

# FEBRUARY ANCIENT AMERICA LECTURES AND CONFERENCES

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Friday February 1st, 7:00 PM  
Pre-Columbian Society of Washington DC Lecture  
"The Structure of the Maya Cosmos Revisited: Old Men and Monsters"  
Simon Martin,  
University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia, PA  
Summer School,  
1201 17th Street, NW,  
Washington, DC.  
17th and M Streets, across the street from National Geographic.  
Metro: Farragut North (on the red line) and Farragut West (on the Blue/  
Orange line)  
<http://www.pcswdc.org/>

February 1, 5:30 PM  
Friends of Archaeology Lecture Series  
"Impacts? Clovis and Folsom Archaeology of the Southwestern United States"  
Dr. Bruce Huckell,  
Research Director,  
Maxwell Museum of Anthropology, University of New Mexico.  
New Mexico Film Museum Theater  
(the old Jean Cocteau Theater),  
418 Montezuma,  
Guadalupe District, Santa Fe.  
For Museum of New Mexico Foundation members, cost is \$12 per lecture  
or \$50 for the series. For non-  
MNMF members, cost is \$15 per lecture or \$65 for the series. Reserve  
tickets by calling the Friends of  
Archaeology reservation hotline at 505-992-2715 ext. 8. Please leave  
your name and phone number, and  
a volunteer will call you back for complete reservation and payment  
information.

February 4, 6:00 PM

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### Southwest Seminars Lecture

"Understanding Conflict in Pueblo History: New Perspectives on Old Archaeology"

Dr. James Snead

Archaeologist, Associate Professor, and Anthropology Program  
Coordinator

George Mason University,  
Fairfax, Virginia

Hotel Santa Fe  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

[http://www.southwestseminars.org/Ancient\\_Sites\\_2008.html](http://www.southwestseminars.org/Ancient_Sites_2008.html)

Monday, February 04, 2008, 7:30 PM

AIA Lecture

"From Colonization to Complexity: First Peopling to Monumental Architecture in North America"

David Anderson, University of Tennessee (Stone Lecture)

Chan Auditorium,

Admin. Science Bldg., UAH

Central Florida (Orlando)

Friday, February 8, 2008, 7:30 PM

Maya Society of Minnesota Lecture

"Cycles of Development from Ancient to Modern Times in the Yalahau Region of the Yucatan Peninsula"

Drew Science Building,

Room 118,

Hamline University

Dr. Scott Fedick is Associate Professor in the Anthropology Department at the University of California – Riverside. Dr. Fedick will present findings from recent and ongoing archaeological and ecological research in northern Quintana Roo, Mexico. Dr. Fedick is a Professor of Anthropology at the University of California, Riverside, and is Director of the Yalahau Regional Human Ecology Project, which has been conducting investigations ranging from ancient use and modification of wetlands, to regional settlement dynamics, climate change, and the cosmological basis of community planning. The presentation will emphasize cycles of development in the region from the Late Formative of two thousand years ago to the current explosion of growth associated Cancun and the Maya Riviera

<http://www.hamline.edu/mayasociety/Lectures%20and%20Workshops%202007-2008.htm>

February 8, 5:30 PM

Friends of Archaeology Lecture Series

"A Synthesis and Commentary on Catastrophe and Archaeology"

A panel of archaeologists

(including Drs. Robert Dello-Russo and Eric Blinman, Office of Archaeological Studies).

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Friday, February 8, 12:00 PM

JAR Specialized Seminar

"Nomadic Legacies: Native North American Residential Mobility and Decision-making."

Dr. Regna Darnell

Anthro 178

Maxwell Museum of Anthropology

1 University of New Mexico

Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001

maxwell@xxxxxxx

<http://www.unm.edu/~maxwell/index.html>

Saturday, February 9, 2008, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Maya Society of Minnesota Workshop

"Ancient Maya Agriculture and Land Management: Assessing Ancient Maya Sustainability"

Giddens Learning Center 6s

(the Anthropology Lab),

Hamline University

Dr. Fedick's research specialty is in ancient Maya cultivation systems, plant use, and land management. This workshop will review approaches to land evaluation from the competing perspectives of traditional framers and government agencies in order to provide insights on both modern and ancient trajectories of agricultural sustainability. The workshop will also provide an overview of the vast resources of indigenous edible plants utilized by Maya

