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The William F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem invites submissions for the Sean W. Dever Memorial Prize. The prize is awarded for the best conference paper on a topic in Levantine Archaeology.

Eligibility

Authors must be Ph.D. candidates in the semester in which the winner is announced (Spring 2027). Applicants may be of any nationality, but the conference paper must be in English.

Submissions must be conference papers that have not already been published or prepared for submission to a publication. Co-written papers are eligible if all authors are doctoral candidates; any prize awarded will be divided equally among the authors.

Submission format

Submit the conference paper in PDF format only. Include images used in the presentation (in PDF format), along with citations and references.

Prize committee

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Key dates

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
February 15, 2027

PRIZE ANNOUNCEMENT
March 9, 2027

How to apply

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Christina Olson

Ph.D. candidate in Religion at Baylor University. Her winning paper, “Mortuary Landscapes of Iron Age Judah: A Reconsideration of the Relationship between the City and its Dead,” was presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in San Diego on November 23, 2024.

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