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Los Angeles County Society, est. 1903

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Dear AIA-LA Society Members,

The board and I sincerely hope that this email finds you well at the end of this long summer. These times have been trying, but we look forward to making continued efforts to bring our members together and to support their and the Los Angeles public's interest in archaeology.

As we plan our fall AIA-sponsored events and as we continue to report on opportunities for our members, there are some important things we would like to bring to your attention, notably our plans for in-person meetings. Firstly, we wish to note that, despite pandemic trends that continue to challenge our efforts to plan in-person events, it is the wish of the board to see as many of our planned events take place in person as reasonably possible with all of the requisite and potential safeguards in place. Second, in order to accomplish this, we need to put into place minimum guidelines for participation. These include limiting capacity at our events (even though this is not likely to impact attendance for many of our events) and confirming that attendees can demonstrate vaccine currency (i.e., a current COVID vaccine/booster card). Like many institutions we will seek outdoor venues whenever possible for our events, request that anyone with reason to believe that they are not well stay home, and require masks for all attendees at our events in concert with local guidelines for the venue until otherwise noted. Since we rely for our programming upon venues across many institutions and encourage our members to attend additional programs at these institutions, this will bring our programs in line with other public and private institutions that are now requiring the same. Third, related to these circumstances, we are planning to continue to Zoomcast, whenever possible, our events for those unable to attend in person, which we hope will benefit our membership beyond the issues immediately related to health concerns.

These circumstances are less than ideal and are not where we hoped we would be. However, they remain necessary for our small organization because of our cooperation with various venues upon which we rely. I hope that whatever may come of the next year in our program, that you will continue to support our efforts, seeking to become more involved and, perhaps most importantly, to seek to bring new members into our Society.

Please continue reading about our programs and aims for the coming academic year.

**Annual Garden Party (Sept. 19, 3 PM).** We look forward to our first in-person event since March 2020. Our annual garden party will take place at the home of Charlie Steinmetz at 1207 9th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. Attendance will be limited to 50 persons. The event will include brief presentations by our scholarship recipients and an opportunity to meet various of our members.

**Events.** Please consult the calendar below for the list of our planned events. In addition to our sponsored talks in October and March, we will continue to 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 throughout the year, including several this October by the UCLA Niarchos Center. Please see the Calendar of Events below for more information.

**Membership.** We hope you have continued to receive your subscription to *Archaeology* magazine as part of your membership. If, however, you are not receiving it, 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](mailto:kseligson@csudh.edu)).

**Web portal and Weekly Roundup of Events.** Our web portal remains the principal gateway to our archaeological programming available to our membership. 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](mailto:alba.mazza@gmail.com)). Owing to Ken Seligson's steady efforts you are hopefully also receiving our *AIA-LA Weekly Roundup* 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 to be added to this list ([kseligson@csudh.edu](mailto:kseligson@csudh.edu)).

**Funding opportunities.** 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 in person or online this year.

With best wishes and gratitude for your continued support,



Aaron A. Burke  
President, AIA Los Angeles Society

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

For additional information about chapter events (\*\*) or to RSVP, contact Ken Seligson ([kseligson@csudh.edu](mailto:kseligson@csudh.edu)), Membership Coordinator. Consult our web page for updated information.

**\*\*Sunday, September 19 3 PM**

**Steinmetz Archaeological Center**

Annual AIA-LA Fall Garden Party. Join us for a preview of events to come and to meet our scholarship recipients and other members. Capacity 50 persons. RSVP required.

**Saturday, October 9**

**ZOOM with UCLA Niarchos Lecture**

Anastassios Antonaras, Head of Exhibitions, Communication and Education Department, Museum of Byzantine Culture, Thessaloniki “Documenting Diversity in Thessaloniki and Its Hinterlands: Three Archaeological Stories.”

[Registration](#)

**\*\*Sunday, October 16**

**International Archaeology Day**

<https://www.archaeological.org/events/category/international-archaeology-day/list/>

**Saturday, October 16**

**ZOOM with UCLA Niarchos Lecture**

Vasilis Lambrinouidakis, Professor Emeritus of Classical Archaeology at the University of Athens “The Sanctuary of Asclepius at Epidauros: New Finds Rewrite the Function and History of the Most Important Sanatorium in Antiquity.” [Registration](#)

**Saturday, October 23**

**ZOOM with UCLA Niarchos Lecture**

Stavros Vlizos, Associate Professor, Ionian University, and Vicky Vlachou, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels (ULB), “New Evidence on a Spartan Religious Center: The Sanctuary of Apollo Amyklaios at Sparta and the Current Research Project.” [Registration](#)

**\*\*Sunday, October 24 at 2 PM**

**Steinmetz Archaeological Center**

Sarah A. James (Classics, University of Colorado Boulder), *Across a Narrow Sea: Ancient Greeks and Romans in the Eastern Adriatic*. AIA Ahmanson Lecture. Capacity 50 persons. RSVP required.

**\*\*Sunday, March 6, 2022 2 PM**

Anthony Barbieri (UC Santa Barbara). *Unearthed Voices from the First Emperor of Qin's Unification of China*. AIA-LA Norton & Ahmanson Lecture.

More to come concerning our 2022 winter and spring programs in the next newsletter!

## PROGRAMS AND LECTURE SERIES

ARCE Orange County Lectures: <https://aia-oc.org/lectures-and-events/>

Getty events and talks: <https://www.getty.edu/visit/cal>

## EXHIBITIONS

### Getty Villa

*Assyria: Palace Art of Ancient Iraq* Now through September 5, 2022

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General concerns or interests? Email us at: [losangeles.archaeology@gmail.com](mailto:losangeles.archaeology@gmail.com).

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