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Overview of the Harris pithouse site

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President's Message

by Rebecca Renteria

Greetings, I am truly humbled and grateful to serve in the President's position for Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society for this year. I would also like to extend my gratitude to



Rebecca Renteria

our outgoing president, John Hall, for his wonderful leadership and guidance these past couple of years. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors! I would also like to thank the AAHS Board for their continued efforts, humor, and willingness to support new ideas within the organization. With all I have learned from them during these past two years in my time serving on the Board, I hope to continue moving in directions that support the inclusion of the communities in which we are working. In

the vein of the past few President's Messages, I would like to provide an introduction to myself.

With our family's roots in what is now known as northern Mexico, my name is Rebecca R. Renteria — daughter to Rebecca Palafox Morelos Renteria and Gilbert Renteria and tia, auntie, nina, comadre, granddaughter, niece, and cousin to all those in my family who have shaped me and the work I have been chosen to do today. I lead with this introduction, because my academics and work within archaeology are firmly rooted in family, our history, and our practices.

I primarily grew up in southside Tucson, and honestly, despite all the negative connotations that come with that, I feel so grateful that life has made me sensitive to many of the issues that impact marginalized communities. There are many issues that impact us, and for my family and community, at the forefront is diabetes. The most important thing I have taken from this upbringing is that many of our communities are not inherently vulnerable, but we are a testament to

the strength and knowledge of all our community members—and it is this hope and acknowledgement with which I imbue my academic work.

Going to college was a newer idea in my circles, so my first attempts in doing so were a learning experience. Without much direction, I took classes in math, economics, and chemistry before settling on a studio art major with a focus in ceramics. I used to wish I had drawn all those connections to archaeology when I was younger, but as with many things, aging is beautiful! At this point in my life, and with a terrible GPA, I discontinued my undergraduate education and worked many jobs while trying to figure out where I was headed. A pizza delivery gig, bookstore clerk, barista, and restaurant server were jobs along the way!

During this time, I had a friend who was in a field school, and he shared with me stories of his days of hiking and evenings of camping in beautiful areas. I had no idea what archaeology was, but I knew I wanted to do whatever it took to be outside day and night. I returned to Pima Community College (PCC) in my late 20s and began taking classes at the Archaeology Centre at the West Campus. For the first time ever as a student, I felt like I was able to connect what I was learning in class to my family's history. What an amazing testament to culturally relevant education! I am so grateful to all the professors and staff at the Archaeology Centre at PCC who helped set me on this path. I am even more grateful for the more than 10 years of continued mentorship and friendship with the many who were and are still in the department.

I eventually transferred to the University of Arizona where I earned a BS in Anthropology and an MA in Applied Archaeology from the School of Anthropology. Being able to graduate with any degree was a pretty big deal for my family, so it was very special to be able to walk in the winter ceremony of 2017 with them present. In less than a month's time, my mother unexpectedly passed from complications from diabetes. Needless to say, the time in my life while finishing my MA and just after was full of so much uncertainty.

With my newer credentials, I held just as many jobs as I did before returning to school while trying to once again gain my bearings. I

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had the privilege of working with local high school students while introducing them to the potential of archaeology in connecting them to their land and K-12 students and local communities working on curriculum centered on school gardens.

Throughout this time and beginning in my undergraduate studies, I also worked at the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research (LTRR), which ultimately shaped my thesis work. The



Rebecca Renteria with her mom, 1984

support I have received from my mentors and friends at the LTRR is irreplaceable, and I am so grateful for all the opportunities I have had because of them. Punctuating all of this time was also work for a few local CRM companies.

All of this experience brings me to today! Truthfully, I struggled for a long time trying to figure out how I can be a support for my community (especially the youth) with the privilege I had with an MA degree in archaeology. I knew I needed to do something that would allow me to address the issue of diabetes within my own and other marginalized communities, so returning to school to pursue a Ph.D. was my next step.

