The Weingreen Museum of Biblical Antiquities holds over 2,000 objects, which encompass the entire Mediterranean world from North Africa to Mesopotamia and from the oldest city, Jericho (ninth millennium BCE), to the Crusades of the thirteenth century CE. The collection is comprised of objects and mini-collections that have been given as gifts or are on permanent loan to TCD, as well as those purchased by Professor Jacob Weingreen or by College.

MNES is an interdisciplinary and collaborative venture of research and teaching between the Department of Classics and the School of Religions and Theology, focussing on cultural encounters in the Mediterranean and Near East.

PROJECT

We plan to make this unique and mainly unknown collection accessible by developing a searchable online catalogue as a free open access resource that would allow scholars and the general public to interact with one of Trinity College’s important collections. The long-term result of this project will be further research on, and publication of, the Museum’s holdings.

Another important aspect of the collection is outreach. As a unique resource in Ireland, we are visited regularly by school groups and historical societies. Visitors can have hands-on experience of ancient artefacts and we have workshops for our visitors that are tailored to their needs and interests.

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