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## Letter from the President

*Dr. Jane C. Waldbaum,  
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Dear Members of the AIA-Milwaukee Society, Welcome to the new 2011-2012 season of lectures and other programs presented by the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA)-Milwaukee Society and co-sponsored by the Departments of Art History, FLL-Classics, and Anthropology at UWM. I'm happy to preview this year's program for you in the Fall 2011 edition of our members-only newsletter, *The Artifact*.

As always, we have some excellent speakers lined up for you this season. First up is Dr. Dan Davis of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. His lecture, on Sunday, September 25, will introduce us to underwater archaeology in the Black Sea. On Sunday, November 6, Dr. Richard Talbert, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, will explain the meaning of the Roman-era Peutinger Map, one of the oldest maps in history. In the final fall lecture, on Sunday, December 4, Dr. Chap Kusimba of the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago will lecture on the development of urban society in ancient East Africa. A "special event" on Saturday, October 22 is the AIA's first ever National Archaeology Day. To help celebrate, archaeologists at UWM's Archaeological Research Laboratory will host an Open House where you can learn what they do *after* they excavate. See p. 7 for more details on this interesting and fun event!

In Spring, 2012 we will enjoy *four* lectures: Dr. Morag Kersel of DePaul University in Chicago will discuss the cultural heritage implications of the trade in Middle Eastern Antiquities on January 29; on February 26, Dr. Laura Villamil of UWM will tell us about her excavations in Quintana Roo, Mexico, and Dr. Monica Smith of UCLA will introduce us to Archaeology in India (April 1). Finally, on April 29, Dr. William Parkinson, Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago will present his research on early European Villages.

As in previous years, all lectures are held in Room G90, Sabin Hall, 3413 North Downer Ave at the corner of Newport. Lectures are followed by discussion and refreshments and are co-sponsored by UWM's Departments of Anthropology, FLL/Classics, and Art History. The lecture by Richard Talbert in November will also be sponsored by the Map Society of Wisconsin, and the lecture by Chap Kusimba in December will also be sponsored by the Africology Department. All lectures are *free and open to the public*.

Three of our speakers this year (Davis, Talbert and Smith) come to us courtesy of the AIA's flagship international Lecture Program. This program is supported both by national membership dues and by generous donors who have endowed many of the lectures. The additional four lectures are paid for out of our Milwaukee Society treasury (Kusimba, Kersel, Villamil, and Parkinson). Our local funds come primarily from a percentage of your national membership dues rebated to our society. Normally, we present a total of six lectures. This year we can present an "extra" seventh lecture because our 2011 Archaeology Fair won AIA's online contest for Best Local Society Event last Spring! For the most part, however, we depend on you, our members for support! Your membership also helps the AIA support research in archaeology world-wide, provide scholarships and fellowships for young archaeologists, promote the preservation of archaeological sites around the globe, and develop programs like the lecture series and the archaeology fairs to share that research with the public. I urge you to keep your membership up-to-date so that you may stay in the loop on all our activities and help us with your support. Membership in AIA now includes a subscription to our lively and colorful magazine *Archaeology* at no extra charge. Other publications, such as the scholarly *American Journal of Archaeology*, are deeply discounted to members who choose them. Gift memberships in AIA or subscriptions to *Archaeology* magazine make great holiday stocking stuffers too! Students, teachers and active-duty military personnel with ID receive half off regular rates. Continuing members can renew for two years at a discount over the one-year rate, or, if you would *really* like to make a commitment, become a lifetime member! Information on rates is on the renewal notice you will receive from our Boston headquarters, and on the AIA's national website at [www.archaeological.org/membership](http://www.archaeological.org/membership).

I'd like to recognize the efforts of our officers and volunteers who keep our programs organized and running: Jocelyn Boor, Vice-President for Education and Outreach, and Elisabetta Cova, Vice-President for Programs; Alice Kehoe, who continues as Secretary-Treasurer, and Homer Hruby as Webmaster. We also appreciate the continuing efforts of our UWM student volunteers, Jennifer Keim and Dana Lovrek as co-Refreshments Coordinators. I am

very grateful to all of them for their hard work and dedication to the AIA!

