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

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
10:45–11:00  Dressing: Essence and Transformation in Maya Iconography
Karen 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

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

1:55–2:20  The Invention of an Ancient Object for the Art Market: a Case Study of Greater Nicoya Style Metates
Alanna S. Radio-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

5–8 pm  Reception at the Field Museum

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