



International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism  
**Revising the Past: The Ongoing Impact  
of Archaeological Discovery from Ancient Israel**  
March 14-16, 2008 Farmington Hills, Michigan

Hosted by The Birmingham Temple  
28611 West Twelve Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

What were the 10 most important archaeological discoveries of the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries that have transformed our modern understandings of early Israel's religious, historical and cultural traditions? Join Professor Brian Schmidt from the University of Michigan for this fascinating journey through what we once thought we knew, and what we now can come to know.

Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> Opening Session / Everyone is welcome without charge  
8:00 p.m. "Getting Our Bearings: The Interface of Archaeology, Inscription, and Biblical Text"

Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. "From Bronze Age to Iron Age: Discoveries from 1600 BCE to 1000 BCE"  
1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. "More Artifacts from the Late Iron Age (1000 BCE to 600 BCE)"

Sunday, March 16<sup>h</sup>  
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. "...And Still More from the Persian and Hellenistic Periods"

Brian B. Schmidt, Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at the University of Michigan, received his DPhil. from the University of Oxford and has written extensively on early Israelite religion, magic and cultural history. He is the author of *Israel's Beneficent Dead: Ancestor Cult and Necromancy in Ancient Israelite Religion and Tradition* and has served as an editor of *The Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* and *The American Schools of Oriental Research Monograph* series. His most recently published work is as editor of *The Quest for the Historical Israel: Debating Archaeology and the Early History of Israel*, the volume produced from IISHJ Colloquium '05, which he facilitated.

Program Tuition:

**Birmingham Temple Members:** \$60 for both Sat. and Sun. **Non-Members:** \$70 for both Sat. and Sun.  
**Student of IISHJ Leadership:** Program plus \$100 (minus \$25 for travel expense)

**Register no later than March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Seminar Questions? Linda Glass at [lglass@iishj.org](mailto:lglass@iishj.org) or IISHJ (248)476-9532

**Seminar Registration Form**

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