Again, I welcome everyone to this year's programs and I hope to see all of you there.

*Jane C. Waldbaum*

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## Welcome New Members

William Balco  
Sean King  
Gina McKenna

Victoria McNally  
Diane Newbury  
Michael Smith

We are very happy you joined us!

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## Parchaeology



**Boy Scouts  
Excavating  
North Point  
Lighthouse in  
Lake Park,  
August 2011**

What were all those Boy Scouts doing in Lake Park in August? Earning a merit badge in archaeology by looking for remains of the original North Point lighthouse, of course! The former brick lighthouse and keeper's quarters were built in 1855, but when erosion of the bluff in the 1870s threatened its location, a new lighthouse, completed in 1888, was constructed further inland. The original lighthouse fell into disrepair and was later demolished, leaving few traces of its original position. Twenty Scouts, led by AIA member and Discovery World archaeologist Kevin Cullen, spent August 9 and 10 digging test pits and sifting dirt on the bluff 100 yards east of the replacement (current) lighthouse. Their findings, including 19<sup>th</sup> century potsherds, fragments of roof tile, cream city bricks, and square nails almost certainly indicate that the first lighthouse occupied this spot. In this project, the Scouts learned a lot about archaeology and Milwaukeeans learned something about the history of Lake Park. The Lighthouse dig is part of Discovery World's ongoing Distant Mirror Archaeology program conducted in Milwaukee's parks since 2008 (see: [www.distantmirror.wordpress.com](http://www.distantmirror.wordpress.com)). Maybe we should call it "parchaeology."

# Exploring in Jason's Wake: Deepwater Archaeology in the Black Sea

A Lecture by Dr. Dan Davis  
Luther College, Decorah, IA

Sunday, September 25, 2011, 3:00 p.m.  
Sabin Hall, Room G90



Dan Davis

The Black Sea is perhaps best known as the exotic setting for the tale of Jason and the Argonauts and their quest for the Golden Fleece, but this large inland sea long served as a maritime highway for the ancient and medieval cultures of Greece, Rome, Byzantium and the Italian maritime republics. Like the Mediterranean, its depths hide the remains of hundreds of ancient shipwrecks, each with its own story to tell. But unlike the warm, oxygen-rich bottom of the Mediterranean, the anoxic (oxygen-free) waters of the Black Sea abyss are more conducive to the preservation of wood and organic remains. Using the latest in robotic and digital imaging technology, Dan Davis, with an international team of archaeologists and oceanographers, is starting to discover ancient and medieval wrecks here. The well-preserved state of these wrecks and their cargoes, has electrified the archaeological community and the world. This lecture provides an overview of these discoveries through the eyes of Dan Davis, an archaeologist who helped direct the first scientific excavation of two ancient deep-water wrecks in the Black Sea using a remotely-operated vehicle.

Dan Davis is a Classical and marine archaeologist who studies the material remains of ancient ships and harbors to understand the maritime economy, culture and technology of Greece, Rome and Byzantium. A former US Navy diver and a graduate of the University of Iowa, Dan earned his M.A. in Nautical Archaeology from Texas A&M University and Ph.D. in Classical Archaeology from the University of Texas at Austin. He has participated in a number of underwater archaeological projects in the US (Hunley, Denbigh), the Mediterranean (Israel, Turkey, Greece) and the Black Sea region (Ukraine, Georgia). Dan has published several articles on ancient seafaring and is currently preparing a book on ancient navigation. He is currently Associate Professor at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. Dan Davis holds the AIA's McCann/Taggart Lectureship in Underwater Archaeology for 2011-2012.



