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and positive advantage of her position within the AIA to advocate on behalf of archaeological education and research, as well as global issues in the protection of cultural heritage during a period that has seen many of the world’s archaeological monuments threatened at unprecedented levels. It is perhaps fitting that among her final acts in the office of President for the AIA, she submitted a letter in support of the US-Cyprus bilateral agreement that restricts the import of undocumented archaeological materials from Cyprus and co-signed an historic Joint Statement of Principle on the Protection of Archaeological Sites, Monuments and Museums issued by the AIA, the German Archaeological Institute and the Institute of Archaeology of the Russian Academy of Sciences. I should add that this notable service is complemented by an equally distinguished career as a teacher at UWM and a continuing presence as an internationally recognized scholar, with over 30 articles and reviews and 3 books to her credit. With the completion of ‘time-served’ in the national office, I suspect she is welcoming the opportunity to return to her own work on Greek pottery in the Eastern Mediterranean and perhaps take a real vacation!

I invite you to browse our latest edition of The Artifact, taking special note of the dates for our upcoming lectures. We are excited about the diversity of people, places, and periods represented in our program. From Sri Lanka to Peru, there is surely something for everyone. I would like to call attention to a special lecture this semester to be given by Professor Robert Hohlfelder at 6:00 pm on Monday, April 2, 2007 (in our usual Sabin Hall venue). As is often the case, the AIA tries to take advantage of visits by distinguished speakers and Professor Hohlfelder’s work on Roman ports promises to be a fascinating topic. Our ability to include this fourth lecture is directly related to the support of our members and I would thus like to thank you all again for your continued support through membership in our local society.

Yours in archaeology,
Derek B. Counts
President
AIA-Milwaukee Society

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Archaeology in Sri Lanka: Challenges and Prospects for the Future

By: Dr. Nancy Wilkie
Professor of Classics, Anthropology, and the Liberal Arts, Carleton College
Sunday, February 18, 2007, 3:00pm
Room G90, Sabin Hall, UW-Milwaukee

The island of Sri Lanka has been known by many names throughout its history: Ratnadipa, or the 'land of gems' in Buddhist Sanskrit literature, Taprobane among Greeks and Romans, Serendib to the Arabs, and Ceylon under the British Empire. This small island, only 25,000 square miles in size, lies off the southern tip of India. Early Iron Age culture was introduced to the island, presumably from South India, at the beginning of the first millennium B.C., but few sites of this period are known, except for cemeteries with megalithic graves. Archaeological work in Sri Lanka has concentrated instead on large monastic settlements, which were established in the Early Historic Period, ca. 300 B.C. - 300 A.D. and marks the spread of Buddhist influence over the island. Archaeologists have paid little attention to secular sites and they have largely ignored the lower levels of most monastic sites. Also neglected have been the remains of Hindu, Islamic and Christian sites and structures. The challenge that lies ahead for the Sri Lankan archaeologists today is the investigation of sites and regions that will provide a broader and more balanced picture of the island's past. This lecture will focus on future challenges and prospects within Sri Lankan archaeology.

Nancy Wilkie is a past president of the Archaeological Institute of America and has served 18 years on its governing board. She is a member of the Explorers Club, and serves on the Managing Committee of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. Dr. Wilkie is the William H. Laird Professor of Classics, Anthropology and the Liberal Arts, and Co-Director of the Archaeology Concentration at Carleton College in Northfield, MN, where she recently celebrated her 27th anniversary on the faculty. She began her archaeological career in 1968 when she joined the Minnesota Messenia Expedition, a pioneering program of survey and excavation in the region of the Palace of Nestor at Pylos in Greece. Since then she has worked on archaeological projects in Central Greece, Egypt, Nepal, and most recently Grevena, Southwest Macedonia, Greece, where she has directed an interdisciplinary archaeological survey since 1988. Dr. Wilkie is the author of more than 30 articles and co-editor of three books on the archaeology of Greece. A graduate of Stanford University (1964), she received her M.A. and Ph.D. (1975) from the University of Minnesota.
Unearthing the Mycenaeans

