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Letter from the President

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Dear Members of the AIA-Milwaukee Society,

Welcome to the new 2012-2013 season of lectures and other programs presented by the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA)-Milwaukee Society and co-sponsored by the Departments of Art History, FLL-Classics, and Anthropology at UWM. I'm happy to preview this year's program for you in the Fall 2012 edition of our members-only newsletter, *The Artifact*.

We have a very rich and varied program planned for you this season. Egypt is one of our most popular lecture topics and on Sunday, September 30, Dr. Bob Brier of Long Island University, will explain the importance of Napoleon's early 19th century expedition to Egypt. This lecture will be held in the UWM library and we will have our reception in the American Geographical Society wing where we will be able to view the actual volumes published by Napoleon's savants. On Sunday, November 4, Dr. Carrie Hritz, Pennsylvania State University, will talk about the Sumerian site of Girsu (Tello) in Iraq (ancient Mesopotamia). And on Sunday, December 2, Dr. Nam Kim of UW-Madison will tell us about his recent field research in Vietnam.

On Saturday, October 20 AIA celebrates the second annual National Archaeology Day. Since the first NAD last year, this event has grown enormously and many archaeological organizations and groups will be sponsoring special celebrations on the same day. For a run-down on events see AIA's website: <http://www.archaeological.org/NAD>. Here in Milwaukee, archaeologists at UWM's Archaeological Research Laboratory will host an Open House showcasing faculty and graduate student research with the theme of "The Archaeology of Food and Drink." See *p. 6* for more details on this interesting and fun event!

Our Spring 2013 program will be full as well. In addition to our regular lectures, we will co-sponsor the fourth annual Milwaukee Archaeology Fair on March 1 and 2 at the Milwaukee Public Museum. We will have a nationally sponsored lecture on horses and charioteers in the Roman circus and another on Maya sacred caves. Two more locally-sponsored lectures will deal with the people of Pompeii and excavations in Peru respectively.

All lectures, except the first one on September 30, are held in Room G90, Sabin Hall, 3413 North Downer Ave at the corner of Newport. Lectures are followed by discussion and refreshments and are co-sponsored by UWM's Departments of Anthropology, FLL/Classics, and Art History. The September 30 lecture on the Napoleon Expedition to Egypt by Bob Brier will be held in the 4th floor Conference Center of the UWM Library and will be co-sponsored by the Map Society of Wisconsin, the American Geographical Society Library, UWM Libraries and the Friends of the Library. As a special treat, an exhibit of the Napoleon Expedition's *Description de l'Égypte* will be on display for us to see after the lecture at the reception hosted by the American Geographical Society Library on the 3rd floor, east wing of the Library. All lectures are *free and open to the public*.

Four of our speakers this year (Brier, Hritz, Willekes and Moyes) come to us courtesy of the AIA's flagship international Lecture Program. The fourth lecture is an "extra" because the Milwaukee Society won the Lecture Lottery drawing at last year's Annual Meeting. The national lecture program is supported both by national membership dues and by generous donors who have endowed many of the lectures. The locally sponsored lectures are paid for out of our Milwaukee Society treasury. Our local funds come primarily from a percentage of your national membership dues rebated to our society. We rely on you, our members for support! Your membership also helps the AIA support research in archaeology world-wide, provide scholarships and fellowships for young archaeologists, promote the preservation of archaeological sites around the globe, and develop programs like the lecture series and the archaeology fairs to share that research with the public.

I urge you to keep your membership up-to-date so that you may stay in the loop on all our activities and help us with your support. Membership in AIA now includes a subscription to our lively and colorful magazine *Archaeology* at no extra charge. Other publications, such as the scholarly *American Journal of Archaeology*, are deeply discounted to members who choose them. Gift memberships in AIA or subscriptions to *Archaeology* magazine make great special occasion gifts too! Students, K-12 teachers and active-duty military personnel with ID receive half-off regular rates. Continuing members can renew for two years at a discount over the one-year rate, or become a lifetime member and never be bothered with renewals again!

Information on rates is on the renewal notice you will receive from our Boston headquarters, and on the AIA's national website at www.archaeological.org/membership.

Our officers and volunteers do so much to keep our programs organized and running. This year they are Elisabetta Cova, Vice-President for Programs; Jocelyn Boor, Vice-President for Education and Outreach; Alice Kehoe, Secretary-Treasurer, and Homer Hruby, Webmaster. A new face is Shannon Freire, Ph.D. candidate in Anthropology at UWM, who is volunteering as special assistant to the president. We also appreciate the continuing efforts of Jennifer Keim and Dana Lovrek as co-Refreshments Coordinators. I am very grateful to all of them for their hard work and dedication to the AIA!

