Preliminary Results of the 1993 and 1994 Field Seasons. Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University, Israel, January 1995.

1995 Households at Tell el-Handaquq South: Preliminary Results of the 1993 and 1994 Field Seasons. Institute of Archaeology, Hebrew University, Israel, January 1995.

Presentations

2025 La Vita Rurale sulla Costa Ionica Bovese: Passato, Presente, e Futuro. Presentation at Convegno di Studio in Bova Marina, Calabria, Italy.

2011 La Quotidiana Preistorica a Sant'Aniceto. Presentation at Convegno di Studio "La sotria Bovese" in Bova Marina, Calabria, Italy.

2008 Scavi a Sant'Aniceto: La Vita nell'eta` di bronzo recente/finale e nel periodo medieovale. Presentation at Convegno di Studio "Preistoria e storia dell'Aspromonte Meridionale: recenti scoperte archeologiche" in San Luca, Calabria, Italy.

2002 Architecture, Mortuary Practices and Social Organization of the Early Bronze Age Southern Levant. American Center for Oriental Research, Amman, Jordan.

2000 Urbanism, Households, and Social Organization: Exploring the Southern Levantine Early Bronze Age. Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame.

1996 Life in the Big Town: Early Bronze Age Households at Tell el-Handaquq South, Jordan. Department of Anthropology, Harvard University.

1996 Looking for the Jones': People and Domestic Space in Early Bronze Age Towns in Syro-Palestine. Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley.

1993 Preliminary Excavations at Tell el-Handaquq South, Jordan. American Center for Oriental Research, Amman, Jordan.

Conference Symposia Organized

2025 (Natalia Handziuk[+], Hanna Erftenbeck[@], and **Meredith S Chesson**) All-day workshop "Connecting Socio-Economic Spheres in the Early Bronze Age Southern Levant", International Congress for the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (ICAANE), Lyon, France, 2-7 June 2025.

2023 (**Meredith S. Chesson** and Laurie Wilkie) "Global Materialities: Tracing Connections through Materiality of Daily Life." Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Lisbon, Portugal, January 2023.

2018 (Ian Kuijt, **Meredith S. Chesson**, William L. Donaruma) "Localized Rural Histories and Connected Worlds: Interdisciplinary Narratives of Transformation, Emigration and Interaction" Annual Meeting Society for Historical Archaeology, New Orleans, LA, January 2018.

2017 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Bonnie Clark) "A Global Dialogue on Collaborative Archaeology." Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, BC, Canada, March 2017.

2014 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Jeff Fleisher) "Thickly Settled: investigating 'Urban" issues in Town and Village Communities." Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin, TX, April 2014.

2013 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) "This Must Be the Place: An Archaeology of Homemaking." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, LA, November 2013.

2010 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Morag M. Kersel) "Not the Usual Suspects: New Directions in Community Archaeology" (Double Session). Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA, November 2010.

2009 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Ian Kuijt, Bill Finlayson, and Yorke Rowan) "The Archaeology of Prehistoric Communities" (Double Session). Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, New Orleans, LA, November 2009.

2003 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Walter Aufrecht) "The Archaeology of People." Annual Meeting of the American Schools for Oriental Research, Atlanta, GA November 2003.

2002 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Walter Aufrecht) "The Archaeology of People." Annual Meeting of the American Schools for Oriental Research, Toronto, ON Canada November 2002.

2001 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Walter Aufrecht) "The Archaeology of People." Annual Meeting of the American Schools for Oriental Research, Interlocken, CO, November 2001.

2001 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Graham Philip) “Tales of the City? Reexamining 'Urbanism' in the Early Bronze Age Levant”. 66th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, LA, April 2001.

2000 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Susan Kus) “Other Ways and Others’ Ways of Presenting Archaeology and Ethnography: Nourishing the Spirit and Quickening the Mind”. 99th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, November 2000.

1999 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) “Transgressive Texts: Alternative Formats in Anthropology”. Invited Session, co-sponsored by the Archaeology Division and the Association for Feminist Anthropology, 98th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Chicago, November 1999.

1997 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Ian Kuijt) “Social Memory, Identity, and Death: Intradisciplinary Perspectives on Mortuary Rituals”. 96th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington D.C. November 1997.

Conference Presentations

2025 (Natalia M. Handziuk[+], Hanna Erftenbeck[@], and **Meredith S. Chesson**) THS, Here We Go Again: Renewed Work at Early Bronze Age Tall al-Handaquq South. Podium presentation at Annual Meeting of American Schools of Research, Boston, 20 November 2025.

