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Archaeologist Dr. Jodi Magness in UNC's College of Arts and Sciences specializes in the archaeology of ancient Palestine (modern Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian territories) in the Roman, Byzantine and early Islamic periods. Her research interests include Jerusalem, Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls, ancient synagogues, Masada, the Roman army in the East and ancient pottery. She has published 10 books, including *The Archaeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls*, *The Archaeology of the Early Islamic Settlement in Palestine*, *The Archaeology of the Holy Land from the Destruction of Solomon's Temple to the Muslim Conquest*, *Stone and Dung, Oil and Spit: Jewish Daily Life in the Time of Jesus*, and has written dozens of articles. Her next book, titled *Masada: From Jewish Revolt to Modern Myth* is scheduled to appear in May 2019. She is featured in the National Geographic IMAX film, "Jerusalem" (now available on DVD at Amazon.com and select retailers), numerous documentaries including the National Geographic series, "The Story of God with Morgan Freeman," and produced a 36-lecture course on "The Holy Land Revealed" with The Teaching Company's Great Courses and (new as of December 2015), the 24-lecture course "Jesus and His Jewish Influences." She has participated on 20 different excavations in Israel and Greece, including co-directing the 1995 excavations in the Roman siege works at Masada. From 2003-2007, she co-directed excavations in the late Roman fort at Yotvata, Israel. Since 2011, she has directed an excavation project at Huqoq in Galilee where stunning new mosaics have been unveiled that decorated the floor of a Late Roman (fifth century) synagogue.

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Archaeology of Ancient Palestine, Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls, Jerusalem, Ancient Synagogues, Masada, Judaism, Ancient Pottery

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? Archaeological Institute of America President (2017-2020), Managing Committee of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens : Member, Board of Trustees of the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem (past member and vice president), North Carolina Society of the AIA and Boston Society of the AIA (past president)

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See Jodi's web site  
Various locations

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**University of Pennsylvania**  
Ph.D. Classical Archaeology

**Hebrew University of Jerusalem**  
B.A. Archaeology and History

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**National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Public Scholar Award**  
2016-2017

**Archaeological Institute of America Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching**  
Dr. Jodi Magness was honored with this award from the AIA.

**Fellow in the School for Historical Studies at the Institute for Advanced Study**  
The fellowship in Princeton, N.J., was in 2207-2008.

**2006 Irene Levi-Sala Book Prize**

Her book, "The Archaeology of the Early Islamic Settlement in Palestine," was awarded this prize in the category of non-fiction on the archaeology of Israel.

**2003 Biblical Archaeology Society's Award for Best Popular Book in Archaeology**

"The Archaeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls" won this award in 2001-2002.

**Outstanding Academic Book for 2003 by Choice Magazine**

"The Archaeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls" also won this award from Choice Magazine.

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