Again, I welcome everyone to this year's programs and I hope to see all of you there.

Jane C. Waldbaum

Welcome New Members

Sarah Bond	Dan Knuth
Jordan Burich	Dana Lynn Lovrek
Robert Canary	Erika Ruhl
Shannon Freire	Debra Schwinn
Stephen Jonas	Julie Slightam
Jennifer Keim	

We are very happy you joined us!

Save the Date!

4th Annual Milwaukee Archaeology Fair

March 1 & 2, 2013

Milwaukee Public
Museum

Napoleon in Egypt: The Beginning of Egyptology

A Lecture by Dr. Bob Brier
Long Island University, New York

Sunday, September 30, 2012, 3:00 p.m.
Golda Meir Library, UWM
4th Floor Conference Center



Members of Napoleon's Expedition Measuring the Sphinx

When Napoleon Bonaparte invaded Egypt in 1798, along with his army he brought 150 artists, linguists, and scientists of all kinds to describe Egypt. Together they conducted the first ethnographic study of its kind but also laid the foundations for the beginning of modern Egyptology. Among their important finds they discovered the Rosetta stone, the key to deciphering hieroglyphs. When the savants returned to France in 1801, they published a set of illustrated tomes called the *Description de L'Égypte* (1809-1829). This publication was the first accurate representation of Egyptian antiquities presented to the western world. The massive work took 20 years to complete and started a wave of Egyptomania that continues today. Dr. Brier's lecture will trace Bonaparte's Egyptian campaign and show how much modern Egyptology owes to it.

Bob Brier is currently Senior Research Fellow at the C. W. Post Campus of Long Island University. He has written widely on many topics related to Egyptology and has starred in several TV documentaries, including "Secrets of the Great Pyramid" for National Geographic in 2008 and the TLC program "Napoleon's Obsession: the Quest for Egypt," in 2000.

Bob Brier holds the AIA's **Norton Lectureship** for 2012-13, AIA's oldest and most prestigious endowed lectureship.

Suggested reading related to this lecture:
Bob Brier, "Napoleon in Egypt," *Archaeology Magazine*, May/June 1999, pp. 44-53.



Bob Brier in Egypt

Special Invitation: After the lecture you are all invited to view a special exhibition of original volumes of the *Description de l'Égypte* which will be on display in The American Geographical Society Library, 3rd floor, east wing of the Golda Meir Library on the UWM campus. The AGS Library will host the reception after the lecture so that you may all see this important publication up close (and enjoy some refreshments too). So that we will be conveniently close to the AGSL, the lecture will be in the 4th Floor Conference Center at UWM's Golda Meir Library and NOT in our usual room in Sabin Hall. The library is located at 2311 East Hartford Avenue (between Downer to the east and Maryland Ave to the west) in the heart of the UWM campus. There will be people in the library lobby to guide you to the lecture room. Parking is available for \$1.25/hour in the Union Parking Garage which is entered from Kenwood Boulevard at Prospect. There is a pedestrian exit to the north that comes out in front of the library. Alternatively, you can park on one of the surrounding streets and walk in to campus.

The lecture is co-sponsored by the American Geographical Society Library, the Map Society of Wisconsin, UWM Libraries, and the Friends of the Library as well as UWM Departments of Anthropology, Art History and FLL-Classics.

City in the Marsh: Investigation of Sumerian Girsu (Tello)

**A lecture by Dr. Carrie Hritz
Pennsylvania State University**

*Sunday, November 4, 2012
Sabin Hall Room G90, 3:00 p.m.*



Carrie Hritz on site in Iraq

The Sumerian site of Tello (ancient Girsu) located in southern Iraq, is an ancient tell or mound spanning almost 1000 acres of mounded area and rising to a height of 25 m. above plain level. Known from texts and supplemented by some excavation, occupation at the site may span the fifth to the first millennia B.C. A combination of tunneling-for-texts by early excavators and outright looting at the site produced some of the iconic artistic material of Early Bronze Age and provided historical information on the political, economic and social organization of Early Bronze Age or Early Dynastic Mesopotamia. This long and rich occupation may in part result from the site's geographical location at the juncture of two potential subsistence zones: the ancient agricultural plains and the ecologically diverse southern marshes. Carrie Hritz's lecture examines the circumstances—advantageous environmental conditions, its presence in the historical record, and its relative lack of visible looting compared to other known Sumerian cities—that make Girsu a unique location for investigating long-standing anthropological and historical questions such as the processes that underlie the transition from farming villages to urban cities in southern Mesopotamia as well as the social, economic, political and physical layout of a Sumerian city-state.

