

# Joe Roe

I am a computational archaeologist specialising in Southwest Asian prehistory. I use data science to study [human ecology and cultural evolution in past societies](#); develop [research software](#) and [open datasets](#) for reproducible quantitative analysis in archaeology; and direct [field surveys](#) using digital recording and geoinformatics technology.

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## Education

current  
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2013

### MPhil/PhD in Archaeology

UCL Institute of Archaeology

📍 University College London

- Thesis: [Modelling prehistoric hunting strategies in Jordan](#)
- Supervisors: [Dr. Louise Martin](#), [Prof. Andrew Bevan](#), [Dr. Andrew Garrard](#)
- Part of the [Prehistoric Hunting Strategies in Jordan project](#)

2013  
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2012

### MA Archaeology (Distinction)

UCL Institute of Archaeology

📍 University College London

- Dissertation: [Cultural phylogeny of kurgan burial mounds in the west Eurasian steppe](#)
- Supervisor: [Prof. Stephen Shennan](#)

2011  
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2008

### BA Anthropology & Archaeology (1st class hon.)

Departments of Anthropology & Archaeology

📍 Durham University

- Dissertation: [Spatial analysis of intra-site surface collection data from a Cucuteni-Tripolye mega-site](#)
- Supervisor: [Prof. John Chapman](#)

2008  
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2001

### Secondary education

Woodkirk High School

📍 Leeds

## Academic appointments

2020  
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2017

### Research assistant

[CSEAS](#)

📍 University of Copenhagen

- Collaborative research on early agricultural societies in Southwest Asia
- Responsibility for archaeological survey and spatial analysis components of the "Tracking Cultural and Environmental Change" project and Shubayqa Archaeological Project
- Developed databases and software interfaces for the group's research data, working with PostgreSQL/PostGIS, Javascript, and PHP
- Lecturer on Near Eastern Archaeology BA and MA programmes

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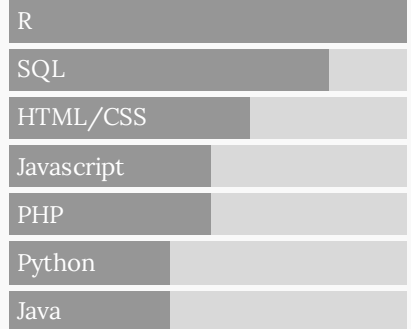
🎓 [Google Scholar](#)

🐙 [github.com/joeroe](https://github.com/joeroe)

🐦 [@joeroe90](#)

🌐 User:Joe Roe

## Programming



## Publications

- Richter, T., Darabi, H., Alibaigi, S., Arranz-Otaegui, A., Bangsgaard, P., Khosravi, S., Maher, L., Mortensen, P., Pedersen, P., **Roe, J.**, & Yeomans, L., 2021. **The formation of Early Neolithic Communities in the Central Zagros: an 11,500 year old communal structure at Asiab**. *Oxford Journal of Archaeology*, forthcoming.
- Khosravi, S., Pedersen, P. N., Alibaigi, S., **Roe, J.**, Heidary Dastenaee, M., Miladi, B., Darabi, H., Richter, T., & Mortensen, P., 2020. **Archaeological Landscape of Razavar Valley in the Neolithic Period: the survey of the 8th–6th millennium BC in the north of Kermanshah Province**. [چشم انداز باستان‌شناختی دره رازآور در دوره چشم‌انداز باستان‌شناختی دره رازآور در دوره] (in Persian). *Pazhoheshha-ye Bastan shenasi Iran*. doi:10.22084/NBSH.2020.21133.2094
- Martin, L., & **Roe, J.**, 2020. **The Kheshiya Cattle Skull Ring: Zooarchaeological Analyses**. In McCorrison, J., & Harrower, M. J. (eds.), *Landscape History of Hadramawt: The Roots of Agriculture in Southern Arabia (RASA) Project, 1998–2008*, pp. 275–348. Cotsen Institute of Archaeology Press. doi:10.2307/j.ctvzgb8n3.20
- Nebbia, M., & **Roe, J.**, 2020. **Landscape Studies**. In Gaydarska, B. (eds.), *Early Urbanism in Europe: The Trypillia Mega-Sites of the Ukrainian Forest-Steppe*, pp. 60–107. De Gruyter. doi:10.1515/9783110664959-007
- Jones et al., 2019. **20,000 years of societal vulnerability and adaptation to climate change in southwest Asia**. *WIREs Water* 6(2): e1330. doi:10.1002/wat2.1330
- Henton, E., **Roe, J.**, Martin, L., Garrard, A., Boles, O., Lewis, J., Thirlwall, M., & Jourdon, A-L., 2019. **Epipalaeolithic and Neolithic gazelle hunting in the Badia of north-east Jordan. Reconstruction of seasonal movements of herds by stable isotope and dental microwear analyses**. *Levant* 50(2): 127–172. doi:10.1080/00758914.2019.1598764
- Arranz Otaegui, A., González Carretero, L., **Roe, J.**, & Richter, T., 2018. **"Founder crops" v. wild plants: Assessing the plant-based diet of the last hunter-gatherers in southwest Asia**. *Quaternary Science Reviews* 186: 263–283. doi:10.1016/j.quascirev.2018.02.011
- Martin, L., Edwards, Y., **Roe, J.**, & Garrard, A., 2016. **Faunal turnover in the Azraq Basin, eastern Jordan 28,000 to 9,000 cal BP, signalling climate change and human impact**. *Quaternary Research* 86(2): 200–219. doi:10.1016/j.yqres.2016.07.001
- Roe, J.**, 2016. **PIA at 25: A Retrospective**. *Papers from the Institute of Archaeology* 25(2): p.Art. 16. doi:10.5334/pia.517
- Allentuck, A., Martin, L., & **Roe, J.**, 2015. **Refuse Disposal in the Early Epipalaeolithic? Preliminary Zooarchaeological Evidence from Kharaneh IV, Eastern Jordan**. *Bulletin of the Council for British Research in the Levant* 10: 67–69. doi:10.1179/1752726015Z.00000000034
- Roe, J.**, 2014. **Review of \*Green Arabia\*: Human Prehistory at the Crossroads of Continents**. *Papers from the Institute of Archaeology* 24(1). doi:10.5334/pia.458

