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Welcome!

We are delighted to summarize in this bulletin our fourth year of activity at the **Haifa Center for Mediterranean History** and share more information on the upcoming year.

Like many other institutions around the world, our events program was drastically modified due to COVID-19 circumstances and restrictions. We wish all our readers good health and safe return to normal activity.

You can visit us at <http://hcmh.haifa.ac.il> to stay updated on our future events and collaborations!

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Events 2019-20

Mediterranean Forum

The Mediterranean Forum has continued to nurture a broader Israeli community around Mediterranean history. During the first semester we have had the honor of hosting:



7th January 2020.

A lecture by **Dr. Georg Christ**, HCMH visiting scholar from The University of Manchester, titled "**Portuguese ships in India and rotting pepper in Alexandria: A self-fulfilling news crisis? (1503–1505)**".

This talk explored Venice's first reaction on the news of the Portuguese discoveries, in particular the return of the 4th Armada in September 1503. This produced some sort of a self-fulfilling news crisis as the recalling of the galleys reduced the pepper supply in Venice. Moreover, Venetian seaborne trade did recover markedly in the second half of the 16th century. Nevertheless, this news crisis might have had a role in setting a new tone, giving rise to a new perception of the world and Venice therein at a crucial point in time.

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Public Workshop: The Agency of Climatic and Environmental Factors in Mediterranean History



7th January 2020.

HCMH sponsored the public workshop "**The Agency of Climatic and Environmental Factors in Mediterranean History**", chaired by **Dr. Georg Christ**, the University of Manchester, and organized by **Dr. Renard Gluzman** and **Dr. Zur Shalev**. **Participants: Dr. Shlomit Bechar, Dr. Meir Edrey, Dr. Dana Katz, Dr. Renard Gluzman** and **Dr. Gil Gordon**.

In this methodological workshop we wished to adopt broad concepts of environment, climate and nonhuman agency in Mediterranean history. Thus, to re-balance past-present understandings of the choices that might be made now in respect of renewable energy sources and coastal sustainability.

During this visit, Dr. Christ also visited several labs in the archaeological departments and met several of HCMH's affiliate researchers.

HCMH Post-Doctoral Lectures



21st November 2019.

Dr. Inbar Graiver, our post-doctoral fellow, presented her paper: "**Late Antique Roots of Modern Psychology**" in a seminar co-hosted by the Dept. of General History.

Graiver argued that some of the basic elements of modern Western psychology can be traced back to early Christian ideas. In particular, introspection in early eastern monasticism was a method for gaining psychological knowledge.



26th May 2020.

Dr. Shlomit Bechar. "**Coping with Climate Change in the Bronze Age: A Ceramic Point of View**". **Dr. Bechar**, HCMH post-doctoral fellow, presented her paper, via Zoom, in a seminar co-hosted by the Dept. of Maritime Civilizations and attended by an international crowd. Bechar examined changing patterns of storage assemblages from Hazor and other southern Levantine sites, and hypothesized that these may be interpreted as a human reaction and adaptation to climate conditions. Vessel sizes, use, and contexts were examined in light of known climate events from the period.

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COVID-19 canceled events

Mediterranean Forum, Prof. Markus Kohler, Ruhr University Bochum

Book Launch – “The Family in Late Antiquity - between Kinship and Community”

Co-edited by Uriel Simonsohn (Haifa) and Yaniv Fox (Bar-Ilan), *The Family in Late Antiquity - between Kinship and Community* (Jerusalem: Mosad Bialik, forthcoming in 2019), is a collection of essays in Hebrew from leading scholars of diverse historical, linguistic, and disciplinary expertise. The publication was supported by HCMH.

For 2019-20 re-scheduled events, see below.

Research Groups:

Kinship and Community in the Early and Medieval Islamic Mediterranean

9-10th January 2020. Our first group, "Kinship and Community in the Early and Medieval Islamic Mediterranean", convened in Oxford this winter. The group, led by **Dr. Uriel Simonsohn**, University of Haifa, and **Dr. Oded Zinger**, Buber Fellow, Hebrew University, brings together scholars from the UK, Spain, France, and Belgium, who will meet several times over the next two years. The group aims to explore the overlapping and competing loyalties between kinship and confessional commitments in early and medieval Islamic dominated lands, with a particular focus on the Mediterranean Basin. For full details, visit the group's [page](#) on our website.