2025 (Morag M. Kersel and **Meredith S. Chesson**) The Annotated Archive: Marginalia and Meaning in Following Pots. International Congress of the History and Archaeology of Jordan, Athens, Greece, 22-26 September 2025,

2025 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Assembling EBA Society: Ensemble Practices and Small-Scale Urbanism, as Discussant for Workshop “Connecting Socio-Economic Spheres in the Early Bronze Age Southern Levant”, International Congress for the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (ICAANE), Lyon, France, 2-7 June 2025.

2025 (Madeline Kohl[*], Charlotte Cardarella[*], **Meredith S. Chesson**, Natalia M. Handziuk[+], Nancy Lapp, and Tucker Deady[@]) Poster presentation: Dead Sea Tea Party: An Analysis of Variation in Early Bronze Age IV Mortuary Practices at Bab adh-Dhra`, Jordan. Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Denver, CO 23-27 April 2025

2024 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Isaac I. Ullah, Paula Lazrus, Kostalena Michelaki, Giovanni Iiriti, and Hamish Forbes) Poster Presentation: Sustainable Futures in Southern Calabria: Vibrant Communities, Farming Heritage, and Loving the Rural Life. Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, 17-21 April 2024.

2024 (Gráinne Malone[*], **Meredith S. Chesson**, Tommy Burke, Meagan McDonald[*], Ian Kuijt, Ryan Lash[*+], and Katherine Shakour[*]) Poster Presentation: Building Island Futures with Heritage-Based Tools: Archival Records from Inishark and Inishbofin, Co. Galway, Ireland. Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, 17-21 April 2024.

2023 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Mortuary Communities of Practice: Early Bronze Age IA Tomb Builders and Social Memory on the southeastern Dead Sea Plain, Jordan. American Schools of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, Chicago, 15-18 November 2023.

2023 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Making and Keeping Connections: Dressers, Delph, and Homemaking in Western Connemara. Shore-to-Shore: Ireland’s Western Islands, Connectivity, and Transatlantic Communities, Kylemore Abbey Global Centre Conference-Workshop, Letterfrack, Co. Galway, 4-9 June 2023

2023 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Discussant for workshop “De-constructing a Megalithic Landscape: dolmens in the Levant between the Late Chalcolithic and the Early Bronze

Age II, an interplay of landscapes, rituals and socio-economics", International Congress for the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (ICAANE), Copenhagen, Denmark 22-26 May, 2023.

2023 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Materiality of Homemaking: Dressers, Delph, and Heirlooms in western Ireland. Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Lisbon, Portugal, January 2023.

2022 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Migration and Rural Communities in Southern Calabria. Paper presented at Mapping Rome: The Eternal City as a Site for Interdisciplinary Research and Education, Notre Dame Center for Italian Studies Conference, 17-19 March 2022.

2021 (Hanna Erftenbeck@ and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Feeding EB II-III Walled Communities: Daily Food Practices at EB III Numayra and Tall al-Handaquq South. Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the American School for Overseas Research, 17-20 November 2021 (in-person) and 9-11 December 2021 (online discussion).

2021 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) Early Bronze Age Local Histories and Difference on the southeastern Dead Sea Plain, Jordan. Paper presented in Workshop "Culture and Society in the Early Bronze Age Levant: Regionalism, social boundaries and cultural transmission in the Levantine Early Bronze Age", 12th ICAANE Meeting, Bologna, Italy (Zoomland in reality), April 6-10 2021.

2021 (**Meredith S. Chesson**) "Made to Grow Old": Homemaking with Dressers and Delph in Western Ireland. Paper presented at the Annual Irish Post-Medieval Archaeology Group Conference, 27 February 2021 in Zoomland.

2019 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, R. Thomas Schaub, Walter A. Rast, and Morag M. Kersel) Early Bronze Age Daily Life on the Southeastern Dead Sea Plain, c.3300-2500 BCE: Results from EB III Numayra and EB IB Ras an-Numayra. Paper presented at the 14th International Congress for the History and Archaeology of Jordan, 21-25 January 2019 in Florence, Italy.

2019 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Morag M. Kersel, Sara Berumen*, Theresa Kyoo Young Kim*,, Gwennie O'Connell*, Dayonni Phillips*, and Claire Stanecki*). Excavating Archives: Transforming Archaeology in Jordan. Poster presented at the 14th International Congress for the History and Archaeology of Jordan, 21-25 January 2019 in Florence, Italy.

