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**Excavating the Fortress of Elah and the Battle over King David**

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3:00pm
Michael C. Carlos Museum, Reception Hall
Emory University

King David—a poet, a warrior, a hero, the founder of a dynasty—is at the heart of Israel’s history. But did he exist? And what was the nature and extent of his kingdom? The debate about King David and the early kingdom of Judah has made international headlines. Recent archaeological discoveries surrounding the Elah valley where the Bible places the story of David and Goliath have provided new evidence for David’s kingdom. Dr. Hasel has been directing excavations of the Fortress of Elah (Khirbet Qeiyafa) from the early Iron Age. Amazing finds from this important biblical site add new data to the fabled story of King David that have revolutionized the current debate.

The lecture is sponsored by the Program in Mediterranean Archaeology, the Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, and the Michael C. Carlos Museum. The event is free and open to the public.