

**Archaeological Institute of America
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Fall 2011 Newsletter



Tuesday, September 27, 2011

7:30 p.m.

3335 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley

***Pheidias's World: The Berkeley Casts of the Parthenon Frieze
and their Athenian Context***

Dr. Andrew Stewart

The Nicholas C. Petris Professor of Greek Studies in the Department of Classics, Ancient History and
Mediterranean Archaeology and the History of Art
University of California, Berkeley

The Parthenon frieze, represented at UC Berkeley by a selection of nine plaster casts molded from the original marble slabs in Athens and now displayed in the entrance corridor of Dwinelle Hall, is the longest surviving monument of Greek sculpture. Its choice of theme and location on the Parthenon are unique. Although a consensus has emerged that it represents the Panathenaic procession, the reasons for its presence on the Parthenon remain obscure. This lecture explores questions regarding the friezes in the context of the political, social, and religious concerns of the Periclean period, and the frieze's unique status in the history of western art.

The casts of the Parthenon frieze will be enjoyed along with refreshments and conversation following the lecture in the Dwinelle entrance corridor.

Cosponsored by the UC Berkeley Department of Classics and the Ancient Art Council of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco.

Monday, October 24, 2011

5:30 p.m.

370 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley

At Home in Archaic Athens

Dr. Kathleen Lynch

Associate Professor, Department of Classics, University of Cincinnati
AIA Scranton Lecturer

This lecture explores the material remains of a late Archaic Athenian household excavated on the northwestern edge of the Athenian Agora. Following its destruction

during the Persian invasion of Athens in 479 B.C., the fragmentary remnants of the household's possessions were discarded into a well during the clean-up. Excavation of the well and the limited remains of architecture provide us with a rich view of domestic activity for a single household, including a look at the symposium style of communal drinking, insight into the character of the inhabitants based on chosen pottery iconography and motifs, and evidence of food preparation and consumption.

OTHER EVENTS AND LECTURES OF INTEREST IN FALL 2011

Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. 210 Barrows Hall, UC Berkeley

Imagining the Past: Historical Fiction in Ancient Egypt

Dr. Colleen Manassa, Yale University

(Sponsored by the American Research Center in Egypt -

<http://www.arce.org/chapters/northerncalifornia/events>)

Saturday October 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Legion of Honor, 100- 34th Avenue, Lincoln Park, San Francisco.

Etruscan Gold Jewelry and Its Imitations in the 19th Century

Dr. Gertrud Platz, Deputy Director (retired), Antikensammlung, National Museums of Berlin and Corresponding Member of the German Archaeological Institute.

(Sponsored by the Ancient Arts Council - <http://www.ancientartscouncil.org/programs>)

Sunday, October 16, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. Room 110 Barrows Hall, UC Berkeley

Excavations at the Tomb of Queen Tetisheri at Abydos

Dr. Steve Harvey, University of Pennsylvania

(Sponsored by the American Research Center in Egypt)

Friday, October 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Alumni House (Toll Room), UC Berkeley

BAIR – The Berkeley Ancient Italy Roundtable: Keynote address and reception

Did the Romans have an ethnic identity?

Dr. Erich Gruen, the Gladys Rehard Wood Professor Emeritus of History and Classics, UC Berkeley

(Sponsored by the Department of Classics)

Saturday, October 22, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. 160 Kroeber Hall, UC Berkeley

BAIR – The Berkeley Ancient Italy Roundtable:

Ethnicity in ancient Italy, upheaval and response in ancient Rome, and ancient Sicily

(Sponsored by the Department of Classics)

Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Legion of Honor, 100- 34th Avenue, Lincoln Park, San Francisco

Identity Theft in the Ancient Mediterranean

Dr. Erich Gruen, the Gladys Rehard Wood Professor Emeritus of History and Classics, UC Berkeley.

(Sponsored by the Ancient Arts Council)

Sunday, November 13, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. Room 110 Barrows Hall, UC Berkeley

Baboons, Stable Isotopes, and the Location of Punt

Dr. Nathaniel Dominy, Dartmouth University

(Sponsored by the American Research Center in Egypt)

Wednesday, November 16 – Saturday, November 19, 2011

American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting

Westin St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco

<http://www.asor.org/am/>

Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. Legion of Honor, 100- 34th Avenue, Lincoln Park, San Francisco

Cyrus the Great in History and Art History

Dr. Antigoni Zournatzi, Senior Researcher, Institute for Greek and Roman Antiquity, the National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens.

(Sponsored by the Ancient Arts Council)

Sunday, December 4, 2011. Room 110 Barrows Hall, UC Berkeley

Excavation Work at the 4th Cataract in Nubia

Dr. Stuart Tyson Smith, U C Santa Barbara

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