By: Dr. Cynthia Shelmerdine
Professor of Classics,
University of Texas at Austin
Sunday, March 25, 2007, 3:00pm
Room G90, Sabin Hall, UW-Milwaukee

Mycenaean Greece has attracted scholars and laymen alike since the work of Heinrich Schliemann in the late 19th century. Better excavation techniques coupled with the revelation that Linear B (the Mycenaean script) was actually Greek brought our understanding of this culture into focus during the 20th century. Recent archaeological survey and new ways of reading the Linear B tablets have allowed us to see beyond the Mycenaean elites, with their palaces and monumental tombs, and to form a better picture of the full range of Late Bronze Age society. This lecture covers the evolving study of Mycenaean Greece, including the lecturer's current work on the Iklaina Archaeological Project, directed by Michael Cosmopoulos of the Greek Archaeological Society and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Dr. Shelmerdine traces her fascination with the Greeks to her formative years spent in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She attended the Shady Hill School, which built each year’s curriculum around a central subject. Their fourth grade studies centered on ancient Greek life, and that experience sparked a lifelong enthusiasm for this ancient culture. After study at Bryn Mawr and the University of Cambridge in England, she returned to the other Cambridge for a Ph.D. at Harvard University. Her first job brought her to the Classics Department at the University of Texas at Austin. When Dr. Shelmerdine arrived, she knew nothing about Texas except oil wells and the Alamo (she was Davy Crockett for Halloween when she was five), but she soon found that Austin had a fine classics program, great restaurants, and Willie Nelson to boot. She teaches everything from beginning ancient Greek to seminars on Mycenaean economy. She learned Mycenaean pottery at the site of Nichoria, and has continued to do ceramic study on the Pylos Regional Archaeological Project in the 1990s, and now on the Iklaina Archaeological Project.

Experimental Archaeology and Roman Harbor Technology: Building a Roman Pila in Brindisi, Italy

By: Dr. Robert Hohlfelder
Professor of History
University of Colorado
Monday, April 2, 2007, 6:00pm
Room G90, Sabin Hall, UW-Milwaukee

The discovery and then use of concrete by Roman builders in Italy and throughout the Mediterranean world in the late Republic began an architectural revolution that changed the face of urban life forever. For the first time buildings of various shapes with vast interior spaces, along with other structures of enormous strength and size could be constructed cheaply using readily available natural
material. The discovery of a variation of this “liquid stone,” Roman hydraulic concrete, a building material that could be placed while liquid in a marine environment to set and cure without exposure to the air, enabled the architectural revolution to be extended into the sea. For the first time, builders could construct harbors and marine installations where they were required and not simply where nature had provided advantageous circumstances. This technology enabled the Romans to develop fully the economic, political and military potential of the Mediterranean by permitting them to construct gateway or port cities precisely where circumstances dictated.

Unfortunately, little is known about Roman hydraulic concrete, the building material that made such architectural advances possible. The only surviving literary source is a handbook by Vitruvius from c. 25 BC. This lecture will tell the story of a building effort attempting to recreate hydraulic concrete as well as concrete architecture by using the materials and tools that were available during Vitruvius’s day. Nothing like it has been attempted successfully for c. 1500 years. ROMACONS (the Roman Maritime Concrete Study, co-directed by Dr. Hohlfelder) learned a lot about Roman harbor technology from experimental archaeology at the Italian port of Brindisi. The final result of this project, a Roman pile, now sits amidst the yachts moored in the harbor at Brindisi.

