



Introduction to the Paper Humanities

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Mount Ararat

Must we Define the Digital Humanities?

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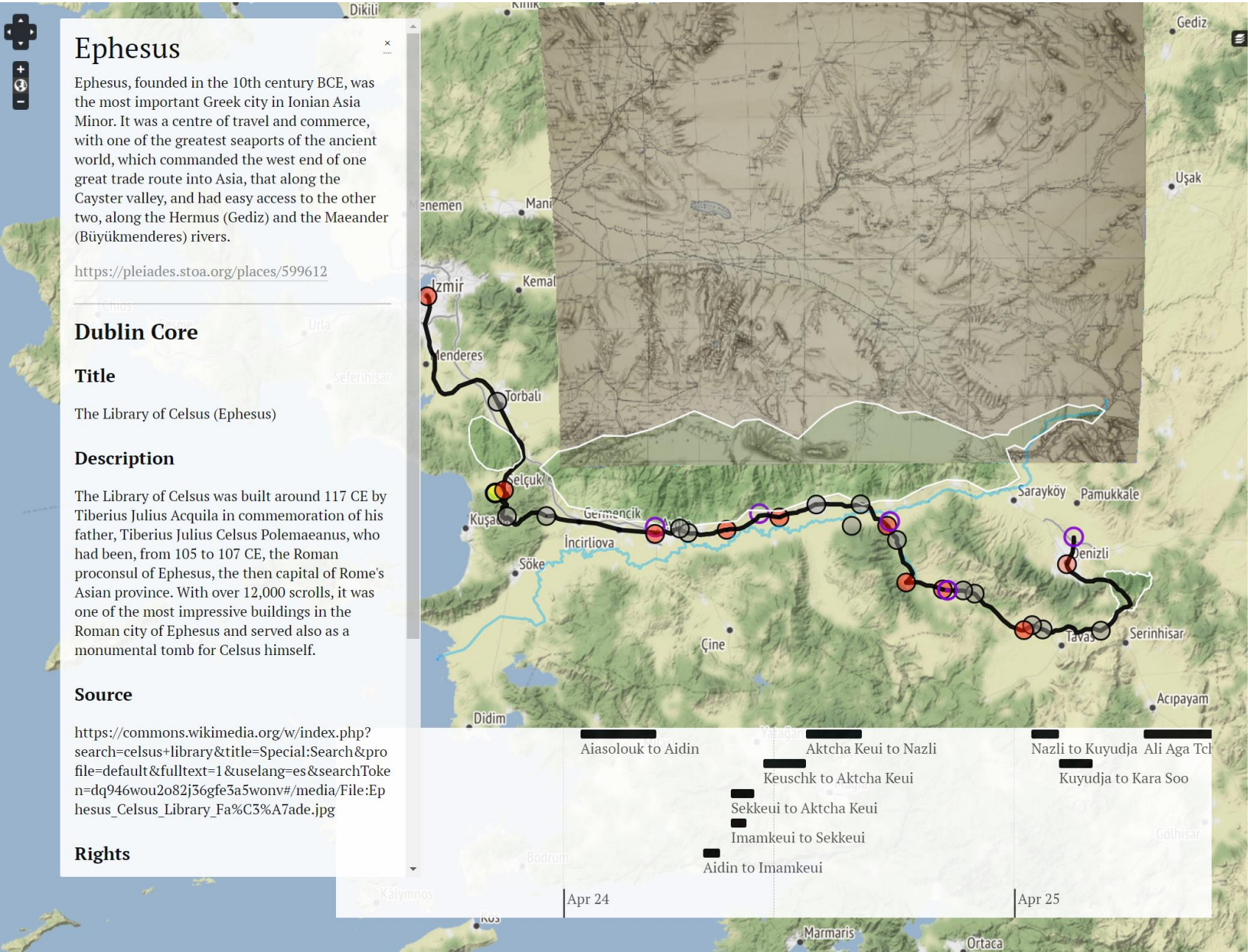
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Anatolica

or The Journal of a Visit to some of the Ancient Ruined Cities of Caria, Phrygia, Lycia, and Pisidia

By Edwin John Davis

1874

- Edwin John Davis was a British Episcopalian chaplain who resided in Alexandria. He traveled throughout Asia Minor as an observer and this account details one of his journey as well as his scholarly comparisons between the various regions. -

Smyrna to Aidin (p. 22-64)

April 23.

(pg. 24) We left Smyrna for Aiasolouk . The railway passes round the base of Mount Pagus, through some deep cuttings in the volcanic rock, and enters the plain of Boujah...

(pg. 25) Beyond Boujah, is the large village of Sedikeui, with a magnificent grove of cypresses near it. Here the plain, which is only in part under culture, begins to open, and its dark red soil is evidently very fertile...

(pg. 28) The railway here passes under the stupendous rock-precipices of Alaman Dagh (Mount Galesion) . High above, on a precipitous peak of the mountain, stands the Kedji Kalesy (Groat's Fort), supposed to have been one of the ancient Persian watch-towers. The railroad passes close under it, and alongside the rapid and turbid stream of the Cayster, now much swollen by the late rain.

