

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA
SAN FRANCISCO SOCIETY - SPRING 2013**



LA FOLLETTE LECTURE
Tuesday, January 29th, 2013, 7:30 p.m.
370 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley

Nicholas Hudson

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Eat, Drink, and be Roman: How to Survive a Roman Banquet

The Roman banquet was a spectacular social event that holds a peculiar place in modern popular culture. Whether in the form of the college Greek “toga party” or portrayals in films such as *I, Claudius*, *Cleopatra*, and the over-the-top *Caligula*, as a modern audience we have expectations about the Roman banquet that meet certain criteria regarding common (mis)conceptions of Roman luxury and revelry. The ancient reality was something strikingly different, but not necessarily any less exotic. The Roman banquet was more than simply a chance to eat well with friends, it was an opportunity to expand one’s political and economic horizons. Successfully participating in a banquet required detailed knowledge of appropriate etiquette and the ability to prove by erudition that you belonged on the guest list. Using a wide variety of evidence, including frescoes, mosaics, the written word, and the dishes used at the banquets themselves, we can reconstruct banqueting traditions full of social meaning. In this lecture we explore the purposes, processes and changes of the Roman banquet from the first through the sixth century AD. The divergence of banqueting fashions represents a fissure between the ruling elite and the increasingly disenfranchised masses, and the form the new style took may have everything to do with the rise of Christianity.

JOUKOWSKY LECTURE AND ANNUAL BANQUET
Wednesday, April 3rd, 2013, 8:00 p.m.
370 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley

C. Brian Rose

James B. Pritchard Professor of Archaeology, Department of Classical Studies,
University of Pennsylvania
Curator of the Mediterranean Section, Deputy Director and Chief Curator, University of
Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

Assessing the Historicity of the Trojan War: Excavations at Troy 1988-2010

In 1988 archaeologists from the University of Cincinnati and the University of Tübingen, Germany, began new excavations at Troy with the intent of examining all phases of habitation--from the Bronze Age through the Byzantine period. This lecture presents the results of the Bronze Age, Greek, and Roman excavations at the site during the last 24 years. Work has concentrated primarily on the theater, temple of Athena, the Bouleuterion, or Council House, and the Sanctuary of the Samothracian Gods. The Bronze Age fortifications and Roman houses in the Lower City have also been extensively investigated. Excavation thus far has clarified the nature of habitation at the site during the late Bronze Age (15-12th centuries BC), as well as the rise in the city's fortunes during the reign of Augustus and his Julio-Claudian successors. The relationship between the recent discoveries at the site and the Homeric tradition are also considered.

Note: The Annual Banquet will take place before this lecture. More information will be available in late February or early March in an email announcement.

NEMEA CENTER LECTURE
Monday, April 15th, 7:30 p.m.
370 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley

Jack Davis

The Ancient Landscape of Illyrian Apollonia: Excavation and Survey

From 1996 to 2005, a joint Albanian-American excavation explored the hinterland of the Corinthian Greek colony of Apollonia in central Albania through systematic surface survey and excavation. This presentation discusses the genesis of the project, its goals, and results — as well as the big surprises that the research produced. The latter range from the first significant traces of a Neanderthal presence in central Albania to a previously unknown Greek temple of the 7th century B.C.

NEMEA CENTER SEMINAR
Tuesday, April 16th, 2013, 5:30 p.m.
370 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley

Jack Davis

Carl W. Blegen Professor of Greek Archaeology, University of Cincinnati

The Palace of Nestor at Pylos: Re-exploring a Mycenaean Kingdom

Since 1991, the University of Cincinnati has been engaged both in new archaeological fieldwork in Messenia, Greece, as well as reexamination of unpublished finds from the principal excavations by Carl Blegen. This research has added greatly to our understanding of the Mycenaean palatial community and its practices, as well as the history of occupation at the site prior to, and subsequent to, its function as a Bronze Age palace.

