

# Michael Waas

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## Personal Information

Place of Birth: Miami, Florida, United States of America

Citizenship: USA, Israel

Gender: Male

## Skills Base

- Extensive background in research, using both traditional methods of archival work and modern methods of utilizing the internet.
- Archaeological fieldwork experience and training in several contexts including Israel (Tel Akko) and the United States (Angola Site, Bradenton, Florida; Old Oak Site, Sarasota, Florida; Galilee Cemetery Survey, Sarasota, Florida)
- Technological background: proficient in Windows and Mac operating systems; skilled in Adobe InDesign, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Powerpoint.

## Languages

- English, native
- Hebrew, fluent
- Spanish, conversational
- Djudeo-Spanyol (Ladino), conversational
- Modern Greek, basic
- Arabic, basic

## Other Interests

- Genealogy
- Music composition
- Music performance (clarinetist and saxophonist, limited piano skills)
- Photography

## Employment History

**Assistant at the International Conservation Center – Città di Roma**

**August 2013 – Present**

*Responsibilities include:*

- Historical documentations of buildings in Old Akko.
- Assisting current students of the Center with projects and work.
- Help translating from Hebrew to English for the current students.
- Teaching digital photogrammetry for Conservation.
- Inventorying materials of the Center and keeping track of the materials.
- Providing technological help with computers, printers, and other devices.

**Intern at the International Conservation Center – Città di Roma  
October 2012 – August 2013**

*Responsibilities included:*

- Historical documentations of buildings in Old Akko.
- Participation in Saving the Stones 5 as a student.
- Providing technological help with computers, printers, and other devices.
- Began to help with marketing materials.
- Help translating from Hebrew to English for other Saving the Stones participants.

**Assistant at Falk, Waas, Hernandez, Cortina, Solomon, & Bonner, P.A., Attorneys  
at Law**

**February 2008 – September 2012**

*Responsibilities included:*

- Scanning and copying of archived experts' files and case files into the law office database, classifying the material on the database, and then disposing of the paper copies of the materials.
- Scanning and copying materials for the lawyers and secretaries of ongoing cases.
- Reviewing evidentiary material to ensure it works on the computer.
- Picking up and delivering materials to and from the office.
- Cleaning the library after the lawyers had their lunch meeting.

**Hebrew Teaching Assistant at New College of Florida**

**February 2012 – May 2012**

*Responsibilities included:*

- Sitting in the class twice a week and holding office hours once a week for the current Hebrew students to ask for any help or if they wanted to practice their Hebrew.

**Student Assistant, Sarasota Bay Archaeology Education, for the Public Archaeology  
Lab at New College of Florida**

**June 2011 – September 2011**

*Responsibilities included:*

- Categorizing Sunshine State Standards (Florida's standardized course regimen) list of materials for Fourth and Fifth grade levels that could be applicable to Archaeology.
- Help develop curriculum for the Public Archaeology Lab.
- Implementing lessons over the course of two weekends.

**Summer Intern at the International Conservation Center – Città di Roma**

**June 2010 – August 2010**

*Responsibilities included:*

- Joining Saving the Stones 2 for the final portion of their semester.

- Working with the Tel Akko project in various capacities such as fieldhand, pottery washer, as well as creating an inventory of the Wye River Project material of Akko and any relationship to the Tel or to the Naaman River.

### **Summer Intern at the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) of the Seminole Tribe of Florida**

**May 2009 – August 2009**

*Responsibilities included:*

- Cleaning up and updating the site and historical files of the THPO and the Tribal Archaeological Services office.
- Researching information from the State Historic Preservation Office of Florida on Seminole and ancestral peoples' sites as well as representations of Seminoles in film.
- Trained in creating maps in ArcGIS for usage in the site files.

## **Education**

**University of Haifa**

**2014 –**

Masters student in Jewish History.

**2013/2014**

Non-degree seeking student in Jewish History. Taking 1 course with the intention of becoming a Masters student next year.

**New College of Florida**

**2008/2012**

Graduate in Liberal Arts, with Honors. Area of concentration (Major) in Anthropology, focus in Archaeology. Minor in Music Composition.

