

Adam Dawson

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EDUCATION

- 2020 – 2025 **University of Oxford**, *Doctor of Philosophy in Archaeology*
- Title: *Going Out for the Loot: An Archaeology of Illicit Jacobite Networks (1680-1715)*
 - Advisors: [Damian Robinson](#) & [John Pouncett](#); Examiners: [Jane Kershaw](#) & [Connie Kelleher](#)
- 2017 – 2020 **University of Oxford**, *Master of Philosophy in Archaeology*, Distinction
- 2014 – 2017 **University of Reading**, *Bachelor of Arts in Archaeology*, First Class Honours
- Term Abroad at **Aarhus Universitet**

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Piracy (all periods) • Geo-spatial analysis • Ancient Cilicia • Ancient and early modern colonisation • Archaeological survey (inland and maritime)

SOFTWARE

ArcGIS Pro • Arcmap • qGIS • Envi • Visone • Gephi • GRASS • RVT • SonarWiz

ACADEMIC OUTPUTS

- Publications **Dawson, A.** Rauh, N. 2025. "The Archaeological Footprint of Cilician Piracy" *Athens University Review of Archaeology*. vol. 9 no. 14 (in press) pp. 289-310
- Dawson, A.** 2024. "Dead Man's Chest: Exploring the Archaeology of Piracy (review)" *International Journal of Nautical Archaeology*. vol. 52 no. 2, [10.1080/10572414.2024.2392455](https://doi.org/10.1080/10572414.2024.2392455)
- Dawson, A.** 2020. "Moving in Silence and Violence: Some Thoughts on the Archaeology of Piracy" *Honor Frost Short Report Series*
- Media Hughes, T. **Dawson, A.** Rauh, N. 2025. "[Pirates of the Mediterranean](#)" *The Ancients on History Hits*
- Presentations **Dawson, A.** 2025. "Were a Cornishman to Pray all he Would ask for is a Decent Wreck: A Social Network Analysis Approach to Tracking Illicit Maritime Movement in the Celtic Sea (1690-1715)" *Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology*. University of West Attica
- Dawson, A.** 2025. "The Archaeology of Pirates in the Celtic Sea: A Maritime Cultural Landscape Approach" *Invited Speaker*. Purdue University
- Rauh, N. **Dawson, A.** 2024. "GIS Covert Space Analysis of Rough Cilician Pirate Bases" *American Society for Overseas Research*. Hilton Boston
- Dawson, A.** 2024. "Pirates in the Celtic Sea: A Social Network Analysis of the Irish-Malouin" *Post-Medieval Archaeological Congress*. University of Swansea
- Hodgett, B. Campbell, K. Smith, K. **Dawson, A.** 2023. "Playing Fun Games with Time and Space: Digital Assemblages of the O.G.S. Crawford Archive" *Computer Applications and Quantitative Methods in Archaeology*. Amsterdam RAI
- Dawson, A.** 2023. "Piracy at the Dawn of Capitalism: Accounts from the High Court of the Admiralty 1686-1710" *Graduate Economic History Seminar*. London School of Economics
- Dawson, A.** 2022. "Pirates of the Ancient World: The Application of Covert Spaces Analysis to Late Hellenistic Cilicia" *Under the Mediterranean II*. L-Università ta' Malta

Dawson, A. 2020. "Moving in Silence and Violence II: Some More Thoughts on the Archaeology of Piracy" *Maritime Archaeology Research Exchange*. Hamburg Universitet

Dawson, A. 2020. "Moving in Silence and Violence: Some Thoughts on the Archaeology of Piracy" *Maritime Archaeology Graduate Symposium II*. University of Oxford

Dawson, A. 2020. "A Comparative Historiography of the Crisis of the Third Century" *Oxford Tel-Aviv Workshop Series*. University of Oxford

Dawson, A. 2017. "The Uses of GIS for Ancient Site Detection in Southern Turkey" *SPIN Showcase*. University College London

