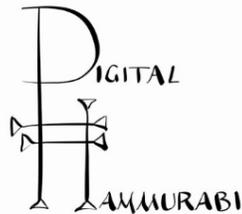




Opening the Ancient World

Virtual Conference



Sunday-Monday, August 15th-16th, 2021

Conference Format & How to Participate

Viewing

All are invited to watch and participate in this conference, which will be virtual, synchronous, and free for public viewing and participation. **The conference will be livestreamed on:**

- [The Conference webpage](#)
- [Digital Hammurabi YouTube Channel](#)
- [SASA YouTube Channel](#)
- [SASA Facebook Page](#)
- [SASA Twitch Page](#)

The presentations will remain public for viewing afterward indefinitely.

Presentations

There will be two basic types of presentations:

- Keynote Presentations - 45 minutes - Invited scholars will speak about their current research on areas of the Ancient Mediterranean and Near East, particularly in the context of Religion. These scholars will also speak about what Ancient Studies means to them and how they work to improve Ancient Studies. Questions will be taken via text chat from the public audience.
- Conference Presentations - 30 minutes - Presentations by researchers, who applied and were accepted to present, on their academic Ancient Studies research. Each Conference Presentation will be 30 minutes long, with 20 minutes for the presentation, followed by 10 minutes for questions via text chat from the public audience. These are grouped in threes into 90 minute sessions.

Presentations will occur live with only the Moderator and Presenters on the stream. The Moderators will conduct each presentation by introducing the Presenters, and facilitating questions after the completion of their presentations.

To participate in a Presentation, all are invited to view the Presentation and to submit questions via text chat, submitted through the chat box on the conference webpage or through the chat box on one of the livestreaming platforms listed above. The Moderator will pose select, appropriate questions to the Presenter to respond.

Roundtables

There will be two Roundtable discussion sessions, one per day. These sessions are aimed at facilitating productive, solution-oriented discussion on the topics of:

- [Diversity in Ancient Studies: Problem Solving Through Outreach](#)
- [Research Outside the Academy: Building an Inclusive Environment](#)

These hour-long sessions will include several mini-presentations by special presenters, spaced out through the hour, to lead the discussion. **The Roundtables will be livestreamed, but only those in the Zoom meeting will be able to actively participate.**

The discussion at the Roundtables will be led by the Moderator. Participants will be asked to mute themselves unless they are called on to speak by the Moderator. Participants may request to speak by submitting a question or comment in the Zoom meeting chat. The Moderator will call on participants to pose their question or comment at the Moderator's discretion.

All participants in the Roundtables will be given View-only access to a Google Document of Notes from the session. There will be a Secretary who takes notes in that Document through the course of each session.

To participate in a Roundtable, you must pre-register! Each session will be held in a closed Zoom meeting, with only pre-registrants allowed in participation. **To register click on the linked session title above and follow the links to RSVP.**

Social Hour

There will be a Social Hour held in a closed Zoom meeting at the end of the conference. **All presenters and Roundtable registrants will be invited to join the Social Hour.** As such, if you register for a Roundtable, you will be invited to join the Social Hour. There will also be a breakout room for each of Digital Hammurabi and SASA.

For inquiries, please contact:

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