Abstract:

The Amman Royal Statue, uncovered through salvage excavation in 2010, is a larger than life-size depiction of an Ammonite king, the first of its kind ever discovered east or west of the Jordan and one of only a few surviving examples of monumental royal stone statuary from broader Palestine-Syria-Mesopotamia during the Iron Age (ca. 1200-550 B.C.). In this project I will travel to Jordan to make state of the art photos and computational images of the entire statue (which until now has been partially inaccessible because of its size and position in storage). I will carry out this work in collaboration with European colleagues, with prospects for an ongoing project involving comparative study of stone statuary from Iron Age Transjordan. The images produced through the photographic work in this project will illustrate my publication of the statue in a journal article co-authored with a member of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan and possibly future published studies of the statue in comparative perspective.