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Archaeology Field School in Jordan

The 2012 UC San Diego expedition and archaeology field school to Jordan's Faynan district will focus on the investigation of the largest habitation site in this ancient copper ore resource zone. The site is Khirbat Faynan (Biblical Punon). Preliminary research in 2011 demonstrated important settlement phases during the Early Bronze II-III periods (ca. 2300 – 2000 BC), Iron Age (ca. 1200 – 500 BC), as well as Nabatean/Roman/Byzantine (350 BC – 638 AD). The working hypothesis is that Khirbat Faynan served as the political and economic center of copper production in Faynan during these periods. Advanced digital archaeology methods will be used to record the excavation process.

Students and volunteers will learn a wide range of digital technologies, including: on-site, real-time GIS data recording; advanced database techniques; XRF and FTIR analyses; low-level digital aerial photography and videography using a helium balloon platform; geophysics; and more. As global leaders in cyber-archaeology research, faculty led by Prof. Tom Levy will engage students with the latest technologies as well as contemporary archaeological theory and method.



When and How Much? Fall Quarter 2012; \$2450 for room, board, local travel + airfare ca. \$1500 (must pay regular UC tuition and fees for quarter).



UC Credits: 16 units of upper division credit. Good for any elective requirement and Sixth College Practicum. Credit also available through UC Extension.

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New excavation site at Khirbat Faynan



Anthropology/Archaeology Prof. Tom Levy (center) with students in Faynan, Jordan

Accommodations: Tent camp linked to expedition house (Qasr Faynan) with well-appointed showers and toilets. Kitchen and camp staff carry out cooking and cleaning. Participants responsible for keeping their large, army-style tents clean and tidy.

Travel and Health Insurance: Required.

Travel/Access to Site: Team meets in Amman on October 1. Participants receive transportation to and from the Faynan research area at the beginning and end of the project. Transportation is provided on weekends when all participants leave the camp to Aqaba, Amman, or other destination.