

ARCHAEOLOGY STAFF AND STUDENTS IN TURKISH ODYSSEY



UQ Archaeologists getting down and dirty at the Japanese Institute of Anatolian Archaeology. From left to right: Kirsten Bradley, Andy Fairbairn, Reiner Mantei, Xavier Carah, Rohan Fenwick & Nathan Wright.



Rohan Fenwick leads the UQ School of Social Science Karaoke team (singing YMCA) at the Japanese Institute of Anatolian Archaeology.

UQ Archaeologists were highly visible in Turkey in June and July attending excavations at a number of important sites. Andy Fairbairn led a school field and research team at Kaman Kalehoçuk, home of the Japanese Institute of Anatolian Archaeology, to investigate Bronze and Iron Age agriculture in the site and its environs. The research team included PhD candidate Rohan Fenwick who is investigating Ottoman agriculture at the site, recent Honours graduate and Research Assistant Kirsten Bradley and three recent graduates who are planning to work on Honours projects in 2010, namely Xavier Carah, Reiner Mantei and Nathan Wright. Kirsten and Xavier followed up their stay at Kaman with work at Neolithic Boncuklu (University of Liverpool), another of Andy's long-term projects in the Konya Plain, while Nathan and Reiner travelled to Domuztepe (University of Manchester), near Karamanmaras, to work on the Neolithic/Chalcolithic site there.

Work at all sites was focused on the collection and processing of soil samples for the seeds, fruits and wood charcoals that allow us to investigate ancient agriculture and anthropogenic landscape impacts. Fieldwork provides essential training in excavation and environmental archaeology methods to build on the experience of students in the labs and TARDIS site at UQ. The projects were also the focus of intense cross-cultural interaction, including karaoke singing and daily trilingual research seminars. The students received highly favourable comments on their skills, professionalism and personal qualities from the various excavation directors, securing future fieldwork opportunities for UQ students and opening research opportunities.

The UQ Archaeology team have been successful in receiving a number of highly competitive research grants that amount to over \$2.5m.

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