

Midwest Conference on Mesoamerican Archaeology and Ethnohistory

University of Chicago
Cochrane-Woods Art Center
16-17 March 2018

Friday, March 16

5–6 pm **Keynote Address:**
Lowland Maya Archaeology in a Gilded Age: The University of Pennsylvania Museum's Tikal Project
Hattula Moholy-Nagy, Consulting Scholar, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

Reception to follow

11:35–12:00 **Comparative Analysis of Copper Artifacts from Mensabak, Chiapas, Mexico**
Jackson Krause and Joel Palka, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago

12:00–1:30 **Lunch Break**

1:30–1:55 **Stones of Sight: Ethnographic and Ethnohistorical Analogies for Interpreting Classic Maya Effigy Flints and Obsidians**
Zachary Hruby, Northern Kentucky University

Saturday, March 17

8:30–8:50 **Coffee**

8:50–9:00 **Opening Remarks**

9:00–9:25 **Formative Pottery at the Tayata site, Mixteca Alta: A Regional and Macro-regional Perspective**
Maria Teresa Palomares Rodriguez, Doctoral Student, Southern Illinois University

9:25–9:50 **The Tale of the Maya Urns from Lake Petha, Chiapas: Context, Iconography, Sourcing, Surprises**
Joel Palka, Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago

9:50–10:15 **I Threw it All Away: Consumer Goods at the 19th-century Maya Refugee Site at Tikal, Guatemala**
James Meierhoff, Doctoral Student, University of Illinois at Chicago

10:15–10:45 **Coffee Break**

10:45–11:10 **Dressing: Essence and Transformation in Maya Iconography**
Karon Winzenz, Professor Emerita, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

11:10–11:35 **Vitality Materialized: On the Piercing and Adornment of the Body in Mesoamerica**
Andrew Finegold, Assistant Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago

1:55–2:20 **The Invention of an Ancient Object for the Art Market: a Case Study of Greater Nicoya Style Metates**
Alanna S. Radlo-Dzur, Graduate Student, The Ohio State University

2:20–2:45 **Postclassic Quetzalcoatl in the American Southeast**
Alice B. Kehoe, Professor Emeritus, Marquette University

2:45–3:15 **Break**

3:15–3:40 **Storm God Chasing in the Valley of Oaxaca**
Andrew Kracinski, University of Illinois at Chicago

3:40–4:05 **'It's Our Tradition to Maintain the Forest': Indigenous Water Management in San Miguel Totonicapán**
Matthew Krystal, Associate Professor, North Central College

4:05–4:30 **Calling the Rain, Cutting the Storm: Cultural Models Research as a Pathway to Understanding the Relationship between Nature and Humans in a Semi-Rural Central Mexican Community**
Charles Stapleton, Northern Illinois University and College of DuPage; Maria Stapleton, Northern Illinois University

4:30 **Wrap-up**

5–8 pm **Reception at the Field Museum**

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