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Oct. 2025- **Onboard Archaeologist, Maritime Archaeology Ltd.**,
Project archaeologist aboard the *Glomar Worker* responsible for assessing and reporting on targets with archaeological potential as part of the UXO survey for the *EA2 Windfarm*. Also worked as a research assistant on the *Metal Hulled Sailing Vessels* project.
- Jun.-Sep. **Research Assistant, Sunk Cost Productions**,
2025 Fact checker for an upcoming documentary on the shipwrecks of Sicily. Other duties include maintenance and technical assistance on AUVs.
- May 2025 **Survey Director, Purdue Platea Project**,
Organised and directed Purdue Universities' survey of the Hellenistic fortress of Platea, as part of their 2025 study abroad program. The survey was conducted using a Trimble DA2. Was also reasonable for managing and collating complex datasets in a variety of ESRI programs.
- Aug. 2024 **Survey Director, Boğsak Arkeoloji ve Tanıtım Merkezi**,
Organised and directed a ceramics survey of Mylae as part of the 'Taşlık Kilikya Yapı Arkeolojisi'. Set up using qGIS and flagged it throughout the site. Processed the ceramics and then uploaded and maintained the ceramics data in a GIS database.
- Mar.-Apr. **Maritime Geophysicist, Sicily Shipwreck Survey**,
2024 Undertook a maritime survey of the coast of Ustica. Operated Unmanned Autonomous Vehicles, processed the images generated in SonarWiz and developed and maintained a GIS database for the project.
- Oct.-Dec. **Research Assistant, Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East and North Africa**,
2020 Used remote-sensing to evaluate archaeological features in Saudi Arabia.
- Oct.2018- **Co-Organiser, Maritime Archaeology Graduate Symposium**,
May. 2019 Maritime archaeology conference designed to encourage early-career academics to present their work. Secured funding from the Oxford Centre for Maritime Archaeology (OCMA), organised catering, designed programming schedule.
- Aug. 2017 **Space Placements in Industry Intern, UK Satellite Applications Catapult**,
8-week research project. Designed and implanted a semi-autonomous system to identify sites related to graeco-roman piracy. Managed several complex databases, was selected for the 2017 SPIN showcase.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2025 **Guest Lecturer, Department of Classics, Purdue University**
- Alexander the Great and the Ancient World (Undergraduate)
- 2024 **Guest Lecturer, Department of Archaeology, Cranfield University**
- Heritage Crime (Postgraduate)

- 2022 – 2025 **Stipendiary Lecturer**, *Institute of Archaeology, University of Oxford*
- Ancient Maritime Societies (Undergraduate)
 - Methods and Techniques in Maritime Archaeology (Postgraduate)
 - Maritime Archaeology (Undergraduate and Postgraduate)
- 2022 – 2024 **Postgraduate Tutor**, *University of Oxford*
- Maritime Archaeology (Postgraduate)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2024 **OCMA Fieldwork Fund**, £1,779.00
- 2023 **Institute of Archaeology School Award**, £400.00
- 2023 **Meyerstein Award**, £600.00
- 2023 **CAA Bursary Award**, €260.00
- 2023 **OCMA Mobility Grant**, £138.92
- 2022 **St Peter's Travel Award**, £125.00
- 2022 **St Peter's College Foundation Grant**, £400.00
- 2018 **St Peter's Travel Award**, £125.00
- 2017 **Space Placement in Industries Grant**, £3,432.00
- 2016 **European Mobility Incentive Fund**, €800.00

OTHER SKILLS

Languages: **English** | Intermediate: **Spanish, French**

Qualifications and Certifications: **Full UK Driver's License, Advance Diving Certification (SSI), GWO Sea Survival, Drone Operator and Flyer ID**

REFERENCES

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Elizabeth Briggs, *Sunk Cost Productions Ltd.*, briggs@cantab.net