

# Rantidi Forest Excavations Field School

## **General Information**

The site of Lingrin tou Dhigeni is located in Southwestern Cyprus between Paphos and Limassol in the Kapsalia Plain near the Kha Potami river. It is the site of a sanctuary of a prophetic god who is believed to have been the consort of Paphian Aphrodite mentioned by Homer, whose main sanctuary was located in nearby Kouklia. The two sanctuaries form part of a sacred landscape that also includes Aphrodite's birthplace at Petra tou Romiou. The site has a long life as a sacred space, beginning in the Chalcolithic Period and lasting until the Medieval Period. It is currently being threatened by development of the Aphrodite Hills Golf Club. This is one of the most important sanctuaries on Cyprus dating to the Cypro-Geometric to Cypro-Archaic Period and it is our responsibility to preserve as much as possible. 2018 will be a survey season in preparation for excavation in 2019.

One of our priorities for the Rantidi Forest Excavations is the training of future generations of archaeologists through experiential learning. We are offering a field school with this in mind. Students will receive training in several areas of archaeological fieldwork including mapping, imaging, processing of finds, subsurface survey techniques (ground-penetrating radar, magnetometry, etc), and intensive survey (fieldwalking). Students should contact their home institution for tuition requirements to receive credit for a practicum in archaeology.

**Minimum age:** 18

## **Experience Requirement:**

Previous experience is not required. We will train you.

## **Eligibility**

Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 and must not be on academic probation. Priority will be given to students enrolled in History, Classics/Greek and Roman Studies, Anthropology/archaeology, or equivalents.

## **Dates**

Cycle 1: June 29 – July 19

Cycle 2: July 20 – August 10

Six-week program: June 29 – August 10

## **Housing**

Students will live in shared quarters in the village of Kouklia. Breakfasts and lunches will be prepared by students in the houses. Suppers are provided at a local restaurant six days a week. Students are to make their own arrangements on their day off. Alcoholic beverages will not be provided. Students wishing to purchase such things must be legal drinking age in their home state or province.

## **Cost**

The cost per three-week session is \$1500.00 US.

Students must arrange and pay for their own air travel to Cyprus. Transportation from Larnaca airport to Kouklia will be arranged by the project. Local transportation and admission to local archaeological sites are included in the fee.

## **Program**

Students will rotate through various stations during the program. These stations include:

- Mapping
- Sub-surface survey
- Fieldwalking
- Washing and sorting finds
- Cataloguing finds
- Archaeological drawing
- Photography

Early evening lectures on the history of Cyprus, archaeology, art, writing, geology, and other topics.

Day trips to archaeological sites such as Kourion, Paphos, Khirakitia, and the painted churches of the Troodos.

## **How to apply**

Send a copy of your transcript (it does not need to be official), your CV, and the completed application form to Dr. Laura Gagné, College of the Humanities, Carleton University, 1125 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, ON K1S 5B6. You will be notified by email whether or not you have been accepted. Details for payment will be given at that time. Notifications will be sent beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>.