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Winter Newsletter

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Dear AIA-LA Society Members,

The board and I sincerely hope that this email finds you well at the start of this winter. With this newsletter I would like to update you on upcoming lectures and events, which will, unfortunately, remain virtual through the end of the academic year for all AIA chapters nationally. This, however, also presents new opportunities for more robust programming and a wider range of engagements for the public, which for our own chapter is often stymied by Los Angeles's famous traffic problems! Please read further to learn about our 2021 programming and opportunities to engage our Society in new ways.

Membership. 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 your address may be incorrect. You can renew online at <https://www.archaeological.org/join/>.

Please also take an opportunity to consider inviting friends and neighbors to join, and point them to our website and/or forward this newsletter to them. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Ken Seligson to attempt to identify the problem (kseligson@csudh.edu).

Annual Member Meeting in June. Please note that we will have our annual member meeting in early June. This is an opportunity to raise any questions or concerns you might have, and a chance to meet our growing board and to learn about the various initiatives we are undertaking. At that time we will send out ballots to obtain membership confirmation of any new nominations for board positions.

Undergraduate Advisory Council. In 2021, our Society, led by Lauren Malkoun, is initiating a new effort to increase awareness of the chapter and the AIA throughout the region's many undergraduate institutions. Lauren is a first-year undergraduate in anthropology and archaeology at USC. If this is something of interest to you or you would like to put someone in contact with the Society, please contact Lauren (malkoun@usc.edu). As always, suggestions for this effort are welcomed.

Web portal Winter-Spring 2021 Programming. Our new web portal will remain the gateway to our archaeological programming available to our membership. Owing to Ken Seligson's steady efforts you are hopefully also receiving weekly digests of upcoming lectures, which will provide the most up-to-date listings available. If you have not seen these, please check your Spam/junkmail folder, and failing that, please email Ken directly (kseligson@csudh.edu). 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).

In addition to our Ahmanson-Norton sponsored talk in April, we will host a number of book talks that profile recent publications by our members. We anticipate, as well, to co-sponsor a number of other lectures, including one by Owen Doonan at USC in February. Please see the Calendar of Events below for more information.

Funding opportunities. Although fieldwork in 2021 remains a tentative hope for most of us, the Archaeological Institute of America continues to offer 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. Further information can be found at <https://www.archaeological.org/programs/professionals/grants-awards/>.

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 virtual events in the first half of 2021, and with hope that by the fall we will resume our normal gatherings.

With best wishes and much gratitude for your continued support,



Aaron A. Burke
President, AIA Los Angeles Society

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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For additional information concerning chapter events (**), contact Ken Seligson (kseeligson@csudh.edu), Membership Coordinator

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

All times are Pacific Time

**** Thursday, January 14, 2021, 7 PM**

AIA-LA Online

Book talk: *Cities and Nations: What's the Connection? An Archaeological Perspective*. by Monica Smith, UCLA. See [Cities: The First 6,000 Years](#). New York: Viking, 2019.

****February 3, 630 PM**

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Archaeology as Community Outreach: Excavations at Sinop Kale, Turkey by Owen Doonan, CSUN. USC/AIA-LA co-sponsored lecture. For more information, contact John Pollini (pollini@usc.edu).

****Thursday, February 18, 7 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. See [The Amorites and the Bronze Age Near East: The Making of a Regional Identity](#). New York: Cambridge U. Press, 2021.

****Sunday, February 28, 2 PM**

AIA-LA (Online)

Jim Gould (RPM Nautical Foundation), *Intersection of History, Archaeology and Law: The Lost Fleet of Jean Ribault*

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

AIA-LA (Online)

Book talk: *Imperial Cult, Imperial Power, and The Julian Basilica in Corinth* by Paul Scotton, CSULB. See Scotton PD, Vanderpool C, Roncaglia CE. [The Julian Basilica : Architecture, Sculpture, Epigraphy](#). Princeton: American School of Classical Studies at Athens, 2020.

****Thursday, March 25, 7 PM**

AIA-LA (Online)

Ken Seligson (CSU Dominguez Hills), *Burning Rings of Fire: Ancient Maya Burnt Lime Production*.

****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 Website Listing](#)]

EXHIBITIONS OF INTEREST

Bowers Museum

Now closed due to expanded COVID restrictions

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

Getty Center & Getty Villa

Remains closed through Spring 2021

LACMA

Remains closed

Reagan National Library

Remains closed

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