



Crawford Hallock Greenewalt, Jr.

Professor of Classics and Classical Archaeology, Emeritus. Director Emeritus of the Sardis Excavations

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Crawford Hallock Greenewalt Jr. was Professor Emeritus of Classics and Classical Archaeology at the University of California at Berkeley, he was also Director Emeritus of the Archaeological Exploration of Sardis.

Crawford Hallock Greenewalt Jr. was born in Wilmington, Delaware, on June 3, 1937, the son of Crawford Hallock and Margaretta du Pont Greenewalt. His father, a chemical engineer and ornithologist, was president of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company from 1948 to 1962.

Greenewalt, “Greenie” (as he preferred to be called) was educated at Tower Hill School. He became interested in the ancient world at the age of eight, and his passion for it never wavered. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Harvard in 1959, followed by a Ph.D. in 1966 from the University of Pennsylvania, where he wrote his dissertation on Lydian pottery. From 1976 to 2007 he was the field director of the expedition, which began in 1958 and is a joint project of the Harvard University Art Museums and Cornell University. He also excavated at Gordion in Turkey under his dissertation supervisor, Rodney Young, and with the famed Turkish archaeologist Ekrem Akurgal at Çandarlı (Pitane) and Bayraklı (Old Smyrna), but he always returned to Sardis.

He began working at the Sardis excavation when still an undergraduate, earning a reputation as an intrepid crawler through the narrow tunnels dug by would-be tomb robbers in the Roman era. He joined the expedition formally in 1959 as a staff photographer.

In 1966 he began his teaching career in Classics at Berkeley, where he remained until he retired in 2010. He served the Classics Department in a number of key positions; was co-curator of Mediterranean Archaeology at Berkeley’s Phoebe Apperson Hearst Museum of Anthropology; and was a founder, core faculty member, and staunch supporter of the Graduate Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology (AHMA).

His publications include almost one hundred articles and essays, primarily about the archaeology of Lydia, and particularly on Lydian and East Greek pottery. His pottery studies focused not only on traditional stylistic analysis and attribution, but also on the functions of the vessels, their stratigraphic and contextual analysis, and their technology. His publications and expertise ranged far beyond this, however, from Lydian textiles and other aspects of the kingdom’s material culture, to ritual practices such as “puppy dinners” consisting of a knife, plate, cup, jug, cooking pot, and the bones of a tiny puppy, Lydian arms and armor, and Sardis under Persian rule.

Crawford Hallock Greenewalt, Jr., died on May 4, 2012, at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Nancy G. and William H. Frederick, Jr., near Wilmington, Delaware. He was 74 when he died.