



# AIA-LA

## FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER



Dear AIA-LA Society Members,

October 2023



We hope all is well as we kick off the fall schedule! It was great to see so many of you at our Fall Garden Party! We will continue to offer a mix of in-person and Zoom-based events to make sure that our programming continues to be as accessible as possible. We would like to welcome our new board members to the team this year: Caroline Smith is our new Membership Coordinator, Luis Rodríguez-Pérez is our new Graduate Student Liaison, and Maria Carolina Zensen is our new Undergraduate Liaison. Please join us in welcoming them!

**Events:** Our annual Fall Garden Party in Manhattan Beach on Sunday Sept. 24th was a huge success. We are so lucky to have such a strong member base here in LA County, and it was so great to see everyone! On Sunday, October 8th at 2pm, the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology Press will sponsor an Author Spotlight event to honor the recent publication of *Ancient Methone, 2003-2013*, two volumes edited by Sarah Morris and John Papadopoulos that present the results of a ten-year collaboration with colleagues in Greece. Two weeks later, on Sunday, October 22nd at 2pm, Kara Cooney will deliver our AIA-LA lecture entitled “The Coffin of Thutmose III: A Case Study of Evidence of Reuse of a Royal Coffin in the DeB 320 Royal Cache.” Both events will be hosted live at 1201 9th St. in Manhattan Beach and Dr. Cooney’s lecture will also be simulcast via Zoom.

**Student Scholarships:** Thanks to the generosity of our local members, we were able to sponsor three undergraduate fieldwork scholarships at \$1200 each for the summer 2023 research season! All three presented a brief overview of their amazing summer research experiences in St. Croix, Yucatán, and Providencia, respectively, at the Garden Party. The call for applications for the 2024 research season will go out in February.

**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. Please also consider inviting friends and neighbors to join by pointing them to our website and/or forwarding them this newsletter. We will be offering a series of opportunities available only to AIA-LA members this year, including private tours of upcoming museum exhibitions, as well as our “Have an Archaeologist Over for Dinner” series. Also, be on the lookout for our upcoming Member Spotlight Series, organized by Sanford Holst.

**Website and Weekly Roundup:** Our website and weekly email roundups remain the principal gateways to stay updated regarding our archaeological programming. 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 our Social Media Coordinator Alba Mazza at [alba.mazza@gmail.com](mailto:alba.mazza@gmail.com) and check out [aia-la.org](http://aia-la.org) for updates.

**Funding opportunities:** This year, we will continue our outreach push to encourage archaeological interests among K-12 students with the help of our public school liaison, Dr. Dawn Cox. This will include visits to Middle and High Schools around LA. Your donations to the local society will allow us to continue to offer the annual undergraduate scholarships and support K-12 archaeological outreach. If we are able to raise enough funds this year, we are hoping to also sponsor a graduate student scholarship. The AIA National Office also continues to offer a range of funding opportunities to students and scholars, including fellowships, publication grants, and field school scholarships, as well as the Site Preservation grant, and grants for excavation, survey work, and research.

Lastly, we want to encourage you to reach out to any of the board members 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!

The AIA-LA Board

# Introducing the AIA-LA Member Spotlight Series!

Los Angeles chapter member Sanford Holst is writing a series of profiles on the many diverse people who make up AIA-LA. He introduces that series here:

## Member Profiles



One of the best parts of going to AIA-LA events such as the recent garden party is all the intriguing people you get to meet. It's made even better when they share your interest in what has been happening around the world ever since antiquity. Our members tend to be well-traveled, curious about things, and genuinely interested in discovering something new. That makes for great conversations and ready friendships. But we also tend to be busy and not able to make most gatherings. So how do we get to know the wide range of people in this great group of ours? Chapter president Ken Seligson and I agreed to put me to work writing a series of member profiles, perhaps one each month.

Much has changed since I joined AIA-LA in 2003. Birgitta Lindros Wohl (CSU Northridge) was the president in those days and kept things stirred up. I was a historian writing books about the ancient Mediterranean and worked with so many archaeologists that being in this group felt very natural.

