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February speaker José Luis Punzo Díaz in front of Mayan architecture.

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President's Message

by John D. Hall

Dear AAHS Members,

This month's President's Message will continue with our AAHS Board of Director Biographies! This month, I am pleased to present Dr. Martin Welker. Martin is the Assistant Curator of Zooarchaeology and Manager of the Stanley J. Olsen Laboratory of Zooarchaeology at the Arizona State Museum (ASM). Martin serves as the ASM Representative on the AAHS Board of Directors and was appointed to the AAHS Board in 2020. Here is Martin's story in his own words.

I discovered anthropology as an undergraduate at Utah State University (USU) while taking an introductory course in world archaeology, after which I quickly transferred into the Anthropology Program. While at USU, I benefitted from numerous opportunities to participate in research and learn from the faculty, staff, and graduate students. These learning opportunities had an enduring impact on my development as an anthropologist and a scholar. I participated in fieldwork with Drs. Bonnie Pitblado, Steve Simms, and Molly and Ken Cannon, and I applied a variety of approaches to survey and excavation. I supplemented these experiences with volunteer opportunities and internships with several graduate students, the USU Museum of Anthropology, the USU Spatial Data Collection, Analysis and Visualization Laboratory, which familiarized me with laboratory methods, artifact curation, and research design.

While at USU, opportunities to assist in analyzing animal bone with Drs. David Byers and Ken Cannon convinced me I wanted to pursue zooarchaeology. At the same time, the mentorship of Dr. Steve Simms and Patricia Lambert instilled in me an appreciation for scientifically examining how social and ecological conditions influence and shape human behavior.

I went on to complete an M.A. and Ph.D. in anthropology at the Pennsylvania State University with Dr. Sarah McClure. Initially, I focused my graduate studies on the management of livestock in the European Neolithic, and I participated in the excavation and analysis of Neolithic villages in Dalmatia, Croatia.

Although I remain involved in this research, my interests came to focus specifically on the impacts human communities had on the distribution, management, and physical characteristics of domesticated animal species. Ultimately, this led me to explore the introduction of Old World domesticates to the Americas and the roles dogs played in European and Native American communities. Components of these projects eventually coalesced into a dissertation examining how domestic dogs have been adapted to various roles in human communities.

After a one-year post doctoral at Penn State, I moved to Tucson in 2019 to become the Assistant Curator of Zooarchaeology at the Arizona State Museum (ASM). In this capacity, I maintain a reference collection of nearly 4,000 modern animal skeletons used in the analysis of animal bone from archaeological sites. This position provides me with many fulfilling opportunities to engage with students and the public, while also remaining actively involved in research. I recently co-taught an ASM Master Class on the role of animals in human history with my colleague Dr. Michael Brescia. I am currently developing a multifaceted research program on dogs in the American Southwest. I also serve as an assistant professor in the School of Anthropology at the University of Arizona and teach courses on domestication, the analysis of animal bones, and provide opportunities for students to work in the laboratory. I have served as the ASM's Representative on the AAHS Board of Directors since 2020 and look forward to continuing to do so in the years to come.



NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR AAHS BOARD MEMBERS

The success and vitality of AAHS is due to the dedicated volunteers who contribute their time and talent to make the Society the great organization it continues to be. Annual elections for AAHS Officers and Board Members are in the Spring, and we would like YOU to be involved! If you are interested in participating in the Society by serving on the Board, or if you know someone you think would be a good addition to the Board, please email Sarah Herr (sherr@desert.com) by the end of February. Board positions are open to all members of the Society.

February 21: Topic of the General Meeting

Looking from the South: A Material Perspective on Prehispanic West-Northwestern Mexico and U.S. Southwest Connections

José Luis Punzo Díaz

A great variety of archaeological artifacts have been located both in the U.S. Southwest and in West and Northwestern Mexico, which have shown an intense interaction between both areas. Turquoises, metals, and macaws are some examples of this.