(pg. 29) At mid-day the train arrived at Aiasolouk .

(pg. 32) From the foot of the hill of Aiasolouk the marshy plain of the Cayster extends without interruption to the sea. On the north the offsets of Galesus bound it, and on the south the long ridge of Coressus . Immediately in front and projecting into the plain is the hill of Prion — the site of ancient Ephesus .

April 24.

HKU History 2136: The Graeco-Roman World: From Homer to Augustus

C. 387 BC - C. 322 BC

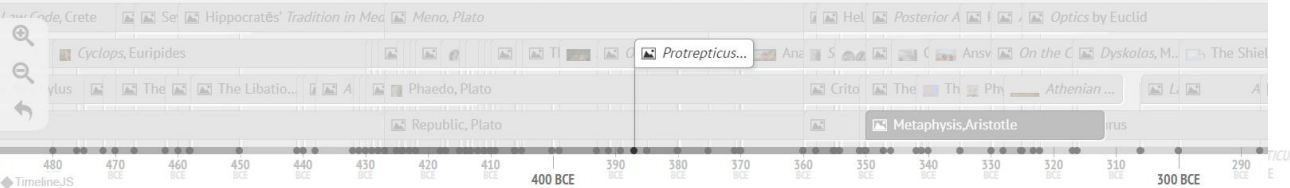
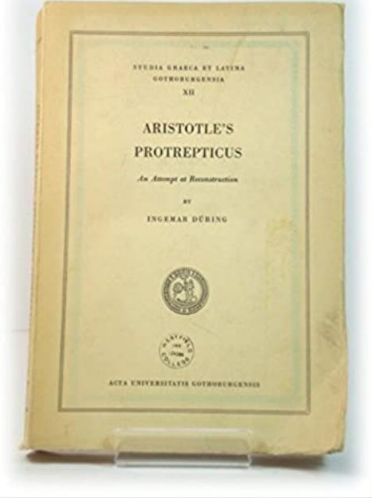
PROTREPTICUS, ARISTOTLE

Protrepticus by Aristotle:

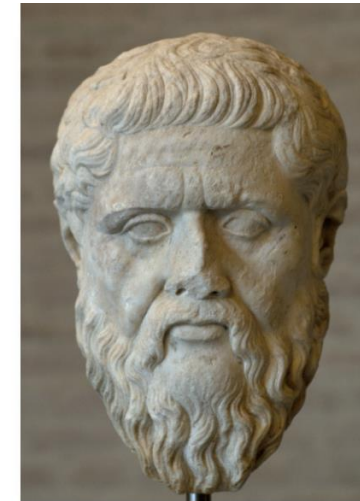
Aristotle was an ancient Greek philosopher and scientist, and a student of Socrates. His works were also known for influencing both Christian Scholasticism and medieval Islamic philosophy. In *Protrepticus*, Aristotle argued that everyone should understand philosophy to live a better life and that everyone lives with philosophy. Unfortunately, the manuscript didn't survive through the middle ages and historians today could only reference from other texts to cite certain paragraphs that quoted the *Protrepticus*. Nevertheless, the text represented Aristotle's theory in philosophy of which philosophy exists in everyone's thoughts.

Entry by Samuel Choi

Excerpts: Aristotle: *Protrepticus* (citations, fragments,



[http://openarchaeology.org/
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Head of Platon, Roman copy. The original was exhibited at the Academy after the death of the philosopher (348/347 BC).

