

# Louise Blanke

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## Education

### **University of Copenhagen, Denmark.**

**PhD** begun February 2010. Expected to be completed in July 2013

**Arabic Course.** Conducted by Basma Shaheen  
**Private Tutoring in Syrian Dialect.** 2011, 2012.

### **Master of Arts in Near Eastern Archaeology.** 2008.

Master Thesis: Bathing the Roman Way? A Critical Reevaluation of the Introduction, Use, and Further Development of Baths and Bathing Culture in the Near East – From the Late Roman Period throughout Late Antiquity.

Major: The archaeology, architecture and art of Late Antiquity (primarily in Syria-Palestine and Egypt) with emphasis on the development of urban society during and after the transition from paganism to Christianity.

**Arabic Course** Conducted by Prof. Iman Tolstrup at Studeskolen, University of Copenhagen.

**Egyptian Dialect 3.** 2007.

**Egyptian Dialect 2.** 2007.

**Egyptian Dialect 1.** 2006.

### **Bachelor of Arts in Near Eastern Archaeology.** 2003.

Majors: Ancient history (Near East) and Archaeological Theory and Method.

Minor: Ethnology (multiculturalism, globalization and cross cultural interaction today and in antiquity).

**Practical Arabic Course.** 2001. Conducted by Prof. Dr. June Dahy at University of Copenhagen.

## Archaeological Work

**Islamic Jarash Project, Jordan.** Directed by Prof. Dr. Alan Walmsley.

**Deputy Director.** 2010.

**Field Director.** 2009.

**Assistant Director.** 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008.

**Senior Supervisor.** 2004.

**Field Supervisor.** 2002, 2003.

**Late Antique Jarash Project, Jordan.**

**Director.** 2011, 2012.

**Panehsy Church Project – Tell al-Amarna, Egypt.** Directed by Barry Kemp and Dr. Gillian Pyke.  
**Surveyor.** 2009, 2010.

**Qatar Islam Archaeological Heritage (QIAH) Project – Al Zubara.** Directed by Prof. Dr. Ingolf Thuesen & Prof. Dr. Alan Walmsley  
**Area Coordinator.** 2009.

**Red Monastery Project** Directed by Prof. Dr. Elizabeth Bolman  
**Director of Survey.** 2011

**Shaqarat Mazyad, Jordan.** Directed by Prof. Dr. Lea Kalizan/ Prof. Dr. Ingolf Thuesen.  
**Finds Draftsperson.** 2001, 2002, 2004.  
Drawing of master plan, flint and other stone tools.  
**Participant in Field School Excavation.** 2001.

**Vordingborg, Denmark.** Directed by Dorthe Wille Jørgensen, curator, Medieval Department – Museum of South Sealand.  
**Team Member.** 2002.

**White Monastery Project, Egypt.** Directed by Prof. Dr. Elizabeth Bollman, Prof. Dr. Darleen Brooks-Hedstrom & Archaeologist Peter Sheehan (2005-2007) Prof Dr. Stephen Davies & Dr. Gillian Pyke (2008)  
**Chief Archaeologist.** 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011.  
**Area Supervisor.** 2005, 2006, 2007.

## Academic Lectures

30 April – 4 May 2012.  
*Cisterns, Reservoirs and Farming – New evidence for urban development in Jerash, Jordan.*  
International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East 8 (ICAANE), Warsaw, Poland

19<sup>th</sup> April 2012.  
*Klostre, Kirker og Hønsegårde i Senantikens Ægypten.* Dansk Ægyptologisk Selskab, Copenhagen, Denmark

4<sup>th</sup> February 2012.  
*Latrines, Water Supply and Farming: New Evidence for Urban Development in Jerash.* From Polis to Madina: New Research into Byzantine and Umayyad Urbanism in the Near East. Organised by: Khalili Reserch Centre, Oxford, Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research, and Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity, Oxford University, England

28<sup>th</sup> October 2011.  
*Living on the Edge of the World – Sustenance Strategies in a Monastic Desert Community in Late Antique Egypt.* Broadening Horizons 4. 4<sup>th</sup> Conference for Young Researchers Working in the Ancient Near East. Università degli Studi di Torino, Italy, 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October 2011

25<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

*From Capital City to Monastery – Approaching the Desert Landscape of Amarna, Egypt.* Digitization in Archaeology and (Re)presentations of the Past. Organised by: Dialogues with the Past, The Nordic Graduate School of Archaeology, Athens, Greece, 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October 2010

12<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

*A Divine Colonisation of the Desert – Coptic Reuse of the Pharaonic Period Rock-Cut Tombs in Late Antique Egypt.* Colonisation in Archaeology. Organised by: Dialogues with the Past, The Nordic Graduate School of Archaeology, Reykjavik, Iceland, 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October 2010

24<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

*Urban Transformation in Late Antique Gerasa – Considerations on Bathing, Industry and Christianity.* International Seminar on Roman Jordan at Classical Archaeology, the SAXO-institute, University of Copenhagen

18<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

*Det Egyptiske Klostervæsen.* Antikforeningerne i Skandinaviens seminar, Århus, 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

24<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

*The Central Baths in Gerasa in Context.* Invited lecture for *Baths and Hammans of Jordan*, Colloquium Balnéorient, IFPO, Amman, Jordan 21-24 May 2008.

