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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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*Junior Research Group Leader, "Forging the Political Landscape in Iron Age Turkey,"* Excellence Initiative / Institute for Ancient Near Eastern Studies, University of Tübingen, June, 2014–present.

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Dartmouth College, Jan.–Mar., 2013.*

*Visiting Scholar, Department of Anthropology, Dartmouth College, July, 2012–June, 2014.*

*Postdoctoral Research Project Professional, Ashkelon Excavations, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago, and the Semitic Museum, Harvard University, July, 2011–Sept., 2012*

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### EDUCATION

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#### *University of Chicago*

Ph.D. in Near Eastern Archaeology, awarded with honors, June, 2011

Dissertation: *Society and Economy under Empire at Iron Age Sam'al (Zincirli Höyük, Turkey)*

Neubauer Family Presidential Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2003 - 2008

Mrs. Giles Whiting Dissertation Fellowship, 2009 – 2010

M.A., Near Eastern Archaeology, June, 2005

Thesis: *A New Consideration of the Function of Seal Impressions on Pottery in the Early Bronze Age Levant*

#### *Brown University*

B.A., Classics and Old World Archaeology and Art, May, 2002

Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies, Rome, Italy, Spring 2001

Magna cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa

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### ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

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Zincirli Höyük, Turkey, University of Chicago, *Co-Director, 2014–, Area Supervisor, 2007–2013, Excavation and Topographic Survey, 2006.*

Tell el-Amarna, Egypt, Archaeological Geophysics Field School, University of California at Los Angeles, *Geophysics and Teaching Assistant, 2011.*

Dubai Desert Survey, United Arab Emirates, University of Arkansas, *Trench Supervisor, 2009, Excavation and Surface Survey, 2007.*

Tell Qarqur, Syria, University of Arkansas, *Trench Supervisor and Pottery Assistant*, 2006, 2007.  
 Tell Atchana, Turkey, University of Chicago, *Trench Supervisor*, 2004.  
 Idalion, Cyprus, University of Arizona, *Excavation Volunteer*, 2001.  
 Morgantina, Sicily, University of Virginia, *Excavation Volunteer*, 2001.  
 Ashkelon, Israel, Harvard University, *Excavation Volunteer*, 1999, 2000.

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**PUBLICATIONS** (\* peer-reviewed)

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**Books**

\*Herrmann, V. R. and J. D. Schloen, eds. 2014. *In Remembrance of Me: Feasting with the Dead in the Ancient Middle East*, Oriental Institute Museum Publications 37. Chicago: Oriental Institute, University of Chicago.

**Books in Preparation**

Tyson, C. and V. R. Herrmann, eds. *Empire and Agency. The Periphery in the Neo-Assyrian Empire*. University Press of Colorado.  
 Herrmann, V. R. and T. P. J. van den Hout. *A Guide to the Syro-Anatolian Gallery of the Oriental Institute Museum*, Oriental Institute Museum Publications. Chicago: Oriental Institute, University of Chicago.

**Journal Articles**

\*Marom, N. and V. R. Herrmann. 2014. "Incorporation into the Neo-Assyrian Empire from the Perspective of the Faunal Remains from Zincirli Höyük, Turkey." *Journal of Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology and Heritage Studies* 2(4): 298-316.  
 \*Struble, E. J. and V. R. Herrmann. 2009. "An Eternal Feast at Sam'al: A New Iron Age Mortuary Stele from Zincirli in Context." *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 356: 15-49.

**Journal Articles in Preparation**

Herrmann, V. R., T. P. J. van den Hout, and A. Beyazlar. "A New Hieroglyphic Luwian Inscription from Pancarlı Höyük, near Zincirli, Turkey, and the Early Iron Age in Sam'al/Y'DY." To be submitted to the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, Dec. 2014.  
 Herrmann, V. R. "Local and Imperial Dynamics in a Residential Neighborhood at Assyrian Sam'al (Zincirli, Turkey)." To be submitted to the *American Journal of Archaeology*, March, 2015.

**Book Chapters**

Herrmann, V. R. and J. D. Schloen. In press. "Assyrian Impact on the Kingdom of Sam'al: The View from Zincirli," in *The Provincial Archaeology of the Assyrian Empire*. McDonald Institute Monographs. Edited by J. MacGinnis and D. Wicke. Cambridge: McDonald Institute for Archeological Research.  
 \*Herrmann, V. R. In press. "Area 5: Architecture and Stratigraphy," "The History of Samal from Y'DY to <sup>(uru)</sup>Sam'alla," and "The KTMW Stele: Architectural Context and Parallels,"