2018 (M.M. Kersel, M. Prom*, **M.S. Chesson**, C. Butler*, M. Casas*, C. Danforth*, E. Dillett*, J. Gonzalez*, E. Grutz*, E. Hailu*, J. Lascon*, A. Malisic*, L. Minga*, N. Nitti*, C. Sanchez*, C. Walker*, and L. Zenger*) Where are they now? Following pots into archives, educational institutions, and museum vitrines. Poster at Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Denver, CO, November 2018. *Winner of the Joy Ungerleider Poster Award for the best poster at the Annual Meeting.*

2018 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Nicholas Wolff@, John E. Robb, David Yoon, Mark Gillings, Ivana Fiore, Kostalena Michelaki, Antonio Tagliacozzo, Jeremy Taylor, and Chantel E. White@) A Building's Biography at Sant'Aniceto, Italy: Events, Social Memories, and Community in a Final Bronze Age Site. The Political Logic of Mediterranean Landscapes: Crafting Communities and Sustainable Futures from the Ground Up. Co-sponsored by The British School at Rome, Cambridge University, and Notre Dame, Rome, 28-30 June, 2018.

2018 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Isaac I. T. Ullah, Nicholas Ames@, Hamish Forbes, Paula K. Lazrus, Yesenia Garcia@, Larry Lane, Nicholas Gaulthier@, Nicholas P.S. Wolff@, John E. Robb, and Isabelle Ruben) Laborscapes and Archaeologies of Sustainability: An Early Technoscape of Commercial Farming in the San Pasquale Valley, Calabria, Italy from 1800 – 2018. The Political Logic of Mediterranean Landscapes: Crafting Communities and Sustainable Futures from the Ground Up. Co-sponsored by The British School at Rome, Cambridge University, and Notre Dame, Rome, 28-30 June, 2018.

2018 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, Isaac I.T. Ullah, Nicholas Ames, Hamish Forbes, Yesenia Garcia[@], Nicholas Gaulthier[@], Larry Lane, Paula K Lazrus, John E Robb, Isabelle Ruben, and Nicholas Wolff[@]) Full of Water, Full of Life: Water Management, Resilience, Sustainability, and Built Heritage in the San Pasquale Valley, Calabria, Italy (1800-2017). Poster at Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Washington, DC, April 2018.

2018 (**Meredith S. Chesson** and Isaac I.T. Ullah) Full of Water, Full of Life: Water, Sustainability, and Heritage in the 19th- to 21st-Centuries San Pasquale Valley, Calabria, Italy. Poster at Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, New Orleans, LA, January 2018.

2018 (Isaac I.T. Ullah, Yesenia Garcia[@], Paula Kay Lazrus, Nicholas Ames[@], and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Historic Water Management Infrastructure in the San Pasquale Valley, Calabria, Italy. Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, New Orleans, LA, January 2018.

2017 (Morag M. Kersel, **Meredith S. Chesson**, Jehad Darweesh, Bassel Halasah, Austin (Chad) Hill, Jameelah Ishtawy, Mohammad Zahran) Unsaleable: Looting, Landscape, and the Left Behind. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, November, 2017.

2017 (John Robb, **Meredith S. Chesson**, Lin Foxhall, Paula Lazrus, and David Yoon) Questioning “marginality”: distance, localness and autonomy in upland Calabria. Annual Meeting of the European Archaeological Association, Mastricht, Netherlands, September 2017.

2017 “It comes from gathering”: Collaborative Archaeology and Future Directions (Session Introduction). Presented at Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, BC, Canada, March 2017.

2017 (Sara Morrow[@], **Meredith S. Chesson**) Networks of Mediation: The Role of Shopkeepers in Rural Community Social Dynamics. Presented at Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, BC, Canada, March 2017.

2017 (Charles Morse[@], **Meredith S. Chesson**) Bodies, Bowls, and Burial: New Perspectives on the Bab adh-Dhra` Mortuary Assemblage. 82nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, Canada, March 2017.

2017 (Deniz Enverova[@], Ian Kuijt, **Meredith S. Chesson**) Ritual Feasting and its Social Implications: Analysis of Ritual Pits at Dana-Funar 2-Lyubimets, Bulgaria during the Late Neolithic. 82nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, Canada, March 2017.

2016 This Must Be the Place: An Archaeology of Homemaking in EBA III Numayra, Jordan. Presented at the ICAANE conference, Vienna, Austria, April 2016.

2016 Invited Discussant for all-day workshop Tel Bet Yerah and the Early Bronze Age: 15 Years On. Presented at the ICAANE conference, Vienna, Austria, April 2016.

2016 Ras an-Numayra and the Initial Settlement of the Southeast Dead Sea Plain. Invited Participant in workshop The Jordan Valley at th eDwn of the Urban Age: Charting the Transition from the Chalcolithic through the Early Bronze Age. Presented at the ICAANE conference, Vienna, Austria, April 2016.

2016 (Deniz Enverova[@], Mark Schurr, and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Searching for Complexity: Initial Statistical Analysis of the mortuary material from the EBI (3500 – 3100 BC) Bab adh-Dhra`, Jordan shaft tombs. Presented at Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Orlando, FL, April 2016.

