

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

OCTOBER - 2023

Thursday, Nam Kim, PhD - 7:30 PM
October 19 "Plumbing the Depths:
Exploring Violence & Warfare in Humanity's Past"
(In-person and via Zoom.)

Monday, Officers' Meeting - 6:00 PM
October 30 1453 Linden Rd., Homewood

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

For more information about South Suburban Archaeological Society, or if you have a special need because of a disability, contact SSAS President Will Kelley.





ArkyFacts October 2023

Thursday, October 19 ~ 7:30 PM

“Plumbing the Depths:

Exploring Violence & Warfare in Humanity’s Past”
Nam Kim, PhD, University of Wisconsin (Madison)

Are we an inherently violent species? How would we know? Signs of warfare appear as soon as we began crafting our earliest written records several thousand years ago. But what can we see beyond that literary horizon? This program highlights anthropological research to contemplate warfare’s antiquity and origins, providing a glimpse into past contexts of organized violence in the deeper recesses of humanity’s past. We will take a tour around the world, considering select cases across space and time, from the Ice Ages to the present day. The lecture explores the evidence for varied manifestations of war and what those data can reveal about our shared past, our evolution as a species, and our prospects for peace.

Dr. Nam C. Kim is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the current Director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies on its campus. He holds degrees in anthropology (PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago), political science (MA, New York University) and international relations (BA, University of Pennsylvania).



As an anthropological archaeologist, his research deals with early complex societies and the significance of the material past for modern-day stakeholders. He is especially interested in humanity’s global history of organized violence and warfare. Since 2005 he has been conducting archaeological fieldwork in Vietnam at the Co Loa settlement in the Red River Delta. A heavily fortified site located near modern-day Hanoi, Co Loa is connected to Vietnamese legendary accounts and is viewed as an important foundation for Vietnamese culture.

Please join us for light refreshments before the program! (For remote viewing, see our insert page.)

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<http://www.facebook.com/SouthSuburbanChapter2015>



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MAZON CREEK FOSSIL DAY

Saturday, October 14, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

The Mazon Creek fossil beds are a conservation lagerstätte (a sedimentary deposit that exhibits extraordinary fossils with exceptional preservation—sometimes including preserved soft tissues) found near Morris, in Grundy County, Illinois. The fossils are preserved in ironstone concretions, formed approximately 309 million years ago in the mid-Pennsylvanian epoch of the Carboniferous period.

Mazon Creek Fossil Day, a free event for all ages, will be held at the Coal City Public Library (85 N. Garfield St., Coal City IL) and will feature displays of Mazon Creek fossils, books, and a lecture on collecting at 1:00 PM. Bring your Mazon Creek fossils along for identification!

No registration is required. For further information, call the library at (815) 634-4552 or visit <https://ccpld.org>



RENAISSANCE CORNER ACADEMY

Renaissance Corner Academy is a collegial association of men and women fifty-five and over who meet to promote intellectual growth and lifelong learning.

SSAS President Will Kelley will be a featured speaker at Renaissance Corner Academy (Moraine Valley College Southwest Education Center -17900 S. 94th Ave., Tinley Park on Friday, October 20 at Noon) and will present *“Cahokia and the Mississippians - A Highlight of Illinois Archaeology.”*

For information on membership and fees, visit the RCA website at <https://www.renol.org>

How to Remotely View our October 19 Program:

Interested in participating via Zoom?

- 2023 SSAS members for whom we have an email contact address will automatically be sent the program's Zoom access information.



- For all other Zoom inquiries, send a request to the email link shown below. **Please submit your request as soon as possible.** Include enough information in the email to verify your identity.

southsubarkyzoom-request@yahoo.com

1-2 days before the event, the host will respond with an invitation to attend through Zoom. For questions about remote viewing, contact Will Kelley.



Membership

October kicks off our 2024 membership drive. A 2024 membership application is enclosed with this newsletter. **There will be no fee increases in 2024;** however, “additional donations” to SSAS from our members are always welcome and much appreciated. Thank you!

For questions about membership, contact Membership Chair Milan Saric.

Officers' Meeting

Our final business meeting of 2023 will take place on **Monday, October 30 – 6:00 PM** at the home of Lisa Nicholson (1453 Linden Rd., Homewood). Our host will be Warren Hastings.

"Urban Archaeology:
Lost Buildings of St. Louis"
The Pulitzer Arts Foundation Museum
3716 Washington Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri

Sep 8, 2023–Feb 4, 2024

For those who may be visiting the St. Louis area, *Urban Archaeology* brings together salvaged architectural elements from landmark buildings, residential homes, and neighborhood institutions built in St. Louis between 1840 and 1950. Drawn from the rich collection of the National Building Arts Center (NBAC), the artifacts on display represent important histories of material innovation, labor, and the everyday lives of the people who inhabit the city. The exhibition sheds light on the city's history, revealing complicated legacies of power, wealth, and neglect that shape our experience of the built environment and daily life. By studying St. Louis's architectural past, *Urban Archeology* encourages visitors to imagine new ways of building, keeping, knowing, and inhabiting places.

Located in Sauget, Illinois, the National Building Arts Center emerged in response to the rapid economic decline and widespread demolition the city experienced beginning in the 1950s. NBAC has worked for over four decades to salvage and preserve significant parts of condemned buildings that would otherwise be completely lost, amassing the largest and most diversified collection of building artifacts in the United States. *Urban Archaeology* is the most extensive public presentation of NBAC's collection to date.

For additional information, call (314)754-1850 or visit:
<https://pulitzerarts.org/art/urban-archaeology-lost-buildings-of-st.-louis>

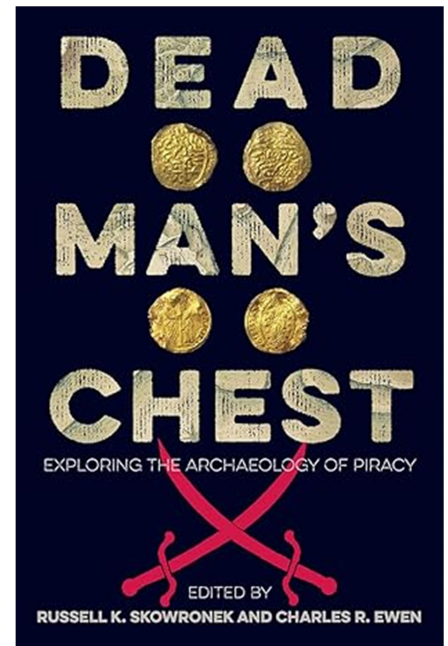
NEW BOOKS

"Dead Man's Chest:
Exploring the Archaeology of Piracy"
by Russel K. Skowronek & Charles R. Ewen
University Press of Florida, September 2023

This new publication presents a variety of approaches to better understanding piracy through archaeological investigations, landscape studies, material culture analyses, and documentary and cartographic evidence.

Russell K. Skowronek is professor of anthropology and history at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and coeditor of *"X Marks the Spot: The Archaeology of Piracy and Pieces of Eight: More Archaeology of Piracy."*

Charles R. Ewen is professor of anthropology at East Carolina University. He is coeditor of *"X Marks the Spot: The Archaeology of Piracy and Pieces of Eight: More Archaeology of Piracy."*



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