385 BCE – 370 BCE



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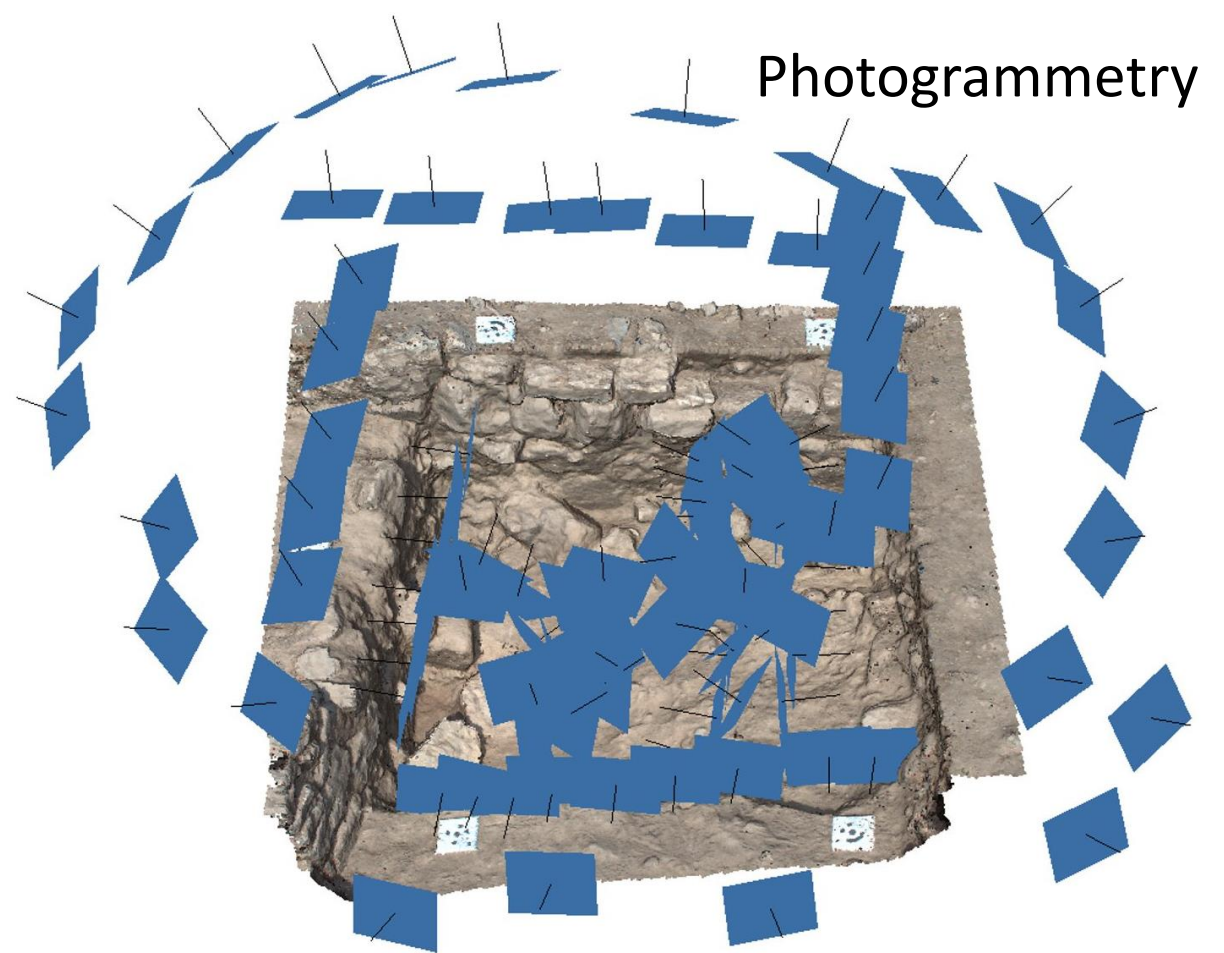
- Databases
- Imagery
- 3D models
- Spatial data

Sharing

- Websites
- Extended Reality (XR)



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differential Global Navigation
Satellite Systems (dGNSS)



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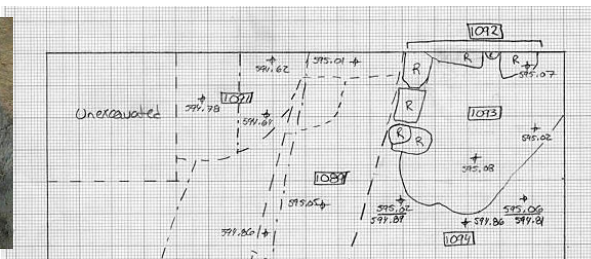
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Reproducibility?



Data

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Kenan Tepe Excavation Database doi 10.6078/M7H41PBJ

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Context: Turkey / Kenan Tepe / Area C / Trench 1 / Locus 1002 (Locus)

Descriptions (25)

Descriptive Variable	Value(s)
Designator	Fill
General remarks	There seemed to be a sort of new surface between 1001 and 1002 because of a few smashed small sherds. Also it seemed that 1001 had a dirt fill on the bottom. This surface is crunchy and a lot like 1001.
Strat below	1001
Strat above	1004
Strat abuts	1003
Top depth center	596.33
Top depth north-west	595.98
Top depth north-east	596.26

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Kenan Tepe


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field-photographs

Android apps for archaeology that enable photography during field work, with resulting photographs named and located on the filesystem based on information from a relational database.

Java 3

archaeology-object-data-collector-app

Android App for remotely controlling camera, weight scale and connecting to database for recording data on archaeology objects

Java 2

archaeological-survey-location-collector

An app for use in archaeological field survey to collect high-accurate point locations, photographs, and other data, using affordable differential GNSS equipment.

Java 1

photogrammetry-object-scanner

putting this in a separate repo, since it's a million files and many of them go on the android rather than the pi