2016 (Nicholas Ames[@], **Meredith S. Chesson**, Rahul Oka and Ian Kuijt) Complex but Equal: Developing an Archaeological Index to Investigate Social Inequality. Presented at Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Orlando, FL, April 2016.

2016 History on Display: Dressers as Nodes of Family Memory. Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Notre Dame, April 2016.

2016 (Sara Morrow[@] **and Meredith S. Chesson**) Consumerism on the Margins: Shop Ledgers from Coastal Co. Galway, Ireland. Presented at 2016 Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology, Washington DC, January 2016.

2015 (**Meredith S. Chesson** and Annmarie Lindzy*) "Made to Grow Old": Dressers, Delph, and Island Homes in Western Ireland. Poster at Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, San Francisco, CA, April 2015.

2014 (**Meredith S. Chesson** and Jeffrey Fleisher) "Thickly Settled": Investigating "Urban" Issues in town and Village Communities. Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, Austin, TX, April 2014.

2014 Slow Urbanism: The Other Revolution in Early Bronze Age Southern Levant. Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, Austin, TX, April 2014.

2013 (Morag M. Kersel, Austin C. Hill, and **Meredith S. Chesson**). Reconciling Differences? Demand for Early Bronze Age Pots from the Dead Sea Plain, Jordan vs. Protection of the Archaeological Landscape, paper presented at the American Schools of Oriental Research, Baltimore, MD, November 23.

2013 This Must Be the Place: An Archaeology of Homemaking. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, LA, November 2013.

2013 (John E. Robb, **Meredith S. Chesson**, David Yoon, and Nicholas Wolff) The Final Bronze Age at Sant'Aniceto. Presented at Annual Central Mediterranean Prehistory Seminar, Cambridge University, 15 May 2013.

2012 (Morag M. Kersel and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Tomato Season in the Ghor: A Lesson in Community Archaeology. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Chicago, IL, 14-17 November, 2012.

2012 Learning to Be Urban: Storing Sensibilities and Sensuous Human Practice on the southeastern Dead Sea Plain, Jordan. Presented at the 8th International Congress for Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (ICAANE), Warsaw, Poland, 30 April – 4 May, 2012.

2012 (Morag M. Kersel and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Following the Pots: First and Second Lives of Early Bronze Age Pots on the southeastern Dead Sea Plain. Poster presented at the 8th International Congress for Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (ICAANE), Warsaw, Poland, 30 April – 4 May, 2012.

2012 (Ian Kuijt, John O'Neill, Terry O'Hagan, Ryan Lash*+, Elise Alonzi*[@], and **Meredith S. Chesson**) A Vita in Stone: The Archaeology of St. Leo's Cult, Inishark, Ireland. 47th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI. May 2012.

2012 Discussion: "Holy Houses" Materializing the Cosmos and the Community. Discussant in "Holy Houses" session. Presented at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Memphis, TN, 18-22 April 2012.

2012 Learning a "Feel" for Being Urban: Storing Sensibilities, Everyday Life, and Sensuous Human Practice. Presented at the 77th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Memphis, TN, 18-22 April 2012.

2011 (Ian Kuijt, Katherine Shakour, Meagan Conway, Casey McNeill, and **Meredith S. Chesson**). Unearthed Potential and Whispered Voices: Community Archaeology on a 19th Century Irish Fishing Village. 7th Annual Midwest Historical Archaeology Conference, Kalamazoo, MI. Sept. 2011.

2011 (**Meredith S. Chesson** and Morag M. Kersel) Linking the Past with the Contemporary World: First and Second Lives of Pots from the southeastern Dead Sea Plain of Jordan. Presented at the Theoretical Archaeology Group Conference, Berkeley, CA 4-6 May 2011.

2011 (**Meredith S. Chesson** and Morag M. Kersel) Following the Pots: Groundtruthing a Looted Cemetery, Assessing Loss, and Utilizing What Remains. Poster presentation at 76th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Sacramento, CA 30 March-3 April, 2011.

2010 (Meredith S. Chesson and **Morag M. Kersel**) Objects of Inquiry – Inquiry into Objects: Local Looters and the Dead Sea Early Bronze Age Mortuary Landscape. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA 17-20 November 2010.

2010 (**Morag M. Kersel** and Meredith S. Chesson) Introduction: Not the Usual Suspects—New Directions in Community Archaeology. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA 17-20 November 2010.

2010 Feminist Approaches to Peopling Places of Deep Prehistory: Homes, People, and Everyday Life in the Early Bronze Age Community of Numeira, Jordan. Gender, Place, and Space Conference, University of Notre Dame, March 2010.

2009 Home-Making in Early Bronze Age Numeira, Jordan. Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, New Orleans, LA, 18-21 November 2009.

