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

This 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 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.

AIA Pleased to Announce New Research and Fieldwork Grants

In 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. To find out more about supporting archaeology and archaeologists through the AIA, please contact the Institute’s Development staff at scraig@aiabu.edu.

Lecture Program Begins Spring Schedule

We 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 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 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 to find a lecture near you.

Join a Society Today

In 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.

International Archaeology Day Continues to Grow

International 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 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 Tsakiris

Pomaranie Award for Scientific Contributions to Archaeology: Curtis W. Marean

Outstanding Public Service Award: Jessica Johnson

Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award: Bonna W escoat

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
Experience EUROPE with the AIA

“An exceptional experience! The guides and sites were incredible, the hotels and food, absolutely the best!” - Donna, California

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
September 20 - October 2, 2017 (13 days) with prehistorian Paul Bahn

“Our tour leaders were excellent in personality and knowledge and helped us understand the history of Ireland.” - Jim, Florida

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