



# Life and Society in the Ancient Near East

## Call for Interest

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### **“Sports and Games in the Ancient Mediterranean and Near East” Editorial Seminar**

The editors of the new book series *Life and Society in the Ancient Near East* (LSANE - Transnational Press London) are pleased to announce a new endeavor in collaborative peer-review scholarship, LSANE online Editorial Seminars (<https://lifeandsocietyane.com>).

The leaders of the workgroup *Sports and Games in the Ancient Mediterranean and Near East*, Raleigh Heth and Shane M. Thompson, are currently soliciting interested contributors.

The volume will address an array of topics pertaining to sports and games in the ancient Mediterranean and Near East. We welcome scholars who have theoretical, textual, iconographic and/or material cultural expertise. We also encourage collaborative topics for specialists in different disciplines (i.e., scholars working on modern sports with scholars working in the ancient world).

For this volume, seminar participants will present and discuss evidence regarding, but not limited to:

- Competitive Sports in the Ancient World
  - Participation in the Roman Colosseum
  - Races (Footraces, Chariot Races)
  - Wrestling
  - Acts of Physical Strength
- Exploration of the Connections between Modern and Ancient Sports
  - Exploitation of Modern College Athletes and Roman Slaves/Gladiators
- Board Games
  - Mesopotamian Board Games (Game of Ur)
  - Egyptian Board Games
  - Greco-Roman Board Games
- Iconography of Athletes and/or Game Players
  - Depictions on Stelae, Wall Reliefs, or Frescos
- Archaeological Evidence for Ancient Games and Sports
  - Game Pieces and Boards
- Literary/Mythical Allusions to Games and Sports
- Archaeogaming and Digital Gaming
- Theoretical Approaches to Sports and Games in the Ancient Near East
- Intellectual Competition
  - Events Revolving Around Competing Intellects, Memorization

The first workgroup will convene via Zoom on a date and time agreed upon by the participants. The workgroup will gather for two further editorial meetings over the course of 18 months resulting in the production of an edited volume.

Participation is free of charge but limited in capacity based on fit. Interested persons should [complete the form indicating their interest](#) by **August 30th, 2021**.

Questions can be addressed to the volume editors, Raleigh Heth (Rheth@nd.edu) and Shane M. Thompson (SThompson@ncwc.edu).

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