

## **TAYMA-JUBBAH WORKSHOP**

**BALLIOL COLLEGE  
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**

**30 September – 1 October**

**Organisers:** Michael Petraglia (Oxford) and Arnulf Hausleiter (German Archaeological Institute)

**Aims:** The goal of this workshop is to discuss the environmental and cultural history of two key places of northern Arabia, Tayma and Jubbah. Clearly each region has its own peculiarities in terms of their Holocene records, hence we will aim to explore the underlying reasons for this natural and cultural variation.

A main aim of the workshop is to explore potential joint research on culture history, environmental change and rock art, with the view that such inter-regional comparisons will lead to new insights that can not be achieved otherwise. Joint research can also potentially lead to collaborative publications, which we can explore in the workshop.

**Format:** Emphasis is placed on informality and discussion as the key to collaborative research. Each presentation will last about 10 minutes (no longer than 15 minutes please), demonstrating the main findings and key issues for each topic. There will be about 5 minutes for discussion after each presentation and there will be general discussions at the conclusion of each session. The timings listed below are for guidance only, to generally keep us on track.

30 September, 2014

10:30: Michael Petraglia  
*Welcoming Notes and Aims*

10:40: Arnulf Hausleiter  
*Archaeological Research at Tayma*

11:00: Michael Petraglia  
*Archaeological Research in Northern Arabia, with a Focus on Jubbah*

11:15: Nicole Boivin  
*Biological Exchange and Cultural Interaction: Linking Arabia to the Wider World*

**11:30 Discussion (coffee/tea)**

1:00: *Lunch, Balliol College*

- 2:30: Max Engel  
*Exploring Geoarchives at Tayma*
- 2:45: Ash Parton and Tom White  
*Exploring Geological and Palaeontological Archives with Special Emphasis on Jubbah*
- 3:00: Michèle Dinies and Birgit Plessen  
*Holocene Vegetation and Climate and its Implications on Land Use and Cultivation*
- 3:15: Sebastiano Lora  
*Tayma GIS - Applications in Archaeology*
- 3:30 Discussion & Future Directions (coffee/tea)**

*Pub & Dinner at an Oxford Restaurant*

1 October, 2014

- 9:30: Huw Groucutt  
*Epipalaeolithic to Neolithic Occupations at Jubbah*
- 9:45: Max Haibt  
*Early Crafting Activities at Tayma (5th / 4th millennium BC)*
- 10:00: Michael Macdonald:  
*Rock Art of the Tayma Area*
- 10:15: Richard Jennings  
*GIS, Cairns and Rock Art*
- 10:30: Maria Guagnin  
*Rock Art in Jubbah and Shuwaymis*
- 10:45 Discussion & Future Directions (coffee/tea)**
- 1:00: *Lunch, Balliol College*

*In Attendance:*

Adrian Parker, Laine Clark-Balzan, Chris Stimpson, Elaine Russell-Wilks