In this talk, we will look from Mesoamerica south to the interaction in the far southwest of the U.S., through different moments in time and a great variety of archaeological sites.

Speaker José Luis Punzo Díaz obtained a Ph.D. in archeology from the Escuela Nacional de Antropología e Historia in Mexico City. He is a member of the National Research System (SNI) level 1 and a researcher in archeology for the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia since 2004. Over the last three decades, José Luis has conducted multiple archeology projects in Durango, Chihuahua, and Michoacán México. He has been responsible for the museum in Paquimé, Chihuahua, archeological zones like the Ferrería in Durango, and Tzintzuntzan and Tingambato in Michoacán. His principal research interests are the relations between the U.S. Southwest and Mesoamerica, archaeometallurgy, and West Mexico archaeology. His research also includes the use of drones, GIS, LiDAR, and digital applications for archaeology. José Luis resides in Morelia, Michoacán.



Registration for this lecture is open to the public, but you must pre-register at <https://bit.ly/PonzoDíazFeb2022REG>

Suggested Reading:

- Nelson, B., E. Villalpando, J. L. Punzo, and P. Minnis
2015 Prehispanic Northwest and Adjacent West Mexico, 12,000 B.C.-A.D. 1400: An Inter-Regional perspective. *Kiva* 81:31-61.
- Punzo, J. L.
2017 La Conformación Social en el Septentrión Mesoamericano Durante el Clásico y el Epiclásico. In *Migraciones e Interacciones en el Septentrión Mesoamericano*, edited by E. Cárdenas, pp. 221-238. Colegio de Michoacán, Zamora, Mexico.
- 2019 Interregional Interaction of the Chalchihuite Culture in Northwest Mesoamerican during the Classic and Postclassic Periods. In *Interregional Interaction in Ancient Mesoamerica*, edited by J. Englehardt and M. Carrasco, pp. 262-291. University Press of Colorado, Boulder.
- Punzo, J. L., and E. Villalpando
2016 Paquimé: A Revision of Its Relations to the South and West. In *Ancient Paquimé and the Casas Grandes World*, edited by P. Minnes and M. Whalen, p. 57. University of Arizona Press, Tucson.



AAHS Lecture Series

Due to COVID-19, AAHS will continue to offer lectures through AAHS@Home and Zoom through at least April 2022. We are planning to return to in-person lectures with live-streaming available May 2022 or as soon after when it can be done safely.

- Feb. 21, 2022: José Luis Punzo Díaz, *Looking from the South: A Material Perspective on Prehispanic West-Northwestern Mexico and U.S. Southwest Connections*
- Mar. 21, 2022: Wade Campbell, *Exploring the Rise of Navajo Pastoralism in the (Peri)Colonial U.S. Southwest*
- Apr. 18, 2022: Steve Plog, *Exploring the Many Interpretations of Chaco*
- May 16, 2022: TBA
- June 20, 2022: TBA

AAHS Virtual Field Trip

The Mattocks Site – A Mimbres Classic Village in New Mexico: Archaeological Hope in a Looted Landscape

Saturday, February 5, 2022; 11:30 a.m.

Tour Leaders: Marilyn Markel and Patricia Gilman

The Mimbres region has seen some of the most intensive and extensive looting in North America due to the exquisite painted pottery. Many believed there were few archaeological remains left to study. Despite the site destruction, however, archaeologists over decades have gleaned knowledge of the region's ancient past. Additionally, recent efforts by local residents to preserve the archaeological record offer hope for the future.

The Mattocks site in the northern Mimbres Valley is the focus of this "tour." Participants will explore the site through comments by tour leaders Patricia Gilman and Marilyn Markel as they walk through the site and museum in December 2021. There are three parts to the field trip. The first briefly introduces the region and its complex history of human groups



from the Archaic through Classic Mimbres to Apache. In the second, Pat Gilman, site supervisor for the excavation, considers the Mimbres Foundation excavation at the Mattocks site in the 1970s. In the third and final section, the tour leaders share the impressive work by local residents in preserving the site, laying an interpretive trail, assembling a small museum, providing educational activities for local children, and building facilities for researchers.

