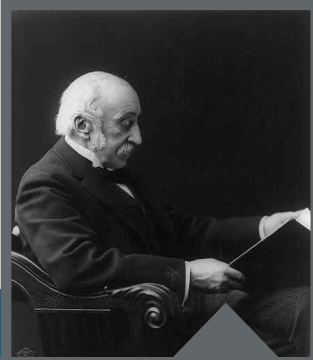


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1879 Harvard University professor **Charles Eliot Norton** invited his colleagues and friends to form a society "for furthering and directing archaeological and artistic investigation and research." 108 people attended the first meeting in 1879, and the Archaeological Institute of America was born.

1882 The AIA establishes the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, Greece.

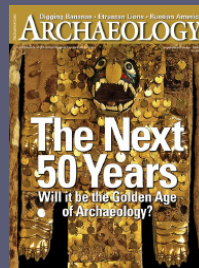
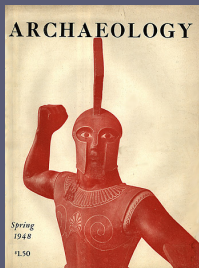
1884 The first Local Society of the AIA is founded in Boston.

1885 The *American Journal of Archaeology* debuts.

1898 The first Annual Meeting of the AIA is held in New Haven, CT.

1906 **President Theodore Roosevelt** signs the AIA's Congressional Charter, which is later renewed under the administration of **President Dwight D. Eisenhower**.

1948 *ARCHAEOLOGY* magazine debuts.



1961 The Fellowship Program begins when the AIA receives the Olivia James Trust from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

1965 The Award Program begins when **Leon and Harriet Pomerance** provide support for the AIA's first Gold Medal, which is given to **Carl W. Blegen** in recognition of his significant contributions to the profession of archaeology.

1989 The AIA, the American Schools of Oriental Research, and the Society for Historical Archaeology hold the first Joint Archaeological Congress.

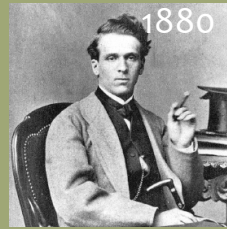
2009 The AIA organizes its first fund-raising gala in New York City to celebrate the 130th anniversary of the Institute and the 60th anniversary of *ARCHAEOLOGY* magazine.

2011 The United States Congress declares the first "AIA National Archaeology Day" in October.

2013 The new Cotsen Excavation Fund helps the AIA to sponsor an excavation that discovers a previously unknown hunter-gatherer culture in Crete.

2016 The Boochever Fellowship and the Steinmetz Fellowship are established, as is the Herzig Fund for Site Survey. The Seigle Challenge fund-raising campaign raises significant endowment funds.

The AIA supports its first archaeological excavation when it assists **Adolph Bandelier** with his research at prehistoric sites in the Southwestern United States and in Mexico.



The National Lecture Program is created to provide archaeological presentations to AIA Local Societies.

1895

The AIA establishes the American School of Classical Studies in Rome, Italy.

The AIA and the American Anthropological Association establish the American School of Prehistoric Research.

1921

The American Council of Learned Societies transfers publication of the *Corpus Vasorum Antiquorum* to the AIA.

1944

The AIA launches a newsletter that provides its Membership with information about the Institute's archaeological excavations and other activities.

1946

The AIA establishes the American Research Center in Egypt.

1951

Margaret Thompson becomes the first female President of the AIA.



The AIA participates in landmark federal court case focusing on illicit trade in antiquities.

2002

The AIA awards its first Site Preservation Grant to Assos in Turkey.

2005

The Waldbaum Field School Scholarship for undergraduates is established.

2007

The Bartman Museum Internship Fund and the Coleman Traveling Fellowship are established.

2014

The MacDonal*d Iliad* Fellowship established.

2015