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**EDUCATION**

**Degree Institution Field Date**

Ph.D. Institute of Archaeology, Archaeology March 2001

University College London

M.Res. Institute of Archaeology, Archaeology July 1996

University College London

B.A. Institute of Archaeology, Archaeology July 1995

University College London

LL.M. Vrije Universiteit Brussel Intl. Law July 1988

LL.B. University College Wales, Law July 1984

Aberystwyth

**FULL-TIME ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

**Institution Rank Field Dates**

Florida International University Associate Professor History Aug 2008-present

Florida International University Acting Graduate Director History Fall 2019

Florida International University Graduate Director History July 2008-Dec 2012

Florida International University Assistant Professor History Aug 2004-Aug. 2008

Florida International University Visiting Asst. Prof. History Aug 2001-Aug 2004

**PART-TIME ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

**Institution Rank Field Dates**

The Open University Associate Lecturer History Jan 2001-Aug 2001

Institute of Archaeology, Teaching Assistant Archaeology Sept. 1998- June 2001

University College London

**NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

**Place of Employment** **Title** **Dates**

Brett-Holt & Partners, Assistant Solicitor Sept. 1988- Aug 1992

London

Brett-Holt & Partners, Articled Clerk Aug 1985- Sept. 1987

London

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books**

Davies, G. & Magness, J. 2015. The 2003-2007 Excavations in the Late Roman Fort at Yotvata. Eisenbrauns: Winona Lake, IN.

Davies, G. 2006. *Roman Siege Works*. Tempus: Stroud.

Davies, G., Gardner, A. & Lockyear, K. (eds.). 2001. *Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Theoretical Roman Archaeology Conference, London 2000*. Oxbow: Oxford.

**Articles**

Magness, J. & Davies, G, 2022. Jerusalem’s Northern Defences under Hadrian. *Palestine Exploration Quarterly*, DOI: [10.1080/00310328.2022.2030609](https://doi.org/10.1080/00310328.2022.2030609)

Davies, G. 2020. 'I will lay waste your cities, and you will become a desolation'. Insurgency and counterinsurgency in Judaea. *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, **31:5**, 1080-1107.

Davies, G. 2017. 'Shock and awe' a la romana: La artillería legionaria en el siglo II d. c. Desperta Ferro (Especiales). **13**, 12-18.

Davies, G. & Magness, J. 2017. Recovering Josephus: Mason's History of the Jewish War and the Siege of Masada. Scripta Classica Israelica, **36**, 55-65.

Davies, G. & Magness, J. 2014. Addendum to "The Roman Fort at The Roman fort at Yotvata: a Valentinianic Foundation?" Journal of Roman Archaeology. **27**, 356.

Davies, G. 2014. The Masada Siege from the Roman Perspective. *Biblical Archaeology Review* **40.4**, 26-32, 70-71.

Davies, G. 2014. Dramatico Final: los asedios de Maqueronte y Masada. *Desperta Ferro (Antigua y Medieval*) **23**, 26-32.

Davies, G. & Magness, J. 2013. Was a Roman Cohort Stationed at Ein Gedi? Scripta Classica Israelica, **32**, 195-199.

Davies, G. & Magness, J. 2011. The Roman Fort at Yotvata: a foundation under Valens? Journal of Roman Archaeology. **24**, 469-480.

Davies, G. 2011. Under Siege: the Roman Field Works at Masada. *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*. **362**, 65-83.

Davies, G & Magness, J. 2008. The Roman Fort at Yotvata, 2007. Israel Exploration Journal. **58.1.** 103-112.

Davies, G. & Magness, J. 2008. Yotvata-2007, Excavations and Surveys in Israel (Hadashot Arkheologiyot) **120**, [online](http://www.hadashot-esi.org.il/report_detail_eng.asp?id=807&mag_id=114)

Davies, G & Magness, J. 2007. The Roman Fort at Yotvata, 2006. *Israel Exploration Journal* **57.1.**, 106-114.

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Davies, G. & Magness, J. 2006. The Roman Fort at Yotvata, 2005. *Israel Exploration Journal*. **56.1**., 105-110.

