

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

Schedule of Events

2017

January 19 ❧ Kiersten Neumann, PhD
Photographs of Persepolis: Their Past, Present, and
Future

January 30 Officers Meeting at Milwee's,
Hosted by Will Kelley
20420 Arcadian Dr., Olympia Fields
Phone: 773-268-6705 (Will Kelley)

February 16 ❧ Laura Gawlinski, PhD
Athenian Agora Excavations

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

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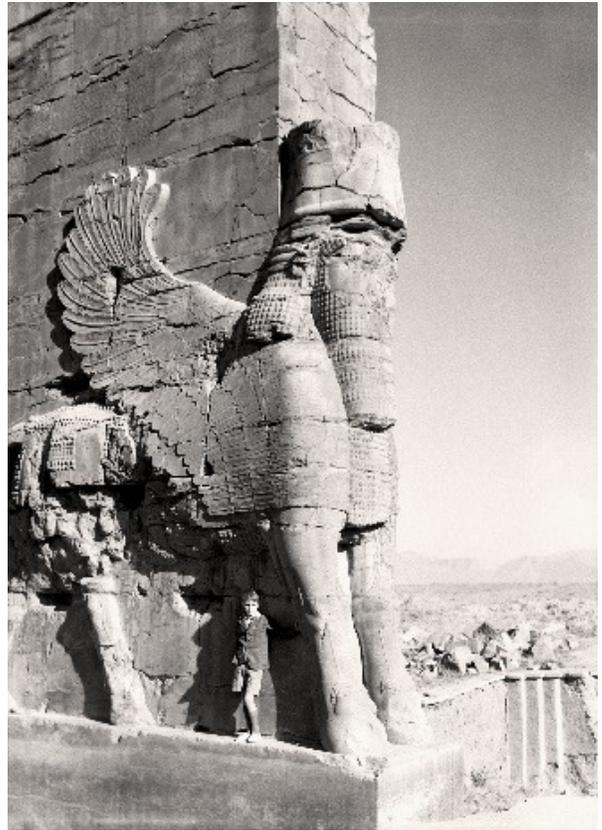
By Kiersten Neumann, PhD

The Oriental Institute Museum exhibition *Persepolis: Images of an Empire* presents large-format photographs of the ruins of one of the greatest dynastic centers of antiquity, built at the height of the Achaemenid Persian Empire (550 — 330 BC).

The photographs, taken during the Oriental Institute's Persian Expedition (1931-1939), record the forests of columns, monumental audience halls, and stone relief carvings of the people who came from all corners of the empire to honor the Persian king. The show also explores the practice of photography itself and the nature of these photographs as both scientific records of an archaeological site and artistic visions of the ruins of a once powerful empire.

This talk will explore the origins and continuation of the Achaemenid imperial visual legacy, with the dynastic center of Persepolis standing as a pinnacle of its success, as well as the role that photography, as a new apparatus of representation, played in constructing an image of the Orient and otherness in the 19th and early 20th century.

Dr. Kiersten Neumann, curator of this exhibit, received her Ph.D. in Near Eastern Art and Archaeology from the University of California, Berkeley, in May 2014. Her many areas of specialization include the role of photography in early excavations in the Middle East.



For more information about SSAS, or if you have a special need because of a disability, call Will Kelley: 773-268-6705.

Unearthed

The Top 10 Discoveries of 2016 According to Archaeology magazine

- London's earliest writing—A 1st-century A.D. wooden tablet found at an excavation in London bears the earliest known reference to Londinium.
- Angkor urban sprawl—Lidar scans have revealed the outline of an urban grid in the Angkor region of Cambodia.



Regime change in Athens—The remains of 80 men were found shackled together at the wrists in a mass grave at a necropolis near Athens.

- World's oldest dress—New radiocarbon dating finds that a dress discovered in Egypt is at least 5,100 years old.
- Early man cave—Neanderthals are thought to have made ring-shaped structures out of whole and broken stalagmites deep in a French cave.
- Peruvian woman of means—A prominent woman was buried 4,600 years ago in Peru along with accessories.
- 10,000 year old turf war—The skull of one of a group of hunter-gatherers bears evidence of a brutal attack that took place on the shores of Lake Turkana.
- Spiritual meeting ground—Images of native Taino deities have been found close to Christian inscriptions in a cave on Puerto Rico's Mona Island.
- Antikythera man—Underwater archeologists investigate the first human remains to be found at the Antikythera shipwreck in almost 40 years.
- Salem's lost gallows—A rocky outcrop called called Proctor's Ledge has been confirmed as the site where 19 people accused of witchcraft were hanged in Salem, Massachusetts.



Read all the details about these discoveries at Archaeology Magazine's website:

<http://www.archaeology.org/issues/240-1701/features/pearl-harbor/5110-london-roman-tablets>

Illinois State Archaeological Survey

View a short YouTube video of ISAS' top 5 of 2016:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y_NfAx-dQM4&feature=youtu.be

Business Meeting Notes

Welcome to the new format of ArkyFacts. This format will print easier than the old version. Also, if you elect to receive the newsletter by email, you have the added benefit of clicking on the links within the document and going right to the site—theoretically. (You might have to hold down the *ctrl* key and click on the link.) Fingers crossed that this works with the various computers in your homes. You can also try cutting the link and pasting it in your browser's address bar and hitting the *enter* key.

The next meeting will be Monday January 30, 2017, at 7:30. It will be hosted by Will Kelley and held at the home of John Milwee, 20420 Arcadian Drive, Olympia Fields. Will's phone number is 773-268-6705.

Election of Officers

The following members were elected to office and appointed as committee chairs at the November meeting. If you are interested in working on one of these committees, contact the chairperson or any officer.

Officers

President	Will Kelley	773-268-6705
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