2009 (**Meredith S. Chesson** and R. Thomas Schaub) Storing for Kith and Kin: Domestic EBA Storage at Numeira. Poster presented at Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, New Orleans, LA, 18-21 November 2009.

2009 Good and Bad Trips: Death, Donkeys and Details of Early Bronze Age Burial on the Southeastern Dead Sea Plain, Jordan. Presented in session Archaeologies of Anxiety, 74th Annual SAA Meeting, Atlanta, GA 22-26 April, 2009.

2009 (Nicholas Wolff, **Meredith S. Chesson** and John E. Robb) A Late Bronze Age House? Excavations at the Domestic Site of Sant'Aniceto. Poster presented at 74th Annual SAA Meeting, Atlanta, GA 22-26 April, 2009.

2008 (R. Thomas Schaub and **Meredith S. Chesson**) EDSP Excavations at Numeira: Daily Life in an EBA Walled Town. Poster presentation at Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research in Boston, MA, 19-22 November, 2008.

2008 Daily Life in EBA Numeira: Houses, Storage, and Non-residential Spaces in a Fortified Town on the Southeastern Dead Sea Plain, Jordan. Presented at the Sixth International Congress of Archaeology of the Ancient Near East in Rome, Italy, 5-10 May 2008.

2008 (Morag M. Kersel and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Pots ≠ People – Landscapes of the Dead at Bab edh Dhra. Presented at SAA meeting in Vancouver, BC Canada 25-30 March 2008.

2007 Bodies, Bones, and Bereavement: Transformations of Social and Biological Bodies in Death during the southern Levantine Early Bronze Age**.** Presented at SAA meeting in Austin, TX 25-29 April, 2007.

2006 Ethnographies of Prehistoric Sacred Places: Ritual spaces and actions in EBA communities of the southern Levant. Presented at AAA meeting in San Jose, CA 15-19 November, 2006

2006 Attempting Ethnographies of Ancient Ritual Action: Ritual spaces and actions in EBA communities of the southern Levant. Presented at the 2006 SAA Meetings, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 26-30 April, 2006.

2006 Early Bronze Age Mortuary Practices, Identity and Social Complexity on the southeastern Dead Sea Plain. Presented at the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago, conference "Performing Death: Social Analyses of Funerary Traditions in the Ancient Mediterranean", 17-18 February 2006

2005 (Ian Kuijt and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Images and Social Relationships: Shifting Identity and Ambiguity in the Neolithic. Image and Imagination: Material Beginnings. McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, University of Cambridge, September 2005.

2005 Making Places for Life and Death: Early Bronze Age Settlements and Cemeteries on the Southeastern Dead Sea Plain. 70th Annual Conference of Society for American Archaeology. Salt Lake City, UT. 30 March-3 April, 2005.

2005 House, Town, Field, and Wadi: Economic, Political and Social Landscapes in Early Bronze Age Walled Communities of the Southern Levant. Center for Archaeological Investigations, Southern Illinois University, 22nd Annual Conference. 2005 theme: The Durable House: Architecture, Ancestors and Origins. March 18-19, 2005.

2005 (Charlotte Cable, Mark Schurr, **Meredith S. Chesson**) Things are Seldom What They Seem: Bone Collagen Preservation in Bronze Age Jordan (Poster Presentation). 70th Annual Conference of Society for American Archaeology. Salt Lake City, UT. 30 March-3 April, 2005.

2004 Archaeology and Nationalism in Jordan. Paper presented at Archaeology and Nationalism Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT, April 2004.

2003 Introduction: Honoring Walter Rast and R. Thomas Schaub. Paper presented in session "The Archaeology of Early Bronze Age People: Celebrating the Contributions of Walter Rast and Thomas Schaub", American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2003.

2003 (Ian Kuijt and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Regional Abandonment or Occupational Continuity? New Research on Pottery Neolithic Settlements on the Southeast Dead Sea Plain and Southern Jordan. Annual Meeting of American Schools of Oriental Research, Atlanta, USA, November 2003.

2003 Civic Governance and Social Complexity in Early Bronze Age Southern Levant. Paper presented at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Milwaukee, WI, April 2003.

2002 Rethinking EB IV Abandonment and Collapse: Excavations at Khirbet el-Minsahlat, Jordan. Paper presented at 2002 Annual Meeting of the American Schools for Oriental Research, Toronto, ON, November 2002.

2001 A Virtual Tale of Life and Death: Archaeologies of the Senses and Ethnographies of the Past. Paper presented at 2001 Annual Meeting of the American Schools for Oriental Research, Interlocken, CO, November 2001.

