## ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION

# WEEKLY READING ASSIGNMENTS WEEKS 1-4

# WEEK #1: INTRODUCTION TO ARCHAEOLOGY AND EXCAVATION

#### **CORE READING**

- 1. C. Renfrew, P. Bahn, and E. DeMarrais. 2024. <u>Archaeology: Theories, Methods and Practice</u> (9th edition), New York: Thames & Hudson.
  - "Introduction: The Nature and Aims of Archaeology" (pp. 12–18)
  - "Chapter 1. The Searchers. The History of Archaeology" (pp. 20–49)

## **DISCUSSION READING**

- 1. I. Hodder (ed.). 2000. <u>Towards Reflexive Method in Archaeology: The Example at Catalhöyük</u>. Cambridge: McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research.
  - "Chapter 1. Developing a Reflexive Method in Archaeology" (pp. 3–14)
- 2. C.H. Roosevelt et al. 2015. "Excavation Is <del>Destruction</del> Digitization: Advances in Archaeological Practice," <u>Journal of Field Archaeology</u> 40: 325–346.
- 3. W. Caraher. 2013. "Slow Archaeology," North Dakota Quarterly 80: 43–52.

## WEEK #2: RESEARCH DESIGN AND SITE DISCOVERY

## **CORE READING**

- 1. C. Renfrew, P. Bahn, and E. DeMarrais. 2024. <u>Archaeology: Theories, Methods and Practice</u> (9th edition), New York: Thames & Hudson.
  - "Chapter 3: Where? Survey and Excavation of Sites and Features" (pp. 76–111)

## DISCUSSION READING

- 1. H.A. Orengo, and A. Garcia-Molsosa. 2019. "A Brave New World for Archaeological Survey: Automated Machine Learning-Based Potsherd Detection Using High-resolution Drone Imagery," Journal of Archaeological Science 112: 105013 (pp. 1–12).
- 2. L. Verdonck et al. 2020. "Ground-penetrating Radar Survey at Falerii Novi: A New Approach to the Study of Roman Cities," <u>Antiquity</u> 94(375): 705–723.

## **WEEK #3: EXCAVATION PLANNING AND TECHNIQUES**

### **CORE READING**

- 1. C. Renfrew, P. Bahn, and E. DeMarrais. 2024. <u>Archaeology: Theories, Methods and Practice</u> (9th edition), New York: Thames & Hudson.
  - "Chapter 3: Where? Survey and Excavation of Sites and Features" (pp. 111–135)
- 2. G.D.R. Sanders, S.A. James, and A.C. Johnson. 2017. <u>Corinth Excavations:</u>
  <u>Archaeological Manual</u>, Grand Forks: Digital Press at the University of North Dakota.
  - "Chapter 1: Methodology" (pp. 1–8)
  - "Chapter 2: General Excavation Procedures" (pp. 9–21)

#### DISCUSSION READING

- 1. E. Higginbotham. 1985. "Excavation Techniques in Historical Archaeology," <u>Australian Journal of Historical Archaeology</u> 3: 8–14.
- 2. M.J. Boyd et al. 2021. "Open Area, Open Data: Advances in Reflexive Archaeological Practice," <u>Journal of Field Archaeology</u> 46(2): 62–80.

# WEEK #4: STRATIGRAPHY, CONTEXT AND RECORDING SYSTEMS

#### **CORE READING**

- 1. C. Renfrew, P. Bahn, and E. DeMarrais. 2024. <u>Archaeology: Theories, Methods and Practice</u> (9th edition), New York: Thames & Hudson.
  - "Chapter 2: What is Left. The Variety of the Evidence" (pp. 50–75)
- 2. G.D.R. Sanders, S.A. James, and A.C. Johnson. 2017. <u>Corinth Excavations:</u>
  <u>Archaeological Manual</u>, Grand Forks: Digital Press at the University of North Dakota.
  - "Chapter 3: Formation Processes and Excavation of Specific Contexts" (pp. 23–34)

## **DISCUSSION READING**

- 1. E.C Harris. 1989. <u>Principles of Archaeological Stratigraphy</u> (2nd edition), London: Academic Press.
  - "Chapter 5: The Laws of Archaeological Stratigraphy" (pp. 29–39)
- 2. S.J.R. Ellis. 2016. "Are We Ready for New (Digital) Ways to Record Archaeological Fieldwork? A Case Study from Pompeii." In Mobilizing the Past for a Digital Future: The Potential of Digital Archaeology, edited by E.W. Averett, J.M. Gordon and D.B. Counts, 51–75. Grand Forks: The Digital Press at the University of North Dakota.