

GALILEE PREHISTORY PROJECT

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Although it was not possible for the Galilee Prehistory Project (GPP) team to conduct fieldwork during the COVID-19 pandemic, our research and publication continued. In 2015 the GPP team conducted intensive investigations of a small area in the Lower Galilee to evaluate the potential for a future excavation. Intensive survey (pedestrian, drone, and geophysical) complemented by methodical shovel tests along the Wadi el-Ashert directly south of Kibbutz Hanaton were discussed in the OI's *Annual Report 2015–16*. The results of this season in the Galilee were published in the *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* (385, no. 1 [2021]: 1–32) by Yorke Rowan, Morag M. Kersel, Austin “Chad” Hill, and Thomas Urban. As an extension of that research, we enlisted the help of Ruby Deneen, an Oberlin undergraduate student supported by an American Society of Overseas Research summer grant, who will collect data on late prehistoric sites of the Upper and Lower Galilee. That data will be used to investigate change in the number of sites and site placement over the course of several millennia. During the 2019 season at Horvat Duvshan, in the eastern Galilee, Hill, Kersel, and Rowan tested an experimental application of a new technology for point data collection in the field. The results of that trial were developed into a paper titled “On Hedgehogs and Marvelous Minds: A New Technology for Point Data Collection?” currently in press with the Society of American Archaeology's journal *Advances in Archaeological Practice*.