Python 1

github.com/anatolian

Results



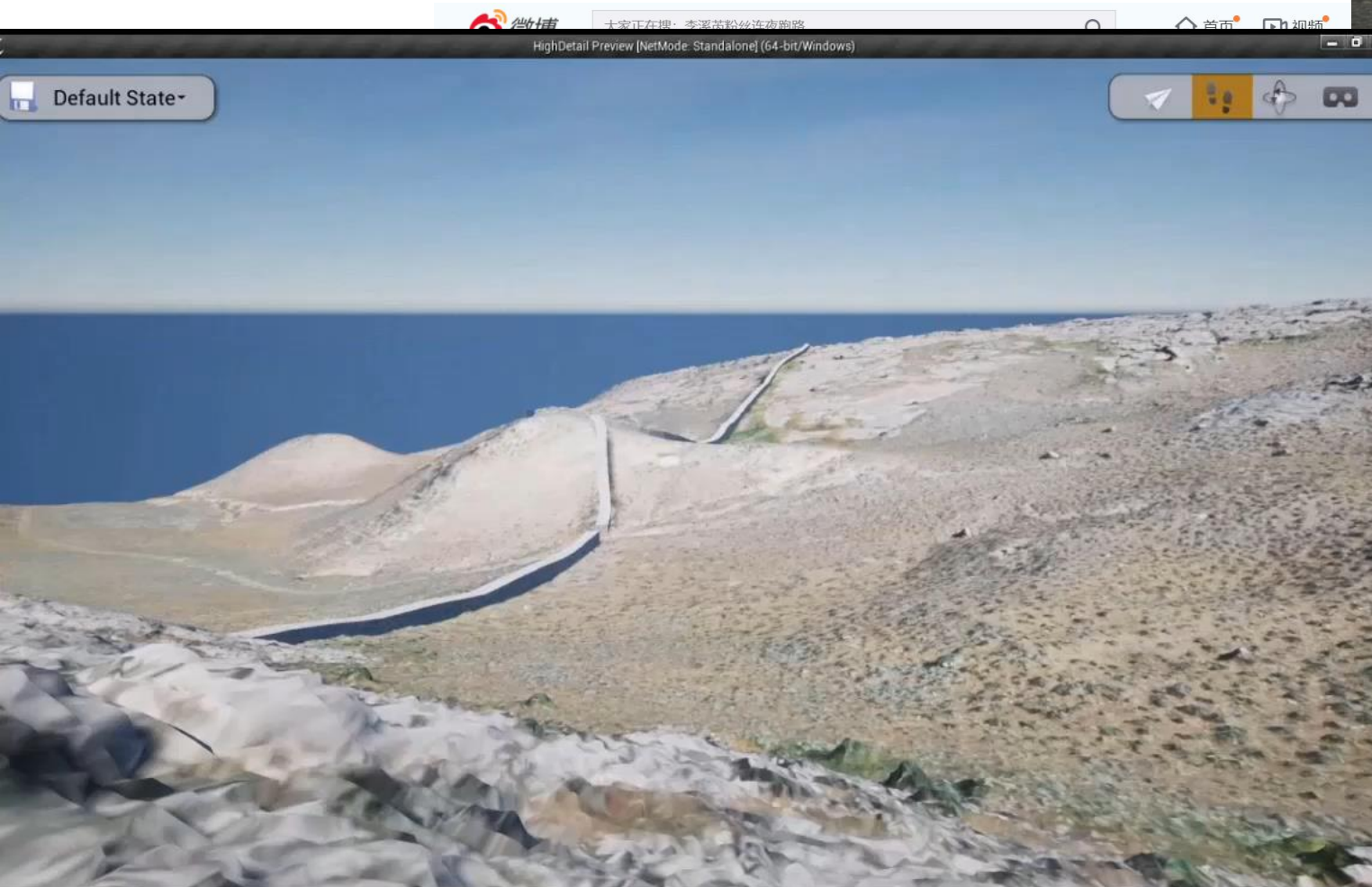
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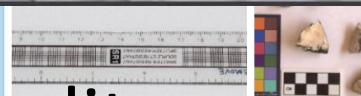
