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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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### University of British Columbia

2021–present Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Database of Religious History  
2023 (Winter) Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Department of Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies

### University of California, Los Angeles

2020–2021 Lecturer, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

### Wilfrid Laurier University

2020 (Fall) Contract Teaching Faculty, Department of Archaeology and Heritage Studies (Remote Teaching)

## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D. Near Eastern Languages and Cultures: Levantine Archaeology, 2020  
*Dissertation: Edom in Judah: An Archaeological Investigation of Identity, Interaction, and Social Entanglement in the Negev During the Late Iron Age (8th–6th cent. BCE)*

### University of Toronto

M.A. Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations: Syro-Palestinian Archaeology, 2013

### Wilfrid Laurier University

B.A. Department of Near Eastern and Classical Archaeology: Near Eastern and Classical Archaeology with Ancient Language Option, 2012

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Power and Identity	Levantine Archaeology	Material Culture
Identity and Conflict	Ancient Near East	Ceramics
Migration and Entanglement	Eastern Mediterranean	Northwest Semitic Inscriptions
Archaeology of Religion	Ancient Arabia	Hebrew Bible

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Monographs

Danielson, Andrew. *Edom in Judah: Trade, Migration and Kinship in the Late Iron Age Southern Levant*. Elements in the Archaeology of Ancient Israel Series. Cambridge University Press, 2023. (under contract)

Danielson, Andrew. *Identity and Authority: Negotiating Power and Place in Iron Age Jordan.* (in prep)

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

Danielson, Andrew and Heidi Fessler. "Tall al-Khalayfi as a Test Case for Assyrian-Levantine Collaboration." *Israel Exploration Journal* 73, no. 1 (2023): 34–55.

Monroe, M. Willis, Rachel Spicer, Gino Canlas, Travis Chilcott, Stephen Christopher, Megan Daniels, **Andrew J. Danielson**, Matthew Hamm, Caroline Arbuckle MacLeod, William Noseworthy, Ian Randall, Robyn Faith Walsh, Michael Muthukrishna, Edward Slingerland. "On the Category of 'Religion': A Taxonomic Analysis of a Large-Scale Database." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, forthcoming.

Danielson, Andrew. "Trade, Kingdom, and Empire: Edom and the South Arabian Trade." *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern History* 10, no. 1 (2023): 139–175.

Spicer, Rachel, M. Willis Monroe, Matthew Hamm, **Andrew Danielson**, Gino Canlas, Ian Randall, Edward Slingerland. "Religion and Ecology: A Pilot Study Employing the Database of Religious History." *Current Research in Ecological and Social Psychology* 3 (2022): 1–10.

Danielson, Andrew, Caroline Arbuckle MacLeod, Matthew J. Hamm, Gino Canlas, Ian E. Randall, Diana K. Moreiras Reynaga, Julian Weideman, M. Willis Monroe. "Testing and Disrupting Ontologies: Using the Database of Religious History as a Pedagogical Tool." *Religions*, 13 (2022): 1–26.

Danielson, Andrew. "Culinary Traditions in the Borderlands of Judah and Edom in the Late Iron Age." *Tel Aviv* 48 (2021): 87–111.

Danielson, Andrew and Debra Foran. "Iron Age Nebo: Preliminary Investigations at Khirbat al-Mukhayyat and Rujm al-Mukhayyat, Jordan." *Palestine Exploration Quarterly* 153, no. 2 (2021): 83–112.

Danielson, Andrew. "On the History and Evolution of *Qws*: The Portrait of a First Millennium BCE Deity Explored through Community Identity." *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* 20, no. 2 (2020): 113–189.

Danielson, Andrew, Aaron Burke, Martin Peilstöcker, Krister Kowalski, and Edward F. Maher. "Persian and Hellenistic Jaffa: Re-Examining Jacob Kaplan's Excavations in Area A (1970–1974)." *Ancient Near Eastern Studies* 57 (2020): 189–257.