Toward that, I will soon be starting my second year in the Arid Lands Resource Sciences program at the University of Arizona. This interdisciplinary program allows me to bring together knowledge from many departments and colleges (American Indian Studies, Anthropology, Geography, Mexican American Studies, and Public Health to name a few) to address health disparities many of us face. From first-hand experience, I know that communities know what they/we need to be healthy in every sense, and it is just a matter of making structural change that will support and empower that change. For me, that looks like using the tool that is archaeology to remember ways and relationships of the past, to teach us about dynamic and everchanging traditions of the present and future.

I cannot express enough the gratitude I have for all who supported my role in the President’s position for this year. There are too many people to include in this introduction who have shaped my path, but given that, I hope many of you can see bits of your own stories in my very abbreviated history here—I’m certain there must be so much more to connect on! I am excited to serve in this position with all the current and incoming Board members. I extend my thanks to all who have supported and continue to support AAHS over the years. My inbox is always open for input on the ongoing work and change you would like to support and be a part of. Again, many thanks, and I look forward to crossing paths with you!



AAHS Lecture Series

- July 18, 2022: Barbara Roth, *Lived Lives: Individuals in Mimbres Pithouse and Pueblo Communities*
- August 2022: Pecos Conference; Rowe Mesa, New Mexico (no AAHS lecture)
- Sept. 19, 2022: Caitlin Wichlacz, *Reviewing the Dishes: Considering the Place of Salado Polychrome Ceramics in the Phoenix Basin*
- Oct. 17, 2022: Ed Jolie, *Chacoan Perishable Technologies in Regional Perspective*
- Nov. 21, 2022: Nancy Parezo, TBA
- Dec. 19, 2022: Maxwell Forton, TBA

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July 18: Topic of the General Meeting

Lived Lives: Individuals in Mimbres Pithouse and Pueblo Communities

Barbara Roth

We often view the occupants of past pithouse and pueblo villages as households or groups, seeing them as a collective rather than as individuals who lived, worked, played, and interacted within a community. Our recent work at several pithouse and pueblo sites in the Mimbres Mogollon region of southwestern New Mexico has documented the presence of individuals that enhance our understanding of daily life in these communities. In this presentation, I use data from excavations at two pithouse sites, La Gila Encantada and Harris, as well as the pueblo site of Elk Ridge, to highlight individuals who lived at these sites. I will discuss the information we used to determine their presence and how thinking about individuals in the past can help us further explore the dynamics of communities in the past.

***Speaker Barbara Roth** is a Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas who studies prehistoric cultures in the Southwestern United States. She has conducted research on the transition to agriculture in the Southwest and currently works in the Mimbres Mogollon region of southwestern New Mexico examining household and community organization during the Pithouse and Classic period pueblo periods. She has directed excavations at several Pithouse period sites and more recently worked at the Elk Ridge site, a large Classic period pueblo in the Mimbres River Valley.*



This lecture is now being offered VIRTUALLY ONLY through AAHS@Home and Zoom.

The in-person option has been cancelled.

Preregistration is required through this link: <https://bit.ly/2022JulyRothREG>

Suggested Reading:

Anyon, Roger, and Barbara J. Roth

- 2018 Changing Perspectives on Pithouse Period Occupations in the Mimbres Region. In *New Perspectives on Mimbres Archaeology, Three Millennia of Human Occupation in the North American Southwest*, edited by B. J. Roth, P. A. Gilman, and R. Anyon, pp. 48–63. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.

Hegmon, Michelle

- 2002 Recent Issues in the Archaeology of the Mimbres Region of the North American Southwest. *Journal of Archaeological Research* 10:307–357.

Roth, Barbara J., and Kathryn M. Baustian

- 2015 Kin Groups and Social Power at the Harris Site, Southwestern New Mexico. *American Antiquity* 80:451–471.



AAHS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT THE PECOS CONFERENCE!

The Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society (AAHS) will again have a presence at the Pecos Conference after the cancelled conference in 2020 and missing it due to scheduling conflicts last year. The conference is being held this year near Pecos Pueblo where the conference began in 1927. Join us in Rowe Mesa, New Mexico, August 11–14 to visit with friends and colleagues, learn from professional archaeologists, and hear exciting new work by students—all outside in a beautiful (and cooler than Phoenix or Tucson!) area of the Southwest United States. AAHS presents awards at the conference and will again be selling gently used archaeology books, t-shirts, and hats. If you plan to attend the conference, we could use your help for a short session or two staffing the AAHS vendor table. We also need help with set up and break down, so pick the time(s) that work for you. We will work the table staffing schedule around talks you want to attend while you get to know fellow AAHS members and others, have some fun, and raise funds for the Arizona State Museum Library! Email Fran at: aahs1916@gmail.com to volunteer. Whether you can volunteer or not, we hope to see you there!



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Do you have a paper in preparation or on the back burner? The editors of our AAHS journal *Kiva* are putting out a call to encourage submissions. Ranked in the top quartile of anthropology journals, with a typical review decision of about a month and a half,

and articles appearing online about a month after acceptance, we hope you will consider *Kiva* as a venue for your work. Produced since 1935, *Kiva* is the premier professional journal devoted to the anthropology of the Greater Southwest. The journal's coverage is broad, geographically aimed at the greater U.S. Southwest and Mexican Northwest and intended for professional and well-informed lay audiences.

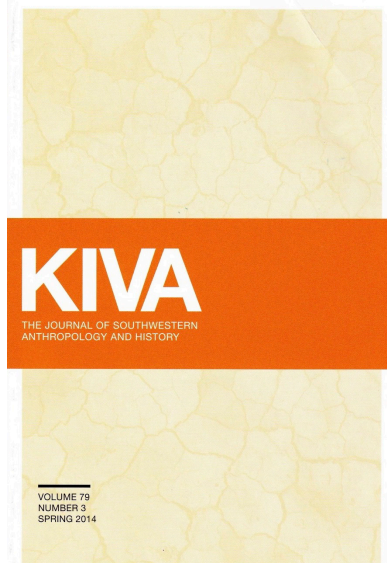
Because our articles range over a broad span of anthropological and historical topics (a range including subjects such as Paleoindian subsistence strategies to Archaic period agricultural origins to dendrochronological analysis of an early twentieth century homestead to

late twentieth century Native American boarding school life... and everything in between), we encourage you to consider submitting your work.

Kiva also publishes guest edited thematic issues (typically around five articles) approximately once a year, so potential organizers/guest editors are also encouraged to contact us.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal for a thematic issue or have questions, please contact either or both of the two journal co-editors: Thomas R. Rocek, rocek@udel.edu or Alison E. Rautman, rautman@msu.edu.

If you are interested in submitting a manuscript, please visit <https://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?show=instructions&journalCode=ykiv20>.



UPCOMING AAHS FIELD TRIPS

We are excited to announce the return of in-person field trips for 2022

Chaco: From the Outside In

Saturday–Sunday, September 17–18, 2022; 2:00 pm

The trip will begin mid-morning on Saturday with a visit to Casamero Ruin and the Dittert site, two Chacoan Outliers located near Grants, New Mexico (about a 7-hour drive from Tucson). Although



far smaller than the Great Houses of Chaco Canyon, these two sites illustrate the architectural characteristics and settlement patterns that link more than 120 prehistoric communities across the Colorado Plateau to the famed regional center known today as Chaco Canyon. On Sunday, we will travel to Chaco Canyon itself and view Pueblo Bonito and Casa Rinconada, two of the most important ancestral Puebloan sites on the entire Colorado Plateau between AD 1000 and 1150. Afterwards, participants will be free to hike (NPS Back Country Permit required), visit other major ruins in Chaco Canyon, or begin the return trip to Arizona. The trip will be led by retired BLM archaeologist John Roney, who took part in early work defining the extent of the Chaco World and documenting prehistoric Chacoan roadways.

The trip is limited to 20 people, and you must be an AAHS member to participate. To sign up, email Paul Minnis at minnis@ou.edu. Access to all sites is easy, with only Dittert site involving a short hike.

