

## About Christopher Tuttle

*Christopher A. Tuttle is an archaeologist whose research focuses on the Hellenistic and Roman periods in the Middle East. His specialization is the ancient kingdom of the Nabataeans and their capital city of Petra, where his fieldwork has been centered for nearly 20 years. He holds a B.A. in Classical and Medieval Studies from the University of Massachusetts, Boston and a Ph.D. from the Joukowsky Institute for Archaeology and the Ancient World at Brown University.*



*Chris lived and worked full-time in the Middle East for nearly 15 years, first in Jerusalem and then in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. He was the Associate Director of the American Center of Oriental Research (ACOR) in Amman, Jordan from 2006–2014, during which time he directed field projects in Petra and assisted numerous other archaeological missions in the region. He then served for three years as the Executive Director of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) based in Washington, D.C.*

*Chris has extensive experience as a tour guide and lecturer. He has led educational tours throughout Jordan, Israel, Palestine, Syria, and Turkey (he also guided a group of foreign ambassadors to Jordan on a special tour of ancient Hegra/Medain Saleh in Saudi Arabia). He has led numerous specialized tours through Petra, including some for dignitaries such as former U.S. First Lady Laura Bush, U.S. Vice President Joseph Biden and his wife Dr. Jill Biden, many U.S. Congressional Delegations, former Governor-General of Australia, Dame Quentin Bryce, current Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Irina Bokova, and assisted with organizing U.S. President Barack Obama's tour in 2013. Chris has also appeared as an expert presenter in many television documentaries about Petra that have aired on the BBC, Discovery, History, National Geographic, Smithsonian, and Travel channels.*