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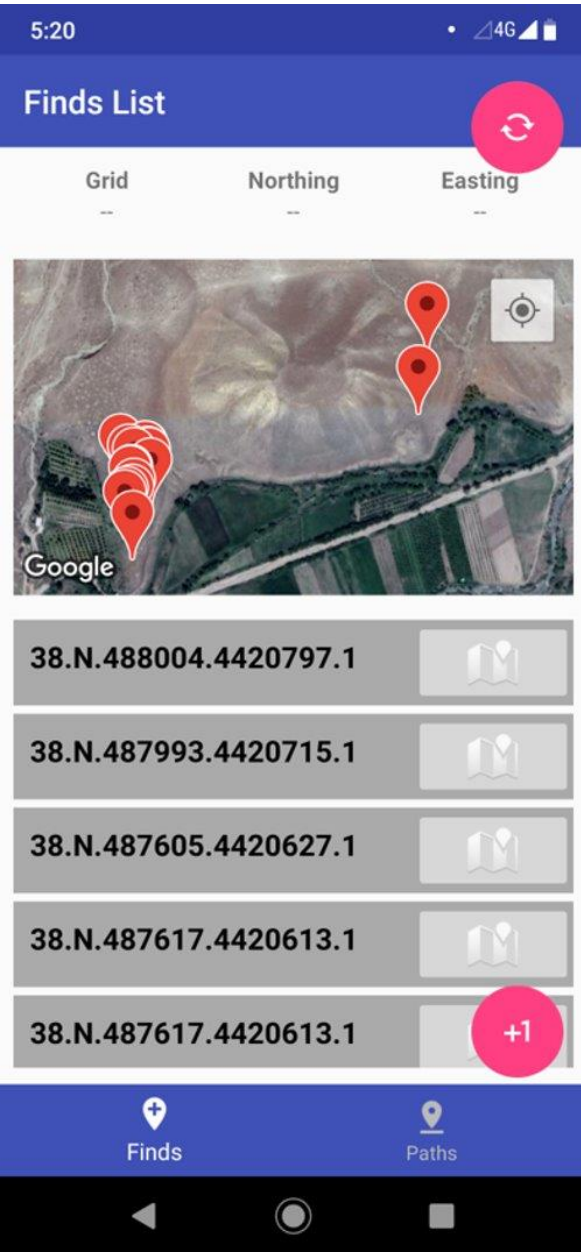
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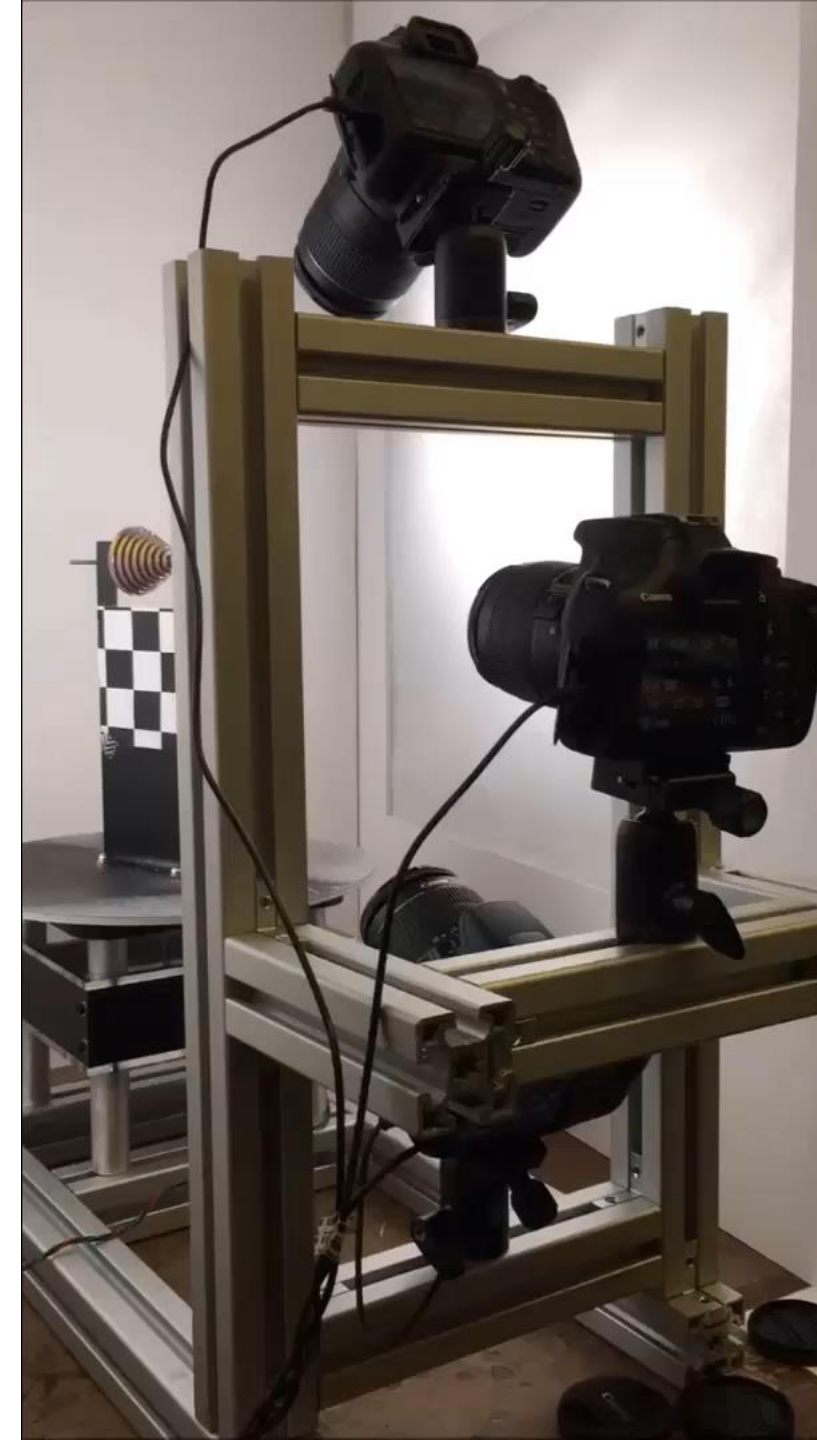