ASM LIBRARY NEEDS A COUPLE OF DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

The Arizona State Museum (ASM) library accepts donations of books (primarily anthropology and archaeology related) from University of Arizona (UA) staff, professors, and other professionals in the field. Most of these books are sold at two annual events at the UA, in the spring and fall, as well as at the Pecos Conference each August. Proceeds from the sales support the ASM library. To prepare the books for sales, we need a few people who can come to the library and use a computer to determine the price of each book. The price is then written in the book. Volunteers can work in the library from 11 am–4 pm, Tuesday through Thursday throughout the year. We are looking for people who are willing to work at least a couple of days for a few hours most months. This is an excellent opportunity to see some awesome books and to help AAHS and the ASM library! If you can help, please call Robin Rutherford at 520.299.7888 or 520.250.7889 for more details. Thank you.

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Need something to lounge around the house in? AAHS T-shirts are available in our online store: <https://www.az-arch-and-hist.org/shop/>. Regular cut in gray with black logo or beige with brown logo. Also available in a women's cut in red with white logo. The shirts are \$20 each, including postage.



Cornerstone

*Darlene Lizarraga, Director of Marketing
Arizona State Museum*

Remembering David Wilcox

by Patrick Lyons, Director of the Arizona State Museum

Dr. David Robert Wilcox, a scholar of unmatched depth and breadth among those who study the archaeology of the southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico, died May 27, 2022, at the age of 78. Born in Albany, New York, Dr. Wilcox came to Arizona in 1969 and was awarded a Ph.D. in anthropology by the University of Arizona in 1977. In 1984, he joined the staff of the Museum of Northern Arizona as a Scholar in Residence, became Curator of Anthropology in 1985, and Head of Anthropology in 1988. In 2006, he stepped down as Head and was appointed Senior Research Anthropologist. He retired in 2010. Dr. Wilcox also served as an Adjunct Professor of Anthropology at Northern Arizona University from 1986 until 2018.

A prolific writer, he produced more than 100 peer-reviewed publications, including 16 books, three special journal issues, 76 book chapters, and 20 journal articles, as well as dozens of articles aimed at the general public. He made groundbreaking contributions to research on Hohokam religion, social organization, ballcourts, great houses, and platform mounds; pre-Hispanic settlement systems; and the protohistoric period (ca. 1450–1700 CE). His most important publications in these areas include the following:



Dave Wilcox in 1991 (courtesy of Susan Wilcox).

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Wilcox, David R.

- 1975 *The Relationship of Casa Grande Ruin to Compound A: Research Potential of the In Situ Deposits*. Arizona State Museum Archaeological Series No. 83. Cultural Resource Management Section, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, Tucson.
- 1977 *Archaeomagnetic Dating in Compounds A and B, Casa Grande Ruins National Monument*. Contributions to Archaeology No. 1. Gila Press, Scottsdale, Arizona.
- 1987 *Frank Midvale's Investigation of the Site of La Cuidad*. Anthropological Field Studies No. 19. Office of Cultural Resource Management, Department of Anthropology, Arizona State University, Tempe.

Wilcox, David R., Thomas R. McGuire, and Charles Sternberg

- 1981 *Snaketown Revisited: A Partial Cultural Resource Survey, Analysis of Site Structure and an Ethnohistoric Study of the Proposed Hohokam-Pima National Monument*. Arizona State Museum Archaeological Series No. 155. Cultural Resource Management Division, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, Tucson.

Wilcox, David R., and W. Bruce Masse (editors)

- 1981 *The Protohistoric Period in the North American Southwest, AD 1450-1700*. Anthropological Research Papers No. 24. Department of Anthropology, Arizona State University, Tempe.

Wilcox, David R., and Lynette O. Shenk

- 1977 *The Architecture of the Casa Grande and Its Interpretation*. Arizona State Museum Archaeological Series No. 115. Cultural Resource Management Section, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, Tucson.

