

## Reports from 2018 SPHS fieldwork bursary holders

I would like to formally thank the SPHS and the British School at Athens for granting me a Fieldwork Bursary for 2018. This money allowed me to travel to Greece to take up the role of Field Laboratory Manager on the Cambridge Keros-Naxos Seaways Project.

The project this year consisted of an excavation on the islet of Dhaskalio in the Micro-Cyclades. The aim was to investigate the initial settlement and development of the Early Bronze Age site. The excavation applied an open-area, single context strategy, and utilised a bespoke recording system through idig – making the project paper-free. Further to the excavation, a surface survey was carried out on the neighbouring island of Kato Koufonisi, exploring a diachronic history of the surrounding region. My role was to manage and organise the field laboratory for both projects. I also used idig to catalogue and monitor the status of the artefacts as they moved through the processing stages towards publication. I worked alongside the representative from the Greek Ephoreia of the Micro-Cyclades and the local archaeological guards. I ensured that the movement of all archaeological material was tracked, recorded and the artefacts kept secure at all times.

In addition, I oversaw the afternoon work by colleagues and field school students as they washed and processed finds and ensured that specialists were able to view and study the artefacts without delay. With a team this year comprising over 90 personnel, I was able to gain experience in managing a large number of people working to different timelines. I also worked for Professor Renfrew, registering and cataloguing the ‘special finds’; a category of artefacts of paramount importance for the understanding of the site. Through this work I had the opportunity to view the stone discs, and will be contributing to the chapter on these artefacts in the excavation publication. Furthermore, I now have a greater appreciation of the intricacies involved in running an archaeological project in Greece.

This fieldwork bursary enabled me to pursue an opportunity, beyond the scope of my PhD, taking on a management position in an excavation of great importance for the understanding of Early Bronze Age Greece. I am sincerely grateful for the financial aid and the opportunities rendered possible by the SPHS and the British School at Athens.

Yours sincerely,

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The study season at Lefkandi is currently taking place between the 17<sup>th</sup> of August and the 17<sup>th</sup> of September. This year’s main goal was to study thoroughly the transitional phases of the site of Xeropolis from the LH IIIC to the early Protogeometric, based on pottery finds. I was in charge of cataloguing these finds (recording their shape, dimensions, colours, fabric analysis, references, etc). In addition to this, I oversaw the arrangement and re-ordering of the apothekes, and the digitalisation of the excavation data/files.

The SPHS bursary made it possible for me to participate in this project, and visit the archaeological museums at Thebes and Eretria. I believe that I learnt a lot about pottery analysis and different methodological approaches to it, which will form a valuable guide in my future studies and my research proposal for a DPhil, starting next year and focusing on EIA pottery.

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