It was the second meeting of the group, after it had met for the first time on December 2018 in Haifa. As in the first meeting, sessions included joint readings and discussions of texts related to the tensions, interplay, and overlap between communal and kinship affiliations, as they show up in sources of diverse confessional backgrounds, linguistic and literary kinds, and geographical provenances. Brief summaries of the different presentations can be found [here](#). The group is now planning its third and last meeting which will take place in Haifa around fall 2021 in the format of an international conference. Finally, a big word of thanks and appreciation to Dr. Christian Sahner of the Oxford Oriental Institute for assisting in organizing the meeting in Oxford.

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From Canaanites to 'Phoenicians' and 'Philistines': Maritime Connectivity and Use of Coastal Resources as an Adaptation to Changing Political and Environmental Conditions CA. 2000–500 BCE

Our Second group, "From Canaanites to 'Phoenicians' and 'Philistines': Maritime Connectivity and Use of Coastal Resources as an Adaptation to Changing Political and Environmental Conditions CA. 2000–500 BCE", formed and led by **Prof. Assaf Yasur-Landau**, Department of Maritime Civilizations and **Prof. Ayelet Gilboa**, Department of Archaeology, University of Haifa. The aim of this group is to look at the longue durée of changes in maritime activities and other forms of adaptations to living by the sea during the period spanning the Middle Bronze Age to the end of the Iron Age (ca. 2000–500 BCE). Special attention will be given to the impact of two groups of variables: climate and sea level changes on the one hand, and fluctuations in political circumstances connected with the domination of empires, on the other. More information about the group and its members may be found [here](#).

The group convened for the first time in San Diego, California, on November 19-23, 2019. The week included a series of events, opening with a workshop titled 'Collapse, recovery, and adaptation in the Levantine coast (1200-500 BCE): implications for global studies', and hosted by Scripps Institute at UCSD. Later in the week, a series of lectures was given by group members as part of a special double session, hosted by the ASOR annual meeting under the title 'Marine Adaptation in the Mediterranean'. Later in the year, a book proposal offering to elaborate on chosen topics discussed during this week has been accepted by Equinox, Sheffield. The book is planned to appear in 2021 under the title: *Mediterranean Resilience: Collapse and Adaptation in Antique Maritime Societies* (see more details [here](#)). The group is deeply grateful to Prof. Thomas E. Levy from UCSD for his warm hospitality throughout the week.

Wine Production and Climate Change in Arid Environments around the Roman Mediterranean

Our Third group, "Wine Production and Climate Change in Arid Environments around the Roman Mediterranean" has been approved by HCMH academic committee in May. The group is led by **Dr. Gil Gambash**, Department of Maritime Civilizations, and **Prof. Guy Bar-Oz**, Department of Archaeology, University of Haifa. Connecting to a wide and elaborate tradition of scholarly work on viticulture in antiquity, the group plans: (1) to investigate the adaptability of ancient wine industries to changing cultural circumstances and economic demand, (2) to define the nature of the balance in marginal areas between a sustainable industry and potential environmental and climatic stressors, (3) to identify and analyze the means employed by vine-farmers and wine-makers in order to cope with such challenges as aridity, drought, floods, plant disease, and general market risks. Aiming to produce a holistic picture of the problem, and potential methodologies to tackle it, textual and material sources will be represented by historians and archaeologists, whereas proxies will also be presented and discussed from an environmental historical perspective, with scholars representing such fields as plant sciences, paleo-genetics and bio-archaeology, as well as the social spheres of demography and economy. This will allow the group to present a synthetic historical approach, that would ultimately seek to characterize the speculative way in which one of the most important industries in antiquity functioned.

The group plans to hold its first meeting next year in London, under the auspices of the Institute of Classical Studies, and the generous support of ICS director (and HCMH academic committee member), **Prof. Greg Woolf**. The dates and program of the meeting will be finalized and published once the academic routine planned for next year is stabilized. For more details, see the group's page [here](#).

