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ACADEMIC RECORD

1998	PhD <i>Defining the Late Bronze Age in Southeast Arabia</i>	Inst. of Archaeology, UCL
1993	MA Field and Analytical Techniques in Archaeology	Inst. of Archaeology, UCL
1992	BA Hons, Modern History (First Class)	St Anne's College, Oxford

EMPLOYMENT

Current Employment

Oct 2008-present	Oxford Brookes University	Research and Consultancy Manager, Oxford Brookes Archaeology and Heritage (OBAH)
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Previous positions

2006-2008	Consultant	Consultancy for Sharjah Museums Department, ADACH, Bahrain Ministry of Culture and others
2003-2006	Oxford University	G.A. Wainwright Research Fellow in Near Eastern Archaeology
2003-2006	Durham University	Lecturer (pt): Mesopotamian, Arabian Gulf and Comparative archaeology
2002	Reading University, Cont. Ed.	Lecturer (pt): The Arabian Gulf before Islam
2001-2002	Manchester University	Research Associate

AWARDS AND MEMBERSHIP

2010-present	Secretary, British Foundation for the Study of Arabia
2007-present	Chair, Seminar for Arabian Studies
2003-2010	Committee Member, Society for Arabian Studies
2007-2009	Editor, <i>Bulletin of the Society for Arabian Studies</i>
2003-2008	Honorary Research Fellow, University of Durham
2005-2006	Joint Chief Editor, <i>Proceedings of the Seminar for Arabian Studies</i>
2002-2004	Honorary Research Fellow, Institute of Archaeology, UCL
1998	Seton-Lloyd Memorial Prize, Institute of Archaeology, UCL
1997	Scholarship, Bahrain-British Foundation

Academic Reviewer for:

- *Journal of World Prehistory*
- *Arabian Archaeology & Epigraphy*
- *Environment & History*
- *Proceedings of the Seminar for Arabian Studies*
- *Journal of Oman Studies*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- History and archaeology of pearling, 5000 BC – 1950 AD
- Islamic Archaeology
- Early civilizations
- Late historic settlement in the Gulf
- Seafaring and maritime trade
- Christianity in the Gulf, southern Mesopotamia and Iran
- Prehistoric interactions
- Archaeological ceramics

TEACHING

I currently teach sessions on Anthropological Methods and Analysis at Oxford Brookes, and ultimately intend to introduce courses on the Ancient Near East and Arabian Archaeology. At Durham I taught 1st and 2nd year undergraduate courses on Ancient Civilizations of the Near East, and Comparative Civilization. I devised and taught a course on Arabian Archaeology at Reading, as well as a day school on the Indus Civilization. I am eligible to supervise research students, having completed the Supervising Research Students course at Oxford Brookes University.

CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

Seminar for Arabian Studies. I am Chair of this international conference, held annually at the British Museum, responsible for its organisation and the production of annual peer-reviewed proceedings. It covers the history, ethnography, epigraphy and archaeology of Arabia, and has a large international attendance.

The Ubaid Expansion? Cultural Meaning, Identity and Integration in the Lead-up to Urbanism. Durham, 20-22 April 2006. Conceived, fundraised for, and organised by myself, proceedings co-edited with Graham Philip (Durham).

Red Sea Conferences I, II & III

October 2004, 2006 and 2008. British Museum & Society for Arabian Studies. Fundraised for RSI. Organising committee for RSII and RSIII.

EXCAVATION (Director)

Julfar. Excavation at Julfar al-Nudud, Ras al-Khaimah, UAE. This major site was the only medieval port town in the lower Gulf. As director of OBAH I took a professional team to excavate in Spring 2010. A study season is now taking place, and publication will occur in 2012.

Historic Bahrain. Excavations at Bu Maher Fort and the Fakhro 'Amara, Bahrain. These properties are on a Pearling Heritage Trail in Muharraq, which has been submitted for UNESCO World Heritage Site status. Illustrated reports are being prepared for the client, with publication scheduled for 2011.