Underwater Research Vessel Being Lowered Away

## Suggested reading related to this lecture:

Casson, L. 1991. *The Ancient Mariners: Seafarers and Sea Fighters of the Mediterranean in Ancient Times*. Princeton: Princeton University Press

For more on Dan Davis's underwater projects see:

<http://www.utexas.edu/features/2008/10/27/shipwrecks/>

*The Anna Marguerite McCann and Robert D. Taggart Lectureship in Underwater Archaeology* was endowed in 1985 by Robert D. Taggart in honor of his wife's contributions to the field of underwater archaeology. Anna Marguerite McCann is a pioneering underwater archaeologist with a specialty in ancient harbors and the new robotic technology used in underwater research.

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# Roman Cartography at its Most Creative: The Magnificent Peutinger Map

A lecture by Dr. Richard Talbert  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Sunday, November 6, 2011  
Sabin Hall Room G90, 3:00 p.m.



Richard Talbert

The Peutinger Map is the only map of the Roman world to come down to us from antiquity. This elongated masterpiece (22 feet long!), spans the ancient world from the Atlantic to India, and is full of colorful detail featuring land routes across Europe, North Africa, and the Near East. The map was rediscovered mysteriously around 1500 and then came into the ownership of Konrad Peutinger, for whom it is named. Today it is among the treasures of the Austrian National Library in Vienna. In his lecture, Richard Talbert will discuss the Romans' approach to mapmaking, showing that Romans – more than any other ancient people – understood that maps are both factual records, and also value-laden documents. Then, as now, maps were designed to promote and reinforce values, from peace and civilization to pride in conquest and entitlement to world-rule. Talbert's lecture constructs a compelling fresh context for the Peutinger Map, identifying its creation as a pivotal moment in Western cartography, with a long-term cultural impact that would influence Christian mapmaking through to the Renaissance.

**Richard Talbert** studied Classics at Cambridge University in England where he received his Ph.D. He became lecturer in ancient history at Queen's University, Belfast, moving from there in to McMaster University in Canada where he taught and chaired its History Dept. In 1988 he took up his current position as William Rand Kenan Professor of History at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has won Guggenheim and other fellowships and awards,

securing extensive funding support for his work. He is past President of the Association of Ancient Historians. His historical interests range from Spartans and Western Greeks to government and society in the Roman empire, and above all in recent years mapping, travel and worldview. The establishment of Chapel Hill's unique Ancient World Mapping Center ([www.unc.edu/awmc](http://www.unc.edu/awmc)) followed his publication of the path-breaking *Barrington Atlas of the Greek and Roman World* (2000). His latest book, *Rome's World: The Peutinger Map Reconsidered*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2010. His recent collaborative work includes the volume *Geography and Ethnography: Perceptions of the World in Pre-Modern Societies* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2010), and seven *Wall Maps for the Ancient World* (Routledge, 2011). Richard Talbert holds the AIA's Martha Sharp Joukowsky Lectureship for 2011–2012.



Section of the Peutinger Map

Read more about Richard Talbert at:  
<http://history.unc.edu/people/faculty/talbert.html>

For information on his book on the Peutinger Map see:  
[www.cambridge.org/9780521764803](http://www.cambridge.org/9780521764803)

*The Martha Sharp Joukowsky lectureship* was established in 1993 to honor Martha Sharp Joukowsky, a past President of the AIA and Professor of Old World Archaeology at Brown University. She has conducted archaeological research in Greece, Italy, Turkey and Jordan. The Martha Sharp Joukowsky Lecturers are distinguished archaeologists and may be of any nationality and work in any field of archaeology or related disciplines.

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# Understanding the Development of Urban Society in Ancient East Africa

*A Lecture by Chapurukha (Chap) Kusimba  
Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago*

**Sunday, December 4, 2011  
Sabin Hall Room G90, 3:00 p.m.**

Archaeologist Chapurukha (Chap) Kusimba will lecture on his ongoing archaeological investigations on the rise, sustenance and demise of ancient cities in East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, Somalia, Mozambique, the Komoros Islands, and Madagascar). Dr. Kusimba will discuss the role of regional and interregional interaction in the development of urbanism between ca. 3000 BC-1900 AD and he will consider the extent to which trade and immigration between Africa and Eurasia played a part in the origins of ancient East African cities.