Wilcox, David R., and Charles Sternberg

- 1981 *Additional Studies of the Architecture of the Casa Grande and its Interpretation*. Arizona State Museum Archaeological Series No. 146. Cultural Resource Management Section, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, Tucson.
- 1983 *Hohokam Ballcourts and Their Interpretation*. Arizona State Museum Archaeological Series No. 160. Cultural Resource Management Division, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, Tucson.

Scarborough, Vernon L., and David R. Wilcox (editors)

- 1991 *The Mesoamerican Ballgame*. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.

Dr. Wilcox was also an important chronicler of the history of southwestern anthropology, particularly that of the Hemenway Expedition of 1886–1889, having co-edited the following key sources:

Hinsley, Curtis M., and David R. Wilcox (editors)

- 1995 A Hemenway Portfolio: Voices and Views from the Hemenway Archaeological Expedition, 1886-1889. *Journal of the Southwest* 37:517-744 (special issue).
- 1996 *The Southwest in the American Imagination: The Writings of Sylvester Baxter, 1881-1889*. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.
- 2002 *The Lost Itinerary of Frank Hamilton Cushing*. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.
- 2016 *Coming of Age in Chicago: The 1893 World's Fair and the Coalescence of American Anthropology*. University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln.

In addition, he specialized in large-scale synthesis and was a strong advocate for “viewing the Southwest at the proper scale.” An important example of this approach is his 2007 book, co-edited with the late David A. Gregory, *Zuni Origins: Toward a New Synthesis of Southwestern Archaeology* (University of Arizona Press, Tucson). Despite his “peregrine view,” he maintained amazing control of the details. He also highlighted the importance of existing museum collections, both artifacts and archival materials, to archaeology today.

Throughout his career, Dr. Wilcox worked with many different avocational archaeological organizations, including the Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society (AAHS), the Arizona Site Steward Program, and the Arizona Archaeological Society (AAS). He also served as Chairman of the Governor’s Archaeology Advisory Commission (GAAC) and was a member of Crow Canyon Archaeological Center’s Research Advisory Committee. AAHS honored Dr. Wilcox with its 2007 Byron Cummings Award in recognition of his many significant contributions to the field. He also received AAS’s Professional Archaeologist of the Year Award in 2008 and GAAC’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2009.

At the Arizona State Museum (ASM), we appreciate Dr. Wilcox’s thorough research on our institution’s history, as well as that of our University of Arizona sibling, the School of Anthropology, and AAHS, established in 1916, principally to support ASM and the archaeological fieldwork of Dr. Bryon Cummings, ASM’s first

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Director. Just this past year, he added to these histories with articles in *Journal of the Southwest*. In one, he made sure that we and the world did not overlook the contributions of local businessman William E. Barnes (1869–1916) in the evolution of ASM from a museum of natural history into an anthropological research museum and the establishment of the Department of Archaeology, which would become the School of Anthropology. In the other, he republished a series of essays, previously made available through the AAHS monthly newsletter, *Glyphs*, chronicling the society's early years and its impact on University of Arizona units as well as southwestern anthropology and history.

We are grateful that Dr. Wilcox cared so deeply about the museum that he left us with as complete a history of the institution as possible and for taking steps to ensure that its future will be more financially secure. When he retired, he began transferring his papers and research library to ASM. To help ensure that the ASM Library and Archives has the ability to accept, process, and make available to the public not only his papers, but those of other leaders in the field, he and his wife Susan established the ASM Library and Archives Endowment Fund.

Dr. Wilcox's presence, advocacy, and research will be greatly missed at ASM and by the entire archaeological community. We wish his family, and all who held him dear, every blessing for peace, comfort, and consolation. Condolences can be sent to Susan Wilcox at 1440 W. Shullenbarger Drive, Flagstaff, AZ 86005.

If you wouldd like to donate to the ASM Library and Archives Endowment Fund in Dr. Wilcox's memory, please send checks payable to "UA Foundation/ ASM" to:

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Membership Categories

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- ☐ \$45 **Glyphs members** receive *Glyphs*
- ☐ \$35 **Student Kiva members** receive both *Kiva* and *Glyphs*
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