OBAH projects. Various other field projects and museum consultancy as Director of Oxford Brookes Archaeology and Heritage, ranging from rescue excavations to desktop archaeological assessments, survey, historical consultancy and training.

Kuwait-British Archaeological Expedition to Kuwait (1998-2006). A joint excavation with a team from the National Museum of Kuwait. It investigated settlement and maritime trade in the Neolithic (ca. 5000 BC). The results were published this year (see publications below).

The Iranian-British Archaeological Survey of Bushehr (2004-2005). Joint research project with a team from the Iranian Cultural Heritage and Tourism Organisation. Archaeological and geomorphological survey of the coastal region of Bushehr Province..

Qatar Archaeology Project (2000, Research Director). Archaeological investigation of an island with multi-period occupation at al-Khor, Qatar. The results were published this year as a downloadable e-book (see publications below).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Forthcoming: *Pearling in the Gulf: the History and Prehistory of a Formative Industry*. Arabian Publishing. This single-authored volume explores the development of pearling as the dominant economic activity in the Gulf region, and its formative influence in the development of urbanism and coastal settlement, from 5000 BC to 1950 AD. It is a work of economic history, underpinned by archaeological, historical and statistical analyses, which will reshape our understanding of the development of the societies of the Gulf. The completed text is with the publisher (Arabian Publishing) and picture research is underway. Publication in 2011.

In prep: *Historic Buildings in Bahrain*. This volume will present the architecture, history and archaeology of Bu Maher Fort and the Fakhro 'Amara (a historic warehouse) in Muharra q Bahrain. They are properties on Bahrain's Pearling Heritage Trail, currently the subject of a submission for UNESCO World Heritage status, and were recorded and excavated by Oxford Brookes Archaeology and Heritage in 2009-2010.

2010: *Maritime interactions in the Arabian Neolithic*. Brill. Main author and co-editor (with Harriet Crawford). The book explores maritime interaction between Ubaid Mesopotamia and Neolithic Arabia during the 6th/5th millennia BC. It is based on the results of excavations in Kuwait, and includes extended discussion and analysis of early seafaring and interregional interaction, full specialist analyses, and a detailed account of boat-related finds. See: <http://www.brill.nl/default.aspx?partid=18&pid=29252>

2010: *Beyond the Ubaid: Transformation and Integration in the Late Prehistoric Societies of the Middle East*. Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization Series. Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. Co-editor with Graham Philip. Presents results of a major international conference (organised by myself, Durham 2006) exploring prehistoric interactions across the Middle East during the Ubaid Period. See: <http://oi.uchicago.edu/research/pubs/catalog/saoc/saoc63.html>

2010: *The Archaeology of a Desert Island*. Archaeology International. Main author and co-editor (with Robert Killick) and main author of a volume exploring coastal occupation at al-Khor, Qatar from the Bronze Age to the Late Islamic Period. Can be purchased online at <http://www.moonrisepress.co.uk/archaeology.html>

2008: *Highlights of the Collection of the Sharjah Archaeology Museum*. Sharjah Museums Department, UAE.

Journal Articles and Chapters

in press Carter R.A. **Watercraft of the Ancient Near East.** In ed. Potts D.T. *Blackwells Companion to the Ancient Near East*.

Carter R.A. **Christianity in the Gulf after the coming of Islam: redating the Churches and Monasteries of Bet Qatraye.** Proceeding of conference, *L'Orient à la veille de l'Islam: évolution du peuplement (IVe-VIIIe siècles)*, Paris, Nov. 2008.