Pat and Marilyn will be available after the video to comment and answer questions.

This virtual field trip is free and open to the public. Register here:
<https://bit.ly/MattockFieldTripFeb22REG>.

Marilyn Markel lives in Mimbres, New Mexico and is the volunteer education coordinator at the Mimbres Cultural Heritage Center. For more than 20 years, she has volunteered her time to work on university field school excavations, promote site protection through stewardship, transform the local artifact-collecting community into an avocational/professional archaeological society, and educate school children about the value of archaeological heritage. Marilyn has preserved sites, published children's books on archaeology, and created a center devoted to the preservation and interpretation of Mimbres archaeology through educational outreach.



*Patricia A. Gilman has conducted archaeological fieldwork and research in the Mimbres region of southwestern New Mexico and southeastern Arizona for more than 45 years. She is a coauthor of the 2017 book, *Mimbres Life and Society: The Mattocks Site of Southwestern New Mexico*, and she is a coeditor of the 2018 book, *Mimbres Society and New Perspectives on Mimbres Archaeology*. Dr. Gilman earned her Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico, and she is retired from the Department of Anthropology at the*

University of Oklahoma.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

AAHS welcomes nominations for three annual awards. Nomination letters and curriculum vitae (if appropriate) should be emailed to Kerry F. Thompson (Kerry. Thompson@nau.edu) no later than May 1, 2022. Awardees will be selected by the Awards Committee and approved by the AAHS Board of Directors. Awards will be presented at the Pecos Conference in August.

Byron Cummings Award: The Byron Cummings Award is given in honor of Byron Cummings, the principal professional founder of AAHS, the first head of the University of Arizona's Department of Archaeology (later Anthropology), and first Director of the Arizona State Museum. The award is given annually for outstanding research and contributions to knowledge in anthropology, history, or a related field of study or research pertaining to the southwestern United States or northwest Mexico.

Victor R. Stoner Award: The Victor R. Stoner Award is given in honor of Reverend Stoner, a strong avocational historian, supporter of AAHS, and one of the founders of *Kiva*. The award is given annually for outstanding contributions in leadership or participation in the Society, fostering historic preservation, or bringing anthropology, history, or a related discipline to the public.

Alexander J. Lindsay, Jr. Unsung Heroes Award: The Alexander J. Lindsay, Jr. Award is given in honor of Dr. Lindsay, a long-time southwestern archaeologist, AAHS member, and officer. The award is given annually as a lifetime service award to individuals whose tireless work behind the scenes is often unrecognized, but that is often critical to the success of others' research, projects, and publications. These may be field personnel, lab managers, archivists, cooks, analysts, and others.

USED BOOK SALE March 12 and 13, 2022



During the Tucson Festival of Books we will be set up on the lawn in front of the Arizona State Museum with lots of used books to sell! As always, proceeds benefit the Museum library. We need help with set up and tear down. If you can volunteer some time, please contact Katherine Cerino at kcerino@gmail.com.

**Stop by and shop. This is a great collection of books
and a very worthy cause.**

AAHS Membership Application

Membership is open to anyone interested in the prehistory and history of Arizona and the Southwest and who support the aims of the Society. Membership runs for a full year from the date of receipt, and covers all individuals living in the same household. If you are joining as a household, please list all members of the household. Monthly meetings are free and open to the public. Society field trips require membership.

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- \$60 **Kiva members** receive four issues of the Society's quarterly journal *Kiva* and 12 issues of *Glyphs*
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- \$35 **Student Kiva members** receive both *Kiva* and *Glyphs*
- \$100 **Contributing members** receive *Kiva*, *Glyphs*, and all current benefits
- \$150 **Supporting members** receive *Kiva*, *Glyphs*, and all current benefits
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I am interested in volunteering in AAHS activities: Yes Not at this time

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