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President's Message

by John D. Hall

Starting January 1, 2020, AAHS will begin accepting applications for the Research and Travel Grants, and the deadline for submissions is February 15. The Research and Travel Grant program is particularly important because of its focus. The Research Grant fund promotes current research by professionals, students, and avocationalists. The Travel Grants provide funds for individuals to travel, usually



students who are presenting at professional conferences. In 2019, AAHS funded six Research Grants and

six Travel Grants to individuals from eight institutions for a total of \$8,189.24. This includes \$5,189.24 for research grants and \$2,800.00 for travel grants.

As examples, AAHS supported research including the analysis of ground stone from Chaco Canyon, a study of ceramics from the Puebloan region of New Mexico, the analysis of wild and domestic bird bones in the Southwest, the study of phytoliths from agricultural fields along the northern Rio Grande, and the analysis of artifacts from an excavated Spanish Mission in Sonora, Mexico.

AAHS also funded six students to present their work at conferences, including the 2019 Society for American Archaeology conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the International Symposium of Radiocarbon and Archaeology in Athens, Georgia, and the North American Society for Sport History in Boise, Idaho. Please look at these recipients, and the excellent work they are doing at <https://www.az-arch-and-hist.org/grants/research-and-travel-grants-for-2019/>.

As President of AAHS, I am proud that we can support so many outstanding and interesting research projects and that we can offset some of the travel costs for students to share their research and to engage with their peers and colleagues at professional conferences. These incredible opportunities are only possible with your support! Every member of AAHS understands the importance of research, and the support you provide is invaluable to these students and researchers. I hope you will consider donating to the Research and Travel Grant program to help our fellow anthropologists, historians, and archaeologists succeed! Happy Holidays!

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AAHS HOLIDAY PARTY AND POTLUCK AND RESEARCH SLAM

Come Celebrate Research!

Monday, December 9, 6:00 pm
Archaeology Southwest, 300 N. Ash Alley

The AAHS Holiday Party & Potluck and Research Slam will be hosted this year by Archaeology Southwest, 300 N. Ash Alley.



The purpose of the Research Slam is to celebrate Southwestern archaeological research, to raise funds for the AAHS Research and Scholarship fund, and to have fun! Researchers are invited to summarize their projects in a dynamic 3-minute presentation. Professionals, students, and independent researchers

are encouraged to participate – no abstract is needed! Participation is limited to 10 people. Sign up by December 3 to reserve your spot and chance to win. To sign up, send a project title to Fran Maiuri at fmaiuri@gmail.com.

The Research Slam will be followed by the Holiday Party and Potluck. Bring a dish to share. Libations will be provided!

- ♦ Winners will be determined by popular vote (donations)
- ♦ All monies raised go to support more great research
- ♦ First prize is a 10-year *Kiva* Level AAHS membership (\$500 value) and bragging rights
- ♦ Second and third places also earn a prize
- ♦ No fictitious research projects
- ♦ The **Golden Digger** award will go to the person who raises the most donations from non-attendee
- ♦ PPT slides, relevant props and creative presentation formats are encouraged
- ♦ Presenters are encouraged to solicit funds from the audience through good humor, bribes, pleading, and other non-violent means
- ♦ AAHS encourages donations prior to the event to the Research and Scholarship Fund, but voting for individual presentations occurs during the event

AAHS Lecture Series

IMPORTANT NOTE: Starting in January 2020, AAHS lectures will be held in the University of Arizona's Environment and Natural Resources 2 (ENR2) building, 1064 E. Lowell Street, Tucson. The ENR2 building is immediately adjacent to the Sixth Street Parking Garage for easy access!

Our lectures will be held in ENR2 Room S107, starting at 7:00 pm.