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Collaborations



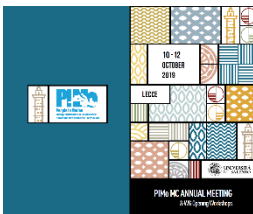
Prof. Susan Einbinder

Susan Einbinder (UConn) and Yossi Ziegler (U. of Haifa) discussed in early December 2019 a possible research project focusing on two fourteenth-century Hebrew manuscripts from Oxford and Munich which document the medical thinking of a Jewish physician named Gabriel - a hitherto little known transmitter of Latin/Galenic medicine including state-of-the-art scholastic medicine. Gabriel's writings are interesting because they evince direct knowledge of new texts composed by the well-known academic and royal physician Arnau de Vilanova, but also because they offer glimpses of medical scenarios and social realities and make us ask what the purpose of this text was: was he teaching with it, and if so, whom? There is a lot of excavation that could be done about the way Jewish physicians in the lands of the western Mediterranean learned the classical curriculum, in what setting, through what kinds of linguistic and cultural filters. Prof. Einbinder also leads a broader collaboration between HCMH and UConn researchers. The first exploratory encounter is planned for 24-25 May 2021 in Haifa.



LabexMed, Aix-Marseille Université, Rencontres de Clôture

In December 2019, our co-directors, **Dr. Zur Shalev** and **Dr. Gil Gambash**, participated in the concluding meeting of LabexMed in Aix-en-Provence. LabexMed was formed a decade ago as a temporary research hub, and escorted and supported the foundation and development of HCMH from the beginning, particularly through the close engagement of its founder **Prof. Brigitte Marin**. While LabexMed has reached the end of its original funding scheme, we were thrilled to learn in the meeting that its great success has encouraged the University of Aix-Marseille to offer funding for producing a permanent platform for the project and expanding it towards relevant study programs. Our close collaboration with AMU is thus bound to continue, also following the guidelines of the cooperation agreement signed between HCMH and LabexMed two years ago.



10-12 October 2019. **Dr. Zur Shalev** participated in the launching event of the new COST Action **People in Motion: Entangled Histories of Displacement across the Mediterranean (1492-1923)**, or **PIMO**, of which he is a Managing Committee member. The network brings together about 150 scholars, divided into four main work groups. In 2023 the HCMH is planned to host an "Ideas in Motion" workshop on Mediterranean Cartography.

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Forthcoming in 2020-21 (including rescheduled 2019-20 events)

Mediterranean Forum, Lecture, Guy Stroumsa: Tuesday, 24/11/2020, 16:00-18:00

Inter- and Intra-Religious Communication in the Late Antique Mediterranean
Eshkol Observatory, 16:00-18:00

Mediterranean Forum, Lecture, Achim Lichtenberger: Tuesday, 08/12/2020

TBA

International Conference, Demons and Spaces in Late Antiquity: 18-19/01/2021

Organized by Inbar Graiver and Moshe Blidstein.
Eshkol Observatory

UConn-HCMH Researchers Workshop: 24-25/05/2021

The Mediterranean and the disciplines: boundaries and crossings in the history of scholarship.
Organized in collaboration with Prof. Susan Einbinder
Eshkol Observatory

Visiting Scholar, Prof. Carolina López-Ruiz, Classics, Ohio State University: May 2021

A visit sponsored by the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, organized in collaboration with
Prof. Andrea Rotstein, Hebrew University; **Dr. Nili Samet**, Bar-Ilan University, and **Dr. Guy Darshan**,
Tel Aviv University.

Mediterranean Forum, Guest Lecture and Workshop by Richard Talbert: 01/06/2021

Young Researchers Workshop, 10:00-14:00
Lecture: Senate Hall, 16:00-18:00. Planned in collaboration with **Prof. Daniella Dueck**, Bar-Ilan University.

Guest lecture, Henry Shapiro: 11/03/2021

Istanbul, the Mediterranean Port City, and the Armenian Intellectual Tradition in the Seventeenth Century

Co-hosted with the Medieval-Renaissance forum, University of Haifa

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Sponsored Conference Panels

HCMH regularly takes part in the organization and support of Haifa conferences related to Mediterranean history. This year HCMH planned to support four conferences:



Bread and Wine: Food in History

The 43rd annual conference of the **Israeli Historical Society**

Rescheduled to 17 November 2020.

Conference in Memory of David Jacoby: From Famagusta to Jerusalem – Investigating Networks of Influence Between the Cypriot Metropolis and the Mainland Levant

Rabei Khamissa, Dept. of Archaeology, Haifa

Rescheduled to 9-10 December 2020.



Ceremony and Ritual

The 4th annual conference of the **Israeli Association for the Study of Religions Society**

Rescheduled to 28 February 2021.

Modern Jewish Receptions of Classical Antiquity: Scholarship and Literature in the 20th Century

Vered Lev Kenaan, Dept. of Hebrew and Comparative Literature, Haifa

Rescheduled to 11th to 13th May 2021.

MORE EVENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE.

