

ArkyFacts

Monthly Newsletter of the
SOUTH SUBURBAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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

JANUARY - 2022

Thursday, Dr. Dale Simpson ~ 7:30 PM
January 20 "Walking with the Giants of Rapa Nui:
An Anthropological Story"

(NOTE: Dr. Simpson will be appearing in person at the Irwin Center.)

Monday, Officers' Meeting ~ 6:00 PM
January 31, Mama & Me Pizzeria, Homewood
Host: Will Kelley

Deadline for material to be included in the next
ArkyFacts is two weeks before the monthly meeting.
Contact Susan Saric

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because of a disability, contact SSAS President Will Kelley

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Thursday, January 20 - 7:30 PM
"Walking with the Giants of Rapa Nui (Easter Island):
An Anthropological Story"
with Dr. Dale Simpson

In June of 2021, guest speaker Dr. Dale Simpson presented a fascinating account of the migrations, interactions and navigational achievements of ancient Polynesian cultures; however, time constraints prevented us from taking a deep dive into the unique story of Rapa Nui (Easter Island). Dr. Simpson's January presentation will highlight the island's culture history, from the arrival of Polynesians until the arrival of the outside world. It will include discussion about the who, what, where, when, how and why of the ancient Rapanui culture, based upon two decades of research, presentation, and publication.

Dale F. Simpson Jr. is an American anthropological archaeologist. He specializes in the Pacific, and North and South America. Dr. Simpson was appointed associate professor of anthropology at North Central College (Naperville, IL) in 2021 and has been teaching anthropology at the College of DuPage (Glen Ellyn, IL) since 2009. Dale is also the director of the Rapa Nui Geochemical Project and Illinois Simpson Archaeology.



PLEASE NOTE: Dr. Simpson will be appearing LIVE and IN PERSON at the Irwin Center. Masks, IDs and Proof of Vaccination (for at least 2 weeks) will be required for entry, per current Cook County regulations. Boosters are not required.

For those who wish to view this presentation remotely via Zoom, please see our insert page.

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How to Remotely View our January 20 Program:

Interested in participating through Zoom? Send an email requesting access to southsubarkyzoom-request@yahoo.com. Those who are not SSAS members are also welcome to use Zoom, but should include enough information in the email to verify their identity.



A day or two before the program, the host will respond with an invitation to attend through Zoom. For questions about remote viewing, contact Will Kelley.

2022 Membership

If we have not yet received your SSAS/IAAA membership renewal for 2022, you will find an application enclosed with this newsletter. We have many fascinating programs lined up, and **there will be no fee increases for either SSAS or IAAA membership!**

Questions about membership? Contact Milan Saric.

We Need Your Help!

As you know, in July and August we schedule outings and field trips for our members and their guests. We try to make each of these trips unique and interesting, whether it's a day trip or a weekend excursion.

If anyone has an "excursion idea" for 2022, please contact **Will Kelley**, or see one of our Board members. We are very anxious to get your input. Please don't hesitate! ALL ideas welcome!



Oldest Human Footprints in the Americas Dated

Scores of human footprints found at White Sands National Park (New Mexico) have been dated by an international research team to between 23,000 and 21,000 years ago, pushing the presence of humans in the Americas back some 7,000 years or more. Based on the sizes of the prints, scientists think they were mainly made by youth, along with the occasional adult. Thousands of mammoth, dire wolf (an extinct canine similar in size to large modern gray wolves), camel, large cat and ground sloth tracks were also identified.

For further reading, see *American Archaeology Magazine*/Winter 2021-22.

Business Notes

Our next business meeting will be on Monday, January 31 – 6:00 PM, at Mama & Me Pizzeria in Homewood. Our host will be Will Kelley.