2001 Early Bronze Age Urbanism on the Kerak Plateau, Jordan. Paper presented at the Annual Chowder Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

2001 Discussion on Urbanism and the Early Bronze Age. Paper presented at 66th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, LA, April 2001.

2000 (Susan Kus and **Meredith S. Chesson**) An Introduction to Other Ways and Others' Ways of Presenting Archaeology and Ethnography: Nourishing the Spirit and Quickening the Mind. Paper presented at 99th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 2000, San Francisco, CA.

2000 (**Meredith S. Chesson**, James Graham, and Ian Kuijt) A Virtual Tale of Life and Death: Archaeologies of the Senses and Ethnographies of the Past. Paper presented at 99th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 2000, San Francisco, CA.

1999 Storing for House and Town: Emergence of Community Storage Facilities in Early Bronze Age Towns of Syro-Palestine. Paper presented at the 64th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Chicago, IL.

1998 Mortuary Practices, Social Organization, and Urbanization at Early Bronze Age Bab edh-Dhra'. Paper presented at Annual Chowder Meeting, Wellesley, MA.

1998 Embodied Identities: Death and Society in an Early Urban Community. Paper presented at the Fifth Gender and Archaeology Conference, Milwaukee, WI.

1998 Between Households and Walled Towns: Interaction Spheres in Syro-Palestinian Early Bronze Age Communities. Paper presented at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Seattle, WA.

1997 Social Memory, Identity, and Death: An Introduction. Paper presented at the 96th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC.

1994 (John P. Gerry and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Gender, Status and Diet: A World Perspective. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Atlanta, GA.

1994 (John P. Gerry and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Gender, Status and Diet in Classic Maya Society. Gender and Material Culture: From Prehistory to the Present Conference, University of Exeter, UK.

1992 (Robert W. Preucel and **Meredith S. Chesson**) Blue Corn Girls: A Herstory of Three Early Women Archaeologists at Tecolote, New Mexico. Second Annual Conference on Gender in Archaeology, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC.

Archaeological & Ethnographic Field Experience

Summer 2025: Co-Director, Fawnmore Storymapping, Inishbofin, Ireland.

Summer 2025: Co-Director, Rural Lifeways on the Ionian Coast, Bova and Bova Marina, RC, Italy.

Summer 2024: Co-Director, Rural Lifeways on the Ionian Coast, Bova and Bova Marina, RC, Italy.

Summer 2023: Co-Director, Rural Lifeways on the Ionian Coast, Bova and Bova Marina, RC, Italy.

Summer 2023: Archival Research for Inishbofin (Dublin) and Archive Capacity Building in Inishbofin, Ireland.

Summer 2022: Director: Irish Dressers Ethnoarchaeology Project. Documenting Dressers in Western Connemara, Ireland.

Summer 2019: Director: Irish Dressers Ethnoarchaeology Project. Documenting Dressers in Western Connemara, Ireland.

Summer 2018: Co-Director, Documenting Standing Architecture in the San Pasquale Valley and Umbro area, Bova Marina, RC, Italy.

Summer 2018: Director, Irish Dressers Ethnoarchaeology Project. Documenting Dressers and Shop Ledgers in Western Connemara, Ireland.

Summer 2017: Co-Director, Documenting Standing Architecture in the San Pasquale Valley and Umbro area, Bova Marina, RC, Italy.

Summer 2017: Director, Irish Dressers Ethnoarchaeology Project. Documenting Dressers and Shop Ledgers in Western Connemara, Ireland.

Summer 2017: Assistant Director (with Ryan Lash), Excavations of Clochan Leo, Inishark, Ireland.

Summer 2016: Co-Director, Documenting Standing Architecture in the San Pasquale Valley and Umbro area, Bova Marina, RC, Italy.

Summer 2016: Director, Irish Dressers Ethnoarchaeology Project. Documenting Dressers and Shop Ledgers in Western Connemara, Ireland.

Summer 2016: Assistant Director (with Ryan Lash), Excavations of Eastern Enclosure, Inishark, Ireland.

Summer 2015: Co-Director (with Isaac Ullah and Nicholas Wolff), Documenting Standing Architecture in the San Pasquale Valley and Umbro area, Bova Marina, RC, Italy.

Summer 2015: Director, Irish Dressers Ethnoarchaeology Project. Documenting Dressers and Shop Ledgers in Western Connemara, Ireland.

Summer 2014: Director, Irish Dressers Ethnoarchaeology Project. Recording Dressers on Inishturk and Inishbofin, Ireland.

Summer 2014: Staff, Draftsperson, Excavations of House 8, Inishark, Co. Galway, Ireland.

Summer 2013: Staff. Excavations of the Poirtíns (Old Knock Village), Inishbofin, Co. Galway, Ireland.