The Inca and their Ancestors: An Ecological Approach

By: Dr. Jean Hudson
Associate Professor
University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee
Sunday, April 15, 2007, 3:00pm
Room G90, Sabin Hall, UW-Milwaukee

The Inca of Peru are famous for many things - their great stone walls and roads, their fine gold and silver artifacts, their sophisticated system of taxes, to mention just a few. Yet long before their rise to power in the AD 1400s, other great Andean cultures rose and fell, including the Nazca and the Moche. The Nazca and the Moche are part of a greater ecological puzzle, mapping a fascinating range of cultural trajectories along Peru’s arid coast. How important were the rich fisheries of the Humboldt current? The flow of rivers across the coastal deserts? The unpredictable oscillations of fierce El Niño events and long periods of droughts?
Could a better understanding of human ecology help us recognize cultural patterns that repeat themselves? From the Chinchorro mummies in the south, to the Moche temples in the north, to the Peruvian reed boat fishermen of today, we will take a coastal voyage through time and space and look at the zooarchaeological evidence for the ecology of the Inca and their ancestors.

Jean Hudson received her Ph.D. from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 1990 and served as the Director of the UCLA Institute of archaeology's Zooarchaeological Lab in the 1990s, prior to joining the faculty at UWM in 1999. Her research revolves around issues of human ecology, past and present. She uses zooarchaeology, the study of animal remains from archaeological contexts, to address those questions. Her dissertation work involved ethnoarchaeological research with the Aka people, a modern hunter-gatherer group in the Central African Republic. She has continued her attention to ethnoarchaeology (the study of living people) to better understand how the archaeological record captures the dynamics of life - with modern reed-boat fishing families on the ocean coast of northern Peru. She began her work on Peruvian archaeological sites over a decade ago with studies of prehistoric fishing families on the south coast and is preparing to do similar zooarchaeological work on the north coast in collaboration with colleagues working in the Moche Valley. She also enjoys underwater archaeology, especially when applied to the lives of hunter-gatherers, and recently worked on such a site in northern Wisconsin. She has published in American Antiquity and Current Research in Pleistocene, and has contributed to edited volumes on prehistoric hunting. As a Visiting Scholar at the Center for Archaeological Investigation in Illinois, she edited the volume From Bones to Behavior. She teaches in the Anthropology Department at UWM, where she also manages the Zooarchaeology Laboratory.

**Waldbaum Honored with Scholarship Fund**

One of the highlights of the 2007 Annual Meetings was the Council Meeting at which representatives of all the AIA's Local Societies elected new national officers. The meeting was followed by a reception open to all AIA conference goers at which outgoing president and long-time Milwaukee Society member Jane Waldbaum was toasted and a new scholarship fund in her name was announced. The Fund, named the Jane C. Waldbaum Field School Scholarship Fund, was established to assist undergraduates and beginning graduate students with the expenses associated with participation in archaeological field schools. This new scholarship fund recognizes Jane's commitment to the future of the discipline by providing students the opportunity to discover the intellectual and physical excitement and challenges of hands-on archaeological fieldwork.

Many archaeological excavations organize field schools through which students can earn college credits transferable to their own institutions for participating in fieldwork, laboratory analysis, and other associated activities aimed at providing a deeper understanding of the cultures being uncovered. Students are usually considered volunteers and must pay for expenses including transportation from their homes to the site, room and board while at the dig, and tuition for the credits they receive. Students who attend such field schools may be foregoing the chance to hold a summer job and to earn needed funds for the academic year. It is important that the opportunity to discover what archaeology is really all about and to make informed decisions about a possible future career in the field not be limited only to those who can afford it without assistance.

To contribute to the Jane C. Waldbaum Field School Scholarship Fund, please send your check, payable to Archaeological Institute of America and designated for the Jane C. Waldbaum Fund, to Archaeological Institute of America, 656 Beacon St., Cambridge, MA 02138.
Unprecedented International Agreement Marks New Era of Cooperation Among Archaeologists

By: Dr. Jane C. Waldbaum
Professor Emerita,
UWM Dept. of Art History

On January 5, 2007 during the Annual Meeting of the AIA in San Diego, California, representatives of three major international archaeological organizations joined in a united effort to actively combat the destruction of the archaeological record and the depredations caused by looting and the illegal trade in undocumented antiquities. Officials of the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA), the German Archaeological Institute and the Institute of Archaeology, Russian Academy of Sciences signed a joint statement of principle urging the protection of the world’s archaeological sites, museums, and monuments and discouraging their destruction.

