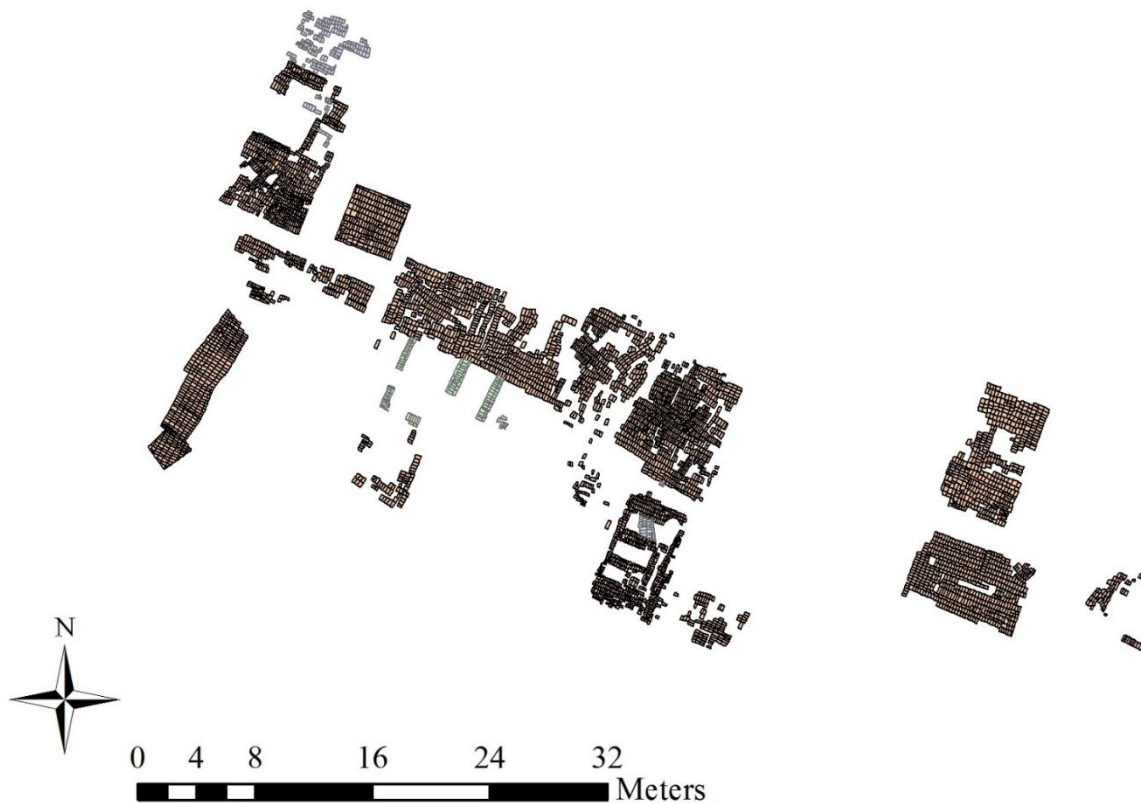


Preliminary Report for Season 2015
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Introduction

An archaeological team sponsored by the University of Hawaii and led by Professor Robert Littman and Dr. Jay Silverstein with Assistant Director Dr. Claire Malleson conducted excavations from 2 June to 2 July 2015. The archaeological team consisted of 24 archaeologists from America, Egypt, Australia, England, and Thailand. The archaeological study focused on three areas of interest: 1) the rescue archaeological zone consisting of five *fedan* in the northeastern portion of the tell, 2) the temple/mastaba complex in the northwestern portion of the tell, and 3) the investigative work at Tell el Rub'a in preparation for construction of a magazine dedicated to Tell Timai artifacts.

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Investigations

The 2015 season focused on three areas of archaeological investigation at Tell Timai expanding on work from previous seasons and one area at Tell er Rub'a. Archaeobotanical analysis was conducted on carbonized remains for remains from this season and previous season's work by Dr. Claire Malleson. Ceramics from this season and previous seasons were studied by Mr. Sherif Abdel Moneim (MSA). During the Tell Timai 2015 season a Sokkia Set 3110, a Trimble total station and Pentax autolevels were used to control unit elevations and conduct surface and unit feature mapping following the base datums established in previous seasons of work. Excavations were conducted by context—individual features were documented and sampled to establish form, function, history, and date. Conservators from the MSA (Mr. Hamed Mostafa Kamel, Mr. Wael Fathala, Mr. Aly Mohammed and Mr Ibrahim Mahmoud) assisted with the cleaning and conservation of artifacts.



Map of the areas investigated (El Rub'a left, North Tell Timai right).