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People

HCMH faculty members



Dr. Moshe Blidstein Moshe has submitted several articles to leading journals on various aspects of ancient oaths and swearing, with titles such as "Invoking Humans in Roman-Era Oaths: Social Relations and Divine Ambiguity", "Oaths as a Medium for Inter-Communal Contact in Late Antiquity" and "Perjury and boundaries of law in antiquity". In parallel, he is working on [Tiresias: The Ancient Mediterranean Religions Source Database](#), in collaboration with Prof. Daphne Raban of the Department of Information & Knowledge Management. The project has won seed research funding from the Data Science Research Center at the University of Haifa. Talks delivered:

1. "Time, Presence and Offering in Christian Fire Rituals of Late Antiquity", On Sacrifice: International Workshop, Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, January 2020.
2. "Criteria for Interaction of Rituals: Some Thoughts from Late Antiquity", Conflict and Coexistence Initiative Workshop, Zichron Yaakov, December 2019.



Dr. David Friesem David Friesem will join HCMH from October 2020 as a senior lecturer of environmental history and the head of the Laboratory for Environmental Microhistory at the Department of Maritime Civilizations at the University of Haifa. He combines field archaeology, geoarchaeology, ethnography, and social theory in order to study the often missing small-scale perspective of human-environment interactions. His research develops new methods to understand how human ecology, technology, and social interactions are constructed by - and in turn modify - the physical, the social and the perceptual environment. His current projects in the Eastern Mediterranean examines human adaptation during the Palaeolithic and the emergence of complex societies during the process of Neolithization and the transition to the Bronze Age. Personal [website](#).

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Post-Doctoral Fellows – 2019-20



Dr. Shlomit Bechar has worked this year on her research project, entitled "Coping with Climate Change in the Bronze Age". The preliminary results of this study were presented in the departmental seminar of the Department of Maritime Civilizations and HCMH. During the 2019-2020 academic year, three papers she co-authored have been published (in *PEQ*, *Cell*, and *JAS Reports*). She also submitted three papers as first author and is currently working on five others. Shlomit has also submitted the final version of her manuscript titled *The Effects of Political Changes on Material Culture* to be published in Eisenbrauns / Penn State University Press. Lastly, she has conducted a successful first season of excavations in the hinterland of Hazor, as part of the Hazor Regional Project, under her affiliation to the University of Haifa.



Dr. Inbar Graiver conducted research on the influence of Eastern monasticism on the monastic movement in the western part of the Mediterranean during the Middle Ages. This study provided a basis for two articles she wrote during the year, both of which will be published in the American journal *History of Psychology* by the end of the year. One of them was chosen as a major article in a special issue of the journal. Graiver was also invited to give lectures at the Department of History, Department of Art History at Tel Aviv University, and the Department of General History, Univ. of Haifa. Graiver joined Moshe Blidstein as organizer of a HCMH international conference on "Demons and Space in Late Antiquity", scheduled for January 2021. Alongside this, she organized a reading group in Syriac, which was scheduled to take place in the second semester but was canceled due to the

spread of COVID-19. Next year Graiver continues to a prestigious 2-year Joint Berlin-Jerusalem Post-Doctoral Fellowship (HUJI/FU).



Dr. Renard Gluzman reports:

In November, I participated in the conference "Venice and the Sense of the Sea" organized by the distinguished *Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti*, Venice. In January, I coordinated the visit of Dr. Georg Christ from the University of Manchester at the HCMH. Later that month, I started my research residency in Fondazione Giorgio Cini, Venice, and participated on behalf of the HCMH in [PIMo Annual Conference](#) held in Florence in February on the subject of "Moving Objects, Unruly Subjects". In the second semester, I delivered a talk on the subject of "an epidemic of marine wood-boring organisms and its impact on ships and seafaring" in a seminar of Italian history and historiography in the University of Athens. I also made a considerable progress in my work on a forthcoming book entitled *Venetian Shipping from the Days of Glory to Decline, 1453–1571* (Brill series in Maritime History,

2021). I also submitted the first draft for an ERC project proposal on the topic of shipwrecks. The proposal evolved out of my Early Modern Shipwrecks project. This database (website [here](#)) highlights stormy periods with shipwrecks as its consequence, while providing a mass of details on sixteenth-century shipping and supply issues.