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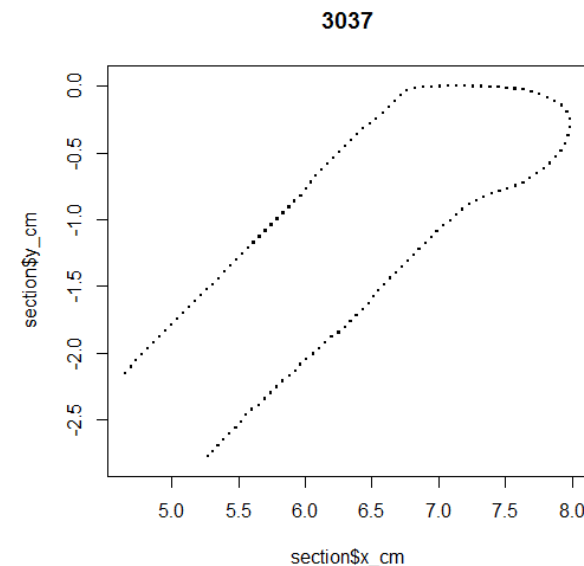
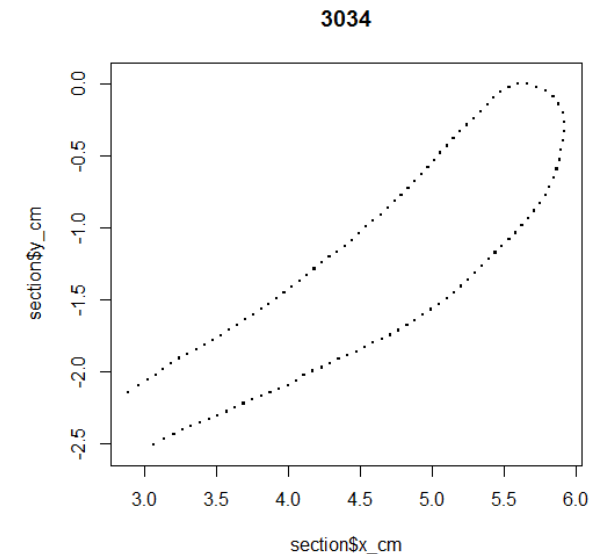
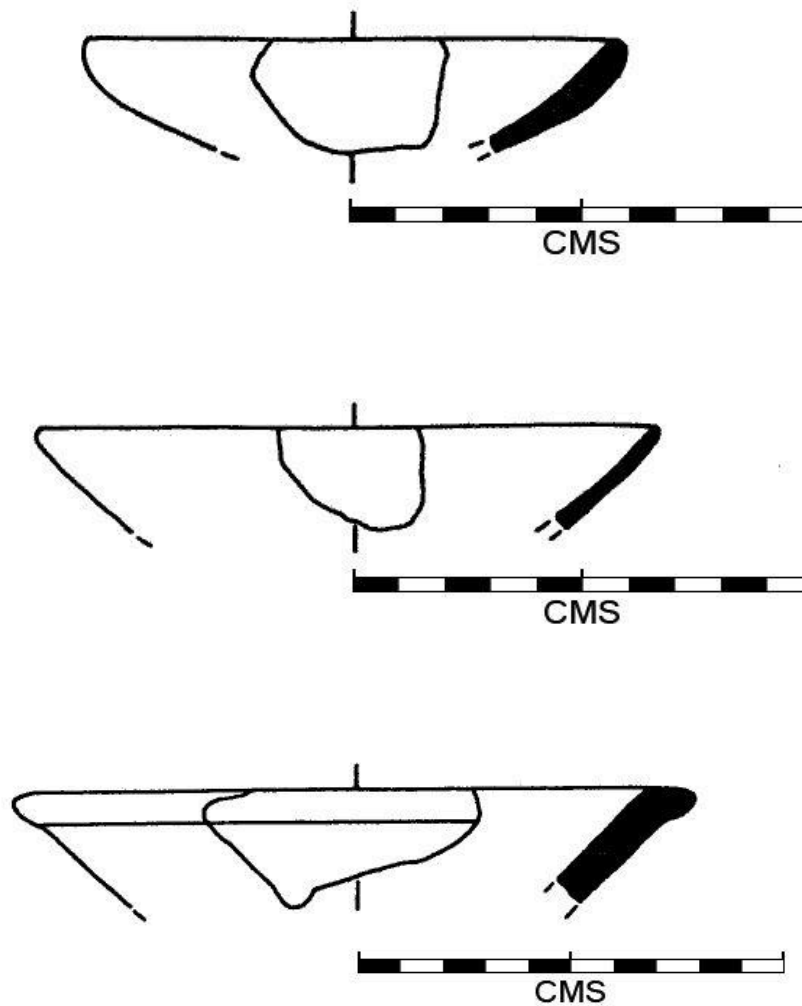
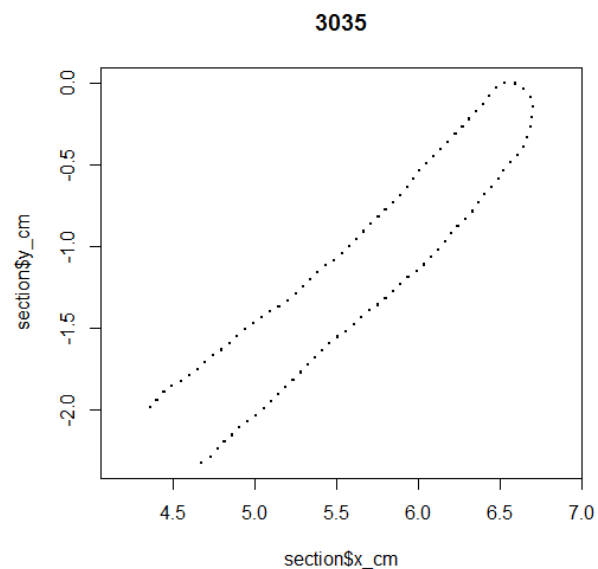


