

Pace excavating for fortress

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Some professors merely brush up on their curriculum every semester but Jim Pace, a professor of religious and archaeological studies, lives and loves what he teaches his students.

Involved with the Karak Resources Project, an archaeology team excavating an ancient fortress called Mudaybi' which dates back to at least 900 B.C., Pace's interests lie in the study of people and their utilisation of natural resources during ancient times.

Mudaybi' is located in Moab, an area in the modern country of Jordan.

Pace is currently writing work to be published concerning his archaeological findings in Jordan and the Near East.

His work will form a chapter in a book tentavily titled "By the Sweat of thy Brow."

With a major in Latin from Birmingham Southern College in Alabama, a master of divinity and a P.H.D in religious studies (with a

concentration in Old Testament Studies) from Emory University, Pace brings a variety of experiences and views to Elon's diverse environment.

"It's [college] one place where you can think and question and read and carry on a dialogue with people and you can keep traditions going," Pace said.

"I like to stress that the ability to raise creative questions and to look for the answers is more important than learning things that already exist," Pace said.

"It's part of my training

such as 'I believe' or 'I think'," he added.

Pace has taught courses such as the Archaeology of Palestine, Introduction to the Old Testament, Biblical Hebrew, and Hebrew Prophets.

"I've always loved history and languages," Pace said. "I have always been concerned with the passing down of past traditions...I think biblical traditions are being lost."

Though Pace has never taught anywhere besides Elon, where he has been for 25 years, he says he enjoys the small school atmosphere and the support given to his research.

"I feel that research helps my teaching," said Pace.

"What I especially like is the academic freedom as we can do

what we want in the classroom," Pace said.

"I also like the association with other disciplines because you can learn from them...also the teaching atmosphere and the ability to do the research needed," he added.

Both Pace and his wife Carol are Elon faculty members while their daughter, Melissa, is a senior history/accounting major at Elon and their son, Kevin, is a recent addition to the Elon family.

Pace's basic hobby is reading, especially history.

"It is hard for me to distinguish between my work and my hobby," Pace admits.

Pace also enjoys playing and listening bass guitar, an interest he readily attributes to his teenage son.

Pace spends his time with his reading, his family, and his research.



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