Faced with a crisis in the effort to protect archaeological sites across the globe and the loss of irreplaceable context that accompanies looting, the three organizations drafted the joint statement to encourage international actions to curtail the problem. The statement calls on governments to protect sites and monuments within their jurisdictions and urges the world’s museums and private collectors to adopt rigorous acquisitions policies that conform to the Code of Ethics of the International Council of Museums. The document notes that protection of these invaluable resources “requires the participation of the political, economic and policing agencies of governments, as well as of non-governmental organizations, individuals and the private sector.”

“The signing of this agreement inaugurates a new era of international cooperation among archaeologists who wish to preserve the world’s archaeological resources,” says Jane Waldbaum, past president of the AIA. “We have all been sickened by the rising levels of looting and depredation of sites and monuments.” The AIA is the oldest and largest archaeological organization in North America. Its members, like those of the German Archaeological Institute and the Institute of Archaeology of the Russian Academy of Sciences, conduct archaeological research in many countries around the globe.

For the text of the Joint Statement see the AIA’s website: (http://www.archaeological.org/webinfo.php?page=10397)

Maritime Heritage and Megalithic Monuments in Gozo, Malta

By: Sara Rich
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Halfway between Sicily and Tunisia lies the tiny archipelago of the Maltese Islands. Given their central location in the middle of the Mediterranean, the islands have been the seat of cultural exchange for thousands of years, from Phoenician to British seafarers and everyone in between. Since Malta gained its independence from Britain in 1954, the islands have seen a new kind of cultural invasion: tourism. Tourists are necessary for the islands’ economic survival and independence, but they also tend to be more interested in the sun, sand and sea aspects of Malta rather than its cultural heritage.

Last summer I participated in a field school in Gozo, Malta run by a group called Expeditions in Applied Anthropology, out of Belgium. Going there expecting to volunteer on a Punic archaeological site, I was surprised when I discovered that the theme for the field school was the anthropology of
tourism in Gozo. I was however, able to rework my research proposals so that I could apply them to the theme. I spent one lunar cycle on the small island researching heritage on land and underwater.

The first project was on the preservation and presentation of Gozo’s maritime heritage. I visited maritime museums, one each on the islands of Malta and Gozo, observed and interviewed fishermen and dive masters (in my broken Maltese, no less), and tried to spend as much time underwater as possible on those scalding Saharan afternoons. The tourism authority scuttled two cruise boats during the third week of my stay, and I was fortunate enough to be able to dive the site once the sediment cleared. These are the only “shipwrecks” close enough to Gozo that are available for exploration by recreational divers, so new wrecks will surely boost diving tourist numbers on the island. This is just one of the steps taken recently to ensure that tourists in Malta and Gozo are interactively involved in exploring the nation’s substantial maritime history.

The second project was on the preservation and presentation of Gozo’s Neolithic heritage. Gozo hosts Ġgantija, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is the oldest free-standing structure in the world. The megalithic temple commands a view of the valleys and fields around Gozo, but even without the surrounding space and elevation, the structure itself is breathtaking, with two apses and five thousand year old spiral designs on the altars. On the other hand, Ta’ Marżiena consists of weathered and broken megaliths engulfed in carob trees on a privately owned farm. The farmer built a bird blind over one of the megaliths, and the surrounding area is littered with colorful plastic shotgun shells. The average tourist would not even know of its existence. I was only able to find the sequestered temple with the assistance of a modified map made for me by Reuben Grima of Heritage Malta. This project compared and contrasted the preservation efforts of these two sites and suggested a trail around Gozo that would showcase its Neolithic temples in order to boost cultural tourism.

