



# Dispatches from the AIA

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## AIA Welcomes New President, Officers, and Trustees at Annual Meeting in Toronto

**T**HIS PAST JANUARY, Toronto, Canada, was the site of the 118th Joint Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America and the Society for Classical Studies. More than 2,000 archaeologists, philologists, art historians, conservators, and more attended the four-day-long program, which featured paper and poster presentations, colloquia, workshops, roundtable discussions, receptions, and several special events. Next year's Annual Meeting will be held in Boston, home city of the AIA, and we hope to see you there.

We are pleased to announce the election of a number of new officers, including president Jodi Magness. Magness is the Kenan Distinguished



New AIA president,  
Jodi Magness

Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She succeeds

Andrew Moore as president of the AIA. Other officers include Laetitia La Follette, First Vice President; Elizabeth L. Greene, Vice President for Cultural Heritage; Bonna Wescoat, Vice President for Research and Academic Affairs; and Ann Santen, Vice President for Societies. Academic Trustees elected are Lisa Kealhofer and Monica Smith, and General Trustees are Julie Herzig Desnick, Michael Wiseman, and Deborah Arnold.



Cotsen Grant site in Ethiopia

## AIA Pleased to Announce New Research and Fieldwork Grants

**I**N KEEPING WITH ITS mission to support archaeological fieldwork and research around the world, the AIA, through the support of generous donors, has established several new grant programs that will be available starting in 2017. The grants offer support for excavation, survey, scientific analysis, and the innovative use of technology. The new grants join a growing list of awards that include the Cotsen Excavation Grants, the John R. Coleman Traveling Fellowship, the Waldbaum Archaeological Field

School Scholarship, and the Bartman Museum Internship Fund.

The new grant programs are:

The Julie Herzig Desnick Endowment Fund for Archaeological Surveys to support initial survey and reconnaissance of sites and landscapes

The Richard C. MacDonald *Iliad* Endowment to support archaeologists working at the site of ancient Troy or in locations or time periods that enhance our understanding of ancient Troy

The Ellen and Charles Steinmetz Endowment Fund for Archaeology to support field research, especially projects that include innovative uses of technology

The Kathleen and David Boochever Endowment Fund for Fieldwork and Scientific Analyses to support innovative field and laboratory research

The AIA Fund for Fieldwork to

assist archaeologists who are starting new field projects

Awards from the Herzig Desnick, MacDonald, and Steinmetz funds will be available starting in spring 2017. Grants from the Boochever Endowment will be available in 2018. Full details for each of these grants are available at [archaeological.org/grants](http://archaeological.org/grants). To find out more about supporting archaeology and archaeologists through the AIA, please contact the Institute's Development staff at [sraig@aia.bu.edu](mailto:sraig@aia.bu.edu).

## Lecture Program Begins Spring Schedule

**W**E ARE MIDWAY through the AIA's 121st lecture season. Each year the AIA sends nearly 100 lecturers out to more than 100 Local Societies across the United States and



Norton Lecturer,  
Irving Finkel

Canada. This year's highlights include talks by noted philologist and Assyriologist Irving Finkel, Assistant Keeper of the Department of the Middle East at the British Museum

and a curator of the museum's cuneiform tablets since 1979. Finkel, this year's Charles Eliot Norton Memorial Lecturer, speaks on a number of topics, including cuneiform instructions for building an ark long before the biblical Noah would have lived, based on his book *The Ark Before Noah*. Be sure to check out the schedule at [archaeological.org/lectures](http://archaeological.org/lectures) to find a lecture near you.

## Join a Society Today

**I**N ADDITION TO THE national lectures, AIA Local Societies organize many other events, such as archaeology fairs, conferences, colloquia and

symposia, themed dinners, and garden parties. Become a part of this wonderful network of people who are promoting and preserving archaeology by finding and joining a Society near you. To learn more, visit [archaeological.org/societies](http://archaeological.org/societies).

## International Archaeology Day Continues to Grow

**I**NTERNATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY Day (IAD), the yearly global celebration of archaeology coordinated by the AIA, continues its unprecedented growth. In 2016 more than 700 events (about 200 more than in 2015) were held in 24 countries. The events were organized and hosted by about 530



IAD event at the Museum of Central Bohemia, Rostoky, Czech Republic

Collaborating Organizations, including 78 AIA Local Societies. The U.S. National Park Service was once again an IAD sponsor. We estimate that more than 150,000 people attended IAD events in 2016. Join us for IAD 2017, October 21, by attending an event or by becoming a Collaborating Organization and hosting an event.

## AIA Award Winners

Gold Medal Award for Distinguished Archaeological Achievement:

John R. Clarke

Martha and Artemis Joukowsky Distinguished Service Award:

Barbara Tsakirgis

Pomerance Award for Scientific Contributions to Archaeology:

Curtis W. Marean

Outstanding Public Service Award: Jessica Johnson

Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award: Bonna Wescoat

James R. Wiseman Book Award: Michael Jones and Susanna McFadden

Felicia A. Holton Book Award: Miranda Aldhouse-Green

Outstanding Work in Digital Archaeology Award: Pleiades

Graduate Student Paper Award:

Andrea Brock and Danielle Smotherman Bennett



2017 AIA award winners at the Annual Meeting in Toronto





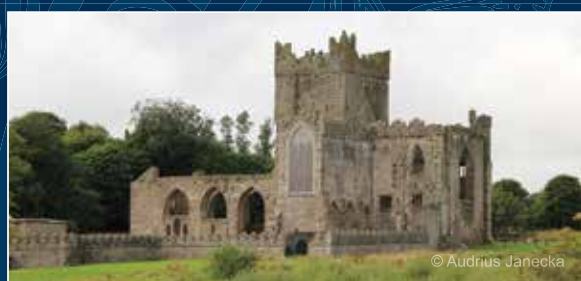
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## IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST

June 11 - 21, 2017 (11 days) with  
archaeologist Stephen Mandal



## WALKING IRELAND'S WILD ATLANTIC WAY

September 4 - 15, 2017 (12 days) with  
archaeologist Stephen Mandal



## NORTHERN ITALY: CULTURAL & NATURAL TREASURES, WITH THE ALPS & SLOVENIA

September 7 - 19, 2017 (13 days) with  
archaeologist Patrick Hunt



## PREHISTORIC CAVE ART OF SPAIN & FRANCE

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with prehistorian Paul Bahn



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