Davies, G. & Magness, J. 2006. Yotvata-2005. *Excavations and Surveys in Israel (Hadashot Arkheologiyot)* **118**, on-line at <http://www.hadashot-esi.org.il/report_detail_eng.asp>

Avner, U., Davies, G. & Magness, J. 2005. The 2003-2004 Excavations at the Roman Fort at Yotvata.  *Jahrbuch des Deutschen Evangelischen Instituts für Altertumswissenschaft des Heiligen Landes*. **Band 9/10**, 198-199.

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Davies, G. & Magness, J. 2005. Yotvata – 2004. *Excavations and Surveys in Israel (Hadashot Arkheologiyot)* **117**, on-line at <http://www.hadashot-esi.org.il/report_detail_eng.asp>

Avner, U., Davies, G. & Magness, J. 2004. Excavations at the Late Roman Fort at Yotvata, Arava.  *Israel Exploration Journal*. **54.2**, 256-261.

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Davies,G. 2000. Cremna in Pisidia: a re-appraisal of the siege works. *Anatolian Studies*, **50,** 151-158.

Davies, G. 1998. Papers from the Institute of Archaeology. *Archaeology International*, **1997/8**, 52-54.

**Proceedings**

Davies, G. 2001. The Circumvallation at Hatra. In Freeman, P. et al. (eds.) *Proceedings of the 18th International Congress of Roman Frontier Studies*. Vol. 1. 281-286. BAR International Series 1084(1).

Davies, G. 2001. Siege works, psychology and symbolism. In: Davies, G., Gardner, A. & Lockyear, K. (eds.). *Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Theoretical Roman Archaeology Conference, London 2000*. 69-79. Oxbow: Oxford.

**Chapters in Books**

Davies, G. 2025. Byzantine Military Architecture. In: Rutgers, L.V., Christie, N., Jensen, R.M. and Magness, J. (eds) *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Late Antique Art and Archaeology* 1, 193-211. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Davies, G. 2023. Stamping out the Embers: Roman ‘Mopping-Up’ Operations at the End of the First Jewish Revolt. In: Mizzi, D., Rassalle, T. and Grey, M. (eds) *Pushing Sacred Boundaries in Judaism and the Ancient Mediterranean. Essay in Honor of Jodi Magness*, 100-127. Brill: Leiden.

Davies, G. 2020. ‘Dig for Victory’! Competitive Fieldwork in Classical Siege Operations. In: Eisenberg, M. and Khamisy, R. (eds.) *The Art of Siege Warfare and Military Architecture from the Classical World to the Middle Ages*, 45-53. Oxbow: Oxford.

Davies, G. 2019. The Landscape of Siege. In: Armstrong, J. and Trundle, M. (eds.) The Brill's Companion to Sieges in the Ancient Mediterranean, 18-34. Brill: Leiden.

Davies, G. 2017. Prey or Participants? Civilian Siege Experiences during the First Jewish Revolt. In: Foote, N. and Williams, N. (eds.) Civilians and Warfare in World History, 67-79. Routledge: New York.

Davies, G. 2015 (reprint). The Masada Siege - from the Roman Viewpoint. In: Shanks, H. (ed.) Herod's Palace-Fortresses, 18-27. Biblical Archaeology Review: Washington, DC

Davies, G. 2015. Siege Warfare: Principate. In: le Bohec, Y. et al. (eds.) The Encyclopedia of the Roman Army, **3**, 885-893. Wiley-Blackwell: Chichester.

Davies, G. 2013. Roman Forts and Fortifications. In: Master, D.M. (ed.) The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Archaeology **2**, 295-303. OUP: Oxford.

Davies, G. 2008. Roman Warfare and Fortification. In: Oleson, J.P. (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of Engineering and Technology in the Classical World,* 691-711. OUP: Oxford.

Davies, G. 2001. Rome: The Eastern Frontiers, from 30 BC. In: Messenger, C. (ed.). *Readers’ Guide to Military History*, 497-498. Fitzroy Dearborn: London.

**Reviews**

Davies, G. 2023. Book review of Blome, D.A. 2020. *Greek Warfare beyond the Polis: Defense, Strategy, and the Making of Ancient Federal States.* Ithaca: Cornell UP. Online at H-War https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=58239

Davies, G. 2023. Book review of Kaufmann, J.E. & Kaufmann, H.W. 2018. *A Confusion of Castles. ‘Castrum to Castle: Classical to Medieval Fortifications in the Lands of the Western Roman Empire’*. Philadelphia: Pen and Sword Military. Online at H-War https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=57591.

