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Next General Meeting:

September 16, 2024

7:00 pm (MST)

**University of Arizona
Environmental and Natural
Resources Building 2, Room 107
Agnese Nelms Haury Lecture Hall
1064 E. Lowell Street
Tucson, Arizona**

and

AAHS@Home (Zoom webinar)

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President's Message

by Rich Lange, President

It's almost August, and the summer is speeding along (thankfully, for those of us in the southern deserts!). The monsoon seems to have arrived a bit early and has already given us some strong storms. Do be careful of washes and exposed places if you are out and about—flash floods and possible lightning strikes!

Early August is the traditional gathering of Southwest scholars and interested others at the Pecos Conference, begun by A.V. Kidder and colleagues in 1927 at Pecos Pueblo in northern New Mexico. The first few years it was held in the same place, but since then, it has moved around the U.S. Southwest and Northern Mexico, giving attendees an excuse and opportunity to see diverse sites and areas.

Scholars from areas outside of the traditional U.S. Southwest/Northern Mexico region attended the conference regularly in the early years, a pattern that continues today with a diverse group of participants and attendees. Those early conferences often focused on understanding the diversity of archaeological and historical remains in the region (in those days “Hohokam” was sometimes considered “hokum”!) and sorting out complex ceramic chronologies and typologies. Remember, tree-ring dated sites and ceramics did not regularly occur until after 1929, so discussions of topics in the first years of the conference were not as easy as it might seem.

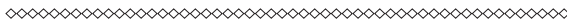
In the earliest years of the Pecos Conference, there was discussion about the participation of students (other than driving Byron Cummings to the first conference, it is unclear what the younger student types like Emil Haury might have done!). Were they to be allowed and encouraged, or not? I can only imagine how the early conference attendees would react to the large proportion of “avocational” participants who commonly attend in recent decades. Now these same avocational participants, along with students, young professionals, professionals from academic institutions, museums, and the world of contract archaeology, and professionals from Tribal,

state, and federal agencies all come together to share new knowledge and concerns, to network, and to learn from each other.

The Pecos Conference is where AAHS presents our annual awards for the Cummings, Stoner, and Lindsay “Unsung Heroes” Awards. Many of the awardees are hoping to be there this year to receive their awards. Please come and help us honor them at the annual business meeting!

Several decades ago, Dick Woodbury compiled a history of the Pecos Conference’s first 60 years (1993, UNM Press). His summary and insights are, themselves, now a bit removed in history, but it is an interesting read. Shurban’s copious notes were a big help to that history and have continued in the decades since. The Pecos Conference has formal officers and a board, as well as a website (pecosconference.org) and all that modern stuff! Who is going to step up and do the next 60 years of Pecos history?

Will you be in attendance? We hope to see you there! You can register and find out about schedules and the conference location through the website.



AAHS Lecture Series

Lectures are offered in a hybrid format, presented in-person at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Building ENR2, Agnese Nelms Haury Lecture Hall, Room 107, and simultaneously through Zoom.

NOTE: The December 2024 lecture will be via Zoom only.

- Aug. 2024: No lecture (Pecos Conference)
- Sept. 16, 2024: Suzanne Eckert, *TBD*
- Oct. 21, 2024: Richard Ahlstrom, *TBD*
- Nov. 18, 2024: Brooks Jeffery and Backy Orozco, *Camp Naco*
- Dec. 16, 2024: Chuck Adams, *TBD*
- Feb. 17, 2025: Maren Hopkins and Kelsey Hanson, *Los Barros de Juan Quezada: Land Use and Composition*

Cornerstone

*Darlene Lizarraga, Director of Marketing
Arizona State Museum*

Upcoming Master Classes at ASM



Biographies of Culture and Power in Colonial Mexico, a five-part series taught by Dr. Michael M. Brescia, curator of ethnohistory and professor of history.

October 23, 30 & November 6, 13, 20, 2024
9:30-11:30 a.m. In person (space limited) or on Zoom.



Germes and Genes: Modern Perspectives on Ancient Diseases, a six-part series taught by Dr. James T. Watson, curator of bioarchaeology, and Dr. Keith Maggert, associate professor of molecular and cellular biology.

January 11, 18, 25 & February 1, 8, 15, 2025
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. In person (space limited) or on Zoom.



Narrative Threads: How Perishable Material Culture Illuminates the Ancient Americas, a four-part series taught by Dr. Edward A. Jolie, Clara Lee Tanner associate curator of ethnology and associate professor of anthropology.

March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025
In-person Only. Space limited to 12 persons.

Full details/pricing at [statemuseum.arizona.edu/events](https://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/events).

To register, contact Darlene Lizarraga at df1@arizona.edu or 520-626-8381.

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. 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 our newsletter, *Glyphs*
- \$45 **Glyphs members** receive *Glyphs*
- \$35 **Student Kiva members** receive both *Kiva* and *Glyphs*
- \$100 **Contributing members** receive both *Kiva* and *Glyphs*
- \$150 **Supporting members** receive both *Kiva* and *Glyphs*
- \$300 **Sponsoring members** receive both *Kiva* and *Glyphs*
- \$1,500 **Lifetime members** receive both *Kiva* and *Glyphs*

You can join online at www.az-arch-and-hist.org, or by mailing the form below to:

Emily Jonsson, Vice-President for Membership
Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society
Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona
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AAHS considers the following to be contrary to the Society's objectives and enjoins its members, as a condition of membership, to abstain from the following: the practice of collecting and dealing in archaeological materials for personal gain; the excavation of archaeological sites or historic properties without permit or permission; and the unlawful or unethical acquisition of archaeological or ethnographic materials.

For your records, any portion of your payment over the basic \$60.00 membership may be tax deductible.

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