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¹ <https://www.archaeological.org/aia-statement-on-archaeology-and-social-justice/>.

² <https://www.ajaonline.org/submissions/antiquities-policy>.