- in *Samal 1*, Oriental Institute Publications. Edited by J. D. Schloen and A. Fink. Chicago: University of Chicago.
- \*Herrmann, V. R. 2014. "The Architectural Context of the KTMW Stele from Zincirli and the Mediation of Syro-Hittite Mortuary Cult by the Gods," in *Contextualising Grave Inventories in the Ancient Near East. Proceedings of Workshop at the London 7<sup>th</sup> ICAANE in April 2010 and an International Symposium in Tübingen in November 2010, both Organised by the Tübingen Post-Graduate School "Symbols of the Dead,"* Qatna Studien Supplementa 3. Edited by P. Pfälzner, H. Niehr, E. Pernicka, S. Lange, and T. Köster. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, pp. 73-87.
- Herrmann, V. R. 2014. "The KTMW Stele from Zincirli: Syro-Hittite Mortuary Cult and Urban Social Networks," in *Redefining the Sacred: Religious Architecture and Text in the Near East and Egypt 1000 BC – AD 300*, Contextualising the Sacred 1. Edited by E. Frood and R. Raja. Turnhout: Brepols, pp. 153-181.
- \*Herrmann, V. R. 2014. "Introduction: The Katumuwa Stele and the Commemoration of the Dead in the Ancient Near East and Egypt," "The Katumuwa Stele in Archaeological Context," "An Eternal Feast: Interpreting the Katumuwa Stele's Image," "The Soul in the Stone: Effigies of the Dead," "The Banquet in Life and Death," "Dishes for the Dead," "Fast Food': Magical Methods of Provisioning the Dead," "Epilogue: Contemporary Commemorations," and various catalog entries, in *In Remembrance of Me: Feasting with the Dead in the Ancient Middle East*. Edited by V. R. Herrmann and J. D. Schloen. Oriental Institute Museum Publications. Chicago: Oriental Institute, University of Chicago.
- Herrmann, V. R. 2011. "The Empire in the House, the House in the Empire: Toward a Household Archaeology Perspective on the Assyrian Empire in the Levant," in *Household Archaeology in Ancient Israel and Beyond*, Culture and History of the Ancient Near East 50. Edited by A. Yasur-Landau, J. R. Ebeling, and L. B. Mazow. Leiden: Brill, pp. 303-320.

### ***Book Chapters in Preparation***

- Herrmann, V. R. and C. W. Tyson. "Introduction: The Periphery in the Neo-Assyrian Empire, Neo-Assyrian Studies, and Beyond," in *Empire and Agency: The Periphery in the Neo-Assyrian Empire*. Edited by C. W. Tyson and V. R. Herrmann. University Press of Colorado.
- Voss, R., L. E. Stager, V. R. Herrmann, and P. Johnston. "The Middle Bronze Age Gates and Ramparts and Later Fortifications on the North Slope" in *Ashkelon 5: The Middle Bronze Age Ramparts and Gates of the North Slope and Other Fortifications*, by L. E. Stager, D. Schloen, and R. Voss. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns.
- Voss, R., L. E. Stager, V. R. Herrmann, P. Johnston, and J. Walton, "The Middle Bronze Age Pottery" in *Ashkelon 5: The Middle Bronze Age Ramparts and Gates of the North Slope and Other Fortifications*, by L. E. Stager, D. Schloen, and R. Voss. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns.
- Herrmann, V. R. "Loom Weights and Spindle Whorls," "Clay Stoppers," and "Worked Bone Objects," in *Ashkelon 5: The Middle Bronze Age Ramparts and Gates of the North Slope and Other Fortifications*, by L. E. Stager, D. Schloen, and R. Voss. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns.

**Book Reviews**

Herrmann, V. R. In press. Review of Bryce, T. *The World of the Neo-Hittite Kingdoms: A Political and Military History*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012. *Journal of the American Oriental Society*.

**Newsletters**

Herrmann, V. R. 2014. "Special Exhibit. In Remembrance of Me: Feasting with the Dead in the Ancient Middle East." *Oriental Institute News and Notes* 220: 14-18.

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**EXHIBITIONS**


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*In Remembrance of Me: Feasting with the Dead in the Ancient Middle East*, Oriental Institute Museum, University of Chicago. Curated with J. David Schloen. Preparation: Dec., 2011 – April, 2014. Exhibition: April 8, 2014 – Jan. 5, 2015.