Burke, Aaron A., Martin Peilstöcker, Amy Karoll, George A. Pierce, Krister Kowalski, Nadia Ben-Marzouk, Jacob Damm, **Andrew Danielson**, Heidi Dodgen Fessler, Brett Kaufman, Krystal V. L. Pierce, Felix Höflmayer, Brian N. Damiata, and Michael W. Dee. "Excavations of the New Kingdom Egyptian Fortress in Jaffa, 2011–2014: Traces of

Resistance to Egyptian Rule in Canaan.” *American Journal of Archaeology* 121 (2017): 85–133.

### Chapters in Edited Volumes

Danielson, Andrew. “Gods, Languages, and Names: Entangled Identities in Fourth Century BCE Idumea.” In *Ambiguity in the Ancient Near East*, edited by Elizabeth Knott and Lauren McCormick. Brepols, forthcoming.

Danielson, Andrew. “Philistine Ceramics.” In *Jaffa in the Bronze and Iron Ages: The Jacob Kaplan and Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project Excavations of Tel Yafo, 1955–2014*, edited by Aaron A. Burke and Martin Peilstöcker, The Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project Series 5. Monumenta Archaeologica, Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, Los Angeles, forthcoming.

Danielson, Andrew. “Seven Coins from the JCHP’s 2014 Excavations in Area A (Lion Temple).” In *Jaffa in the Bronze and Iron Ages: The Jacob Kaplan and Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project Excavations of Tel Yafo, 1955–2014*, edited by Aaron A. Burke and Martin Peilstöcker, The Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project Series 5. Monumenta Archaeologica, Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, Los Angeles, forthcoming.

Klassen, Stanley and **Andrew Danielson**. “Copper Trade Networks of the Arabah: Re-assessing the Impact on Early Iron Age Moab.” In *“And in Length of Days Understanding” (Job 12:12): Essays on Archaeology in the Eastern Mediterranean and Beyond in Honor of Thomas E. Levy*, edited by Ian Jones and Erez Ben-Yosef, 1201–1226. Springer: Interdisciplinary Contributions to Archaeology, 2023.

Danielson, Andrew. “Edom in Judah: Identity and Entanglement in the Late Iron Age Negev.” In *About Idumea and Edom: Recent Research and Approaches from Archaeology, Hebrew Bible Studies and Ancient Near East Studies*, edited by Benedikt Hensel, Diana Edelman, and Ehud Ben Zvi, 117–150. Worlds of the Ancient Near East and Mediterranean. Sheffield: Equinox, 2022.

### Manuscripts under Review and in Preparation

Monroe, M. Willis, and **Andrew J. Danielson**. “Big Data Approaches to Comparative History.” In *Routledge Handbook of the Ancient Near East and the Social Sciences*, edited by Emanuel Pföh and Jason M. Silverman. Routledge. (in prep, 2023)

Gino Canlas, Caroline Arbuckle MacLeod, **Andrew Danielson**, Ian E. Randall, Rachel Spicer, M. Willis Monroe, and Edward Slingerland. “Scaling Comparative Approaches: Recreating Burkert’s Analysis using the Database of Religious History.” In *Homo Necans at 50: Contributions and Controversies in the Anthropology of Greek Religion*, edited by Sandra Blakely and Jeffrey Brodd. Studies in Ancient Mediterranean Religions 4. Lockwood Press (submitted, 2022)

Gino Canlas, M. Willis Monroe, **Andrew Danielson**, Julian Weideman, Ian Randall. “Public Engagement and the Database of Religious History.” In *Ancient Pasts for Modern Audiences*, edited by Sabrina Higgins and Chelsea Gardner. Routledge (in prep, 2023)

## Digital Resource Publications

Danielson, Andrew. "Shrine at 'En Hazeva.'" *Database of Religious History*. University of British Columbia. (2023). <https://religiondatabase.org/browse/1186/#/>

Danielson, Andrew. "Mount Nebo." *Bible Odyssey*, Society of Biblical Literature. (2021). <https://www.bibleodyssey.org/places/related-articles/mount-nebo>

