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EDUCATION

- 2000** **Ph.D** **Arizona State University** (Tempe, Arizona), in Anthropology, Prehistory.
- 1994** **M.A** **Yarmouk University** (Jordan, Irbid), in Archaeology.
- 1987** **B.A.** **Yarmouk University** (Jordan, Irbid),in Interior Design.
- 1984** **High School,** **Islamic and Scientific Collage,** Amman, Jordan

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Prehistory of southern Levant, Human Adaptation, Prehistoric Settlement Patterns, Paleo-environmental changes, and Lithic Analyses, Museums, Cultural Heritage Studies.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

- 2008-Present** **Assistant Dean for Archaeological and Heritage Museums** , Archaeology Institute, University of Jordan
- 2004- 2007** **Museum Director,** Archaeological Museum and Heritage Museum, University of Jordan.
- 2005- 2007** **Head of the Department of Archaeology,** Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Jordan.
- 2003- 2004** **Dean Assistant for Student Affairs,** Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Jordan.
- 2000- Present** **Assistant Professor,** Department of Archaeology, University of Jordan.
- 1996- 1999** **Research Assistant,** Archaeological Research Institute, Arizona State University.
- 1995** **Museum Director,** Archaeological Museum, University of Jordan.
- 1991-1994** **Professional Drafts-Person,** Archaeological Museum, The University of Jordan.

FIELD EXPERIENCE:

- 2008** **Project Director**, Tell Abu es-Sawwan Project, Jerash (Neolithic), University of Jordan field school.
- Staff member**, Wadi Zarqa' Drainage, Madaba Plateau and Azraq project (Paleolithic), Directed by **April Nowell, (Canada)** .
- 2007-2008** **Lecturer**, at College of Hospitality and Tourism (JAU) (Prehistory of Jordan Classes)
- 2006-2008** **Project Director**, Tell Abu es-Suwwan Project, Jerash (Neolithic), University of Jordan field school.
- Coordinator of the University of Jordan Research Team** for the National Museum Exhibit information, Amman, Jordan
- Staff member**, Wadi Zarqa' Ma'in Drainage, Madaba Plateau project (Middle Paleolithic), Directed by **April Nowell, (Canada)** .
- 2005** **Project Director**, Tell Abu es-Sawwan Project, Jerash (Neolithic), University of Jordan field school.
- 2003- Present** **Consultant**, Mediterranean Landscapes Dynamics. The International Institute for Sustainability at Arizona State University. <http://www.asu.edu/clas/shesc/projects/medland/> USA.
- 2004** **Staff member**, Wadi al Hasa Chert Survey. directed by Deborah I. Olszewski (University of Pennsylvania).
- 2000** **Staff member**, The Eastern al-Hasa Late Pleistocene Project. directed by Deborah I. Olszewski (University of Pennsylvania).
- 1998** **Professional Draft-person**, Tell Abu Na'aj, directed by Dr. Steve Falconer, Arizona State University, United States.
- Staff member**, The Eastern Hasa Late Pleistocene Project, directed by Dr Deborah I. Olszewski (Bishop Museum, Honolulu) and Nancy Coinman (Iowa State University).
- 1997** **Staff member**, The Eastern Hasa Late Pleistocene Project, directed by Dr. Deborah I. Olszewski (Bishop Museum, Honolulu) and Nancy Coinman (Iowa State University).
- Staff member**, Tell Abu NIAJ's in the Jordan Valley (Bronze Age) directed by Dr Steven Falconer, Arizona State University.
- 1996** **Participant**, Rudd Creek (13th century), directed by Dr. Todd Howell Arizona State University.
- 1994** **Professional Drafts-Person**, Umm el Jimal (Roman/ Nabatean) in Jordan, directed by Dr. Bert Devris, Calvin College.
- Professional Drafts-Person**, Kh. Salameh Excavations(Iron Age Byzentin) University of Jordan, directed by Dr.Pear Bekaie, Jordan.
- Participant**, Ain Ghazal (Neolithic) in Jordan, directed by Dr. Gary Rollefson from San Diego state University, USA, and Dr. Zidan Kafafi from Yarmouk University, Jordan.
- Professional Drafts-Person**, Bait Ras pottery, directed by Dr Cherie Lenzen, Yarmouk University, Jordan.

