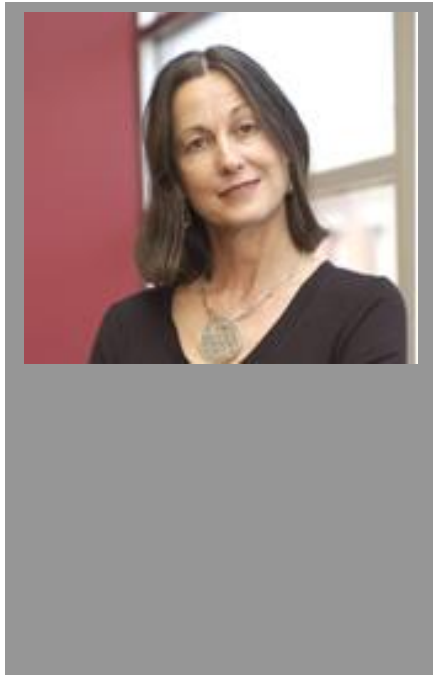




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Qualifications

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Jenny Webb's research interests centre on the archaeology and material culture of Chalcolithic and Bronze Age Cyprus, with a particular focus on the identification and understanding of prehistoric households, gender relationships, settlement size, population movements, resource networks and social hierarchy and the production, consumption and discard of ceramics and ground stone. She has also written extensively on Late Bronze Age sealing systems, ideology, religion, iconography, political economy and early state formation. She has been a member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology* (Sheffield Academic Press) since 1999. In 2006 she was appointed Coordinator of Bronze Age Ceramics for the project 'Associated Regional Chronologies of the Ancient Near East' (Cyprus Regional Group), funded by the European Science Foundation to 2010.

Research Projects

The Social Archaeology of Bronze Age Cyprus. Excavations at Marki Alonia

This ARC-funded project, undertaken jointly with Dr David Frankel, is built on the extensive excavations at the site of Marki Alonia, a prehistoric Bronze Age settlement in central Cyprus. The settlement was occupied for five or six hundred years from about 2400 BCE. Substantial architectural remains from the earliest phase of the Early Bronze Age to the early Middle Bronze Age provide the opportunity for exploring issues of household structure, settlement growth and demography, as well as economy and technology. The earliest occupation provides crucial evidence of the Philia facies of the Early Bronze Age, providing new data for developing models of migration and ethnicity as the keys to explaining the transition from the Chalcolithic to the Bronze Age in Cyprus. Preliminary reports on each excavation season have been published in the Report of the Department of Antiquities, Cyprus. A comprehensive study of the first phase of fieldwork is D. Frankel and J.M. Webb, *Marki Alonia. An Early and Middle Bronze Age Town in Cyprus. Excavations 1990–1994*, *Studies in Mediterranean Archaeology* Volume CXXIII:1, Paul Åströms Förlag, Jonsered 1996.

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Deneia: A study of regionalism, population and society in Bronze Age Cyprus

This is a collaborative project funded by the Australian Research Council, co-directed with David Frankel and Maria Iacovou (University of Cyprus). The cemetery complexes at Kafkalla and Mali, near the village of Deneia in Cyprus, were in use for around 1000 years, from the beginning of the Early Bronze Age (2,400 BCE) to the end of the Late Bronze Age. A survey season carried out in 2003 identified over 1000 tombs, all of which have been partially looted. In 2004 a number of these were sampled in order to assess the changing size and structure of the cemeteries during their long period of use. Comparative studies of contemporary sites provide the basis for monitoring and explaining local, regional and island-wide relationships, viewed in a context of expanding population and increasing interaction with the wider Mediterranean world. A volume reporting the survey, excavation and finds will be submitted for publication in late 2007.

Politiko Kokkinorotsos. A Chalcolithic site in central Cyprus

This project, jointly directed with David Frankel, involves the excavation and publication of a Chalcolithic settlement in central Cyprus. It acquires particular importance as the material culture of this period is very poorly known in this region of the island. A preliminary field season was carried out in 2006 and a major excavation in 2007. The latter produced over one tonne of pottery, over 150 kilos of animal bone and large quantities of ground and chipped stone artefacts.

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