<http://www.hamline.edu/mayasociety/Lectures%20and%20Workshops%202007-2008.htm>

February 9

The Pre-Columbian Society of the University of Pennsylvania Museum  
Lecture

Simon Martin, University of Pennsylvania Museum, Specialist in Mayan Epigraphy

<http://www.precolumbian.org/>

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February 10, 2008, 11:00 AM

Metropolitan Museum of Art

Gallery Talk

"Man and the Supernatural in the Precolumbian World"

Concepts of the supernatural were expressed in many ways in Precolumbian art. An examination of selected pieces highlights some of these concepts, as well as differences and similarities across cultures, time, and geography.

Gallery Talk Stanchion, Great Hall

Met Museum

New York City

<http://www.metmuseum.org/search/iquery.asp>

February 11, 6:00 PM

Southwest Seminars Lecture

"Finding Leaders in the Distant Archaeological Past"

Dr. John Kantner, PhD, RPA

Vice-President, Academic & Institutional Advancement and  
Archaeologist

School for Advanced Research and the Human Experience

Hotel Santa Fe

Santa Fe, New Mexico

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Tuesday, February 12, 7:00 PM

Taos Archaeological Society Lecture

"Experimenting with Early Pueblo Communities in the Northern Rio Grande" Jeff Boyer

The historic Pueblo communities of the Northern Rio Grande region appear, at first glance, to be stable groups of people living in compact, aggregated villages. Archaeological examinations of sites dating between about AD 900 and 1200 in the Northern Rio Grande, on the other hand, provide tantalizing glimpses of ancestral Puebloans experimenting with concepts of place and community at a time when most of them lived scattered across their landscapes. Although the material forms of those experiments seemed to have varied, they show a consistent concept of the center or middle place, a critical point for Puebloan communities. If we are assessing those material forms correctly, we are seeing that the aggregated Pueblo communities with which we are familiar were not new community forms when they appeared in the region after about AD 1200; rather, they grew from expressions of center or middle places that were in use before Pueblo people began living next-door to each other.

San Geronimo Lodge,

1101 Witt Rd

Taos, New Mexico

<http://www.taosarch.org/id26.html>

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Thursday, February 14, 7:00 PM

Indian Peaks Chapter

Colorado Archaeology Society Lecture

"Mantle's Cave Site"

Dinosaur Room,

Colorado University Museum,

Boulder, Colorado

<http://www.indianpeaksarchaeology.org/eventDetail.php?id=13>

February 15–17, 2008

Fifth Annual Tulane Maya Symposium and Workshop

"Sacred Cenotes Hidden Caverns; Rituals, Beliefs and Everyday Life  
Relating to Caves and Cenotes Among the Maya"

We explore the physical and sacred geography of the Maya region, Maya origin stories and beliefs focusing on caves and cenotes, and rituals associated with these locales.

Between now and October 15th, we are offering a 50% discount on registration for the symposium.

Friday, February 15th

9:00 AM –12:00 PM K–12 Educator workshop given by Dr. Bryan Just.

Priority registration given to K–12 educators, open to all on a space available basis. The workshop material will give a general overview of the symposium theme. All Friday workshops will be held in the Latin American Library.

The Maya Underground: An Introduction to the Ancient Maya and Their Ideas about Caves, Cenotes, and the Underworld, by Bryan Just

1:30 PM –4:30 PM Participants may register for one of the workshops being offered on Friday afternoon.

Caves, Cenotes, Cosmology, and Calculations, (beginning level) by Anthony Aveni

Maya Glyphic Inscriptions in the Naj Tunich Cave, (intermediate/advanced level) by Markus Eberl

7:00–8:00 PM Keynote Address by George E. Stuart: The Hole Truth: Reflections on Fifty Years of Maya Cave and Cenote Research. Free and open to the public. This talk will be held in the Freeman Auditorium on Tulane's campus.

Saturday, February 16th

All lectures on Saturday, February 16 will be held in the Freeman Auditorium.

