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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By **Katy Waechter**
Chapter President

Greetings IPCAS-ers! Welcome to the madness of March, rather than March Madness. I'm not much of a sportsball aficionado, but I'm certainly feeling a bit of spring fever. I've got several updates for you as the year gains momentum.

I want to extend thanks again to Assistant State Archaeologist Becca Simon for her presentation at our February meeting. Sadly, there were not enough registered students for Becca to hold the scheduled

PAAC class. We may still schedule a PAAC class this spring. [Tell us what class to schedule and when with Becca by emailing us.](#)

I'm excited for CU Assistant Professor Dr. Sarah Kurnick's lecture at our March 14 meeting at the OSMP Hub. Sarah's presentation is titled, "History, Memories, and Social Change: Postclassic Maya Built Environments in the Northeast Yucatan Peninsula". She's got something for everyone: modifications of built environments, community archaeology, and temporal analysis — oh my! Plan on getting



Assistant State Archaeologist Becca Simon giving a talk for IPCAS members at our February 2019 meeting. (Katy Waechter)

there on time to play another round of trivia on Colorado and Boulder archaeology. [Find all the details on our website.](#)

As always, check out the [IPCAS Events page](#) for a current list of interesting events around our area. If you're quick, you may be able to snag tickets to an event on March 8 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science similar to Ales of Antiquity presentation in December 2017.

March is Women's History Month. Technically, Colorado was among the first states to enfranchise women by popular vote in 1893. Wyoming was a territory when it gave women the right to vote by legislative declaration in 1869, and suffrage was extended when Wyoming became a state in 1890. Celebrate women's history in Colorado by attending a Votes for Women Tea on March 9th or March 23rd at the Center for Colorado Women's History at the Byers-Evans House in Denver — a healthy dose of history with a three-course tea on a Saturday afternoon. More info at historycolorado.org.

IPCAS remains active in its long-term projects. Rosi has stepped in to the role of Projectile Point Project (P3) Coordinator and is finalizing our collection recording kit. Several folks continue to volunteer with Dr. Scott Ortman in the Pojaque Lab. Last month, the IPCAS Board decided to purchase two atlats and dart sets for chapter education and outreach events in coordination with City of Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks. The IPCAS Board is also exploring which public events IPCAS will participate in for chapter outreach, including the Boulder County Farmers Market in Longmont, the Boulder Hometown Festival, or the Boulder County Fair.

Finally, I have a request of our members. Can you tell me what you think of our online membership system, Member365? CAS is evaluating the system and how well it meets our needs. [Tell me through this short survey.](#) If you have praise, complaints or requests, this is the way to share them! If you have any questions about your membership, please let me or Cheryl know.

Happy trails!

GEAR UP FOR FIELD SEASON

Spring is around the corner. It is time to start sharpening trowels and stitching up survey boots for fieldwork. IPCAS recommends volunteering with the following local groups this year:

City of Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks

City of Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks (OSMP) Cultural Resources Program, lead by Chris Driver, needs IPCAS's help with pedestrian survey in the Marshall Mesa area in April. Nearby trailwork may affect some of the historical sites there. This fieldwork opportunity is open to IPCAS members only. Details will be announced in early April.

PaleoCultural Research Group

<https://paleocultural.org/>

PCRG is a non-profit archaeological research and education organization that offers opportunities for volunteers to experience archaeology firsthand. PCRG has announced their field sessions for this year. Most sessions are in Colorado, including Windy Ridge.

[Read about the sessions](#) and don't forget to [support PCRG's work](#). You don't have to be a member to participate in PCRG trips, but members get priority selection.

PCRG provides a fully supported archaeology experience, including (good) food and field gear. All volunteers have to bring is themselves, personal gear (tents, clothes), and an appetite for interesting and hard work.

WHAT WE'RE READING

This new section will replace the Spotlight sometimes. It's a curated collection of news stories that are of interest to Colorado archaeology and archaeological practices all around. These stories are all shared on IPCAS social media.



