

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

JUNE - 2021

Thursday,
June 17 Dr. Dale Simpson ~7:30 PM
 “A Sea of Interacting Islands:
 Rapa Nui & Ancient Polynesian
 Interaction Spheres”

Monday,
June 28 Officers’ Meeting ~ 6:00 PM
 Mama & Me Pizzeria, Homewood

Deadline for material to be included in the next
ArkyFacts is two weeks before the monthly meeting.
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****PLEASE NOTE**** Our June speaker will be in attendance (live and in-person!) at the Irwin Center, where we invite all members and guests to join us in our usual meeting room. The Center respectfully requests that all non-vaccinated visitors wear a mask. To view the lecture remotely, see the newsletter insert.

Thursday, June 17 – 7:30 PM
“A Sea of Interacting Islands:
Rapa Nui & Ancient Polynesian Interaction Spheres”
with Dr. Dale Simpson

How did the people of Rapa Nui (Easter Island) survive, even thrive, on a small Pacific island, so remote from even the closest islands in Polynesia? Insight may come from understanding other earlier interactions amongst cultures in the so-called “Sea of Islands.”



For over a hundred years, researchers have worked to gain an accurate interpretation of how humans settled the islands of the Pacific, which at first seemed so small and distant from each other. It is hard to imagine that Oceanic peoples maintained mutual contact for thousands of years. Yet, patterns of interaction (from the Pleistocene to the Holocene), in three distinct phases of settlement, from west to east (and sometimes vice versa), help us understand these tremendous navigational achievements and the fascinating people and cultures of the Pacific that call the great Moana their home.

A close look at these patterns of interaction among the islands both distant and close to Rapa Nui promises to clarify what made it possible for the Rapanui people to flourish for some 500 years, creating thousands of megalithic features including *moai* (statues), *ahu* (platforms) and *pukao* (topknots).

Dr. Dale F. Simpson, Jr. is an Instructor in the Department of Anthropology at the College of DuPage, Director of the Rapa Nui Geochemical Project, and Director of Illinois Simpson Archaeology.

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How to remotely attend our June 17 program :

To log in to the Zoom meeting:

Time: June 17, 2021 07:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/99495163234?pwd=QlhCNlFvNjVaamZFcU9yUndxdU0vQT09>

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Business Meeting..... Our next business meeting is scheduled

for Monday, June 28 - 6:00 PM at Mama & Me Pizzeria,
Homewood.

Summer Excursions-Mark your Calendars!



On Saturday, July 17 we will tour Historic Burial Grounds of Central Illinois with Ms. Holly Labisky of the IAAA. This tour will include the Elkhart Cemetery, which is located along on old Native American trail/pioneer trace, and if time permits, other cemeteries to the north. We will also stop for lunch.

On Sunday, August 22 (with a backup date of August 29), pending confirmation from the National Park Service, we have tentatively scheduled a tour of the Bailly Homestead & Cemetery and Chellburg House, both located near the Indiana Dunes National Park.

Watch for additional details on both of these trips, coming soon in your July and August *Arkyfacts* newsletters!

*Summer excursions are open to all SSAS members and their guests. To get on the trip rosters, book your lunch reservations or arrange for carpooling if needed, **contact Will Kelley.***

Blue Island Landmark Tour "Online"

At its founding, Blue Island was the most important settlement south of Chicago. Today, a wealth of fantastic homes and fascinating history have been preserved, and the homes and businesses in this online tour span from before the Civil War to the early 20th century.



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