- 1993** **Professional Drafts-Person**, Kh. Salameh Excavations (Iron Age-Byzantine), University of Jordan, directed by Dr. Pear Bekaie, Jordan
- 1992** **Professional Draft-Person**, Kh. Salameh Excavations (Iron Age Byzantine), University of Jordan, directed by Dr. Pear Bekaie, Jordan.
- 1989** **Participant**, Yasieleh Excavations (Byzantines), directed by Dr. Zaidoun Al-Muhasen Yarmouk University, Jordan.
- Participant**, Ain Ghazal (Neolithic) in Jordan, directed by Dr. Gary Rollefson From San Diego state University, USA, and Dr. Zidan Kafafi from Yarmouk University, Jordan.
- Participant**, Bait Ras (Islamic) in Jordan, directed by Cherie Lenzen, Yarmouk University, Jordan.

CONFRENCES AND WORKSHOPS:

- 2008** **Participant in the Basta Final Symposium**, which was held in April 24-27th, 2008, Freie Universitat Berlin, Institut für Vorderasiatische Altertumskunde Arbeitsschwerpunkt Neolithikum - Basta Joint Archaeological Project - ex oriente, Berlin
- 2007** **Member on the Organization Committee of the 10th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan (ICHAJ)**, which was held in May 2007, Washington DC
- 2006** **Participant in the 5th International Congress in the Archaeology and Ancient Near East, (SICAANE)**, presenting a paper: "Tell Abu es Sawwan first season Excavation, Neolithic Site in Jordan" April, Madrid, Spain.
- 2005** **High Education Course on The Euro- Mesiterranean Cultural Heritage“ Knowledge without Borders”**. Brindisi, Pasti-Scientific Park of Brindisi Citadel of Research, Italy.
- Economics and the Management of Cultural Heritage workshop**, Distance Learning Program, Centre for International Studies on Economic Growth (CEIS).
- Mediterranean Landscapes Dynamics planning workshop**. In the International Institute for Sustainability at Arizona State University. USA
- 2004** **The Fifth International Conference on Yemeni Civilization, San'a History and Cultural Heritage**. San'a University, Sana, Yemen
- 2003** **Fifth World Archaeological Congress (5WAC) Conference**. Paper presented: Microlith Typology and Technology of the Upper and Epi-Paleolithic Transition, Jordan. Washington, USA.
- 2002** **The First Conference on Science and Technology in Archaeology and conservation**. Queen Rania Institute of Tourism and Heritage The Hashemite University, Jordan.

PUBLICATIONS:

- 2008** **AL Nahar, Maysoon**
Tel Abu Suwwan Neolithic site in Jarash /Jordan, The first Three Seasons Results. In Archaeology and History of Jordan, University of Jordan Publications.