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Interdisciplinary Research





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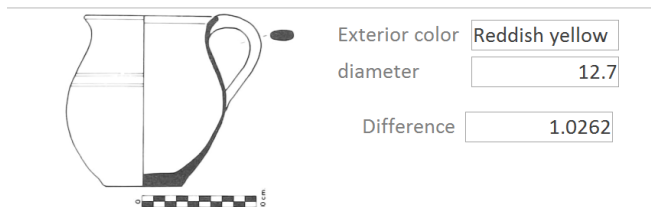


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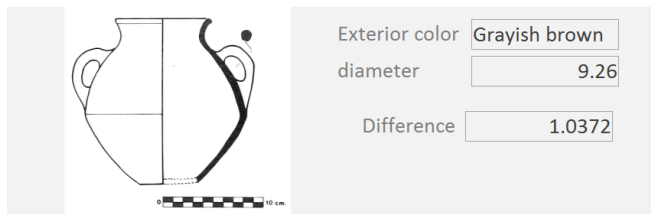


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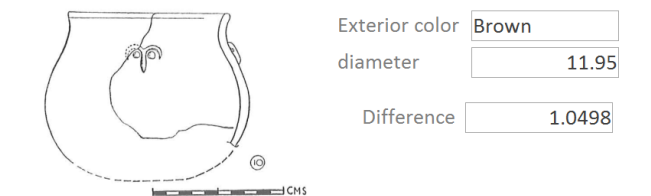
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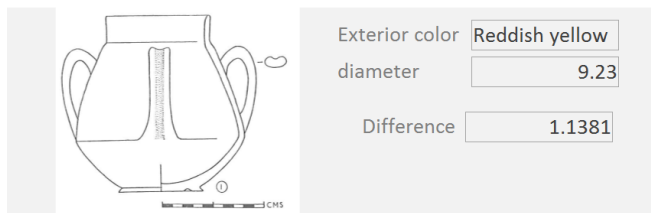
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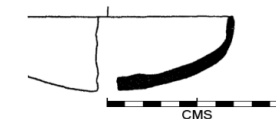
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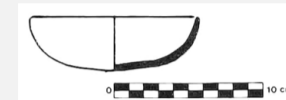
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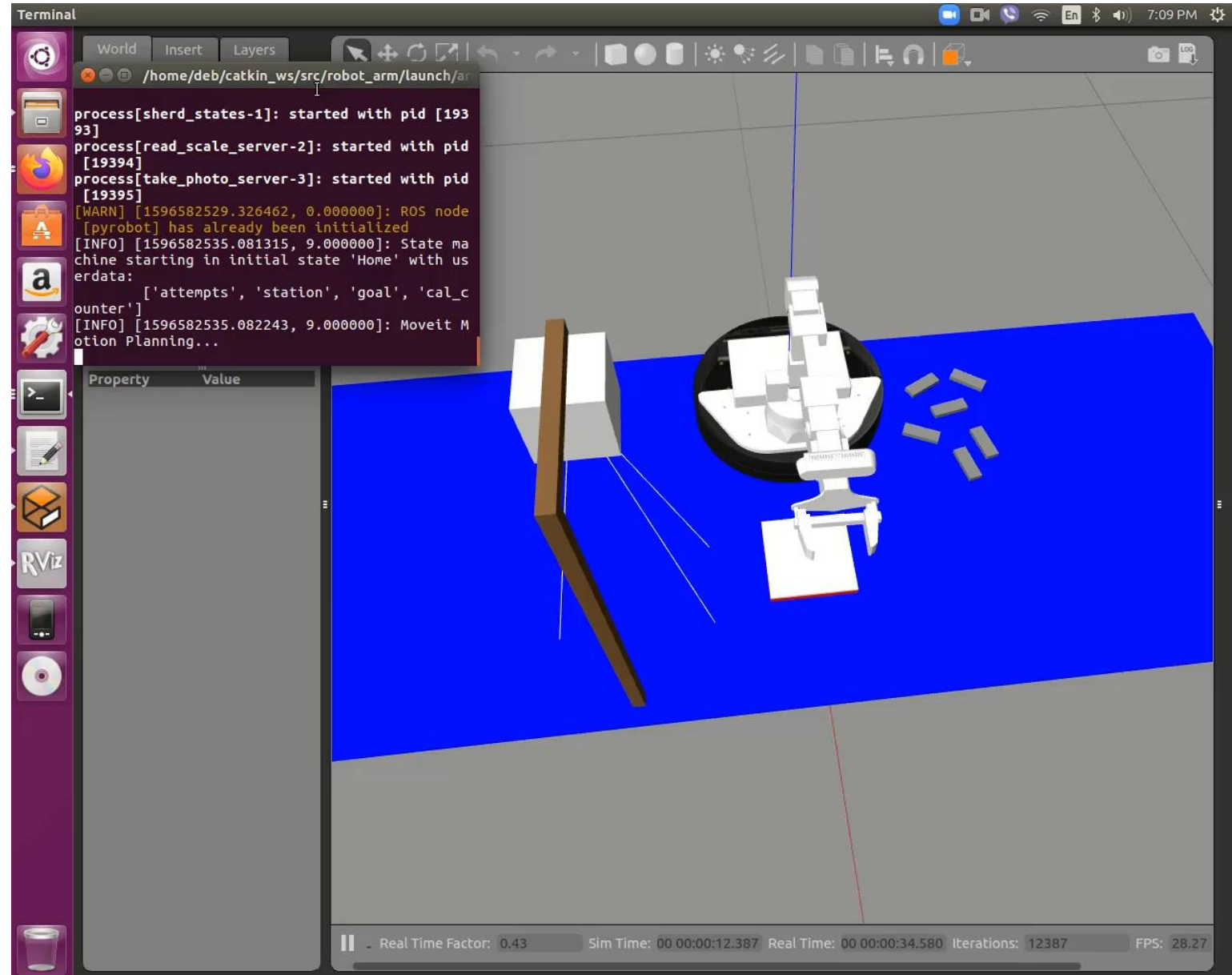
- pushing beyond individual disciplines to solve problems that neither can address alone
- identifying problems that can generate original research in both archaeology and computer science

