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Letter from the President: Welcome to the 2003-2004 AIA

Welcome to the 2003-2004 season of the Milwaukee Society of the Archaeological Institute of America.

This autumn edition of our informative newsletter, *Artifact*, brings greetings from a few new faces that are behind the scenes of your local society. Who am I? Aside from being the new president of the society, I am also an assistant professor in the Department of Art History at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. My particular research interests include Greek and Eastern Mediterranean archaeology and iconography, as well as religion; I am currently Associate Director of an excavation on the island of Cyprus (a topic you will hear more about a little later...). I am very pleased to serve as your president for the coming year and hope that you will all join me in thanking our immediate past presidents Bettina Arnold and Jane Peterson for their time and energies.



Prof. Counts on site in Cyprus

Bettina has not gotten 'off the hook' completely however—she has graciously accepted another position as vice president of the society. We are also fortunate to have the continued service of Alice Kehoe as Secretary/Treasurer. This issue of the *Artifact* is the work of another new face here at AIA-Milwaukee, Katherine Murrell, who is currently serving as our Public Relations/Outreach Coordinator. In this capacity she serves as the editor of the newsletter and, by acting as a liaison to local schools and community groups, helps us expand our public profile and educational outreach in Milwaukee and southeastern Wisconsin. On the topic of the *Artifact*, I would be remiss not to thank our past editors of the *Artifact*, Jocelyn Boor and Chris

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Hamlin for their excellent work on past issues of the newsletter. We also welcome Melissa Parkinson as our new Refreshments Coordinator. Melissa is also working on a history of the Milwaukee Society of the AIA for the National AIA's website. Finally, we can all take pride in the fact that our own Jane Waldbaum is now national President of the Archaeological Institute of America. As such, she continues to serve as a valuable resource for the society, its members and officers.

Enough about us, let's talk more about you, the members. We are pleased to see so many of you continue your support of the AIA and of the Milwaukee Society through your membership. Twice this year the society was awarded the coveted 'Golden Trowel' given to societies who increase their membership in any given month. The Milwaukee Society functions directly through your membership and we appreciate your continued involvement. That said, I wanted to ask you to spread the word! Tell your friends, colleagues, students, mailmen...tell anyone...about the AIA and the wonderful lecture programs and events that we sponsor each year. I would also ask each of you to consider making even a small donation directly to the society. Our ability to offer extra lectures is often dependent on the support we receive from individual members. I can say from first hand experience that we use and appreciate any amount of support whether it is \$10.00 or \$100.00—every penny helps. When you see the diversity of our upcoming lecture program, I think you will witness for yourselves the value of that support. All contributions are tax deductible. Aside from member contributions and monetary rebates from the national AIA (also member driven), we also acknowledge the support of the Departments of Art History and Anthropology at UWM, which offer many logistical services and facilities.

For the fall 2003, we have three distinguished lecturers coming to visit the society: 1) Tim Pauketat of the University of Illinois, Urbana, 2) Patty Gerstenblith of DePaul University School of Law, and 3) Michael Kolb of Northern Illinois University. Professor Pauketat will confront archaeological facts and Native American folklore as he pursues the origins of North American civilization in light of the Mississippian site of Cahokia; Professor Gerstenblith will speak on a topic which is now at the center of the world stage—cultural heritage—and is sure to spark discussions and conversations about how archaeology 'lives' around us and around the world from Milwaukee to Mesopotamia! Finally, Professor Kolb will speak to the latest discoveries from his important excavations. As you can see, the fall is packed with variety and we promise that the spring will not disappoint.

So, sit back and enjoy your latest copy of *Artifact* and please contact me if you have any questions about the society lecture program, membership and/or donations, or just want to chat.

Yours in archaeology,

Derek B. Counts
President
Milwaukee Society
Archaeological Institute of America

The AIA - Milwaukee Society would like to thank past presidents Jane Peterson and Bettina Arnold for their excellent leadership. Their hard work and dedication has been invaluable.

Thanks Jane and Bettina!

