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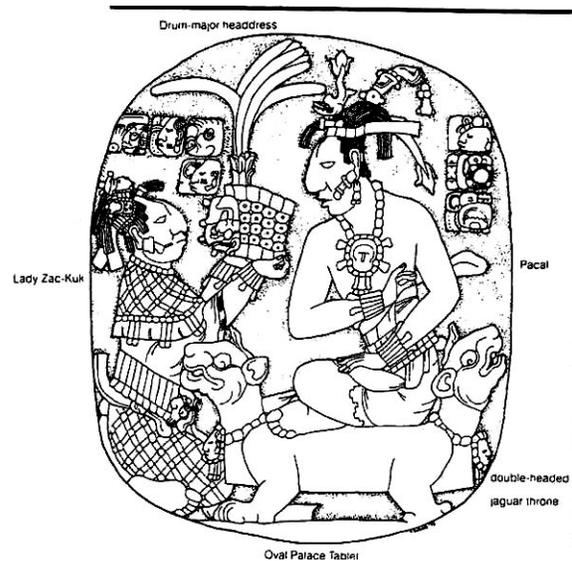
Changing Woman: The Position of Women in Prehispanic Maya States

Images of women were common on Mayan ceramics and monuments during the Classic Maya period. On the monuments, which were produced by the centralized political establishment, the differences between men and women of the ruling class are diminished and the commonalities between the sexes highlighted. On the ceramics, which were produced and utilized outside centralized political control, the differing roles of men and women in society are clearly portrayed. Dr. Rosemary Joyce, Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of California-Berkeley, will discuss the depiction of women in both the Classic Maya period and in its successor, the Postclassic period. In her lecture, Dr. Joyce will describe how ceramic images of men and women in the chaotic period after the collapse of the Classic Maya period persist in their portrayal of the complementarity of men and women.

Further information and internet links can be found on Dr. Joyce's website:

<http://ls.berkeley.edu/dept/anth/joyce.html>

The lecture will be presented on Sunday, April 1, at 3 p.m. in Room 195 of Mitchell Hall, located on the corner of Downer Avenue and Kenwood Blvd., on the UWM campus. It is free and open to the public, and will be followed by an informal reception with refreshments.



Oval Palace Tablet, Palenque, Chiapas, Mexico. Late Classic period, ca. A.D. 652. Lady Zac-Kuk presents a Drum-major headdress to Pacal, her son.

Thank You, Everyone!

The AIA-Milwaukee Society thanks all of its members for their participation and contributions. We also extend our appreciation to the Departments of Art History and Anthropology, the Anthropology Student Union, and the Southeastern Wisconsin Archaeology Program, all at UWM, for their on-going support of the AIA-Milwaukee Society and its lecture series.

Visit our website:

www.uwm.edu/Dept/ArchLab/AIA/

AIA-Milwaukee Spring Newsletter Letter from the President

Greetings, and welcome back from the mid-winter break! I hope your New Year was a healthy and productive one, wherever you spent it, and that you're ready for the AIA-Milwaukee Spring lecture program. We have a diverse and exciting line-up for this Spring, beginning on February 11 (note change of date!) with a lecture by UW-Marathon's Ron Lippi on Cloud Forest archaeology in Ecuador, a lecture on March 11 by Michael Kolb of Northern Illinois University on warfare in Hawai'i, UC-Berkeley's Rosemary Joyce on April 1 on the archaeology of Maya women, and finally on May 6 a lecture by Marquette University's David Overstreet, who will present his research on Paleo-Indian sites in Kenosha. We look forward to seeing all of you at one or more of the lectures this spring! AIA-Milwaukee Society news from this past year is very encouraging, as membership continues to grow after passing the 100 member mark for the first time at the beginning of the year. Thanks go to Alice Kehoe for keeping up with all the new members in spite of logistical problems at the national level. Attendance at lectures last semester was very good to excellent, due to occasional advertising in the Journal Sentinel. We had a block-buster, SRO audience for Carter Lupton's excellent talk on Ramses the Great of Egypt, with over 150 people crammed into Mitchell 195 to hear him speak. The response was gratifying, but has led to **the rescheduling of the room for Dave Overstreet's May 6 lecture, which will be held in Engelmann 105.** Fire safety and comfort are both concerns, and based on past experience with advance newspaper coverage on local speakers, this lecture should draw a crowd as large as the one on Ramses. The Society also organized an enjoyable fieldtrip to Chicago this past fall, with over 30 members and friends along for the ride to

the Oriental Institute's Ur exhibit and the Field Museum's numerous offerings. Jocelyn Boor did a super job of setting everything up, from arranging for the bus to producing the flyer and making sure that everything went smoothly. Thanks, Jocelyn! Most memorable moment: tagging along with Northwestern University's Near Eastern expert Professor Gil Stein, who spoke here in Milwaukee several years ago, as he led a group through the Ur exhibit at the Oriental Institute. You never know who you might run into if you come along for an AIA fieldtrip!

