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President's Message

by Rich Lange, President

Summer has finally arrived it seems! For some, this is the annual ritual of the end of the academic year, reduced traffic around academic institutions (easier parking!), and perhaps the beginning of new projects or field sessions or field schools. For others, it might be getting overrun with tourists or visitors or just the fact that triple digits will be with us for a while. We'll see if the predicted earlier and heavier monsoon rains come! We surely need the moisture!

For AAHS, July 1 marks a new budget year and some new faces among the officers and on the board. For the upcoming year, we have a new President, some shuffling and new faces among the officers, and thus, new board members (read more about these newcomers elsewhere in this *Glyphs* and on our website, aahs1916.org).

I want to personally welcome the new officers and board members, and we are all looking forward to another productive year. I also want to thank the continuing officers and board members and the few who are leaving the board or officer positions. For those who have served AAHS, I appreciate your knowledge, background, and infectious enthusiasm for the programs and goals of AAHS. We may stumble from time to time, or feel like we have plateaued, but new challenges have always been met and, one way or another, we have grown. The coming times may present the "challenge of all challenges" (but that has probably been said before, somewhere, at some point in time!).

AAHS is proud to stand for the understanding and appreciation of all heritage—all people and all places. Our own skills, heritage, and knowledge, paired with those of others in the same time we are in, as well as those of past times and other places near and far, is what forms the human experience we are committed to preserving, understanding, and sharing as best we can. We appreciate your continued support and encourage you to find other friends and neighbors to join with you and with us in this wonderful organization.

Have a good and safe summer, and I hope you will have the opportunity to read interesting materials and visit special places. There is no formal webinar in August, so please join the archaeological and historical communities in the Blanding, Utah area for the annual Pecos Conference (details and registration are now available on the web).

AAHS will have its usual tables there, headed by Fran Maiuri. Stop by and say hello, and we will have some of the usual AAHS merch in case you need a ball cap or another T-shirt!



AAHS Lecture Series

NOTE: *Lectures are all now via Zoom only.*

- July 21, 2025: Marion Forest, *Recent Research on the Decline of Mesoamerican Teotihuacan: Reconfiguring a City from the Margins*
- Aug. 2025: No lecture: Pecos Conference
- Sept. 15, 2025: Gary Huckleberry, *Decline of Hohokam Culture Based on Soil Degradation*
- Oct. 20, 2025: Andrea Torvinen, *Research at the Site of La Quemada in Zacatecas, Mexico*

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July 21: Topic of the General Meeting

Recent Research on the Decline of Mesoamerican Teotihuacan: Reconfiguring a City from the Margins

Marion Forest

This webinar will present recent research results from the Hacienda Project in Teotihuacan, conducted in collaboration with Andrew Somerville of Iowa State University. We have been conducting a four-year project at the World Heritage site of Teotihuacan, Mexico, to gain a better understanding of the factors that led to Teotihuacan's decline around AD 550–600.

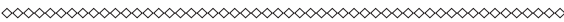
We, along with our international team of several students and local archaeologists, have been studying changes in settlement patterns, diet, health, and technology, using systematic radiocarbon dating to further refine Teotihuacan's chronology and to examine the long-term processes of urbanization and de-urbanization. Our first season, in the summer of 2021, consisted of geophysics and drone surveying, followed by surface collection and testing, and larger excavations in 2022, 2023 and 2024. The project is funded by the French Embassy in Mexico and the National Science Foundation.

***Speaker Marion Forest** received her Ph.D. in archaeology from the University of Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne. Since 2008, she has specialized in ancient urbanism and urbanization processes in western and central Mexico. She has participated in multiple projects focusing on spatial organization, mapping, and remote sensing in the Zacapu and Patzcuaro Basins of West Mexico, as well as in Teotihuacan and Northern Mexico and the Southwest of the United*



***This free webinar is offered via Zoom only. However, you must pre-register.
Pre-registration link: <https://bit.ly/3FVyIOI>.***

States. She also served as a Fyssen Foundation Fellow (2016–2018) at Arizona State University. In that capacity, Dr. Forest collaborated with Dr. Michael Smith to refine current understanding of the residential patterns and demographics at Teotihuacan. She is currently a senior archaeologist at Chronicle Heritage and the co-director of the Hacienda Metepec Project in Teotihuacan.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Eric Eugene Klucas is our President. Eric has more than 45 years of international experience in the archaeology of western



North America, Southwest Asia, and Western Europe. He received degrees in Anthropology from Hamline University (B.A.), the University of Missouri–Columbia (M.A.), and the University of Arizona (Ph.D.). He has supervised a wide range of archaeological undertakings, from small surveys to large, multisite data recovery projects. For 30 years, Eric’s research has focused on the study of domestic organization and the

use of space in Formative period villages in the American Southwest. He has directed several multisite data recovery projects in the Tucson Basin, the Tonto Basin, and the northeastern Phoenix Basin. He is also experienced in navigating the complex and evolving regulatory environment and is skilled in striking a balance between preserving resources and addressing the concerns of numerous stakeholders, including federal, state, and local agencies, Tribal governments, and other interested parties. Eric served as the Vice President of Activities for the Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society from 2004 to 2006 and as President of the Arizona Archaeological Council in 2015.