How to Build a Civilization, the Cahokian Way (Or, Power to the People along the Mighty Mississippi)

*Sunday, October 19, 2003 3pm
Room G90, Sabin Hall, UW-Milwaukee*

Dr. Timothy R. Pauketat will begin the autumn 2003 series with his presentation in which he will discuss new evidence on the formation of Cahokia.



*Dr. Timothy R.
Pauketat*

New (and utterly convincing) archaeological data show that North America's only candidate for a pre-Columbian city was the result of migration, political-religious movement, and social change. Given evidence of dramatic historic events and cultural disruptions in the mid-eleventh century, both at Cahokia and far into the northern hinterlands, it seems that archaeological "facts" and American Indian folklore are beginning to converge. The story of the origins of civilization can now be told in greater detail and with more emphasis on ordinary farmers than in most other parts of the world.

Dr. Tim Pauketat focuses on the archaeology of the Midwestern U.S., with research interests in the development of social inequality, governments, ethnicities, and cultural orthodoxies around the world. He received a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 1991 and has authored and edited various journal articles, book chapters, and several books, including *The Ascent of Chiefs* (Alabama 1994), *The Archaeology of Traditions* (Florida 2001), and *Ancient Cahokia* (Cambridge 2004).

More information about Dr. Pauketat's activities can be found online:
<http://www.anthro.uiuc.edu/faculty/pauketat/>

From Bamiyan to Baghdad: The Crisis in Cultural Heritage Preservation

*Sunday, November 9, 2003 3pm
Room G90, Sabin Hall, UW-Milwaukee*

In the past two years, the world has witnessed the destruction of the Bamiyan Buddhas by the Taliban in Afghanistan and the upheaval that followed the war in Iraq with its dire consequences for museums. Dr. Gerstenblith will compare the causes and effects of these two events that have traumatized the cultural heritage community. She will then critique the rescue narrative, proposed as a solution to these events, that has infused the discourse of some museum curators, private collectors, and dealers. Finally, she will examine the various legal solutions, including international conventions and domestic U.S. law, which pertain to these paradigmatic episodes against the backdrop of activities in the Western antiquities market and the more pervasive looting of archaeological sites throughout the world.



*Dr. Patty
Gerstenblith*

A former member of the AIA Governing Board (1993-2000), Dr. Gerstenblith is a specialist in the areas of Cultural Heritage Law. She received her J.D. from Northwestern University and her Ph.D. in Fine Arts (Ancient Art) and Anthropology (Old World Archaeology) from Harvard University. Dr. Gerstenblith is currently a professor at DePaul University College of Law. She is the first Nancy Willkie lecturer on Archaeological Heritage of the AIA.

More about Dr. Gerstenblith can be found online:
http://www.law.depaul.edu/faculty_staff/faculty_information.asp?id=62

The Quest for Immortality: Treasures of Ancient Egypt

Volunteers Needed to Guide Journey Through Afterlife

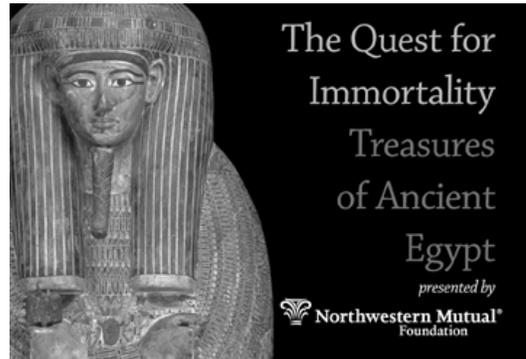
Would you like to be a guide on a journey through the afterlife?

Volunteers are needed to help staff *The Quest for Immortality: Treasures of Ancient Egypt Presented by the Northwestern Mutual Foundation*, an exhibition open from March 28 to August 8, 2004, at the Milwaukee Public Museum. The Museum will be the exhibition's sole Midwest venue.

The exhibition features the largest collection of antiquities ever to travel outside of Egypt and explores the ancient Egyptian beliefs in an afterlife and the journey through the netherworld on the way to immortality.

