

Preface

This volume is the result of six years of research addressing the archaeology of the medieval settlement at Aphrodisias, and expands upon my DPhil thesis conducted in 2015–2019. The first three of these years were spent at Lincoln College, Oxford, where I was supported by an award from the Arts and Humanities Research Council. During the final year of the doctoral research I lived in Istanbul as a predoctoral fellow of Koç University's Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED). Revisions and additions were made as a Career Development Fellow at the University of Edinburgh, and final touches completed as a Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Oxford. I am most grateful to these institutions for their support.

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