Summer 2012: Co-Assistant Director (with Franc Myles), Excavations on Inishark (sites Clochan Leo and Teampuill Leo).

Summer 2011: Co-Director (with John O'Neill) Test Excavations at early Medieval Ritual site of Clochan Leo, Inishark and and Inish Goirta, Co. Galway (University of Notre Dame)

Summer 2011: Co-Director, Laboratory analysis of pottery from Sant'Aniceto, Italy (Cambridge University and University of Notre Dame) (http://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/~jer39/BMAP/index.html).

Summer 2010: Volunteer (Notre Dame CLIC project) Excavations at the Southwest Promontory Fort, Inishark, Ireland (University of Notre Dame, Hamilton College)

Summer 2009: Co-director (with Dr. John Robb and Nicholas Wolff) Excavations at Sant'Aniceto, Italy (Cambridge University and University of Notre Dame) (http://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/~jer39/BMAP/index.html)

Summer 2008: Co-director (with Dr. John Robb and David Yoon) Excavations at Sant'Aniceto, Italy (Cambridge University and University of Notre Dame) (http://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/~jer39/BMAP/index.html)

Summer 2007: Co-director (with Dr. John Robb and David Yoon) Test excavations at Marcasita, Umbro, and Sant'Aniceto—three undated Bronze Age sites in the Bova Marina region, Italy (Cambridge Univerisity and University of Notre Dame) (http://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/~jer39/BMAP/index.html)

Fall 2004: Co-Director (with Dr. R. Thomas Schaub) of Expedition to the Dead Sea Plain Survey/Study Season at Numeira and Bab edh-Dhra', Jordan.

Summer 2002: Director, Khirbet el-Minsahlat Project/Univ of Notre Dame Archaeological Field School in Jordan.

Summer 2001: Director, Kerak Plateau Early Bronze Age Urbanism Project/Univ of Notre Dame Archaeological Field School in Jordan.

Summer 2000: Field Supervisor. Preliminary survey and test excavations at Slocan Narrows Archaeological Project, British Columbia (University of Lethbridge and University of Montana, Missoula).

Spring 1996: Director. Survey and excavations of residential compounds at the Early Bronze Age urban site of Tell el-Handaquq South, Jordan. (Harvard University)

Fall 1994: Director. Survey and excavations of residential compounds at the Early Bronze Age urban site of Tell el-Handaquq South, Jordan. (Harvard University)

Summer 1994: Field Supervisor. Preliminary excavations at 'Ain Waida`, Jordan. (Harvard University and Mu'tah University)

Summer 1993: Director. Preliminary survey and test excavations of residential compounds at the Early Bronze Age urban site of Tell el-Handaquq South, Jordan. (Harvard University)

Summer 1993: Supervisor. Preliminary survey and excavations at Southern Temple, Petra, Jordan. (Brown University)

Summer 1993: Co-Director. Preliminary excavations at Jebel Quiesa, Jordan. (Harvard University)

Summer 1992: Excavator. Excavations at the Pottery Neolithic site of Nahal Zehora II, Israel. (Univ. of Tel Aviv)

Fall/Winter 1990: Excavator. Excavations of historic sites within the Monticello Plantation. (Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation)

Summer 1989: Excavator. Excavations at the prehistoric site of La Muculufa, Sicily. (Brown University)

Summer 1988: Excavator. Excavations at the Aceramic Neolithic site of Khirokitia, Cyprus. (CNRS, Paris)

Summer 1987: Excavator. Excavations at Philistine site of Tel Miqne-Ekron, Israel. (Hebrew University)

Pre- and Post-doctoral Supervision

Dr. Natalia Handziuk, SSHRC Post-doctoral Research, University of Notre Dame 2024-2026

Dr. Hanna Erftenbeck, Post-doctoral Researcher, University of Notre Dame 2023-2024

Dr. Chantel White, Pre-Doctoral Research Associate, University of Notre Dame, 2012 – 2016

Graduated M.A. and Ph.D. Students

Dr. Natalia Handziuk (Ph.D. External Committee Member; University of Toronto, December 2023)

Dr. Hanna Erftenbeck (Chair; PhD. August 2023)

Julian Hirsch (External Committee Member; M.A., Trent University, September 2022)

Dr. Deniz Enverova (Chair; Ph.D. 2022)

Dr. Nicholas Ames, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame (Ph.D., May 2021)

Dr. Nicholas Wolff, Dept. of Archaeology, Boston University (External Committee Member; Ph.D., June 2014)

Current Ph.D. Students

Agustina Fiorani (Chair)

Megan Nishida (Chair)

Yeonsuk Lee (Chair)

Keri Porter (Committee Member)

Tucker Deady (External Committee Member, University of Toronto)

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervision

Charlotte Marie Cable (2001)

