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AIA National Lecture:
A Deep Dive into Deep Time: Archaeology,
Underwater

Thursday, February 5th at 5:10 pm PDT

Doe Library 308A, UC Berkeley

Dr. Ashley Lemke

(Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee)

The phrase “underwater archaeology” conjures notions of shipwrecks, ships lost at sea, and the dramatic catastrophes that sank them; however, the archaeology underwater can also reveal details about ancient landscapes that contain a record of past human occupations. Many of these sites are on the earth’s continental shelves where vast stretches of shallow, coastal lands were exposed at the end of the last Ice Age. These once dry landscapes supported life for plants, animals, and humans for

thousands of years. Learn about these ancient submerged sites, the role they play in the global archaeological record and what unique data they have about the past. The talk will provide a general overview and the focus on 9,000 year old submerged sites in the North American Great Lakes. This is a Frederick R. and Margaret B. Matson Lecture in Near Eastern Archaeology and Archaeological Technology.



AIA Archaeology Hour: Metropolitan Walls of the Oyo Empire

Wednesday, February 25th at 5pm PDT
Virtual Lecture via Zoom: [Register online](#)

Dr. Akin Ogundiran

(Cardiss Collins Professor of Arts and Sciences, Professor of History, & Affiliate Professor in Anthropology and Black Studies at Northwestern University)

Enclosures and perimeter walls, built of lateritic clay and stones, are the most visible monuments and evidence of public works in the archaeological landscape of the Oyo Empire (West Africa). What purposes did these walls serve as markers of separation and connection? The talk will answer this question.



Exhibiting the Etruscans at UC Berkeley: The Phoebe A. Hearst Collection Unveiled

Tuesday, April 7th at 5:10pm PDT
Dwinelle Hall, Room 3335, UC Berkeley

Dr. Lisa Pieraccini

(Lecturer, History of Art; Affiliated Faculty Ancient History & Mediterranean Archaeology; and Founder & Interim Director of the Mario Del Chiaro Center for the Study of Ancient Italy at the University of California, Berkeley)

Abstract forthcoming



Social Justice and Archaeology at the Bade Museum

Thursday, April 23rd at 5:10pm PDT
Badè Museum of Biblical Archaeology - 1798 Scenic Ave, Berkeley

Dr. Aaron Brody

(Robert and Kathryn Riddell Professor of Bible and Archaeology and Director of the Badè Museum of Biblical Archaeology)

Since the recent global pandemic, the Bade Museum has hosted a variety of online talks focused on the ancient Mediterranean and Middle Eastern world on a variety of themes related to modern social justice issues. Together with various partner institutions, but always the Archaeological Research Facility at UC Berkeley, staff has hosted over five and a half years of scholarly talks, all of which are posted on our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@bademuseum>. While limited few can watch the talks through live streaming, most views come later after each zoom video is uploaded to the web. In less than 6 years, these videos have well over 50,000 views, a number that cannot be replicated in person. While topics like new approaches to ancient Nubia, unsilencing the archives, women and gender in the ancient world, Phoenician women and gender in the homeland and diaspora, and Disability in the ancient Middle East and Mediterranean might seem anachronistic;

junior scholars and scholars on the margins of their fields have shown that they can study and publish work on antiquity relevant to modern issues while they themselves are breaking barriers in presenting their work to a globalized audience.



OTHER EVENTS AND LECTURES *of* INTEREST:

Exhibition: “Encountering the Etruscans: Shedding Light on Ancient Italy”

<https://events.berkeley.edu/event/311876-encountering-the-etruscans-shedding-light-on>

December 5, 2025 - May 31, 2026

Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology, UC Berkeley

Open Fridays, 12-4pm

The Religious Demos: Rethinking Politics and Religion in Global Antiquity Conference:

Hosted by the Berkeley Center for the Study of Religion and the Berkeley Global Antiquity Project.

<https://events.berkeley.edu/bcsr/event/308103-the-religious-idemosi-rethinking-politics-and-religio>

February 6-7, 2026

David Brower Center (2150 Allston Way, Berkeley)

Exhibition: “The Etruscans Uncovered”

<https://events.berkeley.edu/Library/event/316566-exhibit-opening-reception-the-etruscans-uncovered-the>

Opening reception: **Wednesday, March 11th from 5-7 in Morrison Library**

Doe Library’s Bernice Layne Brown Gallery

March 9 until August 31, 2026

The Mario Del Chiaro Center for Ancient Italian Studies Lecture: “Ušil – An Etruscan Sun God Between East and West.”

Claire Lyons, Antiquities Curator, The J. Paul Getty Museum

April 15th, 5:00 pm

Doe Library, 308A

Sather Lecture Series: <https://dagsr.berkeley.edu/people/sather-professor>

February 11, 2026

“Anna Julia Cooper: Dialogue and Segregation”

Maude Fife Room (315 Wheeler), 7 pm

February 18, 2026

“Fannie Lou Hamer and the Melian Dialogue”
308A Doe Library, 5:30 pm

March 4, 2026

“Audre Lorde and the Space Outside the Frame in Plato’s Dialogues”
308A Doe Library, 5:30 pm

March 11, 2026

“Sara Ahmed and Apollodorus –Misogyny as Dialogue in the Attic Lawcourts”
308A Doe Library, 5:30 pm

March 18, 2026

“On Not Being There: Dialogue and the Counterpolitics of the Imagined Community”
308A Doe Library, 5:30 pm

Exhibition: “The Etruscans: From the Heart of Ancient Italy”

Legion of Honor, San Francisco

<https://www.famsf.org/press-room/the-etruscans>

May 2 – September 20, 2026

For more information on:

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

<https://www.ancientartscouncil.org> or email 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 will also list the AIA lectures.

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