Sheila Goff, recently retired from History Colorado, examines Native American artifacts in storage at the museum. (Kathryn Scott, Courtesy of The Colorado Sun)

[United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#). The speaker list is certainly impressive. Great ideas and strategy should follow this meeting at CU Law School.

- Outreach Coordinator Chris Driver shared this one with a title certain to make anyone with a grade school sense of humor giggle: "[Ancient poop helps show climate change contributed to fall of Cahokia](#)", from PNAS (February 2019).

- Last month, KUNC featured a story about the Magic Mountain site in Golden. It's been a multi-year project between PaleoCultural Research Group and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Several IPCAS members have assisted with excavation. [Check out the article for an update on what they've found!](#)

- In February, Dr. Holly Norton wrote a blog post about [a pseudo-archaeology controversy in Colorado that has spanned the last few years](#). Holly recapped her experience and a panel discussion that she, other heritage professionals and affected tribal representatives had at Saving Places Conference in February. I can't emphasize enough how important this issue is to archaeological practice : listen to facts and descendant communities.

- This first piece hits very close to home. *The Colorado Sun* recently ran a piece on [Colorado museums and repatriation of Native American artifacts and human remains](#). In the piece, *The Sun* highlighted the work of Sheila Goff, History Colorado's NAGPRA Liaison until she retired earlier this year. A few IPCAS members were able to help Sheila with some of her work, which was a rewarding opportunity to work with collections with meaningful personal connections to living people. Sheila has been a friend to IPCAS and many others involved in and affected by archaeology. Thank you for your tireless work, Sheila.
- The University of Colorado Law School and Native American Rights Fund are [holding a conference to advance the promises of the](#)

MARCH LECTURE

Dr. Sarah Kurnick

HISTORY, MEMORIES, AND SOCIAL CHANGE: POSTCLASSIC MAYA BUILT ENVIRONMENTS IN THE NORTHEAST YUCATAN PENINSULA

Dramatic social transformations are common events in world history and raise several questions. How, for example, do individuals navigate the past during these critical times? Do they emphasize their ties to the past, distance themselves from the past, alter the past, or eschew the past? An analysis of modifications to existing built environments – and particularly whether existing features are venerated, destroyed, recontextualized, or ignored – offers one means to answer this question. This presentation will consider Postclassic Maya engagement with Classic period built environments in the northeast Yucatan Peninsula.

It will compare data from a variety of sites and suggest that the past was a critical resource at each community, but that Postclassic peoples navigated the past in heterogeneous ways. They engaged in a variety of practices, each with a multiplicity of meanings.



Dr. Kurnick meeting with a community in Yucatan. Photo courtesy of Dr. Kurnick.

Dr. Sarah Kurnick is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Colorado Boulder. Her work focuses on the creation, perpetuation, and negation of social inequality and considers how archaeology can foster positive social change. Since 2014 she has co-directed a community archaeology project at the Maya site of Punta Laguna in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico.

Next Lecture:

Ashleigh Knapp, TRC Companies

Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 7 p.m.

OSMP Hub, 2520 55th Street, Boulder

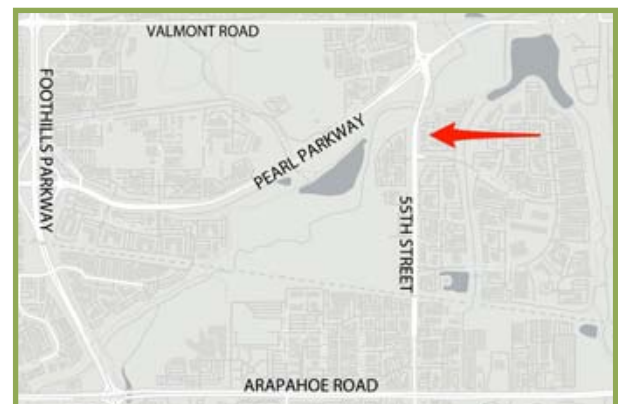
Cost: Free and Open to the Public

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When: *Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7 p.m.*

Cost: *Free and Open to the Public*

Where: *OSMP Hub, 2520 55th Street, Boulder*



UPCOMING EVENTS

As always, if you know of any events, lectures, exhibits, or fieldtrips that should be on our calendar, please email them to indianpeaksarchaeology@gmail.com.