- Jan. 20, 2020: Ron Parker, *Chasing Centuries: The Search for Ancient Agave Cultivars across the Desert Southwest*
- Feb. 17, 2020: Steve Lekson, *Studying Southwestern Archaeology*
- Mar. 16, 2020: Kelsey Hanson, *Title TBD*
- Apr. 20, 2020: Harry Winters, *O'odham Place Names Based on Rocks and Minerals*
- May 18, 2020: Don Liponi, *La Rumorosa Rock Art along the Border*



Upcoming AAHS Field Trips

*Participation in field trips is limited to members of AAHS.
There is generally a 20-person limit on field trips, so sign up early.*

The Late Pre-Hispanic Era in the San Pedro Valley December 7, 2019

We will be visiting several sites in the northern (lower) San Pedro Valley between the Gila confluence at Winkelman and Benson, Arizona (where Interstate 10 crosses the river), which date between 700 and 1700 CE. The focus will be on the late pre-Hispanic period (1200-1450 CE). During this interval, small groups of Kayenta from northeastern Arizona immigrated to the area and lived alongside local groups who built several platform mound villages. The multi-generational interaction between this immigrant minority and the local majority is key to understanding the Salado Phenomenon. Tour leader, Jeff Clark, of Archaeology Southwest, will make the case that what archaeologists call the "Salado" was an inclusive ideology,

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expressed on polychrome ceramics, which arose to alleviate ethnic tensions and to facilitate cooperation and trade in this multi-cultural setting.

This is an all-day tour (8–9 hours), most of it on good dirt roads and with limited facilities (bathroom breaks in Mammoth and Benson). Minimal hiking is involved, but dense stands of cholla are present at some sites. The tour is limited to 15 people, and we will car pool in a minimum number of vehicles. To sign up for the tour email Chris Sugnet at sugnetc@yahoo.com.

Suggested reading include *Archaeology Southwest Magazine* issues: “Preservation Archaeology in the San Pedro Valley” (17[3], Summer 2003); “One Valley Many Histories” (18[1], Winter 2004); “A Complicated Pattern” (26[3–4], Fall 2012); and “Before the Great Departure (27[3], Summer 2013).

University Indian Ruins

January 18, 2020; 10:00 am–12:00 pm



The University Indian Ruin Archaeological Research District is located in the eastern Tucson Basin at the confluence of the Tanque Verde and Pantano Washes where their combined flow forms the Rillito River. The 13-acre district is an archaeological preserve owned by the University of Arizona (UA) School of Anthropology.

It includes a central portion of a large Hohokam Classic period village and an adjacent complex of archaeological research facilities constructed in the 1930s. The archaeological site was occupied primarily between AD 1150 and 1450. It was one of the largest settlements in the Tucson Basin during that interval, containing a large and a small platform mound as public architecture and a range of other adobe buildings. The presence of the only platform mounds

in the eastern Tucson Basin indicates University Indian Ruin served as a focal point for regional civic and ceremonial activities and the leaders of these events.

Our tour leaders, archaeologists Suzy Fish, Paul Fish, Mark Elson, and Maren Hopkins, are analyzing the results from 2010–2013 UA Anthropology field schools at University Indian Ruin. These field schools built on the work of earlier investigations by Byron Cummings, Emil Haury, and Julian Hayden. The tour is limited to 20 people. To register, email Katherine Cerino at kcerino@gmail.com.

Northern Sonora: Cerro de Trincheras, La Playa, and Magdalena February 8–9, 2020

On February 8–9, 2020, AAHS is offering a unique opportunity to visit and learn about the entire cultural sequence of human occupation in northern Sonora, from Paleoindian to Padre Kino. Making our way across the international border, we will visit the mission of San Ignacio before exploring the central plaza in Magdalena de Kino and see the final resting place of Father Eusebio Kino. After spending a peaceful night in Magdalena, we will visit the archaeological landscape of La Playa, which contains several thousand years of human use beginning around 13,000 years ago and includes one of the largest Early Agricultural period village sites in the region. We will follow this with a carne asada lunch in Trincheras and stop at the museum and tour the type site for the Trincheras culture, the Cerro de Trincheras before heading back across the border for Tucson.



Dr. James Watson, Associate Director of the Arizona State Museum, has worked extensively in northern Sonora and will share his insights into human adaptations and cultural developments over the past several millennia in this part of the Sonoran Desert.

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The trip will be limited to a maximum of 30 participants (a minimum of 20 participants are required to facilitate the trip) who will travel together by motor coach with an experienced driver. The group will leave Tucson on Saturday, February 8 at 8:00 am and return in the early evening of Sunday, February 9. We will stay overnight at a hotel in Magdalena with an opportunity to explore this wonderful Sonoran town. Participants will share the total cost of transportation, which will range from \$100–120 per person depending on the final size of the group. The exact amount will be determined in early January and sent out with payment directions. Hotel and food will be the responsibility of participants; however, AAHS will recommend a hotel and arrange for a block of rooms to be held.

