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Fall Newsletter

Monday, September 21, 2020

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Dear AIA-LA Society Members,

The board and I sincerely hope that this email finds you well amidst the many uncertainties facing our communities these days. One of the challenges we as a Society face at this time is offering programming that furthers the mission of the AIA, while being sensitive to the many concerns and difficulties that our membership and their families are facing. We hope that the AIA-LA can be a place for respite from day-to-day concerns and allow you and the public at large to continue to pursue your intellectual interests in archaeology. In this fall's newsletter I would like to report on the **annual membership vote** from earlier this summer, encourage you to **renew your membership** and support our mission, let you know about **upcoming awards and fellowships** to apply for, announce changes to **our website**, and mention our **programming for the coming year**.

Membership vote. Based on membership voting completed August 1, we can report that the revised bylaws, as attached, have been approved (see table on last page for full list of board members). Furthermore, all board nominations for service for the terms indicated below, have also been approved; this was contingent upon approval of the bylaws, which have made 3-year terms standard (rather than 1-year, as was the case when we inaugurated the revised bylaws two years ago).

I want to take this opportunity also to remind you that you are welcome to volunteer for board service at any time and to nominate individuals whom you think would be ideal board members. For more information, please contact Ken Seligson (kseligson@csudh.edu).

Membership renewal. The board is aware that this has been a difficult time for many, and that keeping up your membership is not likely at the front of your mind. We hope you have continued to receive your subscription to *Archaeology* as part of your membership. If, however, you are not receiving *Archaeology* magazine, your membership may not be current or address might be incorrect. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Ken Seligson to attempt to identify the problem.

Please also take an opportunity to consider inviting friends and neighbors to join. Amidst the limitations our circumstances have created, to some our virtual programming may present an opportunity to more easily engage with the Society.

Supporting our mission. Although we receive some support from the AIA's national offices, it is an excellent time to remind you that many of the Society's activities, as well as our undergraduate scholarship program, are supported by our membership through donations made directly to the LA Society. See the accompanying Voluntary Contribution slip to mail in your contribution for the upcoming season.

Funding opportunities. The Archaeological Institute of America offers a range of funding opportunities, including fellowships, publication grants, and field school scholarships, as well as the Site Preservation grant, and grants for excavation, survey work, and research. Attached, please find flyers listing these, and further information can be found on the AIA's website at <https://www.archaeological.org/programs/professionals/grants-awards/>--plus Society Awards and Grants are also listed!

Web portal. Our new web portal, which was launched earlier this year, is your gateway to archaeological programming available to our membership. There you will find a range of links to lectures, museum tours, and archaeological programs throughout the world, and many more event opportunities around LA institutions to which we will link. We hope that this will give you lots to engage with while removing the effort of hunting it down across the web. Our web committee is

working to continue to expand this presence and make it as user-friendly as possible. If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to email them to Alba Maaza (alba.mazza@gmail.com).

Programming, 2020-2021. Attached you will find our calendar of events for this fall, and some sense of what is upcoming in 2021. We will begin the year virtually with our *Virtual Garden Party and Year-Kickoff Mixer* on October 4th. In addition to one endowed lecture in fall and spring, we will also have a number of other lectures events including a new series of book talks. With so many archaeologists in our Society, this series allow our membership to engage with local archaeologists who have recently published books and to hear about the contributions these works are making to global archaeology.

If at any point revised health advisories permit in-person meetings, we will adjust our programming accordingly to the extent possible.

Lastly, I want to encourage you to reach out to any of the board members or myself with any questions, concerns, or interests you may have. We sincerely look forward to seeing you at our events, virtual or otherwise in the coming year.

With best wishes and much gratitude for your continued support,



Aaron A. Burke
President, AIA Los Angeles Society

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THANK YOU to each of the following members for their recent donations to the AIA-LA Society!

Aaron A. Burke

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Please RSVP for chapter events (**) with Ken Seligson (kseligson@csudh.edu), Membership Coordinator

NOTE: Please check our webpage for the latest access to any of these events. Zoom and registration links will be provided to online events during the week prior to the lecture.

****Sunday, October 4, 3-5 PM**

AIA-LA Online

Virtual Garden Party and Year-Kickoff Mixer. Discussions around the 2020-2021 Society Program with Board Members, led by Aaron A. Burke, Society President.

Saturday, October 10, 130 PM

Bowers Museum online [\[Register\]](#)

Tattooing in Ancient Egypt. Dr. Anne Austin, U. of Missouri. American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), Orange County lecture.

Saturday, October 17

UCLA Cotsen Institute of Archaeology online [\[Site\]](#)

International Archaeology Day/ The Cotsen Institute of Archaeology Open House. Details TBD

****Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 7 PM PM**

AIA-LA Online

Book talk: *Cities: The First 6,000 Years* by Monica Smith, UCLA.

****Sunday, November 8, 2020, 2-3:30 PM PM**

AIA-LA Online

Horns, Signposts, and an Upturned Fist: The Striking Landscapes and Material Legacies of Egypt's Royal Living-Rock Stelae. [Jen Thum](#) (Harvard Art Museums) will deliver our AIA Ahmanson lecture. [\[AIA Listing\]](#)

Saturday, November 14, 1:30 PM

Bowers Museum online

Princeton-Institute of Fine Arts, NYU North Abydos Expedition 2018-2020 Seasons. Debbie Vischak, Princeton U. American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), Orange County lecture.

Tuesday, December 8, 7 PM

AIA-LA Online

Book talk: *Early Bronze Age Seafaring in the Aeolian Islands: Sicily and the Mystery of the Pignataro di Fuori Shipwreck* by Alba Mazza, AIA-LA Society.

Saturday, December 12, 1:30 PM

Bowers Museum online

The Power of Ancient Egyptian Images. Rune Nyord, Assistant Professor at Emory University. American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), Orange County lecture.

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****February (Date TBA)**

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Archaeology as Community Outreach: Excavations at Sinop Kale, Turkey by Owen Doonan, CSUN. USC/AIA-LA co-sponsored lecture. John Pollini contact.

****Sunday, February 14, 2 PM**

AIA-LA (Online)

Book talk: *The Amorites and the Bronze Age Near East: The Making of a Regional Identity* by Aaron A. Burke, UCLA.

****Sunday, March 7, 2 PM**

AIA-LA (Online)

Book talk: *Imperial Cult, Imperial Power, and The Julian Basilica in Corinth* by Paul Scotton, CSULB.

****April 11, 2-3:30 PM**

AIA-LA (Online)

The Archaic Smile: It's No Laughing Matter. [Jeffrey Hurwit](#) (University of Oregon) will deliver our AIA Ahmanson & Norton lecture. [\[AIA Listing\]](#)

April 17

AIA-Riverside Society

(TBA) Riverside and Inland Southern California. Bass Lecture by Hector Williams. Contact Shawn Ragan (sraga001@ucr.edu)

EXHIBITIONS OF INTEREST

Bowers Museum

Reopened, Saturday, September 12, 2020

Treasures in Gold & Jade: Masterworks from Taiwan. December 12, 2020–May 23, 2021

Getty Center & Getty Villa

Possible reopening in January at the earliest [\[Newstory\]](#)

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