**Chap Kusimba in the Field**

**Chap Kusimba** is Curator of Anthropology, African Archaeology and Ethnology, Anthropology Department of Anthropology, Field Museum of Natural History and Adjunct Professor of Anthropology, University of Illinois, Chicago. His research focuses on the development of complex societies along the Kenyan coast during pre-colonial times, from 3000BC to 1900 A.D. He received his bachelor's degree in African History and Kiswahili, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Anthropology from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. Dr. Kusimba has received multiple grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Fulbright Fellowship and numerous other grants. He has authored or co-authored

several books including *The Rise and Fall of Swahili States* (1999), co-edited (with his wife Sibel Kusimba) *East African Archaeology: Foragers, Potters, Smiths and Traders* (2003) and published numerous articles in scholarly journals and edited volumes. His current archaeological field research focuses on ancient maritime trade between East Africa and South Asia.



**Chap Kusimba in the ruins of Mtwapa, a Swahili settlement on Kenya's coast**

To find out more about Chap Kusimba's work see:  
<http://www.archaeology.org/0509/abstracts/africa.html>

<http://fieldmuseum.org/users/chapurukha-kusimba>

[http://fm1.fieldmuseum.org/aa/staff\\_page.cgi?staff=kusimba](http://fm1.fieldmuseum.org/aa/staff_page.cgi?staff=kusimba)

[http://www.fmnh.org/exhibits/exhibit\\_sites/stories/map/kusimba.htm](http://www.fmnh.org/exhibits/exhibit_sites/stories/map/kusimba.htm)

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**National Archaeology  
Day, October 22, 2011**

**Open House in UWM's  
Archaeology Lab**

**1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**3413 N. Downer Ave, Room 225**

**See page 7 below for details**

## 2011 Milwaukee Archaeology Fair a Big Success!

Everything archaeological from mummies to mammoth bones was on display at the second two-day Milwaukee Archaeology Fair co-sponsored by the AIA-Milwaukee Society and the Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM). Once again, we were the proud recipients of an AIA Societies Outreach Grant to help support the Fair.



**Roman Soldier in Full Regalia**

On hand to present exhibits and hands-on activities were a mix of professional archaeologists, students, museum educators and docents. Presenters came from several universities around Wisconsin including the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, Green Bay and LaCrosse; Marquette University; and Wisconsin Lutheran College. Local museums, including the Milwaukee Public Museum, Discovery World, and the Kenosha Public Museum, showed off their holdings, and members of local archaeology groups such as the AIA-Milwaukee Society and the Wisconsin Archaeology Society also participated. Enlivening the scene were several groups of re-enactors including the XIIIth Roman Legion, the Tribes of the Blue Rose (Celtic), A Knight to Remember (Renaissance knight), and the Milcheian Hoplites (Greek warriors) all of whom were happy to explain their gear and their cultures. Nearly 2,500 people attended at least part of the Fair including traditional school groups, home-schoolers, families with children, and a sizeable group of Boy Scouts.

The Fair was so successful that it won the AIA's online contest for Best Local Society Program in May 2011 (with a big assist from our members and friends who voted for us)! We faced some stiff competition from other local societies too. See AIA's website for other local society entries and for more pictures from our Fair:

<http://www.archaeological.org/outreach/contest/societyentries>



**UWM Classics Club Gives Greek Lessons**



**Jean and Lily Hudson of UWM Demonstrate Animal Bones in Archaeology**



**Discovery World's Kevin Cullen Helps Scouts Dive into Milwaukee's History**

## Celebrate National Archaeology Day with Milwaukee Society and UWM's Archaeological Research Laboratory

**October 22, 2011** marks the first ever National Archaeology Day. Organized by AIA's main office in Boston, Archaeology Day is the chance for the 108 Local Societies around North America to strut their stuff by promoting a variety of public events featuring the excitement of archaeology. The Milwaukee Society is teaming up with the Archaeology Lab at UWM, to present "Life After Fieldwork: Archaeological Analysis Behind the Scenes at UW-Milwaukee's Archaeological Research Lab." This informal program is *your* chance to find out how artifacts are analyzed in the lab *after* excavation.