Volunteers will act as hosts in the exhibition, interpret the artifacts and engage visitors in discussion of ancient Egyptian history, religion and society. Museum educators and curators will train the volunteers. A five-session training schedule begins 9:30-11:30am on Tuesday, September 30, with the remaining sessions scheduled for Thursday mornings in October, November, and December. During January 2004, Carter Lupton, Curator of Ancient History, will speak about the artifacts within the exhibition itself. An interest in ancient history is essential, but background in ancient history is not required.

Volunteers are needed to staff the exhibit in four-hour shifts between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.



For more information or to register for training, please call the Volunteer Services Office at (414) 278-2717.

Public Admission
(in addition to regular museum admission):
\$10 adults
\$8 seniors (60-plus)
\$6 children (3-17)

Member admission is
\$4 for adults and seniors
\$3.50 for children

The Quest for Immortality: Treasures of Ancient Egypt runs from March 28 - August 8, 2004.

The Milwaukee Public Museum is located at 800 West Wells Street in downtown Milwaukee. Please call their information line at (414) 278-2702 or see their website for more information about current exhibitions and planning your visit: www.mpm.edu

Upcoming Events

Midwest Archaeological Conference

October 16-19, 2003

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Milwaukee

The keynote speaker will be David J. Meltzer, who will present *Can We All Go Home Now? Life After Monte Verde*. For registration information and other details, please see: www.uwm.edu/Dept/ArchLab/MAC/

Association of Midwest Museums and Wisconsin Federation of Museums Joint Annual Conference

Building the Museum

November 5-8, 2003

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Milwaukee

The Association of Midwest Museums, based in St. Louis, serves museums of all types in the Midwest region. More information about the association and the conference is available on their website: www.midwestmuseums.org

AIA Annual Meeting

January 2-5, 2004

San Francisco, CA

This year marks the 125th anniversary of the AIA and the 105th annual meeting. A variety of programs and speakers are scheduled, including several to interest the general public and lay members.

Conference highlights will include the lecture: *You Were What You Cooked! The Past Through a Culinary Prism*, the 4th Annual Kids' Fair: Digging into Archaeology, and archaeology workshops for teachers. Registration information and preliminary program schedules can be found on the AIA national website: www.archaeological.org

New AIA Logo

The AIA has a new look to its logo. As you may notice, the new version has less text in the center, presenting a more streamlined design.

AIA - Milwaukee Society Email List

As we advance into the technological 21st century we would like to start compiling an email list of our members and friends. This will allow us to reach you more quickly with important news or last-minute information about lectures and events. If you would like to be added to this list please return this form to:

Katherine Murrell, UWM-Dept. of Art History, PO Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201

Or email your information to: minerath@uwm.edu

Name _____

Current Address _____

Member of AIA? Yes / No

Email address: _____

I am willing to receive notices of upcoming events by email: Yes / No

AIA-Milwaukee Society Lecture Calendar

Autumn 2003

- October 19 Dr. Tim Pauketat: *How to Build a Civilization, the Cahokian Way (Or, Power to the People along the Mighty Mississippi)*.
- November 9 Dr. Patty Gerstenblith (Willkie Lecture): *From Bamiyan to Baghdad: The Crisis in Cultural Heritage Preservation at the Beginning of the 21st Century*.
- December 7 Dr. Michael Kolb of Northern Illinois University will speak about his recent excavations.

Spring 2004

- February 8 Dr. Derek Counts: *The Archaeology of Cult Between Orient and Occident: The Sanctuary of Athienou-Malloura, Cyprus*.
- February TBA H. Alan Shapiro (Phi Beta Kappa Lecture): Title TBA
- April 18 Dr. William G. Dever (Norton Lecture): *Did God Have a Consort? Archaeology and the Cults of Ancient Israel*.
- TBA *The Quest for Immortality: Treasures of Ancient Egypt*. The AIA-Milwaukee Society will include a presentation related to this exhibition. Details are forthcoming in the spring issue of the *Artifact*.

All lectures will take place at 3pm 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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