Davies, G. 2022. Book review of Hollway, D. 2022. *At the Gates of Rome: The Fall of the Eternal City, AD 410*. Osprey: Oxford. *Journal of Military History*. **86.4**, 978-980.

Davies, G. 2021. Book review of Zeichmann, C.B. 2019 (ed.). *Essential Essays for the Study of the Military in First Century Palestine: Soldiers and the New Testament Context*. Eugene, OR: Pickwick. *Review of Biblical Literature*.Published2021-02-25.

Davies, G. 2020. Book review of Breeze, D. 2019. *The Frontiers of Imperial Rome*. Philadelphia: Pen and Sword Press. *History: Reviews of New Books*. **48.5**, 132-134.

Davies, G. 2019. Book review of Magness, J. 2019. *Masada: From Jewish Revolt to Modern Myth*. Princeton and Oxford: Princeton UP. *Strata: Bulletin of the Anglo-Israeli Archaeological Society.* **37**, 163-164.

Davies, G. 2019. Book review of Wrightson, G. 2019. *Combined Arms Warfare in Ancient Greece. From Homer to Alexander the Great and his Successors*. London and New York: Routledge. *Classical Review*. **69.2**, 501-503.

Davies, G. 2017. Book review of Graff, D.A. 2016. The Eurasian Way of War: Military Practice in Seventh-century China and Byzantium. Routledge: Oxford. Journal of Military History. **81.2**, 542-544.

Davies, G.  2015. Book review of Levithan, J. 2013. Roman Siege Warfare. Univ. of Michigan Press. Journal of Roman Archaeology. **28**, 709-711.

Davies, G. 2014. Book review of Burton, P.J. 2011. Friendship and Empire. Roman Diplomacy and Imperialism in the Middle Republic (353-146 BC).Cambridge UP.Journal of Roman Archaeology. **27**, 532-535

Davies, G. 2012. Book review of Roth, J. 2009. Roman Warfare. Cambridge UP. Journal of Roman Archaeology **25**, 748-749.

Davies, G. 2012. Book review of Heuser, B. 2010. The Evolution of Strategy. Cambridge UP. Journal of World History. **23.4**, 669-672.

Davies, G. 2009. Book review of Sage, M. 2008. The Republican Roman Army. A Sourcebook. Routledge: Oxford. Journal of Roman Archaeology. **22**, 665-667.

Davies, G. 2009. Book review of Parker, S.T. 2006. The Roman Frontier in Central Jordan: final report on the Limes Arabicus Project, 1980-1989, Dumbarton Oaks Studies XL. *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*. **353**, 117-119.

Davies, G. 2007. Review Article. ‘Warfare in the Ancient World’: reviews of Kagan, K. 2006. *The Eye of Command*. Univ. of Michigan Press: Ann Arbor; Montague, J.D. 2006. *Greek and Roman Warfare. Battles, tactics and trickery*.Greenhill Books: London; Osgood, J. 2006. *Caesar’s Legacy. Civil War and the Emergence of the Roman Empire*. Cambridge UP. *The Ancient History Bulletin* **21**, 105-113.

Davies, G. 2005. Book review of Sekunda, N. 2001. *Hellenistic Infantry Reform in the 160s BC*. Studies on the History of Ancient and Medieval Warfare 5. Oficyna Naukowa: Lodz. *American Journal of Archaeology*.**109.1**, 119-121.

Davies, G. 1999. Conference Review, RAC/TRAC 1999. *Papers from the Institute of Archaeology*, **10,** 99-100.

Davies, G. 1996. Conference Review, Iron for Archaeologists. *Papers from the Institute of Archaeology*, **7,** 75-77.

Davies, G. 1995. Book Review, of Mitchell, S. et al.1995. *Cremna in Pisidia: an ancient city in peace and war*. Duckworth and the Classical Press of Wales: London. *Papers from the Institute of Archaeology*, **7,** 91-92.

Davies, G. Editorial Interviews: 1996, **Peter Ucko** (*PIA* **7,** 17-22); 1997, **Geoffrey Wainwright** (*PIA* **8,** 7-15); 1998, **Neal Ascherson** (*PIA* **9,** 9-18).