Some moderate hiking will be involved, and the site is not wheelchair accessible. Valid passports are required to enter Mexico, although a SENTRI or Global Access card can also be used to return to the United States at the Nogales Port of Entry.

We need a commitment to join the tour by December 31, 2019 and payment for motor coach transportation by January 15, 2020. Please respond to Chris Sugnet (csugnet@yahoo.com) by December 31 if you want to join!



Old Pueblo Archaeology Educational Programs

Old Pueblo Archaeology Center offers speakers to give presentations on various topics for educators and other adults, as well as for children, upon demand. Examples of topics include:

- ◆ Teaching the Fundamentals of Archaeology
- ◆ The Study of Chipped Stone Tools
- ◆ The Study of Prehistoric Ceramics
- ◆ The Peoples of Ancient Arizona

To schedule a speaker on these or other Southwestern archaeology, history, and culture topics your organization might like to hear about, contact Old Pueblo Archaeology Center at 520.798.1201.

ARCHAEOLOGY CAFÉ 2019–2020

EXPERIENCE THE PLACES OF OUR PAST

Archaeology Southwest's 2019–2020 Archaeology Café series is again being hosted at the Loft Cinema in Tucson. Archaeology Café is an informal forum where adults can learn more about the deep history of the Southwest and speak directly to experts. At Archaeology Café, we break down the static, jargon-laden dynamic of traditional lectures and have an expert share some ideas with the group in ways that get discussion going. Food and drink make things a little livelier, too!

The theme of the 2019–2020 season is “Experience the Places of Our Past.” While focusing on places from our past that people can visit today, this season's speakers are helping Archaeology Café attendees understand what makes these places special, what they tell us about life long ago, and how visitors can best experience them for themselves.

All programs begin at 6:00 pm and are held at the Loft Cinema, 3233 E. Speedway Boulevard, Tucson. Lectures will also be available through a livestream on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/ArchaeologySouthwest/>.

2019–2020 SCHEDULE:

December 3, 2019: Jeremy M. Moss, *Why You Should Experience Pecos National Historical Park*

January 7, 2020: R. E. Burrillo, *Why You Should Experience Bears Ears*

February 4, 2020: Kyle Woodson, *Why You Should Experience Casa Grande Ruins National Monument*

March 3, 2020: Christa Sadler, *Why You Should Experience Grand Staircase-Escalante*

April 7, 2020: Paul Reed, *Why You Should Experience Aztec and Salmon*

May 5, 2020: John R. Welch, *Why You Should Experience Casa Malpais and Kinishba*

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Congratulations to Director Emeritus

Raymond H. Thompson

in honor of whose legacy ASM's north building has been named. Dr. Thompson served as ASM director from 1964 to 1997 and head of the UA Department (now School) of Anthropology from 1964-80. Throughout his long and distinguished career, Thompson was a guiding force in Southwest archaeology and in national museum policy. To this day he remains a prolific scholar and a generous mentor and teacher. In this honor, he joins his predecessor, Emil W. Haury, for whom the anthropology building is named. We hope one day to name the museum's south building in honor of our first director, founding head of UA's Department of Archaeology, and founder of AAHS, Dean Byron Cummings.



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AAHS Membership Application

Membership is open to anyone interested in the prehistory and history of Arizona and the Southwest and who support the aims of the Society. Membership runs for a full year from the date of receipt, and covers all individuals living in the same household. If you are joining as a household, please list all members of the household. Monthly meetings are free and open to the public. Society field trips require membership.

Membership Categories

- ☐ \$60 **Kiva members** receive four issues of the Society's quarterly journal *Kiva* and 12 issues of *Glyphs*
- ☐ \$45 **Glyphs members** receive *Glyphs*
- ☐ \$35 **Student Kiva members** receive both *Kiva* and *Glyphs*
- ☐ \$100 **Contributing members** receive *Kiva*, *Glyphs*, and all current benefits
- ☐ \$150 **Supporting members** receive *Kiva*, *Glyphs*, and all current benefits
- ☐ \$300 **Sponsoring members** receive *Kiva*, *Glyphs*, and all current benefits
- ☐ \$1,500 **Lifetime members** receive *Kiva*, *Glyphs*, and all current benefits

Note: For memberships outside the U.S., please add \$20. AAHS does not release membership information to other organizations.

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