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**PRESENTATIONS**


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**Symposia and Conference Sessions Organized**

- 2014 "In Remembrance of Me: Feasting with the Dead in the Ancient Middle East," public symposium in connection with the exhibit *In Remembrance of Me*, Oriental Institute Museum, Chicago, Ill., April 7, 2014.
- 2013 "Imperial Peripheries: Archaeology, History, and Society on the Edge of the Assyrian Empire," American Schools of Oriental Research, Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Md., Nov. 20-21, 2013. (Virginia Herrmann and Craig Tyson)
- 2012 "Imperial Peripheries: Archaeology, History, and Society on the Edge of the Assyrian Empire," American Schools of Oriental Research, Annual Meeting, Chicago, Ill., Nov., 2012. (Virginia Herrmann and Craig Tyson)
- 2011 "Imperial Peripheries: Archaeology, History, and Society on the Edge of Empires," American Schools of Oriental Research, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Ca., Nov., 2011. (Virginia Herrmann and Craig Tyson)

**Conference Papers**

- 2014 "Assyrians and Ancestors in Sam'al: Excavations in the Northern Lower Town of Zincirli from 2008 to 2013," Chicago-Tübingen Archaeological Project in Sam'al Workshop, University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany, June 24, 2014.
- "Recent Excavations at Zincirli Höyük, Ancient Samal, in Turkey," 9<sup>th</sup> International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, Basel, Switzerland, June 12, 2014.
- "Local and Imperial Dynamics in a Residential Neighborhood at Assyrian Sam'al (Zincirli, Turkey)," Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, Austin, Tex., April 24, 2014.
- 2013 "Seal Impressions on Pottery in the Early Bronze Age Levant: Markers of Administrative Control or Potters' Trademarks?" American Schools of Oriental

- Research, Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Md., Nov. 21, 2013.
- "The Faunal Remains from the North Lower City of Zincirli Höyük: Economy, Society, and Ritual," *Archaeozoology of Southwestern Asia and Adjacent Areas*, 11th International Meeting, Haifa, Israel, June, 2013. (N. Marom and V. R. Herrmann)
- 2012 "Urban Plans and Social Stratification in the Penumbra of the Assyrian Empire," *American Schools of Oriental Research, Annual Meeting*, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 15, 2012.
- "Local and Imperial Dynamics in a Residential Neighborhood at Assyrian Sam'al (Zincirli Höyük, Turkey)," *Archaeological Institute of America, Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 7, 2012.
- 2010 "The Assyrian Province of Sam'al and Household Archaeology at Zincirli Höyük, Turkey." *American Schools of Oriental Research, Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, Ga. Nov., 2010
- "The New KTMW Mortuary Stele from Zincirli (ancient Sam'al)." Workshop on "Symbols of the Dead," 7<sup>th</sup> International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, London, U.K., April, 2010. (V. R. Herrmann, A. S. Fink, and J. D. Schloen)
- 2009 "An Eternal Feast at Sam'al: The New Iron Age Mortuary Stele from Zincirli in Context." *American Schools of Oriental Research, Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, La., Nov., 2009. (V. R. Herrmann and E. Struble)
- "Socio-Spatial Dimensions of Syro-Hittite Mortuary Cult in Light of the KTMW Stele from Zincirli." *Interdisciplinary Archaeology Workshop*, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., May, 2009.
- 2008 "The Impact of Assyrian Imperial Incorporation on Households at Sam'al (Zincirli Höyük) in Southern Turkey." *American Schools of Oriental Research, Annual Meeting*, Boston, Mass., Nov., 2008.
- "Silver Jewelry as Money in the Iron Age Near East." *Society for American Archaeology, Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, Canada, April, 2008.

### *Invited Symposia and Public Lectures*

#### Upcoming

- "The Living, the Dead, and the Gods in an Iron Age City: The Katumuwa Stele from Zincirli," *Lecture Series of the Fachschaft of the Institute for Ancient Studies (Near Eastern Archaeology Group)*, University of Mainz, Mainz, Germany, Feb. 3, 2015.
- 2014 "Ancestors and Assyrians at Sam'al: The Katumuwa Stele and Other Discoveries at Zincirli, Turkey," *Colloquium of the Deutscher Verein zur Erforschung Palästinas*, Mainz, Germany, Nov. 15, 2014.
- "On the Edge of Empire: Excavations at Zincirli, Turkey, the Iron Age City of Sam'al," *Lecture Series of the Fachschaft of the Institute for Ancient Near Eastern Studies*, University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany, Nov. 4, 2014.
- "The Chicago-Tübingen Archaeological Project in Sam'al: Aims and Perspectives," *Festakt, Chicago-Tübingen Archaeological Project in Sam'al*, University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany, June 23, 2014. (J. D. Schloen and V. R. Herrmann)