**PRESENTED PAPERS AND LECTURES**

**Conference papers**

*Stamping out the Embers: The Roman Counterinsurgency Campaign and the Siege of Machaerus*. The American Society for Overseas Research Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2022.

'Dig for Victory'! Competitive Fieldwork in Classical Siege Operations. The Art of Siege Warfare and Military Architecture from the Classical World to the Middle Ages Conference, University of Haifa, February 2017.

*Was there a Roman Cohort Based at Ein Gedi?* The American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 2012.

Prey or Participants? Civilian Siege Experiences during the First Jewish Revolt. Civilians and Warfare in World History, Florida Gulf Coast University, February 2012.

The Roman Fort at Yotvata: a Valentinianic Foundation? American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 2010

Archaeological Approaches to Roman Siege Warfare, Archaeological Institute of America, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia. January 2009.

*The Roman Fort at Yotvata in its Regional Context*. The American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, San Diego. November 2007.

*The Roman Fort at Yotvata, Excavations 2003-2006*. The Roman Archaeology Conference, UCL, London. March 2007.

*Excavations at the Roman fort at Yotvata, 2005 and 2006*. The American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting. Washington D.C. November 2006.

*The Roman Fort at Yotvata*. The Florida Conference of Historians. Wolfsonian-FIU. May 2006.

*Excavations at the Roman fort at Yotvata, 2003 and 2004*. The American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting. San Antonio, Tx. November 2005.

*The Circumvallation at Hatra*. The XVIIIth International Congress of Roman Frontier Studies. Amman, Jordan. September 2000.

*Siege works, Psychology and Symbolism*. The Tenth Theoretical Roman Archaeology Conference. UCL, London. March 2000.

**Invited colloquia**

*Burnswark and the Corfinium Analogy*. Roman Northern Frontiers Seminar, Ecclefechan, Scotland, May 2010.

*Roman Siege works in the East*. The Roman Army Seminar, University of Durham, March 1999.

*Sieges in the Literary Sources*. The Roman Army Seminar, University of Durham, March 1998.

**Other lectures**

*The Roman-Jewish Wars*, Brown Bag seminar, Department of History, FIU, January 2025.

*The Proto-Atlantic World*, Roundtable discussion paper, The Mediterranean Seminar Winter Workshop, University of Miami, February 2023.

*Stamping out the Embers: Rome, Judaea and Resistance*, Work in progress seminar, University of Miami, March 2020.

Stamping out the Embers: the Roman Sieges of Machaerus and Masada, Annual Feinstone Lecture in the Archaeology of Israel for the AIA, University of Missouri Kansas City, February 2020.

*Landscapes of Siege*. James Russell Annual Lecture, Archaeological Institute of America, University of Mississippi, October 2019.

Caesar's Commentaries: Tweeting 'Fake News' in the Classical World. Classics Lecture in honor of Marian Demos, FIU Library, April 2019.

Brexit AD 60: Boudica's Rebellion. FIU Library Roman Night, April 2017.

The Late Roman Fort at Yotvata, Israel. Annual Feinstone Lecture for the AIA, McClung Museum, University of Tennessee, October 2015.

*Endgame: The Roman Siege of Masada, Israel*. AIA Toledo Society, Toledo Museum of Art, March 2015.

*Endgame: The Siege of Masada from the Roman Perspective*. AIA South Florida, Florida Atlantic University, February 2015

The First World War in Context. World War One Centenary Commemoration, Miami-Dade CC, August 2014.

Stamping out the Embers: The Roman Sieges of Machaerus and Masada. Albert H. Clayburgh Annual Lecture, Archaeological Institute of America, Princeton University, February 2012.

Excavations at the Roman Fort at Yotvata. Phi Alpha Theta Honors Society, FIU. January 2009

Archaeological Correctives to Roman Siege Narratives. Brock University, January 2008

*Excavating the late Roman Desert Outpost at Yotvata, Israel*. The History Department Brown Bag seminar, FIU. April 2005.

*Roman Siege Narratives or Seeing through the Literary Prism*. The History Department, FIU. January 2004.

*Postcards from the Edge: The Roman Writing Tablets from Vindolanda*. MiamIntelligence, March 2004.

*Iacta alea est: Caesar’s Invasion of Italy, 49BC*. MiamIntelligence, February 2003.