My publications reflect a number of ongoing collaborations with domain-specialist colleagues, bringing a data science perspective to addressing multidisciplinary research questions in prehistory.

## Conference presentations

- 2019
- **Roe, J.**, *\*\*Gorram shiny!\*\* An accessible interface for reproducible landscape archaeology with R and fieldwalkr\**. Presented at Computer Applications & Quantitative Methods in Archaeology (CAA), Kraków.
  - Richter, T., Arranz Otaegui, A., Jones, M., **Roe, J.**, & Yeomans, L., *Environmental Crisis and Societal Collapse: Was the Younger Dryas a significant factor in triggering the transition from the Palaeolithic to the Neolithic in the Levant?*. Presented at 'Culture in Crisis: Flows of Peoples, Artifacts and Ideas', the 14th International Conference on the History and Archaeology of Jordan (ICHAJ 14), Florence.
  - Arranz-Otaegui, A., **Roe, J.**, Pantos, G. A., Santana, J., Araus-Cabrera, J. L., Le Roux, P., & Richter, T., *Locally available or imported? Identifying the provenance of Natufian plant food and fuel resources at Shubayqa 1 (northeastern Jordan)*. Presented at the 18th conference of the International Workgroup for Palaeoethnobotany (IWGP), Lecce.
  - Buffington, A., Olson, K., **Roe, J.**, Al Kathiri, A. A., McCorriston, J., *Over Mountains and Through Woods: survey results and preliminary spatial analysis of the 2018 field season of the Ancient Socio-Ecological Systems in Oman (ASOM) project*. Presented at Seminar for Arabian Studies, Leiden.
  - **Roe, J.**, & Richter, T., *Mutable mobilities: 15,000 years of nomadic settlement in the Qa' Shubayqa, eastern Jordan*. Presented at Seminar for Arabian Studies, Leiden.
  - Pantos, G. A., & **Roe, J.**, *A halfway house: open source tools for tidy photographic and 3D data management between the field and the archive*. Presented at Computer Applications & Quantitative Methods in Archaeology (CAA), Kraków.
  - **Roe, J.**, *The Q Continuum: open source GIS tools for paperless field survey*. Presented at Computer Applications & Quantitative Methods in Archaeology (CAA), Kraków.
  - **Roe, J.**, Pedersen, P. N., Khosravi, S., *A survey of early prehistoric sites in the Razavar Valley (Kermanshah, Iran)*. Presented at the British Association for Near Eastern Archaeology (BANE) annual conference, Liverpool.
- 2018
- **Roe, J.**, *Is there anything R can't do?*. Presented at the Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology (CAA) conference, Tübingen.
  - **Roe, J.**, *fieldwalkr: an R package for spatial sampling and field survey simulation*. Presented at the Landscape Archaeology Conference (LAC), Newcastle & Durham.
  - Richter, T., Arranz-Otaegui, A., Boaretto, E., Jones, M., **Roe, J.**, & Yeomans, L., *Reconstructing Environmental Impacts on Late Pleistocene and Early Holocene Societies in the Marginal Zone of the southern Levant: A Case Study from Shubayqa*. Presented at the XVIII UISPP World Congress, Paris.
  - **Roe, J.**, *The Zagros in Prehistory: geography, chronology, demography*. Presented at the British Association for Near Eastern Archaeology (BANE) annual conference, Liverpool, 2019, and the KU Archaeology Day.
- 2017
- Martin, L. & **Roe, J.**, *The Complexities of Mammalian Body Size Change in Late Pleistocene to Holocene Southern Levant, 35 years on*. Presented at 'From the Mediterranean to the Atlantic: themes in European zooarchaeology', Museum of Natural History and Science, Lisbon.
- 2016
- **Roe, J.**, *A greener model of palaeoenvironments in the eastern Levant*. Presented at Unravelling the Palaeolithic, Southampton.