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Doctoral Fellows – 2019-2020



Ms. Michelle Creisher Despite the hardships of the past few months, this past year has been another good one academically. The month of September brought about the 6th season of underwater excavation on the Ma'agan Mikhael B shipwreck, allowing me to complete the documentation and data collection of the ceramic cargo necessary for my doctoral research. The results of my work on the amphorae in collaboration with Profs. Yuval Goren, Michal Artzy and Dr. Deborah Cvikel were published in *Levant* in December 2019 under the title [‘The Amphorae of the Ma’agan Mikhael B Shipwreck, Israel: Preliminary Report’](#), and the final writing stage of the Ph.D. was begun. In addition, I participated in the 7th International Conference on Late Roman Coarse Wares, Cooking Wares and Amphorae in Valencia in October 2019, and was able to meet, consult with and present my work to some of the top scholars in the field. I was also afforded the opportunity to dive with Prof. Stella Demesticha on the Mazatos Shipwreck in Cyprus in October 2019.



Mr. Roey Nickelsberg, our doctoral fellow, reports:

During the past year, the Ph.D. project of Roey Nickelsberg advanced to the second stage of research, with the approval of the Ph.D. proposal focusing on the coastal habitations of the Carmel during the Early Pottery Neolithic and the Early Bronze Age I. This year the initial results from the pottery extracted during the land excavations at Dor South have been presented in two conferences: ASOR 2019 (San Diego) and the joint University of Haifa/IAA conference (Haifa). In addition, the first test excavation at the submerged Pottery Neolithic site of Habonim North was conducted, yielding pottery, lithics, zooarchaeological and archaeobotanical remains that are currently being analyzed and will be used to characterize the chronology and human activities at the site as well as to plan for future excavations.

Furthermore, Roey recently co-authored an article on the Iron Age habitation at Tel Kabri, together with Meir Edrey, Eric H. Cline, Roey Nickelsberg and Assaf Yasur-Landau, published in the *Journal Palestine Exploration Quarterly* (can be found [here](#)). The new data collected and analyzed this year will shape the direction and the outcome of the project aiming at reconstructing both the human habitation during these periods as well as the ancient landscape of the Carmel Coast.



Ms. Eleonora Bedin reports: This year I have completed an article on expressions of counter-globalization taking place in the Southern Palestinian cities of Ascalon and Gaza during the Greco-Roman period. The paper focuses on the relationship between processes of globalization and cultural particularization, seeking to look beyond customary binary polarities (Greek/Phoenician, Hellenistic/Roman), and to propose a more nuanced way of understanding cultural and religious choices made as part of a reaction to the impact of influential regional processes. The article will be the third and last part of a series of publications dedicated to the topic of identities in the ancient Mediterranean. The first article, forthcoming in *Mediterranean Studies*, focuses on the controversial establishment of a Mediterranean identity in the Hellenistic Period, while the second article was invited by an edited volume dedicated to resilience in ancient maritime societies, and will focus on mechanisms of cultural adaptation that were consciously and unconsciously negotiated in the Hellenistic Coastal Levant.

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Our Incoming Post-Doctoral Fellows – 2020-22



Dr. Umberto Signori Umberto Signori holds a doctorate in Early Modern History from the University of Milan. He was formerly a fellow at the Italian Institute for Historical Studies (Naples) and a postdoctoral research fellow at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens. His work explores issues of mobility, diplomacy, protection, and procedures of identification in the early modern Mediterranean from a perspective centered on the rights claimed by foreigners. His interests focus on several Mediterranean polities, including the Republic of Venice, the Kingdom of Naples, and the Ottoman Empire. As a postdoctoral fellow at the HCMH, Umberto plans to focus on editing a manuscript on the claims of protection made by migrants in the eastern Mediterranean who would have become Venetian consuls. Furthermore, he will be working on several article projects on

the ways with which migrants could guarantee their entitlement to rights in both the Ottoman world and the Venetian context.



Dr. Federico Ugolini Federico Ugolini received a PhD in Archaeology from King's College London. His research interests include ancient harbour archaeology, with a focus on the Adriatic region. He is particularly interested in Roman harbours, shipwrecks and seafarings, as well as ancient iconography and antiquarian reception. More recently he investigated the dynamics of visual receptions of maritime cityscapes in the Mediterranean and their symbolic meaning in antiquity and later periods, which is the topic of his monograph *'Visualizing Harbours in the Classical World. Iconography and Representation around the Mediterranean'*, published by Bloomsbury. He was research associate at the Institute of Classical Studies, University of London, and staff member of the Portus Project excavation. During his research fellowship at the HCMH, Federico will work on *Hadriaticum*, a

study of the port system of the Northern Adriatic basin and its network of coastal and rural settlements in the Roman period (200 BCE - 300 BCE).