Danielson, Andrew. "Kingdom of Edom." *Database of Religious History*, University of British Columbia. (2021). <https://religiondatabase.org/browse/1011/>

Danielson, Andrew. "Temple at Busayra." *Database of Religious History*. University of British Columbia. (2021). <https://religiondatabase.org/browse/1174/>

Danielson, Andrew. "Shrine at Horvat Qitmit." *Database of Religious History*. University of British Columbia. (2021). <https://religiondatabase.org/browse/1186/#/>

## FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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2023	ASOR Charles Harris Project Grant for the Khirbat al-Mukhayyat Archaeological Project
2022–2023	CAORC Senior Fellowship, ACOR Amman – Declined
2020–2021	Educational and Cultural Affairs Junior Research Fellowship (4.5 months), Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem – Declined
2019–2020	Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA
2019	International Institute Fieldwork Fellowship, UCLA
2019	Steinmetz Research Travel Grant
2019	Alan D. Leve Graduate Research & Travel Grant for Student Excellence, CJS UCLA
2019	Lenart Graduate Travel Fellowship, UCLA
2019	Strange and Midkiff Families Excavation Fellowship, ASOR
2019	Departmental Summer Funding Award NELC, UCLA
2018	Departmental Summer Funding Award NELC, UCLA
2017	International Institute Fieldwork Fellowship, UCLA
2017	Steinmetz Research Travel Grant
2017	Appel Research Travel Grant CJS, UCLA
2017	Lenart Graduate Travel Fellowship, UCLA
2017	Departmental Summer Funding Award NELC, UCLA
2016	Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, ULCA
2016	Bluma Appel Summer Research Travel Grant CJS, UCLA
2015–2016	Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA
2015	Departmental Summer Funding Award NELC, UCLA
2013–2015	Graduate Dean's Scholar Award, UCLA
2013–2014	Departmental Fellowship NELC, UCLA
2012–2013	Joseph Armand Bombardier Scholarship SSHRC, Canada
2012–2013	Ontario Graduate Scholar Award, University of Toronto – Declined

2012	Alumni Gold Medal Award for Academic Excellence, Faculty of Arts - Wilfrid Laurier University
2012	Alvin J. Pauli Scholarship in Archaeology for the Top Student in Archaeology, Near Eastern and Classical Archaeology Dept., Wilfrid Laurier University
2008-2012	Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship, Wilfrid Laurier University
2008-2012	Wilfrid Laurier In-Course Scholarship, Wilfrid Laurier University
2010	Ontario International Education Opportunity Scholarship

## **CONFERENCES PAPERS, POSTERS & INVITED LECTURES (\*SCHEDULED)**

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2023\* "The Far Margins of Empire: Edom and the Negev in the late 7th and 6th century BCE." Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of ASOR, Chicago, IL, November, 2023.

2023\* "Querying Levantine Religion using the Database of Religious History." Paper to be presented with M. Willis Monroe and Ian Randall at the Annual Meeting of ASOR, Chicago, IL, November, 2023.

2023 "Large Scale Approaches to Ancient Near Eastern Religion: Querying the Database of Religious History. Paper presented with M. Willis Monroe at the International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (ICAANE), Copenhagen, May 2023.

2023 "Quantifying the (In-)Validity of Exceptionalism: Using the Database of Religious History to Re-Examine 'Classics.'" Paper presented with I. Randall, G. Canlas, M. W. Monroe and R. Spicer at the Annual Meeting of the Classical Association of Canada, Halifax, NS, May 2023.

2023 "Public Engagement and The Database of Religious History." Paper presented with G. Canlas, W. Monroe, J. Weideman, and I. Randall at the Peopling the Past Colloquium: Presenting the Past: Responsible Engagement and Ancient Mediterranean History, Vancouver, March, 2023.

2023 "Old Data, New Ideas: Analyzing Legacy Survey Data at Khirbat al-Mukhayyat, Jordan." Paper presented with D. Foran, G. Braun, S. Klassen, and G. Ginson at the Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, Portland, OR, March, 2023.