Challenges:

- communication: different vocabularies and working cultures
- finding research topics in both fields

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Robot arm to weigh,
photograph, and (eventually)
3d scan ceramic sherds



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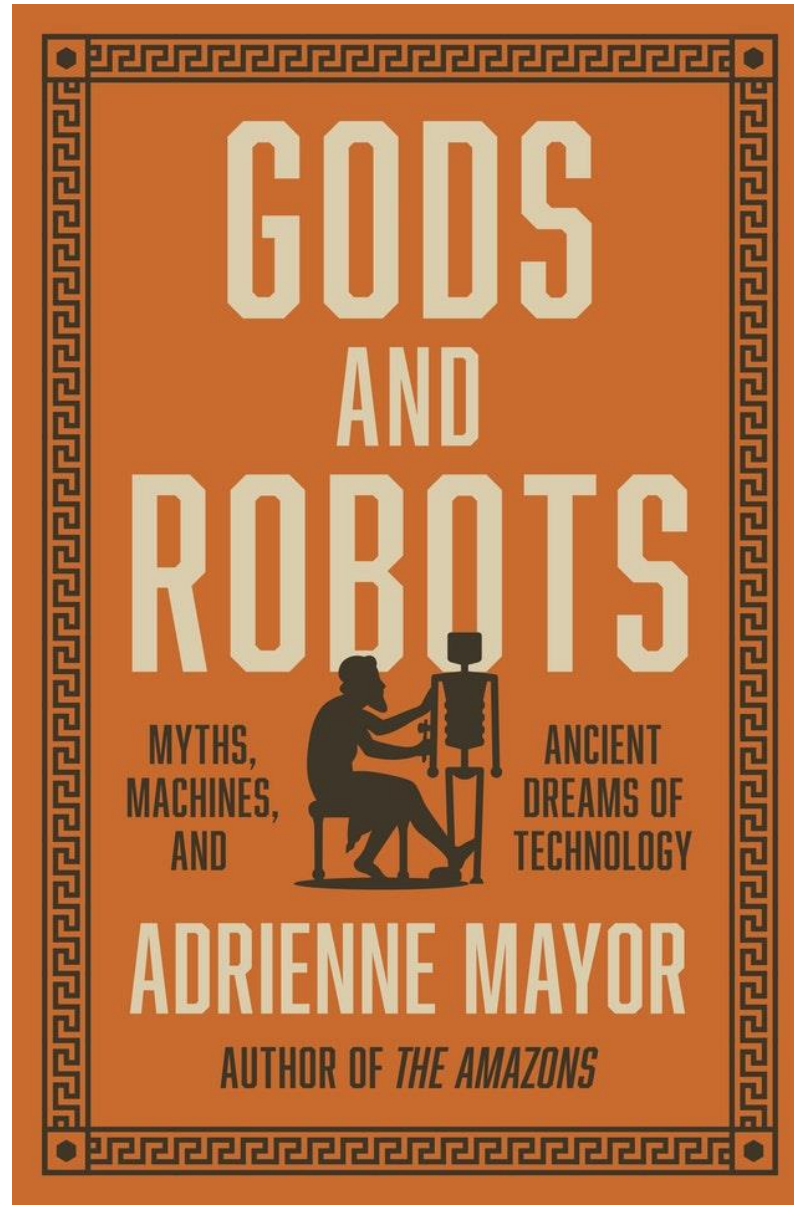
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☞ Humanities critiques of technology



I hope that we all embrace DH so completely that DH no longer exists.