	Carter R.A. 'Ubaid pottery and plaster vessels from DA-11 . Chapter in (eds.) Shepherd-Popescu E. and Beech M.J. <i>Excavations at an Ubaid-related site on Dalma Island</i> . British Archaeological Reports International Series. ArchaeoPress, Oxford.
	Carter R.A. Time and Space in the Early Dilmun Settlement at Saar . Proceeding of conference <i>Twenty Years of Bahrain Archaeology</i> , Manama, Bahrain, Dec. 2007.
in prep	Carter R.A. The Archaeology of Bushehr . In <i>Encyclopedia Iranica</i> .
2010	Carter R.A. The Social and Environmental Context of Neolithic Seafaring in the Persian Gulf . In <i>The Global Origins and Development of Seafaring</i> . A. Anderson, J. Barret and K. Boyle. Cambridge, McDonald Institute: 191-202.
	Carter, R. A. and G. Philip (2010). Deconstructing the Ubaid . In <i>Beyond the Ubaid: Transformation and Integration in the Late Prehistoric Societies of the Middle East</i> , eds. R. A. Carter and G. Philip, Chicago, Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization: 1-22.
2009	Carter R.A. How Pearls Made the Modern Emirates . <i>New Perspectives on Recording UAE History</i> , Abu Dhabi: 265-281.
2008	Carter R.A. Christianity in the Gulf after the Islamic Conquest . <i>Arabian Archaeology and Epigraphy</i> 19/1: 71-108.
	Carter R.A. Excavations and 'Ubaid-Period Boat Remains at H3, As-Sabiyah (Kuwait) . In (eds.) Olijdam E. & Spoor R.H. <i>Intercultural Relations between South and Southwest Asia. Studies in Commemoration of E.C.L. During Caspers</i> . Oxford, Archaeopress: 92-102.
2007	Carter R.A. & Connan J. A geochemical study of bituminous mixtures from Failaka and Umm an-Namel (Kuwait), from the Early Dilmun to the Early Islamic period . <i>Arabian Archaeology and Epigraphy</i> 18: 139-181.
2006	Carter R.A., Challis K., Priestman S. and Tofighian H. The Bushehr Hinterland. Results of the first season of the Iranian-British Archaeological Survey of Bushehr Province . <i>Iran</i> 44: 63-103.
	Carter R.A. Boat Remains and Maritime Trade in the Persian Gulf during the 6th and 5th millennia BC . <i>Antiquity</i> 80/307: 52-63.
2005	Carter R.A. The History and Prehistory of Pearling in the Persian Gulf . <i>Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient</i> 48/2: 139-209.
	Carter R.A., Connan J., Crawford H., Tobey M., Charrié-Duhaut A., Jarvie D., Albrecht P. & Norman K. A comparative geochemical study of bituminous boat remains from H3, As-Sabiyah (Kuwait) & RJ-2, Ra's al-Jinz (Oman) . <i>Arabian Archaeology and Epigraphy</i> 16: 21-66
	Carter R.A. Chapter 4. The Pottery . In (ed.) Insoll T. <i>The Land of Enki in the Islamic Era. Pearls, Palms and Religious Identity in Bahrain</i> . London. Kegan Paul: 107-192, 397-451.
	Carter R.A. Chapter 6. Pottery Vessels: Typological Analysis . In (eds.) Killick R. and Moon J. <i>The Dilmun Settlement at Saar</i> . Ludlow: Archaeology International Ltd.: 235-278.
2004	Carter R.A. Chapter III. The Archaeology of Jebel Hafit . In (eds.) Aspinall S. and Hellyer P. <i>Jebel Hafit, A Natural History</i> . Emirates Natural History Group. Abu Dhabi: 48-64.
2003	Carter R.A. & Crawford H. The Kuwaiti-British Archaeological Expedition to As-Sabiyah: report on the fourth season's work . <i>Iraq</i> LXV: 77-90.
	Carter R.A. Restructuring Bronze Age Trade: Bahrain, Southeast Arabia and the Copper Question . In (ed.) Crawford H. <i>The Archaeology of Bahrain: the British Contribution</i> . BAR S1189: 31-42.
	Carter R.A. Chapter VIII. The Pottery of Jebel Dhanna . In (ed.) King G.R.D. <i>Sulphur, Camels and Gunpowder. The Sulphur Mines at Jebel Dhanna, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates</i> . Zodiac Publishing. Dubai: 52-65.
	Carter R.A. Tracing Bronze Age Trade in the Arabian Gulf: Evidence for Way-stations of the Merchants of Dilmun between Bahrain and the Northern Emirates . In (eds.) Potts D.T., Al-Naboodah H. and Hellyer P. <i>Archaeology of the United Arab Emirates: Proceedings of the First International Conference on the Archaeology of the U.A.E</i> . Trident Press Ltd.: 123-131.
	Carter R.A. The Neolithic Origins of Seafaring in the Arabian Gulf . <i>Archaeology International</i> 2002/2003: 44-47.