2022 "Settlement Dynamics at Khirbat al-Mukhayyat: Analyzing Archaeological Survey Data to Evaluate Occupational History." Paper presented with D. Foran, G. Braun, S. Klassen, v. Doležálková, G. Ginson, and C. Sylvester at the Annual Meeting of ASOR, Boston, MA, November, 2022.

2022 "Defending Nebo: The Hellenistic Defensive Architecture at Khirbat al-Mukhayyat." Paper presented with D. Foran, G. Braun, and G. Ginson at the Annual Meeting of ASOR, Boston, MA, November, 2022.

2022 "Big Data and Pedagogy: The Database of Religious History as a Resource for Comparative Historiography." Paper presented with M. W. Monroe and C. Arbuckle Macleod at the Annual Meeting of ASOR, Boston, MA, November, 2022.

2022 "Fortifying Nebo: The Iron Age Defensive Architecture of Khirbat al-Mukhayyat and its Reuse in the Hellenistic Period." Paper presented with D. Foran, G. Braun, S. Klassen and G. Ginson at the International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan (ICHAJ 15), Yarmouk University, Irbid, Jordan, July 2022.

2022 "Database of Religious History." Lecture and workshop by Caroline Arbuckle Macleod and Andrew Danielson at the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, University of California, Los Angeles, April 26, 2022.

2021 “Social Dynamics and the Negotiation of Power in late Iron Age Edom.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of ASOR, November 2021.

2021 “Authority and Identity in Iron Age Edom: Negotiating Power and Place along the Incense Road.” Invited Departmental Seminar for the Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies Department at the University of British Columbia, October 13, 2021.

2021 “Late Iron Age Edom: Political Power and Social Dynamics in Southern Transjordan.” Paper presented at: Multifaceted Edom. Recent Research on Southern Transjordan in the Iron Age from an Archaeological and Cultural-Historical Perspective, in Amman, Jordan (Virtual), June 8–10, 2021.

2021 “The Evolution of QWS: A Longue Durée Approach to Understanding a First Millennium BCE Levantine Deity.” Paper presented at Naming and Mapping the Gods in the Ancient Mediterranean. Spaces, Mobilities, Imaginaries, in Toulouse, France (Virtual), February 10–12, 2021.

2020 “Trade, Kingdom, and Empire: A First Millennium BCE Outline of the Southern Levantine Connection to the Arabian Trade.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of ASOR (Virtual), November 21, 2020.

2020 “Four Millennia in Three Dimensions: Digital Media at Khirbat al-Mukhayyat.” Poster presented with D. Foran, G. Ginson, S. Klassen, and G. Braun at the Annual Meeting of ASOR (Virtual), November 13, 2020.

2019 “Networks in Edom: Envisioning Political Authority and Social Activity across a Complex Landscape.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of American Schools of Oriental Research, San Diego, CA, November 22, 2019.

2018 “QWS, Edom, and Identities: Exploring the Use of Theophoric Elements in Onomastica as Markers of Identity.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Denver, CO, November 16, 2018.

2018 “Beyond Judah and Edom’s Borders: Social Interaction and Entanglement seen through Culinary Preferences in the Iron Age Southern Levant.” Paper presented at the UCLA Archaeology Graduate Conference, Los Angeles CA, February 3, 2018.

2018 “Archaeology and its Perspectives on Humanity.” Presentation delivered to the docents at the Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles, CA, November 5, 2018.

2017 “Iron Age Transjordan: Social Complexity and Hierarchies.” Presentation delivered to *Archaeology of the Levant* at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles CA, April 18, 2017.

2017 “Edom in Judah: A Case Study on “Edomite” Presence, Interaction, and Identity in the Negev in the Late Iron Age.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Boston, MA, November 16, 2017.

2015 “The Kaplan Excavations Publication Initiative, 2015.” Poster presented with N. Ben-Marzouk, J. Damm, A. Karoll, K. Kowalski, J. Williams, A. Burke and M. Peilstöcker at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Atlanta, GA, November 21, 2015.