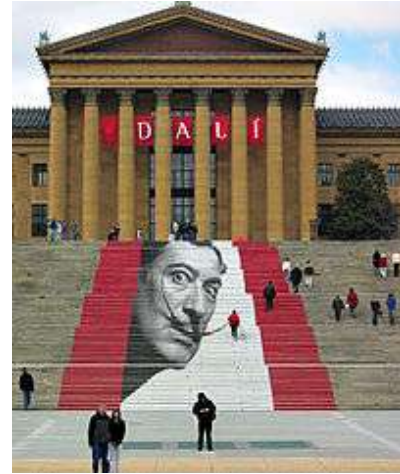
UWM professors and graduate students working on archaeological material from Wisconsin, Mexico, Sicily and Germany will be on hand to show you what they are working on and how. Learn how archaeologists study their sites and finds by applying such scientific techniques as GIS (Geographic Information Systems), petrographic and X-Ray fluorescence analysis of pottery, osteological sex and age determination of skeletal material, and more. These scientific studies help archaeologists understand how the people who occupied their sites lived, how they made essential materials like pottery, and where they obtained these materials.

AIA members, families and friends are invited to attend this special open house on Saturday, October 22 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The lab is in Sabin Hall, Room 275 (same building as our lectures), 3413 North Downer Ave, Milwaukee, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

If you would like to join us for this special program please let Bettina Arnold know at [aiamke@milwpc.com](mailto:aiamke@milwpc.com). Your response will help us determine how many attendees to prepare for, but does not commit you to attend. We hope to see you there!



## AIA's 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting to be Held in Philadelphia, PA January 5-8, 2012



Philadelphia Museum of Art

No, it's not a Roman temple; it's the Philadelphia Museum of Art (think Rocky!)—one of the many attractions available to see when you attend the upcoming AIA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia this coming January.

As always, the meeting will contain something for everyone from the most dedicated scholars or graduate students who want to network with their peers and catch up on new archaeological research, to local society representatives looking for tips on new activities their societies can organize, to just plain archaeology buffs who want to learn the latest from the field!

Academic sessions will present the latest research from the field, smaller workshops will discuss and present new technologies and ideas, and other events will focus on archaeology both locally and globally including a special public lecture on opening night.

Take advantage of special rates at the conference hotel (The Philadelphia Downtown Marriott) and discounted "early bird" meeting registration rates for members when you sign up before mid-November (deadline TBA). Information on the Annual Meeting is updated frequently on the AIA's website at [www.archaeological.org/annualmeeting](http://www.archaeological.org/annualmeeting). Make your plans now!

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# AIA-Milwaukee Society Fall Calendar



## Fall 2011

- September 25      Sunday, September 25, 2011, 3:00 pm  
**Exploring in Jason's Wake: Deepwater Archaeology in the Black Sea"**
- October 22        Saturday, October 22, 2011, 1:00 - 3:00 pm **Sabin Hall, Room 275**  
**National Archaeology Day: Behind the Scenes at the UWM Archaeology Lab**
- November 6       Sunday, November 6, 2011, 3:00 pm  
**Roman Cartography at its Most Creative: The Magnificent Peutinger Map**
- December 4       Sunday, December 4, 2011, 3:00 pm  
**Understanding the Development of Urban Society in Ancient East Africa**

**All lectures will take place in room G90 of Sabin Hall on the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee campus unless otherwise noted. Sabin Hall is located at 3413 N. Downer Ave.**



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