- Panelist, Public Symposium "In Remembrance of Me: Feasting with the Dead in the Ancient Middle East," Oriental Institute Museum, Chicago, Ill., April 7, 2014.
- 2013 "There Goes the Neighborhood! Residential Clustering under Local and Imperial Rule at Zincirli, Turkey," Faculty Seminar, Department of Anthropology, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, Feb. 6, 2013.
- 2012 "Assyrian Impact on the Kingdom of Sam'al: The View from Zincirli," The Provincial Archaeology of the Assyrian Empire, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, U.K., Dec. 12-15, 2012. (V. R. Herrmann and J. D. Schloen)
- 2010 "The New Kuttamuwa Stele from Zincirli: The Living, the Dead, and the Gods in an Iron Age City." Continuity, Discontinuity and Change. Afterlife and Transformation of Near Eastern Religions in Hellenistic and Roman Times, Münster, Germany, Dec. 2010
- 2009 "An Eternal Feast at Sam'al: Life and Death in Iron Age Turkey." University of Arkansas Anthropology Colloquium, Fayetteville, Ark. Oct., 2009.
- "The Kuttamuwa Stele of Zincirli: Elite Mortuary Cult within the Syro-Hittite City." Redefining the Sacred: Religious identity, ritual practice and sacred architecture in the Near East and Egypt, 1000 BC–AD 300, European Science Foundation Exploratory Workshop, Oxford, U.K., March, 2009.

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## TEACHING

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### *Courses*

- "Between River and Mountain: The Archaeology of Southeastern Anatolia in the Bronze and Iron Ages" (with Dr. Paola Sconzo), University of Tübingen, Winter 2014/15.
- "Mummies, Myth, and Magic: Eternal Life in Ancient Egypt," Dartmouth College, Department of Anthropology, Winter 2014.
- B.A. Seminar and B.A. Paper Preparation, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, Fall 2010 – Spring 2011.

### *Dissertations under Supervision*

- Herzog, Nicole. "Community Foodways: Resource Flow and Ethnicity in Iron Age Sam'al," October 2014 – present.
- McArdle, Angela. "Using Archaeometric Techniques to Study Differential Resource Procurement and Consumption Patterns in the Households of Sam'al (Zincirli, Turkey)," October 2014 – present.

### *Teaching Assistantships*

- Graduate Assistant*, Tell el-Amarna Archaeological Geophysics Field School, Cotsen Institute for Archaeology and the University of Arkansas Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies, Jan. 2011.
- Teaching Assistant*, Ancient Empires: The Assyrian Empire, University of Chicago, Fall 2006. Profs. Seth Richardson and Geoff Emberling

**Guest Lectures**

"Neo-Assyrian Reliefs in the Hood Museum of Art," Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, Dartmouth College, Prof. Jason Herrmann, May, 2013; The Rise and Fall of Prehistoric Civilizations, Dartmouth College, Prof. Deborah Nichols, Nov. 2013.

"Social Archaeology," Method and Theory in Near Eastern Archaeology, University of Chicago, Prof. David Schloen, May, 2011.

"The Neolithic: Southern Levant, Anatolia, and Mesopotamia," Archaeology of the Middle East, University of Arkansas, Prof. Jesse Casana, Sept. 2009.

**Training**

Future Faculty Teaching Series, Dartmouth College Center for the Advancement of Learning, May, 2013.

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**GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS**


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Wenner-Gren Post-Ph.D Research Grant, 2013. \$19,680. "Urban Plan and Sociopolitical Change at Iron Age Sam'al (Zincirli Höyük, Turkey)."

Wenner-Gren Post-Ph.D Research Grant, 2012. \$19,956. "Urban Plan and Sociopolitical Change at Iron Age Sam'al (Zincirli Höyük, Turkey)."

Mrs. Giles Whiting Dissertation Fellowship, 2009 – 2010.

Neubauer Family Presidential Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2003 – 2008.

Division of the Humanities Conference Grant, University of Chicago, 2008, 2010.

Doolittle-Harrison Fellowship for conference travel, University of Chicago, 2010.

Helen Rich Memorial Travel Grant, University of Chicago, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010.

ASOR Annual Meeting Travel Grant, 2008.

Edward L. Ryerson Fellowship in Archaeology, University of Chicago, 2004.

Dorot Foundation Travel Grant, 2000.

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**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**


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CORONA Archaeological Atlas of the Middle East, Dr. Jesse Casana, University of Arkansas, *Assistant*, Fall 2008 – Spring 2009.

Tell Judaidah Publication Project, Dr. Lynn S. Dodd, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago, *Assistant*, 2008.

Oriental Institute Museum, University of Chicago, *Assistant Curator* for the installation of the Syro-Anatolian Gallery, 2004.

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, *Library Assistant*, Watson Library, Fall 2002 – Summer 2003.

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, *Intern*, Ancient Near Eastern Art and Education Departments, Summer 2002.

Egyptology Department, Brown University, Dr. Leo Depuydt, *Research Assistant*, Fall 2000.

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Society for American Archaeology  
American Schools of Oriental Research

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**LANGUAGES**

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*Modern*

Reading: French, German, Italian

Speaking: Beginner level in Turkish, French, Italian, German

*Ancient*

Coursework: Latin, Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Akkadian, Hittite, Hieroglyphic Luwian