Carrie Hritz is Assistant Professor of Archaeological Anthropology at Pennsylvania State University, and holds her degrees from the University of Chicago (Ph.D.), St.

Cloud State University, and New York University. Her areas of specialization include Mesopotamia, Syria, and Anatolia, the archaeology of complex societies, and landscape archaeology. Professor Hritz is a 2012/2013 AIA Kershaw Lecturer.



Limestone relief from Tello, ca. 2900-2750. Priest making libation to goddess. Louvre

Read more about Carrie Hritz:

http://www.anthro.psu.edu/faculty_staff/hritz.shtml

The Kershaw Lectures in Near East Archaeology were established in 1994 by Norma and Reuben Kershaw. The lectures pay tribute to Norma, AIA Trustee Emerita and long time supporter of the AIA at all levels, and her interest in Near East archaeology. The Kershaw Lectures deal with archaeological research related to the geographic areas of the present countries of Cyprus, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, and Turkey during the time between 7000 B.C. and 400 A.D.



Seated Statue of the Neo-Sumerian ruler, Gudea, King of Lagash ca. 2150-2100 BCE. Possibly found at Tello

Legends, Kingdoms, and Archaeology: A Case from Ancient Vietnam

*A Lecture by Nam Kim
University of Wisconsin-Madison*

**Sunday, December 2, 2012
Sabin Hall Room G90, 3:00 p.m.**

Vietnamese oral traditions and legendary narratives describe powerful, proto-Vietnamese kingdoms in the Red River Valley of modern-day Vietnam, purportedly in existence during the first millennium BC. By the first century AD, this area had become colonized by the Han Empire of emergent Chinese civilization. Interestingly, ancient Chinese texts generally deny the presence of local and indigenous forms of sociopolitical sophistication. Given these conflicting depictions, archaeology can serve as a means to gather and furnish important new evidence.



Nam Kim at Co Loa

To help us understand these issues, Dr. Nam Kim will describe his findings from recent fieldwork at the massive site of Co Loa. Believed by many to be an ancient capital of proto-Vietnamese civilization, legend and folklore suggest Co Loa was founded during the closing centuries BC by a local kingdom. Kim's recent archaeological investigations have helped to enhance our understanding of the site and of the florescence of social complexity in the region. The project findings have broad implications for early Vietnamese history, as well as theories on Southeast Asian urbanism and the formation of ancient complex polities.



Excavation at Co Loa

Nam Kim is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at UW-Madison. His current research is geographically focused on Southeast Asia and specifically Vietnam. Since 2007, he has been conducting ongoing archaeological fieldwork at the Co Loa site of Vietnam's Red River Delta. A heavily fortified, proto-urban site located near modern-day Hanoi, Co Loa is one of the largest prehistoric sites in Southeast Asia, and it may have been the seat of an early state-level society during the Iron Age. Ultimately, he plans to use the Co Loa case study as a starting point for cross-cultural research regarding warfare and social evolution both in Southeast Asia and worldwide.

For more about Nam Kim see:

http://www.anthropology.wisc.edu/people_kim.php

SAVE THE DATE!

**National Archaeology
Day, October 20, 2012**

**Open House in UWM's
Archaeology Lab**

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

3413 N. Downer Ave, Room 225

See page 6 below for details

Celebrate National Archaeology Day!

Saturday, October 20, 2012

UWM's Archaeological Research Laboratory,
Sabin Hall, Second Floor



Scene from 2011 National Archaeology Day

October 20, 2012 is the second annual National Archaeology Day, a day when the excitement of archaeological discovery will be celebrated by AIA local societies and other archaeological groups across North America. In honor of this event the AIA-Milwaukee Society and UWM's Archaeological Research Laboratory are sponsoring an Open House at the Archaeology Lab where the "Archaeology of Food and Drink" will be explored.

How do we know what the people whose material culture we dig up ate and drank, and how did they find, grow, and prepare their food? How do we determine whether a pottery vessel was used to transport or store wine or some other alcoholic beverage? What did the gruel eaten by the native inhabitants of Wisconsin taste like? How did Iron Age Europeans make their beer? Professors and graduate students in the UWM Anthropology Department working on archaeological material from sites around the globe will host special displays and demonstrations showing what the finds from their excavations tell us about the foodways of the peoples who lived there.

AIA members, families and friends are invited to attend this special lab open house on Saturday, October 20 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The lab is in Sabin Hall, Room 275 (same building as our lectures), 3413 North Downer Ave, 2nd floor.

