

**AIA Vision**

**“Explore the Past, Inform the Present, Inspire the Future”**

The Archaeological Institute of America is passionate about its commitment to:

- Preserve, protect, and interpret the precious record of the human past by employing the highest ethical, professional, and intellectual standards
- Explore and understand the dynamics of past human cultures and environments through the material record
- Strengthen support for the work of practicing archaeologists and the sharing of their findings
- Seek an ever richer understanding of the human past through the integration of multi-disciplinary perspectives
- Embrace a collaborative and inclusive view of archaeology worldwide that recognizes the interests of practicing archaeologists, avocational members, and generally curious minds
- Inspire audiences to engage in learning more about the past to better understand the present, and in support of a more informed future

**AIA Values**

<b>Exploration Knowledge Analysis Interpretation</b>	Archaeologists investigate the material record of past human cultures, analyze the processes that formed them in order to reconstruct past human activities and environments, and interpret their findings to help us understand the present.
<b>Professional Expertise Ethics Accountability</b>	The AIA expects that archaeologists should commit to the highest standards of ethics and professionalism, and deploy their expertise with integrity in the service of understanding the human past. Archaeologists are responsible for sharing their findings with other researchers and the public.
<b>Connectivity Engagement Collaboration Integration</b>	Understanding our shared past brings the public and archaeologists together for the benefit of all. Archaeology is a collaborative enterprise that is strengthened by the engagement of multiple perspectives. Insights from many disciplines ensure a comprehensive understanding of the human past.
<b>Passion Inspiration Stewardship</b>	Archaeologists and the public share a passion for exploring the past. Knowledge of the past informs and inspires people in the present. Responsible stewardship of the archaeological heritage will ensure that it is preserved and interpreted for the common good.

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