2002	Carter R.A. Preliminary report on Unar 2 and its ceramics. <i>Bulletin of the Society for Arabian Studies</i> 7: 5-14.
	Carter R.A. & Crawford H. The Kuwaiti-British Archaeological Expedition to As-Sabiyah: report on the third season's work. <i>Iraq</i> LXIV: 1-13.
	Carter R.A. Ubaid-period boat remains from As-Sabiyah: excavations by the British Archaeological Expedition to Kuwait. <i>Proceedings of the Seminar for Arabian Studies</i> 32: 13-30.
	Carter R.A., Evans G. & Kirkham A. Quaternary development of the United Arab Emirates coast: new evidence from Marawah Island, Abu Dhabi. <i>GeoArabia</i> 7: 603-620.
2001	Carter R.A. New Evidence for the Medieval Occupation of Abu Dhabi. <i>Tribulus: Bulletin of the Emirates Natural History Group</i> 10.1: 10-11.
	Carter R.A. Saar and its External Relations: new evidence for interaction between Bahrain & Gujarat during the early 2nd millennium BC. <i>Arabian Archaeology and Epigraphy</i> 12: 183-201.
	Carter R.A. & Crawford H. The Kuwaiti-British Archaeological Expedition to As-Sabiyah: report on the second season's work. <i>Iraq</i> LXIII: 1-20.
1999	Carter R.A., Crawford H., Mellalieu S. & Barrett D. The Kuwaiti-British Archaeological Expedition to as-Sabiyah: report on the first season's work. <i>Iraq</i> LXI: 43-58.
1998	Carter R.A. & Magee P. Agglomeration and Regionalism: Southeastern Arabia between 1400 and 1100 BC. <i>Arabian Archaeology and Epigraphy</i> 9: 161-179.
1997	Carter R.A. The Wadi Suq Period in Southeast Arabia: a reappraisal in the light of excavations at Kalba, U.A.E. <i>Proceedings of the Seminar for Arabian Studies</i> 27: 87-98.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PAPERS, MAJOR PUBLIC LECTURES

Date	Title of Paper	Conference or Event
22/07/10	Pearls and the Shaping of the Persian Gulf	MBI Al Jaber Lecture, British Museum
05/01/10	Torpedo Jars: Distribution, Source & Function	British Institute of Persian Studies Annual Seminar (Wadham College, Oxford)
23/07/09	7000 Years of Tradition and Trade: How Pearling Shaped the Societies of the Gulf	Public Lecture, Bahrain National Museum
20-22/07/09	History and Prehistory of Pearling in The Gulf, 5000 BC - 1950 AD (6 lectures)	Workshop for Ministry of Information and Culture, Bahrain
04/03/09	Too Far for Julfar? Coastal Occupation at Jazirat al-Hulayla (Ras al-Khaimah) during the Islamic Period	2 nd International Conference on the Archaeology of the UAE (Zayed Centre for Heritage and History, Abu Dhabi)
25/11/08	How Pearls Made the Modern Emirates	New Perspectives on Recording UAE History (CDR, Abu Dhabi, UAE)
18/11/08	Crosses and Crossroads: Christianity In The Persian Gulf Before And After Islam	L'Orient à la veille de l'Islam: évolution du peuplement (CNRS, Paris)
01/07/08	Coastal Networks in the Chalcolithic: a Compositional Analysis of Ceramics from Bushehr, Southern Mesopotamia and the Arabian Shores	The Persian Gulf in Prehistory and History (Durham University)
11/12/07	Time and Space in the Early Dilmun Settlement at Saar	Twenty Years of Bahrain Archaeology (Manama, Bahrain)
19/09/07	The Social and Environmental Context of Neolithic Seafaring in the Persian Gulf	The Global Origins of Seafaring (McDonald Institute, Cambridge)
10/03/07	The Arabs and the Ancient Near East	The Arabs and the Ancient Near East Study Day (British Museum, London)
17/12/06	Feasting in the Arabian Neolithic	TAG (Exeter University)
07/01/06	Bushehr, the local Chalcolithic and the Ubaid: problems of interpretation in intra- and inter-regional interaction	BANEA (Edinburgh)
16/09/05	Communication and Habitation in Bushehr	British Institute of Persian Studies Annual