If you would like to join us for this special program please let Bettina Arnold know at aiamke@milwpc.com. Your response will help us determine how many attendees to prepare for, but does not commit you to attend. We hope to see you there!

To find out more about the many other National Archaeology Day events around North America see: <http://www.archaeological.org/NAD>.

AIA's 114th Annual Meeting to be Held in Seattle, WA January 3-6, 2013



Seattle Space Needle

Seattle's Space Needle is more a sign of the future than the past but it's one of the many attractions available to see when you attend the upcoming AIA Annual Meeting in Seattle this coming January.

As always, the meeting will contain something for everyone from the most dedicated scholars and graduate students who want to network with their peers and catch up on new archaeological research, to local society representatives looking for tips on new activities their societies can organize, to just plain archaeology buffs who want to learn more about archaeology!

Academic sessions will present the latest research from the field; smaller workshops will discuss and present new technologies and ideas; and other events will focus on archaeology both locally and globally including a special public lecture on opening night, followed by a reception where everyone can meet old friends and make new ones.

Take advantage of special rates at the conference hotel (The Sheraton Seattle Hotel) and discounted "early bird" meeting registration rates for members when you sign up before mid-November (deadline TBA). Information on the Annual Meeting is updated frequently on the AIA's website at www.archaeological.org/annualmeeting. Make your plans now!

Report from the Field Empúries, Spain

by

Shannon Freire
Ph.D. Candidate, UWM-Anthropology



Shannon Freire takes measurements at Empúries, Spain

During the 2012 field season I was one of the thirty international students participating in archaeological excavations at the Greco-Roman site of Empúries in Spain. This opportunity to study the quotidian urban experience of a Roman City was anything but ordinary!

Our excavations this season were concentrated on two commercial spaces (*tabernae*) from Insula 30 of the Roman city, as well as a main street (*cardo B*). With the other students in my trench, I helped clear the rubble from a collapsed *taberna* to reveal what likely served as a fishmonger's stall, and in a second-phase of use, a tavern for fishermen. As tiles and rocks were removed, we encountered fish vertebrae, hooks for large fish like tuna, lead weights for nets, gaming pieces, and more than a few amphorae. We overheard one site visitor remark, "This is why I didn't want to be an archaeologist! It's too much hard work!"

The catch-of-the-day didn't end with artifacts. We also had an introduction to the use of geoprospection technology, and I found out about the potential complications of steel-toed field boots and magnetic imaging! Our evenings at the museum were filled with lectures on the role of Empúries within the greater Roman world. Exchanges of notes (and languages) often led to some lively discussions!

Empúries, known as *municipium Emporiae* during the Roman Imperial Period, is located 25 miles from the

border of Spain and France on the Costa Brava, Catalonia.

Empúries is uniquely accessible to visitors and researchers seeking a greater understanding of urban life in the Western Mediterranean through Greek, Roman Republic, and Roman Imperial Periods.

Meet Sarah Bond



Sarah Bond at Washington and Lee University, 2012

New archaeologist in town, Dr. Sarah Bond, joins Marquette University's Department of History this fall as Assistant Professor of Ancient and Late Antique history. Sarah did her Ph.D. work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where her dissertation advisor was Prof. Richard Talbert (who lectured for the Milwaukee Society last year). Her dissertation, which she is revising for publication, examines inscriptions to explore trades deemed "unseemly" or disreputable in ancient Rome (e.g., such occupations as minters, masseurs, perfumers, and criers). She shows how religious shifts in Late Antiquity brought about socio-economic changes as well. Sarah has excavated at Monasukapanough and Monticello in Virginia, and at Morgantina in central Sicily. She is especially interested in the synthesis of historical text with the material record, particularly in regard to inscriptions. We are delighted to welcome Sarah to the archaeological community of Milwaukee!

AIA-Milwaukee Society Fall Calendar



Fall 2012

- September 30 Sunday, September 30, 2012, 3:00 pm. **Golda Meir Library, UWM, 4th Floor Conference Center**
Napoleon in Egypt: The Beginning of Egyptology
- October 20 Saturday, October 20, 2012, 1:00 - 3:00 pm **Sabin Hall, Room 275**
National Archaeology Day: The Archaeology of Food and Drink: Behind the Scenes at the
UWM Archaeology Lab
- November 4 Sunday, November 4, 2012, 3:00 pm
City in the Marsh: Investigation of Sumerian Girsu (Tello)
- December 2 Sunday, December 2, 2012, 3:00 pm
Legends, Kingdoms and Archaeology: A Case from Ancient Vietnam

All lectures will take place 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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