

# ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE *of* AMERICA

SAN FRANCISCO SOCIETY - *fall* 2021



## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Tuesday, September 7th, 2021, 6:30 pm PDT

Virtual Lecture

**Alec Apodaca** (Anthropology)

**Jordan Brown** (Anthropology)

**David Wheeler** (Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology)

UC Berkeley graduate students kick off the academic year at our annual *Reports from the Field* event, reporting on their summer research and excavation experiences at various sites across the globe. **Alec Apodaca** will be discussing a Native American archaeological site in the San Vicente Redwoods that was damaged during post-fire work related to the CZU Lightning Fire complex of 2020. The damage exposed previously unknown portions of this ancient habitation site that can be studied to learn about how Native people stewarded sources of food, raw material, and habitats in the interior areas, which can be compared to coastal areas and is directly relevant to ongoing historical ecology project between Amah Mutsun Tribal Band and UC Berkeley researchers. **Jordan Brown** will discuss The Erbil Plain in northern Iraq, which lies at the edge of the rainfall farming zone. Here, five millennia of intensive settlement have seen diverse approaches to water management. Some of these strategies appear to have affected the hydrology of the Plain in lasting ways, mitigating or exacerbating the impact of climatic

shifts and constraining the options available to subsequent inhabitants. By utilizing remote-sensing tools and computer-aided analytical techniques, which facilitate the collection and systematization of such data and form the building blocks of a "telescoping" approach to regional geoarchaeology, Jordan will discuss the large-scale and long-term interactions between social and natural forces. **David Wheeler** will share his experience doing fieldwork and museum research in Greece for the last 18 months in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic. During that time, he excavated a palatial tholos at Pylos during Greece's first national lockdown, helped supervise rescue excavations at the Mycenaean cemetery of Aidonia, and initiated several 3D scanning projects for Berkeley's Nemea Center for research, outreach, and classroom use in the post-Covid era.



## *Sacred Landscapes in Ancient Arcadia*

Tuesday, October 5th, 2021, 7:00 pm PDT

Virtual Lecture

**Dr. Mary E. Voyatzis**

Professor Emerita of Anthropology and Classics at the University of Arizona

The mountainous region of Arcadia, situated in the heart of the Peloponnese, has attracted considerable attention since antiquity. Many ancient authors described the region in detail, describing its rich mythology, unusual gods, numerous sanctuaries, engaging history, diverse geography, and the fact that its inhabitants were indigenous, living there even before the moon, and the original inhabitants of Greece. During the Renaissance, Arcadia was depicted in art as a beautiful, pristine, and magical place with unspoiled wilderness. By the 19<sup>th</sup> c. European travelers were exploring the region, and later in the century archaeologists began excavating its various sites. Today we shall look at some recently excavated sites in Arcadia, focusing on two where the speaker has been involved, the Sanctuary of Athena Alea at Tegea, and the Sanctuary of Zeus on Mt. Lykaion. We shall see how archaeological discoveries have contributed significantly to our understanding of the history of Arcadia and enhanced our appreciation of this enchanting mountainous region.



# NORTON LECTURE

## *Humans and Alcohol: The Archaeology of a Deeply Entangled Relationship*

Thursday, November 4th, 2021, 7:00 pm PDT

In-person (370 Dwinelle Hall) and/or virtual lecture (more information to come)

### **Dr. Michael Dietler**

Professor of Anthropology and Social Sciences at the University of Chicago

Attitudes about alcohol exhibit a striking degree of ambivalence. On one hand, drinking alcohol is a broadly accepted and very popular activity around the world. Indeed, alcohol is by far the most widely and abundantly consumed psychoactive agent. Current estimates place the number of active consumers at over 2.4 billion people worldwide (or roughly a third of the earth's population). Yet, alcohol has also sometimes acquired a bad reputation as a dangerous substance and caused several mass panics. Some governments and religions have even tried to ban it altogether. Archaeological evidence shows that the human relationship with alcohol is by no means recent: the practice of drinking has a very deep antiquity on multiple continents and the biological adaptation that enables humans and a few close primates to metabolize alcohol goes back at least 10 to 12 million years. This lecture presents an anthropological framework for understanding the social and cultural significance of alcohol and examines the archaeological evidence for drinking in the past, with particular attention to the nature and consequences of the wine trade in the ancient Mediterranean.