*Cremna in Pisidia: The Anatomy of a Roman Siege*. The Humanities Society, FIU. November 2002.

*A Circle in the Sand: the circumvallation at Hatra*. Phi Alpha Theta Honors Society, FIU. February 2002.

*Revisiting the Siege at Cremna*. The Working Group on Complex Societies, University College London. March 2000.

**FUNDED RESEARCH**

*The Yotvata Roman Fort Project* (with Magness, J. UNC, Chapel Hill - proportion 50/50 unless otherwise noted):

2003-2007. Hevel Eilot Regional Government, c. $70,000

2003-2007. Dean’s fund UNC, Chapel Hill c. $10,000 (all allocated to JM)

2003-2009. The Foundation for Biblical Archaeology, $7,000

2005-2006. The Dean’s Summer Fund, FIU c. $3,000 (all allocated to GD)

2007. The American Schools for Oriental Research Heritage Fund, $2,000.

**PROFESSIONAL HONORS, PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS**

**University**

2005. Florida International University Foundation Teaching Excellence Award.

**Other professional**

1996-1999. British Academy Full Competitive Scholarship for Ph.D. research.

1996. Brian Clausen prizewinner (for best dissertation on a classical theme) University College London.

1995-1996. British Academy Full Competitive Scholarship for completion of M.Res.

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Conferences**

Panel Chair, Classical Military Architecture. The Art of Siege Warfare and Military Architecture from the Classical World to the Middle Ages Conference, University of Haifa, February 2017.

Panel Organizer and Chair, *The Roman Army in Judaea/Palaestina*. The Roman Archaeology Conference, UCL, London, March 2007.

Conference Co-organizer, The Tenth Theoretical Roman Archaeology Conference, UCL, London, March 2000.

**Journals**

Editorial Board Member, Papers from the Institute of Archaeology, 2013-present

Senior Editor, *Papers from the Institute of Archaeology* – annual, peer-reviewed journal 1995-1998.

**Referee and Reviewing Activity**

Book Proposal Evaluator, *Herod the Messiah*. Oxford University Press, 2025.

Evaluator, NEH Fellowship for the American Society of Overseas Research, 2024.

Article Referee, *'Atiqot*, 2024.

Article Referee, *Journal of Military History*, 2024.

Article Referee, *Tel Aviv Journal*, 2023.

Article Referee, *Journal of Roman Archaeology*, 2023.

Article Referee, *Journal of Field Archaeology*, 2021.

Article Referee, *Palestine Exploration Quarterly*, 2021.

Evaluator, Grant applications, National Science Foundation, 2015, 2016 and 2021.

Evaluator, Grant applications, Israel Science Foundation, 2005, 2019 and 2020.

Evaluator, Walter S. Rosenberry Fellowship, Forest History Society, 2019.

Article Referee, *Levant*, 2015.

Book Proposal Evaluator, Before, During and After Battle: Case Studies in Current Military History of the Ancient World. Wiley-Blackwell, 2011.

Evaluator, MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, 2010.

Article Referee, Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research, 2009.

Book Proposal Referee, *The Atlas of Roman Warfare*. Palgrave 2005.

Article Referee, *Enterprise and Society*, 2006.

Article Referee, *Biblical Archaeology Review* 2005.

Evaluator, Masters’ Thesis Competition, *Southern Conference of Graduate Schools*, 2004.

**Archaeological field work**

Co-director of Exploratory Excavations at Tel Achziv, Israel, 2012.

Co-director of Yotvata Roman Fort Project, 2003-2014.

Area Supervisor, Excavations of the Iron Age iron production site at Crawcwellt, North Wales, 1993-2000.

Excavator, Pre-Roman Iron Age site at Aulnat, Auvergne, 1994.

Excavator, Bignor Roman Villa, 1993.

**Media organizations**

Commentator for article 'Northern Conflict' in BBC History News Magazine, October 2012.

Commentator on ‘ancient sieges’ and ‘last stands’ for *Military Officer Magazine,* 2011.

Television interviews for PBS series Ground War, 'Big Guns' and 'Command and Control', 2009.

Television interview for the History Channel, *Battlefield Detectives,* 2005.

Commentator on The Varian Disaster for *Maxim* Magazine, 2004.

Advisor for the *History Channel* documentary on the Emperor Trajan, 2000.