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COMMUNICATIONS

Past Lectures and Conferences

Prof. Thomas W. Jacobsen gave the Rodney S. Young Memorial Lecture at the University of Pennsylvania, on March 28, 1993. He spoke on "Seafaring in the Prehistoric Aegean."

The 58th annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology was held in St. Louis, Missouri, April 14-18, 1993. Papers of interest to *Nestor* readers include: Brooks Ellwood, Karl Petruseo, and Frank Harrold, "Magnetic and Electrical Studies in Konispol Cave, a Neolithic Site in Southwesternmost Albania"; John Dockall, "Functional Variability of Pointed Tools from the Middle Paleolithic at Shanidar Cave, Iraq"; Steven Mertens, "Preliminary Investigations Concerning the Transition from Middle to Upper Paleolithic in Romania"; Ofer Bar-Yosef, "Late Pleistocene Art in the Near East--Why so Little?"; Robert Hard and Linden Kosub, "Early Bronze Age Ground Stone Tools: A Remarkable Case of Ore Processing in Central Anatolia"; Alan McPherron and Richard Cowan, "Mapping and Remote Sensing at a Bronze Age 'Nuragic' Settlement on Sardinia"; Nancy Coinman, "The Upper Paleolithic in the Southern Levant: New Data from Jordan"; Francis Harrold, "Archaeological Research in Southern Albania"; Ian Kuijt, "Excavations at Iraq ed Dubb, Jordan: Implications for Settlement and Subsistence Practices of the Early Neolithic of the Levant"; Walter Klippel and Lynn Snyder, "Greek Dark Age Subsistence in East Crete: Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age Hunting and Animal Husbandry at Kavousi"; Alan Simmons and Renee Corona, "The Neolithic of Western Cyprus--Test Investigations at Kholetria Ortos"; Harvey Weiss, "Abrupt Climatic Change and Mesopotamian Collapse"; Arlene Rosen, "Environmental and Agricultural Stress: Two Factors in the Collapse of Late Third Millennium Societies in Western Palestine"; Sturt Manning, "End of the Early Bronze Age in the Aegean: Context, Chronology, Causes, and Effects"; Kathryn Bard, "State Collapse in Egypt in the Late Third Millennium B.C."; A. Moore, "The Inception of Potting in Western Asia and its Impact on Economy and Society"; Karen D. Vitelli, "Pots, Potters and Society in Neolithic Greece"; William Barnett, "Early Pottery and the Neolithic Transition in the Central and Western Mediterranean"; William Griswald, "Interaction between Egypt and Mesopotamia in the Later Half of the Fourth Millennium B.C."; Thomas Levy, "Regional Interaction in the Southern Levant, ca. 4500-3500 B.C.E."; Susan Pollock and Melody Pope, "Trade, Tools, and Tasks: The Chipped Stone Industry from an Uruk Town"; Lawrence Stager, "Olive Oil: Fueling the Economy of the Levant and Egypt in the Early Bronze Age"; Juris Zarins, "Pastoral Nomadism and the Galena Trade: A Middle Kingdom Egyptian Example."

Future Lectures and Conferences

The New York Aegean Bronze Age Colloquium will meet at the Institute of Fine Arts, One East 78th Street, on Thursday, May 6, 1993 at 6:30pm. Prof. Elizabeth Barber will speak on "Women's Customs and Costumes of Minoan Crete and 'Old Europe': Connections, Survivals, and Interpretations."

The University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania will host the 2nd seminar in their series on "Cultural Interconnections in the Ancient Near East" which will focus on the re-evaluation of the archaeological

and textual sources relating to the Sea Peoples. The seminar will be held on Wednesday afternoons from January 12 to April 27, 1994 at the University Museum, University of Pennsylvania. Contact: Linda Bregstein, Near Eastern Section, The University Museum, 33rd and Spruce Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19104.

Awards

The following projects focusing on the prehistory of the Aegean and the Near East were awarded funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities: Guillermo Algaze, "Syro-Anatolian State Formation: Excavation at Titirish Hoyuk." Three years of excavation and analysis of the 3rd millennium B.C. site of Titirish Hoyuk in Turkey to study the formation of early states and cities in Syro-Anatolia; Aslihan K. Yener, "The Archaeological Investigation of Tin Production: Prehistoric Metallurgy in South Central Turkey." Three years of excavation and analysis at Göltepe, Turkey, and the nearby tin mine at Kastel to study the nature of metallurgy and exchange systems at this 4th to 2nd millennium B.C. site; Karen D. Vitelli, "Publication of the Results of the Franchthi Cave Excavations." Publication of studies on the discoveries from the later Palaeolithic through Neolithic site at Franchthi Cave, Greece; Glenn M. Schwartz, "Excavations at Umm el-Marra, a Bronze Age Urban Center of Western Syria." Three years of excavation and study at the Early through Late Bronze Age site of Umm el-Marra, in western Syria, c. 2500-1500 B.C. Urban life and relations between Syrian cities and Mesopotamia will be explored; Donald R. Keller, "Southern Euboea Exploration Project: Reconnaissance Survey." Two months of reconnaissance survey in southern Euboea, an island off Attica, Greece, which has already yielded 200 previously unknown sites and is expected to add to the reconstruction of Greek history; James W. Flanagan, "Tell Nimrin Project." Excavations of a Middle Bronze, Late Bronze and Iron Age fortified tell on the east bank of the Jordan River (c. 2000 to 590 B.C.) to study ecological factors in those periods; Richard L. Zettler, "Excavations at Tell es-Sweyhat: Urban Form in Late Third Millennium B.C. Syria." A year of excavation and analysis at the late third millennium B.C. settlement at Tell es-Sweyhat, Syria, to study the nature of urbanism in the upper Euphrates river valley; Geraldine C. Gesell, "The Kavousi Project." A three-year study of the excavations of the Late Bronze and early Iron Age sites of Vronda and Kastro, near Kavousi, Crete; Karl M. Petruseo, "Archaeological Research in Southern Albania: The Sarandë Project, 1993." A one-year project including excavation, survey, and analysis focusing on the Stone Age culture in southern Albania; George F. Bass, "A Survey for Ancient Shipwrecks in the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Persian Gulf." A multinational underwater survey of ancient shipwrecks in the western Black Sea, the eastern Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf to provide a new framework for future Institute of Nautical Archaeology projects; Jonathan M. Kenoyer, "The Harappa Archaeological Research Project: Investigations at an Urban Center of the Indus Valley Civilization." A three-year excavation at the early Indus Valley site of Harappa, Pakistan, to investigate the history of the settlement from about 3300 B.C. to the present, including the issue of the growth and decline of urbanism.

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