

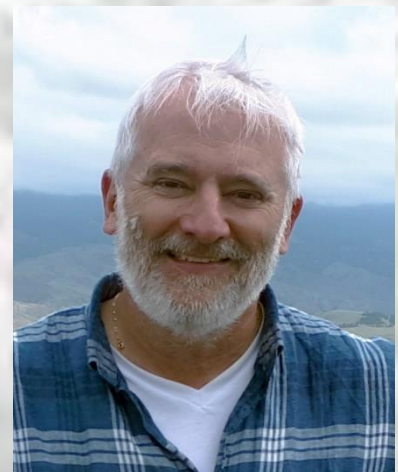
Searching for the potters behind the pots: the Tell Ahmar Neo-Assyrian ceramic assemblage

by

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The Subject: Ceramic studies have been crucial to the development of archaeology. In the words of Flinders Petrie, 'Once settle the pottery of a country, and the key is in our hands for all future explorations.' The presentation is concerned with the pottery, and the potters, of Tell Ahmar (ancient Til Barsib), Syria. It will focus on the ceramics from the Australian excavations in the Middle City, Area C, and the 7th-century BCE Neo-Assyrian Stratum 2. There were 17 ware types, which reflect different production systems: locally hand-made; large-scale, centralized pottery industries; and different surface treatments related to specific uses of the pots. The technology of preparing, forming, decorating, and firing these ceramic vessels casts light on the circumstances of their manufacture and on the potters of the Neo-Assyrian Empire.

The Speaker: Associate Professor Andrew Jamieson has participated in archaeological fieldwork, in Egypt, Georgia, Lebanon, Syria, and Australia for more than three decades. He has been especially active in preservation and salvage projects and is the Director of the Georgian-Australian Investigations in Archaeology Project. He is a trained potter and an award-winning teacher, who has been very active in community engagement, promoting the ancient world within the wider community and fostering interest in university activities.



**Following the lecture there will be a presentation to Ian Edwards
and refreshments**

6 pm Thursday 26 October, 2023

Venue: Australian Institute of Archaeology, Terrace Way, Macleod

**(La Trobe University, Building TER 11, Melways 873-4
University parking restrictions do not apply after 5pm)**

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