## **OTHER EVENTS AND LECTURES *of* INTEREST IN FALL 2021**

### **AHMA Noon Colloquium Series:**

<https://ahma.berkeley.edu/news-events/ahma-colloquium>

### **Ancient Arts Council Lectures:**

For virtual lectures, Zoom links to follow at:

<https://www.ancientartscouncil.org/programs>

**August 28th, 2021, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm PDT on Zoom**

Symposium | Convivium: AD 79: When Time Froze in Pompeii

Dr. Paul Roberts, Director General of Museums in Italy, Ministry of Culture

*Last Supper in Pompeii - the Exhibition, its Story and its Legacy*

Dr. Joanne Berry, Sackler Keeper of the Department of Antiquities, Ashmolean Museum of Art and Anthropology, University of Oxford

*People of Pompeii*

Dr. Kenneth Lapatin, Associate Professor, Classics, Swansea University

*Myths of Pompeii*

Dr. Massimo Osanna (Keynote Speaker), Curator of Antiquities, The J. Paul Getty Museum

*Etruscan Pompeii*

**October 2nd, 2021, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm PDT on Zoom**

Dr. Stephen Harvey, Stoney Brook University

*TBD*

**November 6th, 2021, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm PDT on Zoom**

Dr. Mary Louise Hart Curator, Antiquities, The J. Paul Getty Museum

*Imagining Oedipus: Art, Myth, and Performance*

**December 4th, 2021, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm PDT on Zoom**

Directed and presented by Carey Perloff Artistic emerita, American Conservatory Theater

*Rehearsed Reading of Oedipus at Colonus by Sophocles*

**American Research Center in Egypt Lectures:**

For virtual lectures, Zoom links to follow at:

<https://www.arce.org/calendar>

**August 21st, 2021, 12:00 pm EDT on Zoom**

Dr. Dimitri Laboury; Research Director at the Belgian National Foundation for Scientific Research at the University of Liège

*ARCE DC: The Workshop of Thutmose, Amarna's Royal Sculptor*

**September 11th, 2021, 12:00 pm CDT on Zoom**

Dr. Marie-Lys Arnette; ERC Locus Ludi, University of Fribourg, Switzerland

*ARCE Chicago: The Egyptian Game of Senet, from the New Kingdom to Roman Time: Funerary Destiny, Astronomy, and Medicine*

**September 12th, 2021, 3:00 pm PDT on Zoom**

Dr. Jeremy Pope; College of William and Mary

*ARCE Northern CA: Hands unto Ethiopia: The First African Americans to Visit Nubia*

**September 18th, 2021, 3:30 pm EDT on Zoom**

Dr. James Hoffmeier, Emeritus Professor, Trinity International University Divinity School

*ARCE PA: Reconstructing Egypt's East Frontier Defense Network in the New Kingdom*

**October 2nd, 2021, 1:00 pm CDT on Zoom**

Dr. Aidan Dodson; University of Bristol

*ARCE Chicago: Amarna Enigmas: Or, why is there so little consensus about the late 18th Dynasty?*

**October 16th, 2021, 3:30 pm EDT on Zoom**

Dr. Anne Austin, Asst. Professor of Anthropology, University of Missouri St. Louis

*ARCE PA: Revealing the Practice of Tattooing in Ancient Egypt*

**For more information on:**

AHMA Noon Colloquium Series, e-mail: [c.m.hall@berkeley.edu](mailto:c.m.hall@berkeley.edu) or [darcyutt@berkeley.edu](mailto:darcyutt@berkeley.edu)

Ancient Arts Council events, information, and/or membership, see

<https://www.ancientartscouncil.org> or email [ancientart@famsf.org](mailto:ancientart@famsf.org)

American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), Northern California Chapter events, see

<https://www.arce-nc.org/>

**NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL:**

The SF Society newsletter is available for download from:

<https://www.archaeological.org/society/san-francisco/>. This website also lists the AIA lectures.

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