

ArkyFacts

Monthly Newsletter of the
SOUTH SUBURBAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Lecture meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at
The Irwin Center
18120 S. Highland Avenue, Homewood

APRIL - 2019

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| April 18 | Susanne Paulus, Ph.D. ~ 7:30 PM
"Debts, Crime, and Prison –
Daily Life in Babylonia ca. 1200 BCE" |
| April 29 | Officers' Meeting ~ 7:30 PM
Mama & Me Pizzeria, Homewood |
| May 16 | Lisa Niziolek, Ph.D. ~ 7:30 PM
"Shipwrecks of the South China Sea
And Ancient Maritime Trade" |

Deadline for material to be included in the next
Arkyfacts is two weeks before the monthly meeting.

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April 2019

Thursday, April 18 - 7:30 PM

DEBTS, CRIME, AND PRISON:

DAILY LIFE IN BABYLONIA ca. 1200 BCE

By Susanne Paulus, Ph.D.

When history is considered, it is often restricted to the dealings of outstanding individuals or entities: gods, kings, and heroes. The struggles of “everyday people” are usually neglected.

Using the rich document corpus of clay tablets found in the excavations of the Babylonian cities of Ur and Nippur in present-day Iraq, this program will allow a glimpse into the daily life of the middle and lower classes around 1200 BC. Special focus will be on problems still well-known to us today, including family trouble and indebtedness.

Dr. Susanne Paulus is Assistant Professor of Assyriology at the Oriental Institute, University of Chicago. Her main research focus is on the Middle Babylonian Period/Kassite Period in Iraq (1500-1000 BC). She received her MA and PhD from the University of Muenster (Germany).

SSAS Sponsorship..... We again extend our sincere, heartfelt appreciation to **NITEL-Smarter Technology Made Simple** for its generous corporate sponsorship of SSAS during our 2019 season. **Thank you NITEL--you help make it happen!** Sponsorship is a wonderful way for businesses and organizations to help support SSAS. If you know of any company or group that would be willing to offer assistance, please let us know!

Summer Events..... Our **SSAS Summer Social** will be held on **Thursday, June 20 at Flossmoor Station** in downtown Flossmoor. We'll have food, fun and games! Everyone welcome! Reservations can be made beginning on April 18 (\$30 per person). Additional details will be posted soon.

In addition to our **Cahokia** trip the weekend of July 19, 20 & 21st, our day trip to the **Chicago Portage National Historic Site** has been scheduled for Saturday, August 10. More information on both of these member excursions will be coming soon.

Our Next Business Meeting..... will be on Monday, April 29 - 7:30 PM at Mama & Me Pizzeria, 18219 Dixie Hwy., Homewood.

Bookmarks! Find us online.....

Search: “South Suburban Archaeological Society on Weebly”

OR: <http://southsuburbanarchsociety.weebly.com/>

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ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY (IAAA)

50th Anniversary Celebration!

The IAAA's 2019 Annual Meeting is on the move! (Please disregard any previous information.)

New dates for IAAA's 50th Anniversary Celebration are May 17-19, 2019 at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield, Illinois - birthplace of the organization.



Detailed information on speakers, activities and registration will be coming soon, but plan now to join IAAA for a special weekend focusing on Illinois archaeology and yes, **THERE WILL BE CAKE!**

MORE IAAA NEWS..... Bill Iseminger of Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site is busy working on the next IAAA journal, ***REDISCOVERY* (Volume 7)**. This will be a compilation volume with articles by a varied group of contributing authors. All will give expert insight into the precious past of Illinois. Each IAAA membership that is current with a 2019 dues payment will receive a complimentary issue of this journal. The journal is currently being prepared for publication; however, additional funds are needed to include all photos and maps in the full color required to showcase them properly. Anyone wishing to contribute to this effort will be recognized by name in the publication. **Checks should be made out to IAAA (please note on your check a designation for the Journal Fund) and mailed to:**

**Holly Labisky, Secretary IAAA
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Champaign, IL 61826**

SUMMER FIELDWORK OPPORTUNITY..... "KANKAKEE PROTOHISTORY PROJECT"

The Kankakee Protohistory Project is bringing together excavation and environmental analyses to reconstruct the entangled human and environmental histories of the Kankakee River, from protohistory to the present.

Since 2016, a multi-year excavation project has been underway at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie of a Huber site occupied during the early 17th century. This well-preserved, very late prehistoric village is expanding our understanding of lifeways during the final period before European arrival.

Material has already been recovered that raises questions about the size of the interaction sphere among "very late prehistoric" Native Americans who had at least indirect access to the Mississippi River.

**2019 summer excavation season is July 15 – August 9.
Volunteers Needed! Registration will begin soon. Visit the
Kankakee Protohistory Project website at:
kankakeeprotohistoryproject.tumblr.com/**

ANOTHER FUN & INTERESTING SITE.....

"THE ARCHAEOLOGY CHANNEL"

This fascinating website explores the human cultural experience through streaming media.

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