MARCH 3

Boulder International Film Festival

The Boulder International Film Festival returns to the Longmont Museum with a wide variety of films from local, national, and international filmmakers.

Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road, Longmont
10 a.m.-10 p.m.

MARCH 5

What's Old is New: Revivals in Pueblo Pottery

Join Dr. Steve Lekson, Curator of Archaeology, as he explores some of the most famous Southwestern potters who "revived" ancient styles, and made those ancestral forms the basis for new and exciting art. This presentation focuses on Maria Martinez at the Rio Grande Pueblo of San Ildefonso, Nampeyo at Hopi First Mesa village of Hano and Lucy Lewis (and others) at Acoma Pueblo. We will dive south into the Casas Grandes revival, spurred by Juan Quesada of Mata Ortiz, and consider non-native potters studying and replicating ancient potteries, such as Anna Shepard -- whose archives reside at the CU Museum of Natural History.

Museum of Natural History (Henderson), Paleontology Hall, 1035 Broadway, Boulder
7-8:30 p.m.

MARCH 6

The Other Slavery

University of California, Davis, professor Andres Resendez examines the system of bondage that targeted Native Americans, a system that was every bit as terrible, degrading, and vast as African slavery. Anywhere between 2.5 and 5 million Native Americans may have been enslaved throughout the hemisphere in the centuries between the arrival of Columbus and the beginning of the 20th century.

And interestingly, in contrast to African slavery which targeted mostly adult males, the majority of these Indian slaves were women and children.

El Pueblo History Museum, 301 North Union, Pueblo
6:30-8 p.m.

MARCH 6

Death and Glory in the Land of King Midas of the Golden Touch

AIA Lecture. Of the 35 burial tumuli at the site of Gordion, capital of ancient Phrygia, 11 cover cremation burials. They date between 625 and 525 BCE, spanning some of the most turbulent times in the history of central Anatolia when Phrygians, Medes, Lydians, and eventually Persians were vying for political and military control of the area. Join CU's Dr. Elspeth Dusinberre as she discusses how these changes affected the lives and values of people living at Gordion. This talk explores the continuity in particular local traditions and the development of new ideas and expressions as shown through the spectacular mortuary remains of Gordion's elite inhabitants. Gold, ivory, bronze cauldrons, and horse sacrifice form only a part of the elaborate tale that emerges from these still-unpublished remains.

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7-8:30 p.m.

MARCH 7

Digital Earth: Beer

Take a global journey about beer with your guides geologist Dr. Bob Reynolds and space science curator Dr. Ka Chun Yu and guest presenter Travis Rupp, instructor of classics at the University of Colorado Boulder and research and development manager at Avery Brewing Company. Rupp will explore the origins of beer in the ancient Middle East and Egypt, and its journey across the world, using immersive satellite images projected onto the full dome of Gates Planetarium. Sample beers inspired by your travels.

Denver Museum of Nature and Science, 2001 Colorado Blvd, Denver
8-9 p.m.

MARCH 9

Hand-On History Family Fun Day

On the second Saturday of each month, families have the opportunity to explore and create their own history, art, and culture through hands-on, immersive activities like adobe brick making, building log cabins, live performances, and role playing in our exhibits.