Going to the AIA annual conferences back then was a stimulating experience and meant meeting interesting people such as Cyprian Broodbank at the Boston conference in 2005. He was a young PhD at the time who would go on to become a professor at Cambridge. A couple of years later he came to UCLA (my alma mater, class of '70) to deliver a lecture and we were able to catch up again and exchange books. My *Phoenicians: Lebanon's Epic Heritage* had become the bestselling book on these seafaring people by then and it was good to get his thoughts. Those are the kinds of great memories that are always waiting to happen in AIA.

The good-and-bad news of having popular books come out is that they take up all of your time. So after a number of years I was no longer making it to AIA-LA events. But a few years ago I began to get involved again. And now Ken has put me to work. The first member profile is in the works and will feature past president Aaron Burke. Then the profiles will move around to show the rich diversity of members in our congenial group. It's good to know you're a part of it.



# Schedule of SoCal Events: Fall 2023

For additional information about society events, contact Ken Seligson (kseligson@csudh.edu). Consult our web page for updated information. More events will be included in our weekly round-ups.

## **Sunday, October 8th, 2:00pm PT**

1201 9th St., Manhattan Beach  
UCLA Cotsen Press Author Spotlight  
Drs. Sarah Morris and John Papadopoulos  
[Ancient Methone: 2003-2013](#)

## **Sunday, October 22nd, 2:00pm PT**

1201 9th St., Manhattan Beach  
AIA-LA Fall Ahmanson Lecture  
Dr. Kara Cooney  
[The Coffin of Thutmose III: A Case Study of Evidence of Reuse of a Royal Coffin in the DeB 320 Royal Cache](#)

## **Thursday, October 26th, 10:30am PT**

Getty Research Center Zoom Event  
Indigenous Voices of Mexico in the Digital Age  
[Registration and More Info](#)

## **Sunday, October 29th, 2:00pm**

Concordia University  
AIA-OC Fall Lecture  
Dr. John W.I. Lee  
[Warfare in Ancient Persia](#)

## **Saturday, November 4th, 4:00pm**

**Getty Center Museum Courtyard**  
[Site & Sounds: The Florentine Codex at the Getty Center](#)

## **November 11-12th, 2023**

La Sierra University  
Archaeology Discovery Weekend  
[The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible](#)

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## Local Exhibitions

### **Getty Villa**

The Gold Emperor from Aventicum (Until 1/29/24)  
The Horse and Rider from Albania (Until 1/29/24)  
Sculpted Portraits from Ancient Egypt (11/1/23-11/9/26)  
The Egyptian Book of the Dead (11/1/23-1/29/24)

### **Fowler Museum**

The House Was Too Small: Yoruba Sacred Arts from Africa and Beyond (Oct. 29, 2023–Summer 2024, Opening program 10/28)

AIA-LA Getty Liaison Dr. Sara Cole will be leading another tour of the Getty Villa Exhibitions later this Fall - stay tuned for more details!

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## Additional Programs and Lecture Series

[AIA Orange County Lectures](#)

[Getty events and talks](#)

[Pourdavoud Center](#)

[Stavros Niarchos Hellenic Center, UCLA/](#)