Some really exciting news this year: UWM's Art History Department has hired a new Old World archaeologist. We would like to officially welcome Assistant Professor Ying Wang, an expert on the Shang Civilization of China's Bronze Age, to the AIA-Milwaukee Society. We hope to be able to convince her to give a talk on her research in next year's lecture series. In the meantime, look for her at the Spring lectures!

There have been a few changes in the organizational structure of the Society's officers and volunteers: Bettina Arnold (UWM Anthropology) is continuing as President, and Jane Peterson (Marquette) is continuing Vice President. Mary Kohli (UWM Anthropology) has passed the baton as Refreshments Coordinator to Diane Grubisha (UWM Anthropology), although Mary is still actively involved with providing goodies for talks. We can always use more volunteers, so consider helping out at a future lecture! Homer Hruby (UWM Letters & Science Web-ster) has taken over the Web site, with input from Jocelyn Boor and Chris Hamlin (both UWM Anthropology), who are sharing the responsibility of putting together and putting out the newsletter. Alice Kehoe (UWM Anthropology) continues to do yeoman duty as Secretary/Treasurer; any new members should send their forms to her at 3014 N. Shepard Ave., Milwaukee WI 53211.

We will be holding an open meeting at the President's house this spring to discuss next year's lecture series and address any upcoming changes for Officers. This meeting will take place sometime in mid-May. The exact time and day will be announced at the last spring lecture, but if you miss the talk for some reason and would like to attend the meeting, call 962-5350 for more information. Anyone who might like to become more involved is welcome to come!

Newsflash: for anyone who attended Bettina Arnold's lecture on her field project in Germany last year, there is a brief report with images from this past summer's field season at <http://www.uwm.edu/~barnold/> A more complete report will be available on-line later this semester. We had a very productive season, and hope to go back into the field in 2002. See you at the Spring lecture series!

Bettina Arnold, Associate Professor
President, AIA-Milwaukee Society

**Report on the AIA Annual Meeting,
January 2001
By Jane C. Waldbaum**

The first AIA annual meeting of the new millennium and the first in our new January time slot took place in sunny San Diego, CA on January 3-6, 2001. Jane Waldbaum and Mary Kolhi of the Milwaukee Society attended. Along with the usual scholarly presentations, the meeting contained a number of programs for non-academic members including some new events.

An exciting evening of public lectures on the topic: *The Archaeology of the Heavens: Star Maps to Star "Wars"* featured two superb speakers: Dr. Ed Krupp, an archaeoastronomer, and Dr. David West Reynolds, an archaeologist who has worked in many capacities for LucasFilm, including authoring 6 "Star Wars" books.

Not one, but two colloquia on Underwater Archaeology were held: "*In the Wake of the Ancient Mariners*" and "*Sunken Ships and Submerged Cities: Recent Maritime Archaeology in the Eastern Mediterranean.*" Both included presentations of the very latest findings in this intriguing field. The afternoon colloquium was the first ever jointly sponsored AIA-ASOR colloquium and was followed by a reception hosted by ASOR (American Schools of Oriental Research) in honor of its centennial.

Were you wowed by *Gladiator* last summer? So were a lot of people! The joint AIA-APA colloquium on *Interpreting Roman Spectacles* explored the culture that produced the games, shows, and contests that filled the Coliseum with roaring crowds.

The first ever AIA Children's Fair, *DIGging into Archaeology: A Hands-On Family Fair*, was a smashing success! Several hundred children and their families attended the fun-filled event featuring games, demonstrations, stories, puzzles, contests, and prizes exhibited by several San Diego area museums as well as AIA regulars and the editor of *DIG* magazine.

First-timers to the Annual Meeting appreciated the informal Orientation session held on the first day. Our friendly staff and volunteers presented introductory information and survival tips to newcomers, and provided a chance to meet other new attendees and regulars before going off to enjoy the Opening Night reception.

At the Council Meeting, attended by Mary Kohli as our Milwaukee delegate, Jane Waldbaum, Rick Elia, Naomi Norman and Frank Wezniak were re-elected as officers of AIA. Cameron Jean Walker was elected Vice President for Societies and Membership, and several new Trustees were also elected.

A special post-meeting day trip to the new J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles attracted three bus loads of conference-goers. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore the brand-new complex of museums, restaurants, gardens and a research institute.

We are already planning the next meeting for January 3-6, 2002 in Philadelphia. Be there!

Fall 2000 Lectures

YOU made the fall 2000 lectures successful with your participation. The presentations were not only interesting and informative, but attracted ever-growing audiences. Dr. Peter Kuniholm of Cornell University enthusiastically packed over two decades of research into his talk for a near-capacity crowd. Those present learned about dendrochronology in *What Mother Never Told Me About Dating: The Aegean Dendrochronology Project*. The Iberian peninsula was the location for the next lecture, *The Roman Villa of Torre de Palma*, given by Dr. Stephanie Maloney of the University of Louisville. Again, a near-capacity crowd learned about excavations at the site. Our final fall lecture, *Everything's Coming Up Rameses*, was presented by Carter Lupton of the Milwaukee Public Museum. Over 160 people filled the chairs, sat on the floor, and spilled into the hallway. Information about one of the best-known of Egypt's rulers, including an update on KV5 (the tomb of his sons), was presented. The combination of the topic and a prominent notice in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's "Weekend Cue" section by Jackie Loohaus (a member) drew the large audience to this outstanding lecture.