9:00–9:15 AM

Gabrielle Vail, Opening remarks

9:15–10:00

Cenotes and Caves of the Maya Region: Natural Archives of Paleoenvironmental Information, Mark Brenner

10:00–10:45

Emerging from the Dark: The Development of Maya Cave Archaeology, James Brady

10:45–11:00

REFRESHMENT BREAK

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11:00–11:45

Rituals and Meanings Related to Maya Human Disposals in Caves and Cenotes, Vera Tiesler and Andrea Cucina

11:45–12:30 PM

Caves, Sinkholes, and Springs in Maya Art and Writing, Marc Zender

12:30–2:00

LUNCH

2:00–2:45

"Giving the Devil His Due...": Ah Tanlahob Chac (The Servants of Chac) and Colonial Yucatec Maya Rituals and Offerings in Caves and Cenotes, 1550–1750, John Chuchiak

2:45–3:30

Prohibido Tocar Este Cenote: The Archaeological Basis for the Titles of Ebtun, Rani Alexander

3:30–3:45

REFRESHMENT BREAK

3:45–4:30

Modern Kaqchikel Altars: Making and Re-making Sacred Spaces, Judith Maxwell

4:30–5:00

DISCUSSION

Sunday, February 17th

9:30–12:00 PM We welcome you to join the presenters on Sunday morning as they gather for an informal discussion on the role of caves and cenotes in the Maya region.

Abstracts and Bios

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New Orleans LA 70118

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<http://stonecenter.tulane.edu/MayaSymposium/>

Saturday, Feb. 16, 8:30 AM–4:00 PM

15TH ANNUAL EAST TEXAS ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

Robert M. Muntz Library (Room 401)

University of Texas at Tyler

<http://www.dallasarcheology.org/>

February 17, 2:00 PM

Cahokia Mounds Winter Lecture Series

"The Ohio Hopewell"

Dr. Bradley Lepper

Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site

30 Ramey Street, Collinsville, IL 62234

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[www.cahokiamounds.com](http://www.cahokiamounds.com).

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February 18, 6:00 PM

Southwest Seminars Lecture

"Reopening Trenches in Pueblo Bonito: Chaco Stratigraphy Project"

Dr. Wirt 'Chip' Wills

Archaeologist and Professor of Anthropology

University of New Mexico

former Research Associate,

School for Advanced Research and the Human Experience

Hotel Santa Fe

Santa Fe, New Mexico

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February 21, 7:30 PM

El Paso Archaeological Society Lecture

"Pueblo Migrations in the Southern Southwest: Perspectives from Arizona and New Mexico"

Karl Laumbach

Recent investigations in the San Pedro Valley of southern Arizona have provided compelling evidence on a regional scale of two successive migrations from the Ancestral Pueblo homeland into the eastern borderlands of the Hohokam World. Concurrent investigations in the Rio Alamosa drainage of west central New Mexico have suggested two successive migrations from the Ancestral Pueblo World into the northern Mogollon World at approximately the same intervals. This paper compares and contrasts data used to detect migrants as well as the timing, tempo, social scale, and ultimate impact of population movement. Similarities and differences between the case studies have methodological and theoretical implications for migration studies that extend beyond the Southwest.

El Paso Museum of Archaeology

in the auditorium

4301 Transmountain Rd.

El Paso, Texas

<http://www.epas.com/newsletter.htm>

February 21, 7:30 PM

Old Pueblo Archaeology Center's "Third Thursdays"

"Ancient Burial practices at the Yuma Wash Hohokam Archaeological Site"

bioarchaeologists John A. McClelland and Jessica Cerezo–Roman

Recent excavations at Yuma Wash, a Tucson–area Hohokam Classic period (A.D. 1100–1450) archaeological site, have revealed a diverse range of burial practices including primary inhumation, primary cremation, and secondary cremation. The guest speakers for this presentation will identify demographic patterns, and examine differences related to the size and configuration of burial pits and the types and numbers of funerary objects present. Some of the variation in burial treatment may have to do with changes in customs over generations, but the differences probably also reflect social diversity, variation in

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practices between contemporaneous lineages, differences in treatment related to the age of the deceased or circumstances related to death, and different stages in a complex mortuary ritual. Burials were found to be concentrated in some areas of the archaeological site but no major differences were apparent in the burials' depositional situations. The guest speakers will compare their observations about the Yuma Wash site burials with burial practices reported at other Hohokam Classic period sites investigated in recent years, to point out how a study of burial practices on a larger scale can expand our understanding of Hohokam society and ideology.

