

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA
SAN FRANCISCO SOCIETY - FALL 2018**



Tuesday, September 25th, 2018, 5:30 p.m.
370 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley

Reports from the Field, Summer 2018

Lucy Gill (Anthropology)

Brooke Norton (Near Eastern Studies)

Elizabeth Keyser (Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology)

UC Berkeley graduate students report on their summer research and experiences at different ancient sites around the world. Lucy Gill studies human-environmental interactions, particularly fisheries and volcanoes, in pre-Hispanic Central America and directs the Proyecto Arqueológico de Zapatera in Lake Cocibolca, Nicaragua. Brooke Norton studies intercultural connections between Egypt and the Levant and works at Wadi el-Hudi, a mining site in the Eastern desert of Egypt. Elizabeth Keyser studies religion in the Greek Bronze Age and works at Mt. Lykaion in Arkadia, Greece. These illustrated, first-hand reports present the latest results of current archaeological research across space and time in these exciting regions.



ELLEN AND CHARLES S. LA FOLLETTE LECTURE

Sunday, October 28th, 2018, 2:00 p.m.
142 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley

Maria Liston

Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Waterloo

Murder in the Agora: Violent Death and Illicit Burial in Ancient Athens

Violent crime and homicides are not a problem limited to the modern world alone, and the ancient city of Athens experienced similar events throughout antiquity. A recent study of all the human skeletons found in wells excavated by the American Excavations in the Athenian Agora has found that many of these individuals died violently. Some of the dead, including women and children, appear to be associated with the sack of Athens by the Herulians, a Gothic tribe who invaded Greece in AD 267. Other skeletons, found in wells ranging in date from the Neolithic to late antiquity, appear to be victims of individual attacks. These skeletons exhibit multiple indications of trauma, and appear to be murder victims hidden in the depths of wells, presumably conveniently located near the scene of the crime. This lecture examines the evidence for these ancient “cold case” crimes in Ancient Athens.



Thursday, November 15th, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
370 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley

Kim Shelton

Associate Professor of Classics,
Director of the Nemea Center for Classical Archaeology, UC Berkeley

Pottery, Paintings, and Pinakides: the latest dirt from the excavation of Petsas House, Mycenae

This elaborately illustrated lecture will present the results of ten seasons of excavation by the Archaeological Society of Athens at ‘Petsas House’ in the settlement of the famous Bronze Age palatial center at Mycenae. A look into a complex structure of the 14th century BCE reveals domestic and workshop use together with an expanding role in the socio-political life of the palace. Pottery, as the primary artifact type, is examined within its production, storage, and distribution contexts. A well, excavated within the building complex, provides evidence for the life of the building, for its violent destruction, and for human agency in a post-destruction reclamation phase. The excavator will present material produced in this workshop alongside a picture of life in the building, including extensive remains of wall paintings, together with evidence for a relationship to the palace through fragments of Linear B tablets and of contact with the greater Mycenaean and Mediterranean world during the 14th c. BCE.

OTHER EVENTS AND LECTURES OF INTEREST IN FALL 2018

Ancient Mediterranean Revolutions

A conference on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Graduate Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology

September 6-8, UC Berkeley

<http://ahma.berkeley.edu/events/Revolutions>

AHMA Noon Colloquium Series

<http://ahma.berkeley.edu/ahma-noon-colloquium>

Ancient Art Council Lectures

All lectures held at the John A. and Cynthia Fry Gunn Theater, Legion of Honor, San Francisco

Saturday, October 13, 2:00pm

Dr. Roberta Casagrande-Kim, Assistant Manager of Exhibitions and Publications, Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation (USA)

“Echoes of Alexander: Images of a Hellenistic Ruler in Persian Epic Manuscripts”

Saturday, October 20, 2:00pm

Dr. Alain Zivie, Director Emeritus of Research (Egyptian), French National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), Paris, and Director of Excavations, French Archaeological Mission of the Bubasteion (MAFB), Saqqara

“An Egyptian Michelangelo: Thutmose, the Creator of the Bust of Nefertiti”

Saturday, December 8, 2:00pm

Carey Perloff, Artistic Director Emerita of the American Conservatory Theater

“The Dramatic Expression in Ancient Greek Art”

American Research Center in Egypt Lectures

All lectures are held in Room 20 Barrows Hall, UC Berkeley

Sunday, September 9, 3:00pm

Dr. Renee Dreyfus, Curator in Charge of Ancient Art and Interpretation at Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco

“Mummies and Medicine”

Sunday, October 21, 3:00pm

Dr. Alain Zivie, French National Center for Science Research, Paris

“Ambassador of Ramses II Puts a New Face on Ancient Egyptian Diplomacy”

Sunday, November 11, 3:00pm

Tom Hardwick, Houston Museum of Science

Topic to be announced

Sunday, December 9, 3:00pm

Dr. Julia Troche, Missouri State University

“Deified Dead in the Pyramid Age”

Nemea Night

Tuesday, December 4th, 6:30 pm, East Pauley Ballroom, UC Berkeley

<http://nemeacenter.berkeley.edu/news-and-events/nemea-night>

For more information on:

AHMA 50th anniversary, email norena@berkeley.edu

AHMA Noon Colloquium Series, email jesobert@berkeley.edu or erin_lawrence@berkeley.edu.

Ancient Arts Council events, information and/or membership, see <http://www.ancientartcouncil.org> or email ancientart@famsf.org.

American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), Northern California Chapter events, see <http://www.arce.org/chapters/northerncalifornia/home>.

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL:

The SF Society newsletter is available for download from:

<http://archaeological.org/societies/sanfrancisco>. This website also lists the AIA lectures.

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