30<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

*The Islamic Jarash Project* (in Danish). Invited lecture for employees at University of Copenhagen.

8<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

*Det Egyptiske Klostervæsen.* (in Danish). Invited lecture for Dansk Ægyptologisk Selskab (Danish Egyptological Society), Århus.

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2006.

*Det Egyptiske Klostervæsen.* Invited lecture for Dansk Ægyptologisk Selskab (Danish Egyptological Society), København.

16<sup>th</sup> March 2005.

*The Islamic Jarash Project.* (in Danish). Invited lecture for Klassisk Arkæologisk Forening (Classic Archaeological Association), Århus University.

2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> December 2004.

*Water, Nymphs and Christianity. Continuity and change in public bathhouses in the transition to Christianity.* Berlin-Copenhagen Seminar 7<sup>th</sup>. Freie Universität, Berlin.

## Teaching

**Course Coordinator and Teaching Assistant (Tutor).** Copenhagen University.

*Islam and the Arts* (international Summer School) 2009

### Lecturer.

Folkeuniversitetet i Copenhagen. *The History and Archaeology of Syria and Jordan.* 2008.

Folkeuniversitetet i Odense. *The History and Archaeology of Syria and Jordan.* 2008.

Folkeuniversitetet i Aarhus. *The History and Archaeology of Syria and Jordan.* 2008.

Folkeuniversitetet i Aalborg. *The History and Archaeology of Syria and Jordan.* 2008.

**Teacher.** University of Copenhagen, ToRS, Carsten Niebuhr Section.  
*The Near East in the Classical Periods (From Alexander to Mohammad)* 2007.

**Teaching Assistant (Tutor).** University of Copenhagen, Carsten Niebuhr Institute.  
*Archeological Theory, Technique and Method.* 2006, 2007, 2008.  
*Practical Archaeology.* 2006.

## Teaching – Individual Classes

**Coptic Archaeology.** 2010, 2011.

**Historic Archaeology in Late Antiquity and the Early Islamic Period.** 2011.

## Publications

### Peer Review

#### 2012

Blanke, L.

The Central Baths in Gerasa. An Archaeological Interpretation of the Stratigraphic Development of a newly discovered Bathhouse in Central Gerasa. In: *Proceedings of the Balneorient Conference on Baths and Bathing in Jordan held in Amman May 2008.* Forthcoming.

#### 2004

Blanke, L. with Damgaard, K.

The Islamic Jarash Project. A Preliminary Report on the First Two Seasons of Fieldwork. In: *Assemblage 8. Sheffield University Graduate Journal of Archaeology.*

URL: <http://www.shef.ac.uk/assem/issue8/>

### Editorial Board

#### 2011

Blanke, L, Lorien, P and Rattenborg, R.

Changing Cityscapes in Central Jarash – Between Late Antiquity and the Abbasid Period. *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* 54: 311-327

#### 2010

Pyke, G. Blanke, L. & Ownby, M.

Panehsy Church Project 2009-10: Settlement Survey. In Kemp, B. (ed.) Tell al Amarna, 2010. *Journal of Egyptian Archaeology* 96: 1-30.

Blanke, L, Walmsley, A.

Islamic Jarash Project. See Keller, D.R. and Tuttle, C.A: Archaeology in Jordan, 2008 and 2009 seasons. *American Journal of Archaeology* 114: 505-45

#### 2008

Bolman, E. Blanke, L. Brooks Hedstrom, D. Khalifa, M. Meurice, C. Mohammed, S. Pyke, G. and Sheehan, P.

Late Antique and Medieval Painted Decoration at the White Monastery (Dayr al-Abiad), Sohag. In: *Bulletin of the American Research Center in Egypt:*

Walmsley, A. Bessard, F. Blanke, L. Damgaard, Mellah, A. Ronje, L. and Simpson, I.

A Mosque, Shops and Bath in Central Jarash: The 2007 Season of the Islamic Jarash Project. *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* 52.

**2007**

Blanke, L., Damgaard, K., Simpson, I. & Walmsley, A.  
From Bathhouse to Congregational Mosque: further discoveries on the urban history of Islamic Jarash. *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan* 51: 177-97.

**2006**

Blanke, L.  
A Newly Discovered Bathhouse in Byzantine Jarash; An Archaeological Interpretation. In: *The RAG*, vol. 2. issue 3. February 2007. Edited by Prof. David Kennedy, University of Western Australia.

**2005**

Barnes, H. with Blanke, L. Damgaard, K. et al.  
From "Guard House" to Congregational Mosque: recent discoveries on the urban history of Islamic Jarash. In: *Annual of the Department of Antiquities of Jordan*, 50.

Damgaard, K. & Blanke, L. 2005.  
Moskeen I Jarash. In: *Sfinx* 28.3.

**Grants and Scholarships****Faculty of Humanities, University of Copenhagen – 2010.**

Stipend for PhD studies at the University of Copenhagen February 2010 – January 2013

**The Danish Institute in Damascus – 2010.**

Granted for conducting survey of the archaeological remains in the Red Monastery, Sohag, April 2011.

**The Danish Institute in Damascus – 2008.**

Granted for participation in ICAANE 6 (Rome 5-10.05.08) and ARCHAIA (Bologna 17-19.05.08) and visits to archaeological sites in Italy.