History Colorado, 1200 Broadway, Denver, CO

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

MARCH 11

Sisters of Courage

Join Dave Lively as he follows one family through the turmoil of the last half of the 19th century. The Civil War, Westward Expansion, and the Panic of 1893 all take on new meaning with this story of their impact on the Harbison family. Buffeted by the winds of national events, the family started their life all over as Annie and Kit-tie Harbison homesteaded in a peaceful mountain valley. Come and enjoy their story, leading up to the development (and underdevelopment) of Rocky Mountain National Park. You'll also learn how the Harbison ranch buildings were removed to allow their ranch to become the park's west entrance.

History Colorado, 1200 Broadway, Denver

1-2 p.m.

MARCH 11

Early Ritual and Political Complexity in the Cajamarca Highlands of Peru

Denver CAS Meeting featuring Dr. Jason L. Toohy. Abstract: Recent archaeological fieldwork in the Cajamarca Valley of northern Peru is unveiling the deep prehistory and long-term development of the Cajamarca Culture. This presentation will delve into this little-known society from the perspective of settlement patterns, and excavations at two large Cajamarca villages. Special attention will be paid to the recent discovery of a monumental circular plaza at the site of Callacpuma which is the first of its kind to be documented in the northern highlands of Peru and may represent some of the earliest corporate ritual and political architecture in the region.

Room 241, Cherry Creek Building, Metro University

of Denver, Denver

7-8 p.m.

MARCH 13

Northern Colorado CAS Meeting

Speaker TBD

Medical Center of the Rockies, Loveland, CO

6 p.m.-7 p.m.

MARCH 14

Indian Peaks Chapter Meeting

Lecture by Becca Simon (Assistant State Archaeologist, History, Colorado): Creating an Accessible Legacy: How Public Outreach and Archaeological Education Further the Reach of Colorado Archaeology

OSMP Hub, 2520 55th St, Boulder

7-8:30 p.m.

MARCH 14-17

Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists Annual Meeting

CCPA will be held in Durango this year.

Strater Hotel, 699 Main Avenue, Durango

All day

MARCH 15-16

Implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the US

The University of Colorado Law School and Native American Rights Fund are hosting a conference to advance the promises of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and develop a strategy for its implementation in the United States.

CU Law School, 2450 Kittredge Loop Drive, Boulder

All day

MARCH 16

Modern Pioneering: "Lock, Stock and Barrel"

Understand the history of the early-west through historic firearms. History, care, and cleaning of muzzle loading guns is explained with Fort staff. Examine original pieces and learn how to load and fire a musket. Cast a lead ball, and clean a reproduction musket.

Fort Vasquez, 13412 US Highway 85, Platteville

12-4 p.m.

MARCH 18

On the Air: Colorado's Radio History

Join Steven Conklin (Broadcast Pioneers of Colorado) for this lecture. The rich history of radio in Colorado is shared through the stories of many of the broadcast pioneers, including the dentist who put the state's first commercial station on the air in his living room, the station owner who saved a landmark and the DJ who had a movie based on her story. Hear stories and sounds from nearly ninety years of radio, including news clips, jingles and the voices of DJs. Presenter Steve Conklin is president of the Broadcast Pioneers of Colorado, working to preserve the history of radio and TV.

History Colorado, 1200 Broadway, Denver

7-8 p.m.

MARCH 19

Progressive Activists: The Temperance Women of Boulder

During Women's History Month, learn about the ladies of Boulder's temperance movement – a regularly overlooked and frequently misunderstood part of our city's history. This presentation will introduce you to the trailblazing women of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union (and their male allies), as well as explore the personal motivations behind their decades-long progressive campaign that kept the city dry for 60 years. Learn how lessons from this successful 19th Century movement can be applied to modern day social change efforts.

Museum of Boulder, 2205 Broadway, Boulder

6-7:30 p.m.

MARCH 19

Demographic Decline In The Southwest: Understanding the Past for the Future

Pike's Peak CAS Meeting feature Dr. Scott Ingram.