New members of HCMH academic committees



Prof. Yuval Ben Bassat Yuval Ben-Bassat is an Associate Professor at the Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies at the University of Haifa where he teaches Ottoman and Turkish history since 2007. Ben-Bassat received his Ph.D. from the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at the University of Chicago (2007). His research focuses on Ottoman petitions, Ottoman maps, Greater Syria in the 19th century, the rural population of Palestine, the early Jewish-Arab conflict, Gaza during the late Ottoman period, and the Young Turk Revolution of 1908. Ben-Bassat is the author of *Petitioning the Sultan: Protests and Justice in Late Ottoman Palestine* (London: I.B.TAURIS, 2013, 346pp.), the co-editor together with Eyal Ginio of *Rethinking Late Ottoman Palestine: The Young Turk Rule, 1908-1918* (London: I.B. TAURIS, 2011,310pp.), and the editor of *Developing Perspectives in Mamluk History* (Leiden: Brill, 2017, 414pp.). In addition, Ben-Bassat has published dozens of articles on leading journals dealing with the history and geography of the Middle East. Currently he conducts research on late Ottoman Gaza together with Prof. Johann Buessow from the University of Bochum (see [here](#)).

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Dr. Deborah Cvikel Debbie Cvikel is a researcher at the Leon Recanati Institute for Maritime Studies, and senior lecturer at the Department of Maritime Civilizations, both at the University of Haifa, Israel. She is the Head of the Yaacov (Yak) Kahanov Laboratory for Ancient Ship Research at the University of Haifa. Her areas of research and teaching are maritime history based on underwater archaeology and ancient seamanship and ship construction. Since 2002 she has been excavating shipwrecks and directing underwater surveys along the Israeli coast (Akko, Atlit, Dor/Tantura, Ma'agan Mikhael). She directs the *Ma'agan Mikhael II* – the replica ship project, which was initiated and headed by the late Professor Y. Kahanov.



Prof. Achim Lichtenberger Professor of Classical Archaeology and director of the Archaeological Museum of Münster University. He previously served as director of the Center for Mediterranean Studies at Bochum University from 2013-2016 and is one of the founding editors of *Mittelmeerstudien* (Schöningh - Brill). He is co-director of excavations in Armenia, Israel and Jordan and works on political representation, religion, numismatics and landscapes in the Graeco-Roman Mediterranean. Although trained as a classicist, his interests extend into late antiquity and beyond the shores of the Mediterranean.



Prof. John Watkins John Watkins is a distinguished McKnight University Professor of English at the University of Minnesota, where he holds affiliate appointments in History, Medieval Studies, and Italian Studies. With Kay Reyerson and Patricia Lorcin, he co-founded the Minnesota Research Collaborative on the Mediterranean, Middle East, and North Africa. Watkins is the author of several books and numerous articles dealing with problems of historiography; cultural, political and economic exchanges between premodern England and the Mediterranean; diplomacy; and the classical and medieval underpinnings of modernity: *The Specter of Dido: Spenser and Virgilian Epic* (Yale, 1995); *Representing Elizabeth in Stuart England* (Cambridge, 2002); *After Lavinia: A Literary History of Premodern Marriage Diplomacy* (Cornell, 2017), and with historian Carole Levin, *Shakespeare's Foreign Worlds: National and Transnational Identity in the Elizabethan Age* (2009). He has held fellowships from the American Philosophical Society, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation. He is the program chair for the Mediterranean Studies Association.

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Further announcements

1. The HCMH has been actively encouraging its members, fellows, and affiliates to submit research proposals on Mediterranean history to competitive research funds. The Center will help develop the proposals and allocate resources where needed.
2. Digital Humanities at the HCMH: We are proud to present three [databases](#) created by our present and past members. These resources, embedded in the University of Haifa Library network, are open to the public. We encourage scholars developing relevant tools to employ the Center as a platform.
3. HCMH continues to support the acquisitions of the University of Haifa's library, with over 100 new items already on the shelves. The (continually updated) list can be found in our [website](#).
4. The next visit of HCMH international academic committee is planned for December 2020, if the situation allows it.
5. Last but not least, HCMH sends warmest congratulations to HCMH administrator **Shiri Barnhart** for the birth of her daughter Gaia in May. We miss you Shiri, but take your time!

Thanks for reading.

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