- 2007** **Bisson, M., A. Nowell, C.E. Cordova, R. Kalchgruber, and Maysoon Nahar.**
2007. Human evolution at the crossroads: An archaeological survey in Northwest Jordan. *Near Eastern Archaeology* 69 (2): 73-85
- Hazimeh,**
 Maysoon Al Nahar, Amjad Fauri, Sad Rwedan, Manal Shamayleh, and Abd Nur
World History (Book), Seventh Grad Curriculum, Curriculums and School Books Management, Ministry of Education, Amman, Jordan
- 2006** **April Nowell, Michael Bisson, Carlos Cordova, Regina Kalchgruber and Maysoon al-Nahar**
 A Survey of Middle Paleolithic Sites in the Wadi Zarqa' Ma'in Drainage, Madaba Plateau, Jordan." *American Journal of Archaeology* 110(3): 472-475.
- Al-Nahar, Maysoon**
The Neolithic site of Tell abu es Sawwan Preliminary Report. *Neo-Lithics* 1 /06.
- Olszewski, Debora and Maysoon Al-Nahar**
When Stone is More Than Stone: Clues to Prehistoric Resource Use in Jordan. *Expedition*, vol 48, number 1: 22- 28, The Magazine of University Pennsylvania, Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. philadelphia.
- 2005** **Al- Nahar, Maysoon.**
 Microliths Typology and Technology of the Upper and Epipaleolithic Transition Period, Jordan. *Adumatu*, 12: 7-46.
- 2004** **Olszewski, D.I, Crowley, M. P. and al- Nahar, M.**
 Preliminary Report of the 2004 Wadi Al-Hasa Chert Survey. *Annual of Department of Antiquities of Jordan (ADAJ)*. 48: 347- 356.
- 2001** **Simmons, A. H., G. O. Rollefson, Z. Kafafi, R.D. Mandel, M. Al- Nahar, J. Cooper, I. Köhler- Rollefson, K. R. Durand.**
 Wadi Sueib, A Large Neolithic Community in Central Jordan: Final Report of Test Investigations. *BASOR* . 321: 2-39.
- Olszewski, D.I., Coinman, N. R., Clausen, T. , Cooper, J. B., Jansson, H., al-Nahar, M. , Saele, L.S., Sampson, A.J. Schurmans, U. and Thompson, J. R.**
 The Eastern al Hasa Late Pleistocene Project. Preliminary Report on the 2000 Season, *Annual of Department of Antiquities of Jordan (ADAJ)*. 45: 39-60.
- 2000** **Olszewski, D.I, U. Schurmans, H. Jansson, J. Cooper, and M. al- Nahar**
 Chert Raw Material Survey in the Wadi al Hasa, Jordan: Preliminary Findings. *Neo-Lithics* 2-3 /00: 16-18.
- Al- Nahar, Maysoon**
 The Upper and Epipaleolithic Transition in the Southern Levant: Microlith Typology Versus Technology. Arizona State University, Unpublished Dissertation.
- 1999** **Coinman, N. R., D.I. Olszewski, K. Abdo, T. Clausen, J.B. Cooper, J. Fox, M. al-Nahar, E. Richey, and L. Saele**
 .Eastern Hasa Late Pleistocene Project: Preliminary report on the 1998 season. *Annual of Department of Antiquities of Jordan(ADAJ)*. 43:9-25.
- 1998** **Olszewski, D., M. al- Nahar, J. Cooper, K. Abdo and A. Rosen**
Renewed excavations at Tor Sageer (WHNBS-242), an Early Epipaleolithic Site in the Wadi al Hasa, Jordan. *Neo-Lithics* 2/98: 5-8.
- Olszewski, D., N. Coinman, J. Schulderein, T. Clausen, J. Cooper, J. Fox, B. Hill, M. al-Nahar, and J. Williams.**

The Eastern Hasa Late Pleistocene Project: Preliminary Report on the 1997 Season. *Annual of Department of Antiquities of Jordan (ADAJ)*. 42: 53-74.

- 1997** **Olszewski, D. and M. al- Nahar**
The First Season at Tor Sageer (WHNBS-242), an Epipaleolithic Site in the Wadi al-Hasa, Jordan. *Neo-Lithics* 3/97: 11-13.

TEACHING CLASESS :

M. A Level

- 2000- Present** **Prehistory , Ancient Jordan and Palestine classes and Methods of Excavations (Field work). (University of Jordan)**

B. A Level

- 2000- present** **Prehistory class, Ancient Jordan and Palestine, Ancient Syria and Lebanon, Archaeology of Jordan, Old Civelizations, Art History, Analytical and Typological studies of Lithic, Field practical work and Geoarcaeology . (University of Jordan).**

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

- 2005** **Fulbright Alumni Development Grant (Travel Grant)**, Title: Collaborative Research Meeting for Prehistoric Landuse and Ecology Study. At Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona / United States.
- 1996** **Harrel Fellowship Travel Grant.** Title: Travel Jordan to Participate in Tell Abu Ni'aj Project as a staff member.
- 1995-1997** **Fulbright Full Scholarship** For Ph.D. Degree from Arizona State University.
- 1995-1999** **University of Jordan Scholarship** For Ph.D. Degree from Arizona State University.