Abstract: Population movement (migration) was a way of life in the ancient Southwest. People settled, lived, and often migrated to new locations, either founding new settlements or joining existing ones. Some movements involved large numbers of people leaving well-established settlement areas, such as Chaco Canyon in the early 1100s and the Mesa Verde region in the late 1200s. In the context of both small and large movements, population levels in the US Southwest increased until the early 14th century, then began to dramatically decline. Given the urgency of local-to-global sustainability problems, understanding and interpreting this demographic decline is increasingly urgent. Join us to learn about demographic decline in the Southwest and archaeological efforts to understand some of the causes during the 14th through 16th centuries along with insights for the present and future.

Fire Station #19, 2490 Research Parkway, Colorado Springs

7-8 p.m.

MARCH 23

The Life of José Mariano de Jesús Valdés

José Mariano de Jesús Valdés had a penchant for moving north. Born in Cañones, New Mexico, during the Spanish period, he married in 1829 during the Mexican period. As the danger from Native Americans diminished and treaties were secured, he made his home in present-day Questa, New Mexico, where he served as alcalde in 1850, the year New Mexico became a U.S. Territory. With the opening up of today's southern Colorado, he and his family ventured further north to Costilla County. In 1867 he again moved his family, this time to Los Germanes, a town east of Walsenburg. Finally, he bought a ranch in Turkey Creek, received a U.S. land patent, and lived out his days there. For so many settlers, the borders didn't exist; people moved from place to place in search of their forever home. Today, Valdés has countless descendants, many still living in Colorado. The speaker, Marcus Flores, is his great-great-great-great grandson.

El Pueblo History Museum, 301 North Union, Pueblo

1-3 p.m.

MARCH 27

Poveka: Master Potter Maria Martinez

Until September 8th, the CU Museum of Natural History will feature a special selection of blackware pottery created by internationally renowned ceramic artist Maria Martinez (1887-1980), known as Po-weka in the Tewa language. This intimate assemblage of fine art pottery highlights examples of Martinez's distinctive black-on-black designs that evolved through her eight decades of pottery making at San Ildefonso Pueblo in New Mexico.

Museum of Natural History (Henderson), Paleontology Hall \n1035 Broadway, Boulder

All day

MARCH 29

Urban (In)Equality and Materiality: A Global, Deep Time Perspective

Featuring Dr. Dean Saitta. Abstract: Scholarly research suggests that the more inclusive and equitable a city, the more prosperous and sustainable it is overall. Today, race and class-based segregations continue to plague cities worldwide. To remedy these inequalities, we need to look for new sources of ideas about urban planning and policy. This talk considers the 6000-year history of city building as one such source. Ancient cities in Asia, Africa, and the Americas are wellsprings of learning about equitable urbanism. They illustrate collective governance in the distribution of life-sustaining resources. They demonstrate effective resource sharing across ethnic and ecological boundaries. They show how public space can accommodate the masses, delight the senses, and cultivate a shared identity and destiny. Together, ancient cities tell some different stories about social being and belonging in urban contexts, and implicate alternative principles and pathways for

building the equitable city.

LSC 376, Lory Student Center, Fort Collins

4-5 p.m.

APRIL 3

The Lives of Ancient Maya Commoners: How Could We Have Been So Wrong?

AIA Lecture. Of the 35 burial tumuli at the site of Gordion, capital of ancient Phrygia, 11 cover cremation burials. They date between 625 and 525 BCE, spanning some of the most turbulent times in the history of central Anatolia when Phrygians, Medes, Lydians, and eventually Persians were vying for political and military control of the area. Join CU's Dr. Elspeth Dusinberre as she discusses how these changes affected the lives and values of people living at Gordion. This talk explores the continuity in particular local traditions and the development of new ideas and expressions as shown through the spectacular mortuary remains of Gordion's elite inhabitants. Gold, ivory, bronze cauldrons, and horse sacrifice form only a part of the elaborate tale that emerges from these still-unpublished remains.

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