

DOUGLAS · ESSE

Douglas Esse, Associate Director of the Leon Levy Expedition to Ashkelon, spent the year in Jerusalem working on the material excavated from this Mediterranean coastal site. His research at Ashkelon focused particularly on the material from the Persian period, a period in which Ashkelon was particularly rich. He gave a public presentation of the results of the first two seasons at the Rockefeller Museum Archaeological Lecture Series in Jerusalem. In addition to directing the work of the Ashkelon archaeological laboratory at the Albright Institute in Jerusalem, Esse pursued his own work on the Early Bronze Age in Palestine. He presented a paper at an international symposium on urbanization sponsored by the French archaeological mission to Israel (CNRS) in which he discussed the nature of secondary state formation in third millennium Palestine. He also presented a summary paper on "The Archaeology of Palestine in the Bronze Age" at the annual meetings of the American Schools of Oriental Research/Society for Biblical Literature in Atlanta. Esse excavated at Ashkelon for the third season from May through August, 1987. He has now returned to Chicago to take up teaching responsibilities at the Oriental Institute.