See my homepage for [abstracts](#) and [posters](#).

- 2015 ● Allentuck, A., Martin, L., **Roe, J.**, *Domestic maintenance practices in the Early Epipalaeolithic of the Jordanian steppe*. Presented at the 12th International Symposium of the ICAZ Archaeozoology of Southwest Asia and Adjacent Areas Working Group (ASWA), Groningen.
- **Roe, J.** & Martin, L., *Open season: modelling prehistoric wildlife dynamics in Epipalaeolithic and Neolithic Jordan*. Presented at the British Association for Near Eastern Archaeology (BANE) annual conference, London.
- Allentuck, A., **Roe, J.**, Martin, L., Macdonald, D., & Maher, L., *Zooarchaeological evidence for domestic maintenance in the Early Epipalaeolithic*. Presented at the British Association for Near Eastern Archaeology (BANE) annual conference, London.

## Software & datasets

- 2020 ● [era: R package for years with an era](#)
- 2020 ● [rintchron: an R interface to IntChron](#)
- 2020 ● [evoarchdata: datasets from studies of cultural evolution in archaeology](#)
- 2019 ● [fieldwalkr: an R package for spatial sampling and survey simulation](#)
- 2019 ● [rpaleoclim: an R Interface to the PaleoClim Paleoclimate Database](#)
- 2019 ● [stratigraphr: an R package for archaeological stratigraphy and chronological sequences](#)
- 2019 ● [Data from Uerpman 1987, The Ancient Distribution of Ungulate Mammals in the Middle East, TAVO A27](#)  
Zenodo
- 2019 ● [Trypillia mega-sites of the Ukraine](#)  
Archaeology Data Service

## Field projects

- 2019 ● **Co-director**  
[Shubayqa Archaeological Project](#)  Jordan
- 2018 ● **Field archaeologist**  
[Ancient Socioecological Systems in Oman \(ASOM\) project](#)  Oman
- 2018 ● **Supervisor**  
Razavar Valley Survey  Iran
- 2018 ● **Field archaeologist & supervisor**  
Shubayqa Archaeological Project  Jordan
- 2015 ● **Field archaeologist**  
[Kharaneh IV Project](#)  Jordan

I am also an active contributor to a number of other open source software and open data projects.

In the field, I specialise in site prospection, intrasite survey, digital recording and GIS.

I was responsible for the survey component Shubayqa Archaeological Project (2018–2019), including designing the research strategy, planning and obtaining permits, and directing teams on the ground.

- 2014 | 2012 ● **Field archaeologist & supervisor**  
Tripillia Mega-Sites Project 📍 Ukraine
- 2012 ● **Supervisor**  
Mirkovo Project 📍 Bulgaria
- 2009 ● **Trainee**  
Tripillia Mega-Sites Project 📍 Ukraine
- 2007 ● **Trainee**  
York Archaeological Trust 📍 England

## Grants & scholarships

- 2019 ● **Project grant**  
Danmarks Frie Forskningsfond
  - “Connecting the Dots: Reconfiguring the Indo-European family tree”
  - Named applicant. PI: Dr. Thomas Olander
- 2018 ● **Fieldwork grant**  
Det Danske Institut i Damaskus
  - 115,000 DKK to support archaeological fieldwork in eastern Jordan (2019)
  - Co-applicant with Dr. Tobias Richter
- 2018 ● **Fieldwork grant**  
H. P. Hjerl Hansen Mindefondet for Dansk Palæstinaforskning
  - 50,000 DKK to support archaeological fieldwork in eastern Jordan (2019)
  - Co-applicant with Dr. Tobias Richter
- 2016 ● **Project grant**  
C. L. Davids Fond og Samling
  - “Tracking Cultural and Environmental Change: the Epipalaeolithic and Neolithic in the Seimarreh Valley, central Zagros”
  - Named applicant. PIs: Prof. Peder Mortensen, Dr. Tobias Richter, Dr. Hojjat Darabi
- 2015 ● **Institute of Archaeology Award**  
UCL Institute of Archaeology 📍 London
  - Individual grant (£1888) to participate in archaeological fieldwork in eastern Jordan
- 2014 ● **Research Students’ Conference Grant**  
London Centre for the Ancient Near East (LCANE)
- 2013 ● **PhD Studentship**  
Leverhulme Trust
  - Part of Research Project Grant RPG-2013-223