Mattie Tigges will assume the role of AAHS Communications Officer. Mattie is a full-time staff member at a local CRM firm, where

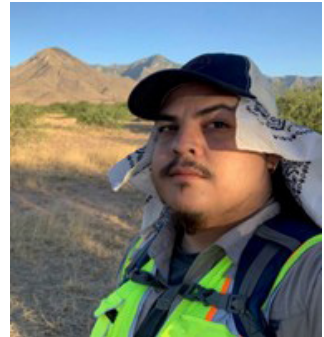
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she contributes to all phases of cultural resources projects, including Class I research, fieldwork, reporting, and curation. She has five years of experience working on archaeological surveys, monitoring, data recovery, and laboratory projects in Arizona. Mattie transitioned into archaeology from a background in the sciences, earning her Field Archaeology Certificate from Pima Community College. Since then, she has worked on a broad range of projects involving both precontact and historic sites. She especially enjoys the technical aspects of fieldwork and values the collaborative nature of the discipline.



Daniel Montoya, who has served on the Board for several years, will transition into the role of Vice President for Membership. Danny is a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) application specialist with four years of experience in the GIS field. He specializes in managing field recording applications for MCA Consulting, a cultural resources management firm. Daniel has worked in the field of archaeology for eight years, focusing on the Southwest. He graduated from Pima Community College's Field Archaeology Program and received his B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Arizona. Daniel is passionate about teaching and works part-time as an instructor for Pima's Field Archaeology Program.



Barbara J. Mills will be joining us as a Board Member at Large. Barbara is Regents Professor Emerita in the School of Anthropology at the University of Arizona. She served as Director of the University

of Arizona Archaeological Field School at Pinedale from 1993 to 2004 and as Principal Investigator for the Silver Creek Archaeological Research Project. Following the field school, Barbara founded the Southwest Social Networks Project, which is now part of cyberSW, funded by a series of collaborative National Science Foundation grants. In addition to the Mogollon Rim area, she has field and research experience in the Zuni, Chaco, Mimbres, and Four Corners regions of the U.S. Southwest, as well as in Guatemala, Turkey, and Kazakhstan. Among her publications is her co-editorship of *The Oxford Handbook of Southwest Archaeology* (2017) and *The Oxford Handbook of Archaeological Network Research* (2024).



Finally, a huge thank you to our outgoing President, *Rich Lange*, who will remain as a Board Member. *Blaine Burgess*, who has served as our Communications Officer, and *Emily Jonsson*, Vice President for Membership, will be stepping down from the Board. Blaine and Emily have both made significant contributions to the Society. We will miss them.



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.

Cornerstone

*Darlene Lizarraga, Director of Marketing
Arizona State Museum*

JOIN US FOR THESE NEW ASM MASTER CLASSES



World Pottery

A four-part series taught by Dr. Suzanne L. Eckert, curator, head of collections, and professor of anthropology.

Fridays, August 22, 29, September 5 and 12, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

\$200 members/\$230 non-members in person

\$150 members/\$180 non-members on Zoom

Since their invention over 20,000 years ago, ceramics have been used around the world for a wide range of purposes. As one of the most common artifacts found on archaeological sites, pottery is an important tool for archaeologists to create chronologies, document interconnections between different peoples, identify what activities were carried out at particular sites, study the organization of production in society, and more. This master class will discuss the development of pottery on each continent, highlighting both the mundane and unusual aspects of its many uses by both its creators and the scientists who study it.



Many Voices, Many Truths: Records from the O'odham (aka "Pima") Revolt of 1751–52

A five-part series taught by Dr. Dale S. Brenneman, associate curator of documentary history.

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4, 2025

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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In late November 1751 thousands of O'odham rose up in a coordinated, violent revolt that caught Spaniards entirely by surprise but ultimately ended in defeat of the rebels and the establishment of two new presidios in their midst. Official investigations conducted over three years into the revolt's causes produced a massive body of letters, reports, and testimonies representing Spanish governmental and military authorities, Jesuit missionaries, and Spanish and mestizo settlers, as well as numerous O'odham and a few Yaqui individuals. Dr. Dale Brenneman will explore the diverse perspectives represented in these materials, examining political circumstances, cultural beliefs, and personal motivations influencing the texts.

Register by contacting Darlene Lizarraga at dfl@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 webinars 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*
- ☐ \$20 **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 AAHS1916.org, or by mailing the form below to:

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I am interested in volunteering in AAHS activities: Yes Not at this time

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The objectives of the Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society (AAHS) are to: encourage scholarly pursuits into the history and anthropology of the southwest United States and northwest Mexico; encourage the preservation of archaeological sites and historical properties; encourage the scientific and legal gathering of cultural information and materials; publish the results of these investigations; aid in the functions of the Arizona State Museum; and provide educational opportunities through lectures, field trips, and other activities.

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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