



City and Cemetery

Excavations at Kourion's Amathous Gate Cemetery, Cyprus. The Excavations of Danielle A. Parks Volume 1: Context, Analysis, and Conclusions

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The Amathous Gate Cemetery played a key role in the spatial and social organization of the well-preserved city of Kourion on the south coast of Cyprus, and in its transformations between the Hellenistic and Byzantine periods, from massively destructive earthquakes and the rise of Christianity to new social and administrative structures.

The excavations were directed by the late Danielle A. Parks from 1995 to 2000, and found striking evidence for burial and commemoration, a wide range of material culture, and a large assemblage of well-preserved human remains. The project uses an innovative methodology for analyzing mixed stratigraphy and legacy data, which we offer to those researching sites with similar challenges.

This volume presents the chamber tombs and cist tombs, quarrying evidence, and deposition activity from the cleanup after the 370s CE earthquake. It integrates the stratigraphy with the analysis of the material culture and the recording of rock-cut features, and gives a broad interpretation of the results of the whole project.

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