The Belgian group invited me to return this summer to teach a class on anthropological photography, so I am anxiously awaiting my return to the limestone cliffs with grazing sheep herds and that little yellow seahorse in an underwater cave who eluded my lens and shutter. For more information, see http://www.xpeditions.be, and read the other articles written by fellow researchers in Gozo on topics ranging from wine to limestone. This website also provides more information on the 2007 field school and my anthropological photography class. Sahha u hen

AIA Annual Meeting Report

By: Jocelyn Boor
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The AIA returned to San Diego for the 108th Annual Meeting held from January 4 to 7, 2007. The variety of presentations and activities to choose from was, as usual, outstanding. Nearly 300 papers, organized around a variety of themes, were presented. Attendees could also choose from colloquia, interest group meetings, and the poster session (with 23 excellent and informative displays). The Milwaukee Society was represented by Derek Counts, who presented a paper titled The Athienou Archaeological Project, 2005 & 2006: Investigations at Athienou-Malloura, Cyprus. Dr. Counts also participated in a session sponsored by the Placement Committee to help current job seekers find employment in archaeology.

The Council meeting was presided over – for the last time – by Jane Waldbaum (see above). Our delegates included Derek Counts and Jocelyn Boor. A standing ovation concluded Dr. Waldbaum’s last presidential report, as an acknowledgment of her service. A reception in honor of outgoing officers was held immediately afterwards, where C. Brian Rose, the new president, presented a special tribute to outgoing president Jane Waldbaum. Also announced: the Jane C. Waldbaum Archaeological Field School
Scholarship Fund, to help students with the expenses of participation in field schools.

A highlight was the 7th Annual Archaeology Fair, *Digging into Archaeology: A Hands-On Family Fair*, with 399 people attending, the largest number so far. Over 22 individuals and institutions presented interactive activities for children, from flint knapping to edible excavations. Jocelyn Boor (yours truly) taught “Pottery 101: The First Techniques,” at which children learned how to make pinch pots and coil pots.

A full report is posted on the AIA’s website, www.archaeological.org.

Next year: The Annual Meeting will be in Chicago! January 3-6, 2008. Save the dates – this will be a wonderful opportunity for our society members to attend!

End Notes:

AIA Member Publishes New Book

Alice Kehoe, AIA secretary-treasurer, has a new book, *Archaeology: a Concise Introduction*. Written for students and general readers, the book, co-authored with Wisconsin archaeologist Thomas Pleger, describes what archaeologists do and how they work, and discusses famous sites including King Tut’s tomb and the Pyramids, Stonehenge, Mesa Verde, Maya, cave paintings, and the nearly-forgotten prehistoric city, Cahokia, across the Mississippi from St. Louis. Probably surprising to most readers, archaeology is a billion-dollar business, today employing thousands, with several contract archaeology companies in Wisconsin; federal and state heritage protection laws bring archaeology into most construction projects.

Opportunities for volunteer participation in archaeology are explained, and applicable websites are listed in the book. AIA-Milwaukee members will be interested in an innovation, autobiographical chapters by the two authors, Alice Kehoe and Tom Pleger, illustrating actual careers as archaeologists.

Alice is making this book available to AIA members and friends at one-third off, for $10. List price in $13.95 for the 125-page book, published by Waveland Press. $1.50 will be donated to the AIA-Milwaukee for each book sold.

Wisconsin Archaeology Society Lectures:
Every third Monday, 8:00pm, Sabin G28
February 19- Lynne Goldstein
Michigan State University
Aztalan in Historical Perspective

March 19- Katie Mollerud
University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee
Ramey Incised Pottery and Mississippian Culture

April 16- Ann Stodder
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
TBA

May 21- Kent Dickerson
Wisconsin Historical Society
TBA
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Dr. Cynthia Shelmerdine, *Unearthing the Mycenaeans.*

April 2  
Dr. Robert Hohlfelder, *Experimental Archaeology and Roman Harbor Technology: Building a Roman Pila in Brindisi, Italy.* 6:00pm, Sabin Hall.  **Please note this lecture will take place on a Monday evening in our usual lecture hall on the UWM campus.**

April 14  
Dr. Jean Hudson. *The Inca and their Ancestors: An Ecological Approach.*

All lectures will take place at 3pm in room G90 of Sabin Hall on the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee campus unless otherwise noted. Sabin Hall is located at 3413 N. Downer Ave.

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