## Ancient Methone 2003-2013 (2 Volumes)

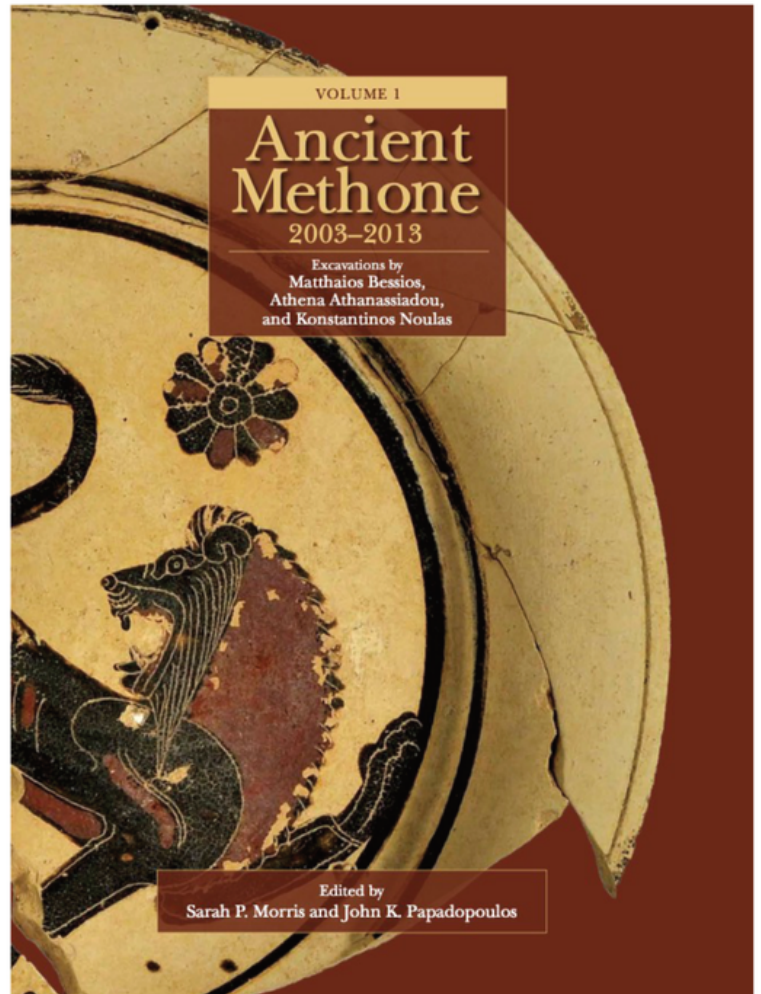


Sarah Morris  
Professor, UCLA Department of Classics

John K. Papadopoulos  
Professor, UCLA Department of Classics

Sunday, October 8, 2023  
Location: Manhattan Beach  
2pm Lecture  
3pm Reception with the Editors

[RSVP Required](#)



The Cotsen Institute of Archaeology Press cordially invites you to Author Spotlight featuring the recent publication of two volumes edited by Sarah Morris and John Papadopoulos, the results of a ten-year collaboration with colleagues in Greece, which bring to light discoveries at Ancient Methone from 2003 to 2013. Methone was inhabited from the Late Neolithic period until its destruction by Philip II of Macedon in 354 BC, a long history that included colonization by Eretria in the late eighth century BC and close affiliation with Athens, which valued its access to timber for ships. The two volumes cover historical sources, inscribed materials, prehistoric domestic and burial remains, Iron Age settlement, and Archaic through Classical workshops and products in clay, glass, metal, bone, and ivory through the siege by Philip II. The project was supported by the Steinmetz Chair in Classical Archaeology and Material Culture, as well as travel funds for Cotsen Institute students from the Steinmetz Family Foundation. We invite you to celebrate this publication and a project that included many students, staff, faculty, and research affiliates of the Cotsen Institute.



# THE COFFIN OF THUTMOSE III

A CASE STUDY OF EVIDENCE OF REUSE OF A ROYAL  
COFFIN IN THE DEB 320 ROYAL CACHE



**DR. KARA COONEY**

PROFESSOR, ANCIENT EGYPTIAN  
ART & ARCHITECTURE  
CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF NEAR EASTERN  
LANGUAGES & CULTURES  
UCLA

Coffins are important social documents, but they are difficult to document, photograph, and analyze. For the past ten years, Dr. Cooney has been systematically examining human reactions to social crises, specifically focusing on material adaptations evident within an ideological context and documenting coffins from Dynasty 18 to 22. This research is the first systematic study of funerary arts reuse and theft within the field of Egyptology and the first thorough photographic documentation of these coffins. In this lecture Dr. Cooney will offer a case study of the royal coffin of Thutmose III, discovered in 1881 in the DeB 320 Royal Cache, and discuss the evidence of reuse she has documented on this coffin.

Sunday, October 22nd 2:00pm PT

1201 9th St., Manhattan Beach

AND [Live Via Zoom](#)



# VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support the 2023–2024 programs of the Los Angeles Society of the AIA.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ contribution to the Undergraduate Fieldwork Scholarship

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ contribution to support a new Graduate Student Fieldwork Scholarship

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