- 2012 ● **Research-preparation Masters Award**  
Arts and Humanities Research Council

## Teaching & public engagement

- current | 2018 ● **Course lecturer**  
Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies  
📍 University of Copenhagen
  - BA: “Practical Archaeology 1” (Arkæologisk praksis 1, [HNAB0100FU](#)), “Practical Archaeology 2” (Arkæologisk praksis 2, [HNAB0102EU](#)), “Science and Theory of Science” (Videnskabsteori, [HTOR0102FU](#))
  - KA: “Theory and Method in Near Eastern Archaeology” ([HNAK0101EU](#)), “Environments and landscapes in the archaeological record of southwest Asia” ([HNAB0102FU](#)), “Neolithic to Early Urban Periods in the Near East” ([HNAK0102EU](#)), “Project-based course” ([HNAK0100FU](#))
- current | 2020 ● **Instructor**  
“R for Archaeologists” winter school  
📍 University of Pisa
- 2020 ● **Workshop organiser**  
Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies  
📍 University of Copenhagen
  - Two-day workshop on mobile GIS for linguistic field research
- 2016 | 2015 ● **Postgraduate Teaching Assistant**  
UCL Institute of Archaeology  
📍 University College London
  - ARCL2028 Research & Presentation Skills
- 2016 | 2014 ● **Tutor**  
[The Brilliant Club](#)  
📍 Schools in London
  - Designed and delivered a university-style tutorial course for primary and high school students
- 2015 ● **Student Volunteer**  
*Maths and Archaeology* workshop 📍 Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology
  - Outreach event for high school students organised by Dr. Alice Stevenson (Petrie Museum) and Dr. Luciano Rila (UCL Mathematics) and supported by the London Mathematical Society

Promoting computational tools, and especially R, in archaeology has been a particular focus; I have experience in teaching at a range of levels, as well as informally mentoring students and colleagues.

## Professional service

- **Peer review**  
Journals
  - *Advances in Archaeological Practice* (1)

- **Peer review**  
Conferences
  - CAA2020 (3)
- 2019 ● **Session organiser**  
CAA2019 📍 Kraków
  - S06: *Recent advances in spatial statistics for archaeology*
- 2016 |  
2014 ● **Senior Editor**  
[Papers from the Institute of Archaeology](#) 📍 University College London
- 2016 |  
2014 ● **Postgraduate Student Representative**  
UCL Institute of Archaeology 📍 University College London
  - Communications Committee
  - Publications Committee
- 2014 |  
2013 ● **Editorial Assistant**  
[Papers from the Institute of Archaeology](#) 📍 University College London
- 2014 ● **Conference organiser**  
[Postgraduate Zooarchaeology Forum \(PZAF\)](#) 📍 London

## Professional memberships

- current |  
2020 ● [Society of Research Software Engineering](#)
- current |  
2014 ● [Council for British Research in the Levant](#)
- current |  
2014 ● [Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology International](#)

## Workshop & seminar participation

- 2019 ● **“Scientific Scripting Languages in Archaeology” Roundtable**  
CAA2019 📍 Kraków
- 2018 ● **“Connecting the Dots”**  
International Summer School 📍 Christian-Albrecht University of Kiel
  - Development of the R package [moin: Modeling Interaction in Landscape Archaeology](#)
- 2017 ● **Shubayqa Project Workshop**  
Workshop 📍 University of Copenhagen

I am especially active in CAA International and its [special interest group for scientific scripting languages](#).

2016

● **Near East Climate Workshop**  
Workshop

📍 University of Nottingham

## Other employment & volunteering

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2010

● **Editor & administrator**  
English Wikipedia

- Community-appointed administrator
- Elected member of the Arbitration Committee (2019–2020)

2018

● **Gateway Advisor**  
Kirklees Citizens Advice Bureau

📍 Dewsbury

2012

● **Curatorial assistant**  
Gradski Musej Vršac

📍 Vršac

2012

● **Software engineer**  
[TPP SystemOne](#)

📍 Leeds

- Front-end and data migration programming for a large clinical systems developer, working with Java and SQL

In my work with Wikipedia and other Wikimedia projects, I seek to promote engagement between academic archaeology and the free knowledge movement.