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5100 W. Ina Road Bldg. 8  
(northwestern Tucson metro area)  
520-798-1201 or [info@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:info@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
<http://www.oldpueblo.org/february.html>

February 22 – 24, 2008

The 36th Annual Midwest Conference on Andean and Amazonian Archaeology and Ethnohistory

The University of Wisconsin–Madison

<http://www.mcaaae.com/calleng.html>

February 25, 6:00 PM

Southwest Seminars Lecture

"Corn in Chaco Canyon"

Dr. Linda Cordell

Senior Scholar, School of Advanced Research; Professor Emeritus of Anthropology and Former Director, Museum of Natural History, University of Colorado;

and Author, *Prehistory of the Southwest* (New World Archaeological Record: Archaeology of the Southwest; with DeWitt Jones, Anasazi World; Dynamics of Southwest Prehistory;

and *Chiles to Chocolate: Food the Americas Gave the World*

Hotel Santa Fe

Santa Fe, New Mexico

[http://www.southwestseminars.org/Ancient\\_Sites\\_2008.html](http://www.southwestseminars.org/Ancient_Sites_2008.html)

February 26th, 7:30 pm

San Diego County Archaeological Society Lecture

"Complexity in the Upper San Luis Rey River: Testing True and Waugh's Model of San Luis Rey Settlement Patterns"

San Diego County Archaeological Society is pleased to present Russ Collett who will speak about a paper he wrote with Richard D. Schultz about settlement patterns in northern San Diego County. Delbert True and Georgie Waugh (1981, 1982) posited Late Prehistoric settlement models for the San Luis Rey (SLR) River and the southern flank of Palomar Mountain. Within their study area they noted numerous SLR I period, and fewer, but larger SLR II period settlements. They also

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indicated an increasing emphasis towards bipolar settlement in the latter period. Additionally, they predicted settlements elsewhere along the San Luis Rey River would follow similarly. The results of Shultz and Collett's research in the upper reaches of the San Luis Rey watersheds appear to contradict True and Waugh's observations and their predictions for consistency within the river system.

Los Peñasquitos Ranch adobe

(within Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve).

Located south of the Rancho Peñasquitos area of San Diego County. Take Black Mountain Road to the Canyonside Park Driveway, just north of Mercy Road in Rancho Penasquitos. Drive west past the ball fields and parking lots, following the signs to the Ranch House. Access is on the dirt road, through the white wooden gate (open during visiting hours). Parking is located next to the large barn. The adobe structure is south of the barn.

<http://www.sandiegoarchaeologicalsociety.com/speakers.htm>

February 28, 5:30 pm

Peabody Museum

Tatiana Proskouriakoff Lecture

"All in the Family: Reconstructing Classic Maya Royal Genealogies."

Peter L. Mathews, Professor of Archaeology,

La Trobe University; Co-Director, Naachtun Archaeological Project.

Peabody Museum

Cambridge, Mass.

[http://www.peabody.harvard.edu/current\\_events.html](http://www.peabody.harvard.edu/current_events.html)

February 28–March 2, 2008

2008 Annual Conference

The Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference

Ocean City, Maryland

For meeting details and to register visit <http://www.maacmidatlanticarchaeology.org/conference.htm>

February 28–March 2, 2008

XXXII Maya Meetings

University of Texas at Austin

The specialized Workshops will run from Monday, 25 February to Thursday, 28 February 2008 (4 days).

The Symposium runs from Friday, 29 February, to Sunday, 2 March 2008.

This year we will focus on Copan, Honduras. Copán ranks among the most interesting Maya sites for many reasons; among these are its vast number of hieroglyphic texts and figurative stelae. For its relative small size (many@ other sites in the Maya lowlands are physically larger), the amount of inscribed materials at Copán are truly astounding, suggesting that in some way the inhabitants of this ancient kingdom were particularly interested in literate culture and iconography.

<http://www.utmaya.org/>

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Registration:

[http://utdirect.utexas.edu/txshop/list.WBX?component=0&application\\_name=ARTHSRY](http://utdirect.utexas.edu/txshop/list.WBX?component=0&application_name=ARTHSRY)

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<http://community-2.webtv.net/Topiltzin-2091/AncientAmerica/index.htm>