Betsy Keough (2007)

Jessica Bock (2012)

Carlisia McCord (2016)

Sara Berumen (2020)

Greta Hilsheim (2024)

Madeline Kohl (2025)

Esther Prantil-Evans (2027)

Graduate Courses Taught

Graduate Research Design Seminar (2018, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024)

Graduate Orientations to Anthropological Archaeology (2015, 2017)

Mixed Undergraduate/Graduate Courses Taught

Archaeology and Death (2013, 2016, 2018, 2020)

Anthropology of Everyday Life (2011, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023)

Pottery in Archaeology (2003, 2007, 2012, 2018, 2025)

Engendering Archaeology/Gender and Archaeology (1998 - 2000, 2002, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2022, 2024)

Making Science Matter: Anthropological Approaches to Meaningful Research Design (2023, 2025)

Undergraduate Courses Taught

The Anthropology of Your Stuff (2018, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2025, 2026)
Archaeology of Egypt (2005)
Archaeology of Ancient Israel, Palestine, and Jordan (2008, 2009)
Archaeology of Ireland (2005)
Archaeological Fieldwork on the Kerak Plateau, Jordan (Summer 2001, 2002)
Theory and Method in Archaeology (1999, 2002)
Fundamentals of Archaeology (1999 - 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2021, 2024)
Humans 360/Introduction to Anthropology (2001, 2010 and 2011 co-taught with Dr. Benn-Torres, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019)
Introduction to Human Evolution (1998, 2000)
Household Archaeology (2001)
Ancient Cities and States (2000, 2002)
Archaeological Field Methods (1998)
Archaeology of the Holy Land (1998)
Archaeology of Hunter-Gatherer Societies (1998)
Anthropological Issues in Complex Societies (1997)
First Year Seminar: Exploring Anthropology (2006, 2010, 2016)

University of Notre Dame Committees and Service

- Nanovic Institute Faculty Committee (2021-2023, 2025-2027)
- Gender Studies Steering Committee (2007-2009, 2017-2018, 2018-2020)
- Faculty Senate (2005-2006)
- Office of Research Grant Review Committee (2022)
- Arts and Letters College Council (2013-2014)
- Kroc Institute Job Search (2010-2011)
- Nanovic Institute Graduate Fellowship Selection Committee (2017)
- Nanovic Institute Grant Review Committee (2021, 2022)
- Tour Co-Leader (with Dr. Ryan Lash), NEH Irish Studies Summer Seminar visit to Inishark and Inishbofin (2018)

Institutional Reviews: Panel member reviewing Faculty of Social Sciences at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, November 2024

University of Notre Dame Department of Anthropology Committees and Service

- Director of Graduate Studies (2024-2027)
- Chair, Anthropological Archaeology Search Committee (2025-2026)
- Anthropology Graduate Committee (2023-current)
- Graduate Student Professionalization and Placement (2022-current)
- Chair, Anthropological Archaeology Search Committee (2019-2020)
- Job Candidate Search Committee Member (9 searches from 2001-current)
- Chair, Medical Anthropology Search Committee (2019-2020)
- Anthropology Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2001-2002, 2019-2020)
- Speaker Series Committee (2019-2021)
- Safety Committee (2014-2015)
- Student Awards & Internships (2001-2004, 2011-2012)

- Anthropology Club Co-Advisor (2001-2003 with Greg Downey)
- CACRPT member (Fall 2006 onward)

Recent Disciplinary Service

- Panel Reviewer, National Science Foundation Archaeology Division (6 rounds: 2020-2023)
- Editorial Board *American Anthropologist* (2012-2015)
- Panel Reviewer, Wenner-Gren Anthropological Foundation (2014-2016)
- Ad Hoc Reviewer, National Science Foundation
- Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*
- Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory*
- Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Field Archaeology*
- Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*
- Peer Reviewer, *Levant*
- Collaborative Consultant of Foodways Exhibit at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Anthropology (2022-2024)
- Collaborative Organization of Museum Exhibit on EBA research in Jordan (Dead Sea Museum, Jordan)

Public Service

- Ongoing establishment of Inishbofin Local Studies Archival Repository on Inishbofin, Co. Galway, Ireland
- Local Elementary School Outreach Workshops (grades 2-7) when requested
- Multi-Year Participation in the Expanding Your Horizons Program (STEM education opportunities for middle-school girls in the area's public school system)
- Consultation with documentary producers at National Geographic and The History Channels
- Seminar: It's a Material World, 2011: Teachers-as-Scholars Program, University of Notre Dame

Recent Memberships in Professional Organizations

International Congress for Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology
Society of American Archaeology
Society for Historical Archaeology
World Archaeological Congress
American School of Overseas Research