

# Melina Seabrook

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## EDUCATION

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### 2018- Present **Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, United States**

Third-year doctoral student  
Advisor: Richard Meadow, Tina Warinner

### 2013-2016 **Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY, United States**

B.A., Anthropology, *summa cum laude*  
Honors: Dean's List (2013-2016), Arnold M. Feingold Prize, William and Theresa Meyer Award for Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

## AWARDS

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| 2018 | Harvard Graduate Student Fellowship                            |
| 2018 | NSF GRFP Recipient   |
| 2019 | Digital Hammurabi Humans Against Poor Scholarship (HAPS) grant |

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- The changing human-animal relationship in and around urban centers in Southern Mesopotamia through spatial, faunal, and micromorphological analysis.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2016-2018 **Zooarchaeology Teaching Lab at Stony Brook University**  
Advisor: Professor Katheryn C. Twiss  
Conducting zooarchaeological analysis on faunal remains from Ur excavations

2014 **Turkana Basin Institute, Turkana, Kenya**  
Courses in: ecology, geology, paleontology, human evolution and archaeology  
Archaeological survey and excavation

## PRACTICAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE

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### 2015 **Field Assistant in Ur Excavations in Southern Iraq**

PI: Professor Elizabeth Stone

- Excavation: prep and completion
- Running the Flotation machine
- Total station
- Pottery analysis
- Export preparation
- pottery and object drawing

- 2017           **Trench Supervisor in Ur Excavations in Southern Iraq**  
Same tasks as in 2015, while also supervising local workers and trench excavation
- 2019           **Survey and Drone Operation, Erbil Plain Archaeological Survey**  
I spent a week surveying archaeological sites in Kurdistan and learning to operate the drone to conduct future surveys on my own.

## PRESENTATIONS

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2017. **M. Seabrook**, K. Twiss. “Animals at Ur: Preliminary Faunal Data from the Ur III and Old Babylonian Deposits” Presented in ‘Archaeology of the Natural Environment’ at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American School for Oriental Research, Boston, MA.
2018. **M. Seabrook**, K. Twiss. “Spatial Variation in Ur Faunal Remains” Presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of International Congress of Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, Munich, Germany.
2018. K. Twiss, **M. Seabrook**, and M. Charles. “Fauna of Old Babylonian Ur,” Presented at the 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Washington, D.C.
2019. **M. Seabrook**. “New Tasks for an Old Tusk: Evaluating the discard and cultural context of a pig tusk from Ur” Presented at the Fierce Lions, Angry Mice, and Fat-Tailed Sheep: Animal Encounters In The Ancient Near East, Cambridge, United Kingdom.
- Upcoming.** 2021. **M. Seabrook**. “Close Encounters of the Wild Kind: The Fact and Fiction of Wild Animals in Southern Mesopotamian Cities” Presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of International Congress of Archaeology of the Ancient Near East, Bologna, Italy.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Seabrook, M.**, 2019. Book Review of Archaeozoology of the Near East 9. *ANES* 56: 400-403.
- Seabrook, M.**, and K. Twiss. 2018. ‘Faunal Remains from Ur.’ *In* Proceedings of the 11<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Archaeology of the Ancient Near East: Harrasowitz.
- Seabrook, M.** 2021. ‘New Tasks for an Old Tusk: Evaluating the Discard and Cultural Context of a Pig Tusk from Ur.’ *In* Fierce Lions, Angry Mice and Fat-tailed Sheep: Animal Encounters in the Ancient Near East: McDonald Monograph Conversations Series. **Submitted.**

## RELEVANT/TECHNICAL SKILLS

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GIS

R statistical coding

Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator

Certified in soil Micromorphology and soil Phytoliths

Zooarchaeological analysis

Languages

- French- reading, and writing
- German- reading
- Akkadian- beginner translation