Wednesday, May 1st, 7:00 p.m.
370 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley

Sabrina C. Agarwal

Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley

Brittle Old Bones: The Bioarchaeology of Bone Loss and the Aging Skeleton

Bioarchaeology (the study of archaeological human remains together with contextual and documentary evidence) offers a unique avenue to investigate aspects of social change and identity in the past. As a dynamic tissue that is forged by biocultural factors over the entire lifetime, the human skeleton provides a record of individual and community life history. Various aspects of adult bone health, particularly bone loss and fragility, have been examined in past populations. While bone loss is generally regarded to be an inevitable consequence of menopause and aging, empirical research on bone maintenance in archaeological populations will be presented that show that patterns of bone loss do not constitute predictable consequences of aging or biological sex. Instead, the bioarchaeological data highlights the complex and changing processes that craft the human body over the life course, and the role of archaeological remains in revealing the biosocial worlds of our ancestors.

OTHER EVENTS AND LECTURES OF INTEREST IN SPRING 2013

The Sather Classical Lecture Series

Greek Religion Abroad by Robert C.T. Parker, Wykeham Professor of Ancient History and Fellow of New College, Oxford University. Sponsored by the Department of Classics, UC Berkeley - February 7th, 8:00 p.m., Maude Fife Room, 315 Wheeler Hall, UC Berkeley

The Universal Polytheism: *Interpretatio Graeco-Romana*

- February 14th, 5:30 p.m., 370 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley

***Un ballo in Maschera?* Greek Gods in Anatolia.**

- February 21st, 5:30 p.m., 370 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley

“Götternamen” in *Partibus*

- February 28th, 5:30 p.m., 370 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley

Religion and Colonization: The Hellenistic Case

- March 7th, 5:30 p.m., 370 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley

Artemis Polymammia and Others: The Challenges and Limits of Iconography

- March 14th, 5:30 p.m., Alumni House, UC Berkeley

Religion in Greco-Roman Anatolia: Myth, Ritual, Structures

AHMA Noon Colloquium Series

12:00 p.m., 7205 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley

Tuesday, February 5th

Michael Anderson, San Francisco State University

Prosperity and Purchasing: The Politics of Pompeian Private Property in the 1st c. BCE and 1st c. CE

Thursday, February 28th

Barbara Kowalzig, New York University

Religion and Cross-cultural Trade in the Greek Mediterranean

Friday, March 8th

John Papadopoulos, University of California, Los Angeles

Framing Victory: Salamis, the Athenian Acropolis and the Agora

Ancient Art Council Lectures

All lectures held at the Florence Gould Theater at the Legion of Honor, San Francisco

Saturday, January 26th, 10:00 p.m.

Dr. Susan Stephens, Stanford University

The Ancient Olympics Facts and Fictions

Saturday, March 2nd, 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Leslie Kurke, University of California, Berkeley

Before Statuary: Victor Statues, Commemoration, and Power

Saturday, April 13th, 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Matthew Stolper, University of Chicago

Shattered Window on the Persian Empire: Rescuing the Persepolis Fortification Archive

Saturday May 18th, 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Lisa Pieraccini, University of California, Berkeley

Rediscovering Etruria – Past and Present

American Research Center in Egypt Lectures

All lectures held in Room 110 Barrows Hall, UC Berkeley

Sunday, January 13th, 2:30 p.m.

Dr. Pearce Paul Creasman, University of Arizona

Marine Archaeology in Ancient Egypt

Monday, February 24th, 2:30 p.m.

Dr. Kate Liszka, Princeton University

We Have Come to Serve Pharaoh: The Role of the Medjay in Pharaonic Egypt

Monday, March 10th, 2:30 p.m.

Dr. Laurel Bestock, Brown University

Forgotten Fortress: Returning to Lower Nubia

For more information on:

AHMA Noon Colloquium Series, email caroline.cheung@berkeley.edu or edris@berkeley.edu.

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