**New World School of the Arts**

**2004/2012**

Studied music performance on clarinet (classical) and tenor saxophone (jazz).

## **Publications**

*Professional Reports*

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| <b>Oct 2014</b>   | <i>Historical Background of 10/42</i> , prepared for Conservation Committee of Akko.          |
| <b>Sept 2014</b>  | <i>Historical Background of 10/31</i> , prepared for Conservation Committee of Akko.          |
| <b>May 2014</b>   | <i>Historical Background of 11/169</i> , prepared for Conservation Committee of Akko.         |
| <b>March 2014</b> | <i>Historical Background of 14/13</i> , prepared for Conservation Committee of Akko.          |
| <b>June 2013</b>  | <i>Historical Background of Building 11/21</i> , prepared for Conservation Committee of Akko. |

- February 2013** *Historical Background of Building 14/014,15*, prepared for Conservation Committee of Akko.
- January 2013** *Appendix: Updating Documentation of Structure 13/119*, prepared for Conservation Committee of Akko.

#### Research Reports

- Oct 2014** *Practical 3D Photogrammetry for the Conservation and Documentation of Cultural Heritage*. Paper for Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies 18
- Fall 2013** *Crusader Stones, Bedouin Sheikhs, and Butchers: Zāhir al-'Umar al-Zaydānī's Wall and the Siege of Akko (Acre) of 1799*. Society for Historical Archaeology: The SHA Newsletter 46(3):20-21. See: <http://www.sha.org>
- Oct 2010** *The Wall that Stopped Napoleon: Zāhir al-'Umar al-Zaydānī's Wall and the Siege of 1799*. Israel Antiquities Authority, Conservation Department. See: <http://www.iaa-conservation.org.il>
- Oct 2010** *Contents of British Mandate Archaeological Inspection Files Archive (Mandate Antiquities Department)*. Israel Antiquities Authority, Conservation Department See: <http://www.iaa-conservation.org.il>

#### Conferences Presentations

- Nov 2013** *Practical 3D Photogrammetry for the Conservation and Documentation of Cultural Heritage*. Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies 18, Vienna, Austria.
- Jul 2013** *Practical 3D Photogrammetry for the Conservation and Documentation of Cultural Heritage*. Saving the Stones 5 Presentation, Old Acre, Israel.
- May 2012** *The Enduring Landscape: The Archaeology of Seminole Ethno-genesis in West-Central Florida*. New Scholars New College, Sarasota, FL.
- May 2012** *Galilee Cemetery – Beauty in a Forgotten Space*. Panel discussion. New Scholars New College, Sarasota, FL.
- Jan 2012** *Rivers of Resistance, Rivers of Life: Seminole Ethnogenesis in West-Central Florida*. Florida Anthropology Student Association at the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. January 20, 2012.
- May 2011** *The Unconquered People: The Case for Seminole Ethno-genesis in the Myakka River Valley*. Florida Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- Mar 2011** *The Unconquered People: The Case for Seminole Ethno-genesis in the Myakka River Valley*. Time Sifters Archaeological Society, Sarasota, FL.
- Oct 2010** *Collaboration in Theory and Practice: Regional Heritage and Civic Engagement*. The Consortium for Innovative Environments in Learning (CIEL) annual meeting, Sarasota, FL.

#### **Awards**

- Sept 2012** MASA Israel Grant recipient
- Sept 2012** International Conservation Center Grant recipient

<b>Jul 2012</b>	Sarasota-Manatee Jewish Federation Travel Grant for MASA Israel program
<b>Mar 2012 &amp; Nov 2009</b>	Committee of Academic Allocations Grant Recipient
<b>Mar 2011</b>	Time Sifters Archaeological Society Student Award
<b>Apr 2010</b>	SKIP Scholarship (Send a Kid to Israel Program), Sarasota- Manatee Jewish Federation
<b>2008 – 2012</b>	New College of Florida, Presidential Scholar Four Winds Award
<b>2008 – 2012</b>	Florida Academic Scholars, Florida Bright Futures Award