	Province	Seminar (Emmanuel College, Cambridge)
08/01/05	Iranian-British Coastal Survey of Bushehr Province, 2004	BANEA (Oriental Institute, Oxford)
05/11/04	Pots, Pearls and the Arabian-Ubaid Interaction	Expanding Thinking: Recent Research on the Ubaid (Edinburgh University)
22/12/04	Coastal Survey of Bushehr Province	British Institute of Persian Studies (Tehran)
12/09/04	Projected Coastal Survey of Bushehr Province	British Institute of Persian Studies Annual Seminar (Wadham College, Oxford)
17/07/04	Archaeological perspectives on the pre-history and pre-Islamic history of the Arabs	The Arabs: origins and identities (British Museum, London)
29/04/04	The Archaeological Heritage of Kuwait	GCC Days in Europe (Conseil de Coopération des Pays Arabes du Golfe, Paris)
24/04/04	Reed Bundle Boats and Maritime Trade during the 5th/6th Millennia BC	Magan, an Early Arabian Civilization (Department of Antiquities, Muscat, Oman)
28/02/04	The History and Archaeology of Pearling in the Arabian Gulf	The History of the United Arab Emirates (Zayed Centre for Heritage and History, Al Ain)
11/12/03	Maritime Trade during the 6th/5th Millennia BC	Maritime Archaeology Seminar (University of Southampton)
17/07/03	Archaeological Evidence for Pearling in the Arabian Gulf	Seminar for Arabian Studies (UCL, London)
28/05/03	Iraq and Kuwait in 1990-1991	Iraq: War and Archaeology (UCL, London)
21/03/03	The Origins of Seafaring in the Persian Gulf	Seminar (Oriental Institute, Chicago)
20/03/03	The Origins of Seafaring in the Persian Gulf	Kevorkian Lecture (University Museum, Philadelphia)
11/12/02	Ubaid-Period Trade and Seafaring in the Arabian Gulf	Gertrude Bell Memorial Lecture (British Academy, London)
13/11/02	Early Seafaring in the Arabian Gulf	Society for Arabian Studies (SOAS, London)
12/11/02	The Prehistoric Origins of Seafaring in the Middle East	UCL Lunchtime Lecture (UCL, London)
05/07/02	Prehistoric Navigation and Exchange in the Persian Gulf	Early Navigation and Trade in the Indian Ocean (Is.I.A.O., Ravenna)
20/05/02	Before the Periplus: the origins of maritime trade in the Arabian Gulf and the Indian Ocean.	Classics and Archaeological Studies Seminar (University of Kent, Canterbury)
18/04/02	Ubaid Period Communication and Emulation in the Arabian Gulf	3rd International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (Institut d'Art et d'Archéologie, Paris)
19/07/01	Ubaid-Period Boat Remains from As-Sabiyah	Seminar for Arabian Studies (Edinburgh Institute for the Advanced Study of Islam and the Middle East, Edinburgh)
16/04/01	Tracing Bronze Age Trade on Coastal and Island Sites in Abu Dhabi and Qatar	1st International Conference on the Archaeology of the UAE (Zayed Centre for Heritage and History, Abu Dhabi)
24/07/00	Restructuring Bronze Age Trade: Bahrain, Southeast Arabia and the Copper Question	The Archaeology of Bahrain: the British Contribution (SOAS, London)
17/12/99	Excavations at H3, As-Sabiyah, Kuwait	BANEA (Faculty of Oriental Studies, Cambridge)
19/07/96	The Later Bronze Age in South East Arabia	Seminar for Arabian Studies (UCL, London)