2014 “The Kaplan Excavations Publication Initiative, 2014.” Poster presented with J. Damm, A. B. Karoll, M. Haase, A.-K. Jeske, K. Kowalski, N. Ben-Marzouk, A. Burke and M. Peilstöcker at the Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, San Diego, CA, November 22, 2014.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **University of British Columbia**

*Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow*

History of Ancient Egypt (Winter 2023)

### **Wilfrid Laurier University**

*Instructor of Record*

Archaeology of Disasters (Fall 2020)

### **University of California, Los Angeles**

*Lecturer*

Age of Empires: Warfare, Power and Society in the Ancient Near East (Spring 2021)

Archaeology, Identity and the Bible (Winter 2021)

First Civilizations (Fall 2020)

Jerusalem: The Holy City (Summer 2020)

*Teaching Fellow*

Teaching Language and Literature in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (Spring 2020; Spring 2019; Graduate Course)

Jerusalem: The Holy City (Winter 2019; Spring 2017; Fall 2016; Winter 2015; Spring 2015)

First Civilizations (Fall 2018; Fall 2017; Fall 2014)

Archaeology, Identity, and the Bible (Spring 2018)

Visible Language: Study of Writing (Winter 2018)

Women and Power in the Ancient World (Winter 2017)

Written Language and Social Identity (Spring 2016; Reader)

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS AND FIELDWORK

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### **Khirbat al-Mukhayyat, JORDAN**

2017–present      Town of Nebo Archaeological Project (Director: Debra Foran)  
Role: Field Director

### **Jaffa, ISRAEL**

2013–2016      Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project (co-directors: Aaron Burke and Martin Peilstöcker)  
Role: Project Staff; Supervisor

### **Khirbat al-Mudayna, JORDAN**

2010–2012      Wadi ath-Thamad Project (Director: P. M. Michèle Daviau)  
Role: Square Supervisor

### **Ontario, CANADA**

2012, 2013      Archaeological Research Associates Ltd. (CRM)  
Role: Field Archaeologist

## OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2021 Research Associate. Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project, Publication Initiative, UCLA

2017–2018 Graduate Student Researcher for Aaron Burke on Case Studies in Archaeological Exploration of Refugees in the ancient Near East, UCLA

2013–2014 Graduate Student Researcher for Aaron Burke on the Jaffa Cultural Heritage Project (JCHP), UCLA

2012–2013 Research Assistant for Timothy Harrison on Computational Research of the Ancient Near East (CRANE), University of Toronto

2008–2010 Laboratory Student for P. M. Michèle Daviau in the Near Eastern Archaeology Lab, Wilfrid Laurier University

## SERVICE & OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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2019–2020 Professional Development Leader for Pedagogy Workshops, Center for the Advancement of Teaching, UCLA

2018–2020 Teaching Assistant Consultant, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, UCLA

2018 Graduate-Undergraduate Mentor Program – Peer Mentor, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, UCLA

2017 Archaeological Outreach, Meadows Elementary School, Manhattan Beach, CA

## PEER REVIEW SERVICE

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Cambridge University Press  
Palestine Exploration Quarterly

## LANGUAGES

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*Modern:* French (reading), German (reading), Spanish (reading), Arabic (conversational)  
*Ancient:* Hebrew, Aramaic, Ugaritic, Northwest Semitic, Akkadian (introductory), Greek (introductory), Latin (introductory)

## MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

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American Schools of Overseas Research (ASOR)  
Archaeological Institute of America (AIA)  
Society of American Archaeology (SAA)

## REFERENCES

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**Aaron A. Burke**

Professor of Archaeology  
Near Eastern Languages and Cultures,  
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Project  
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Archaeology and Heritage Studies  
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Associate Professor and Curator of Middle  
Eastern Archaeology  
Department of Middle Eastern Studies  
University of California, Berkeley

**Bruce Routledge**

Senior Lecturer  
School of Archaeology, Classics and  
Egyptology  
University of Liverpool

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Professor of Biblical Studies and Northwest  
Semitic Languages  
Near Eastern Languages and Cultures  
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