Historic Preservation Week in Wisconsin is May 12-20, 2001. Information on featured events will be available at upcoming meetings.

Chicago Field Trip

A busload of AIA-Milwaukee members along with family and friends traveled to Chicago on November 11th and toured two museums: the Oriental Institute and the Field. The outstanding "Royal Tombs of Ur" exhibit at the OI was the highlight of the trip. Everyone was astounded by the exquisite beauty and artisanship of many of the objects. The recently renovated Egyptian gallery features many objects previously on display. Then it was on to the Field - and right into Dinosaur Days. The museum was overflowing, but everyone scattered and viewed exhibits they wanted to see. Overall, it was both an enjoyable and educational trip.

2001-2002 Lecture Series

It's time to plan next year's lectures! A meeting will be held in early May. As usual, the AIA national office will provide three presentations, and we will schedule another three. Anyone interested in helping to plan the series, or in suggesting either a speaker or topic, please contact Dr. Bettina Arnold at 962-5350.

Refreshments - Help Needed

As always, help is needed in providing treats after the lectures. Please contact Mary Kohli, our Refreshments Coordinator, at either macrete@elknet.net or 414-723-5569 if you can help.

Preview of Future AIA-Milwaukee Lectures

Tropical Cloud Forest Archaeology in Ecuador

Imagine searching the high altitude tropical forests of the Ecuadorian Andes for sites that were utilized between 1600 BC (the Formative period) and AD 1600 (the early Spanish colonial period). Dr. Ron Lippi, Professor of Archaeology at the University of Wisconsin-Marathon County, will describe his work in this challenging environment in his lecture. He will discuss some of the three hundred sites that have been discovered by his survey project, which began in 1984. These include rock art sites, constructed mound complexes, Indian villages, Incan forts, and a pre-Hispanic trail system. Join Dr. Lippi for this slide-illustrated tour of archaeological sites in an area on which little has been published.

Changing Woman: The Position of Women in Prehispanic Maya States

See the front page for details,

Conflict and Avoidance: The Ethnohistory and Archaeology of Warfare in Hawaii

Presented by Michael Kolb. Further details will be announced at our February meeting and in the meeting flyer.

Life on the Edge: A Perspective on Late Pleistocene Lifeways from Southeastern Wisconsin

If you think that this winter has been cold, try to picture southeastern Wisconsin 13,500 to 12,500 years ago. During that period, the prehistoric inhabitants of this area saw the dramatic climatic events associated with the last advance and retreat of the continental glacier. Dr. David Overstreet of Marquette University will discuss a growing body of interdisciplinary data on the lifeways of Wisconsin Paleoindians in an ice-marginal environment.

SAA Meeting

The Society for American Archaeology 2001 annual meeting will be in New Orleans from April 18-22. AIA-Milwaukee Society president Dr. Bettina Arnold is presenting a paper, as is member Jocelyn Boor. For additional information you can email the SAA at: meetings@saa.org, or visit the website at: www.saa.org. The preliminary program is posted.

Upcoming Lectures

UWM Anthropology Colloquium

Friday, March 16, 2001, 4 p.m.

“The Late Night ‘Info-mercial’ as an Electronic Site of Ritual Self-Transformation: The Case of ‘Personal Power’ – Dr. Douglas Glick, Hamilton College. Bolton Hall, B84.

Friday, April 30, 2001, 4 p.m.

“Surviving Famine: A Problem of Culture” – Dr. Duran Bell, UC-Irvine. Bolton Hall, B84.

Friday May 11, 2001, 4 p.m.

Title TBA – Dr. Steven Ahler, Illinois State Museum. Bolton Hall, B84.

Wisconsin Archaeological Society

Monday, February 19, 2001, 8 p.m.

“Common Ground: A Central Wisconsin Perspective” – Tom Willems, Regional Archaeologist, Region 4. Union E-280.

Monday, March 19, 2001, 8 p.m.

“For Generations to Come: Preservation on the Lac du Flambeau Reservation” - Cindi Stiles & Kelly Jackson. Union E-280.

Monday, April 16, 2001, 8 p.m.

“Royal Hunting of the 15-12th Centuries BC in China” – Ying Wang, Assistant Professor, UWM. Union E-280.

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Ron Lippi

UW-Marathon County

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Michael Kolb

Sunday, 3 p.m., Mitchell 195

April 1: *Changing Woman: The Position of Women in Prehispanic Maya States*

Dr. Rosemary Joyce

University of California Berkeley

Sunday, 3 p.m., Mitchell 195

May 6: *Life on the Edge: A Perspective on Late Pleistocene Lifeways from Southeastern Wisconsin*

Dr. David Overstreet

Marquette University

Sunday, 3 p.m., **Engelmann 105**

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