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“By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established” (Proverbs 24:3):

The Archaeology of Destruction and Household

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

7:30pm

Michael C. Carlos Museum, Reception Hall
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Upcoming Lectures:

Wednesday, March 7
Jennie Ebeling
Understanding Biblical Women: Archaeology and Ethnography

Wednesday, April 18
Ann Gunter
Tracking the Frontiers of the Hittite Empire

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The presentation will focus on the reconstruction of household organization in Judah during the Iron II (ca. 8th century BCE). It centers in particular on one "4-room type house" excavated at Tell Halif in southern Israel by the Lahav Research Project during the summers of 1992, 1993, and 1999. This house was preserved well in a destruction stratum that eclipsed the site at the end of the eighth century BCE. The excellently preserved materials and their meticulous collection, including micro-artifacts, provide an excellent opportunity to examine post-depositional processes, activity area identification and organization, and what these mean for understanding the organization of broader household and its relationship to other spheres in Judahite society. When these data are compared with ethnographic data and historical data (both biblical and extra-biblical) they can be very telling regarding life in the southwest border region of Judah during the years of Assyrian activity in the region.



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