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Countdown to Lincoln

February, the time of the year many people begin the countdown to Spring, the Anthropologists are counting down to hearing about the latest research, distinguished lecturers, and plenary addresses. The 96th Anniversary Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society is a time for students and faculty, seasoned and new, to bring together all fields of anthropology in a student-friendly atmosphere. For many, this is just like homecoming, without the parade of course...or football! Perhaps a family reunion where you have chosen your family would be a more appropriate analogy.

There are ninety-two papers and six posters being presented, along with workshops and round table discussions. Regardless of your chosen field, there is something for everyone. This year's Distinguished Lecture and Plenary Address promise to be enlightening; there is also a symposium on Friday organized by Wayne Babchuk (University of Nebraska, Lincoln) - Essays in Honor of Richard Borshay Lee.

Our host, University of Nebraska—Lincoln, has stepped up presenting six papers, three posters, with one session chair, one session discussant, and one session organizer/facilitator.

One particular roundtable discussion will like be a lively discussion. "Remember, Trump studied Anthropology, too!"; Where Did We Go Wrong? Considering the current climate of our country, facilitator James Stanlaw will surely have his hands full in this session.

Don't forget to pack your dancing shoes for Friday evening's Jazz and Swing Music by The Lightning Bugs following the Distinguished Lecture in Regents C!



The Lightning Bugs. Lincoln Journal Star



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Time is Almost Up!

The 96th Anniversary Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society will be held at the [Embassy Suites by Hilton in Lincoln, Nebraska](#) from Thursday, April 6th through Sunday, April 9th 2017.

The address of the hotel is 1040 P Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508.

The hotel's conference rate (king/doubles) is \$129 until

March 21, 2017.

Please be sure to specify the CSAS rate when registering.

The hotel also offers a free **cooked-to-order** breakfast.

To reserve a room immediately, use this link:

(http://embassy-suites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/L/LNKESES-CSA-20170406/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

Phone reservations: Embassy Suites in Lincoln, Nebraska registration desk directly at (402) 474-111.

2017 Annual Meeting

Highlights from the Preliminary Program

<http://csas.americananthro.org/csas-2017-preliminary-program/>

Distinguished Lecture

Dr. Fred Smith
Friday, 6:30-8:30

Plenary Address

Dr. Richard Lee
Thursday, 4:00-6:00

Workshops

Teaching Ethnography—Friday, 10:30-12:30

Writing Culture Visually: A Short Workshop on Multimedia Approaches for Making Ethnography—Friday, 1:30-3:30

Roundtable Discussions

Role Models—Friday, 8:20-10:20

"Remember, Trump Studied Anthropology, too!": Where Did We Go Wrong?—Friday, 10:30-12:30

Ethical Dilemmas in the Field: Whose Ethical Standards?—Saturday, 8:00-10:00

Film

"La Vida Matizada: Visual Ethnographic Portraits of the Blended Life in a Culturally Creative Community in the Andes"—Saturday 10:45-12:00

Poster Session

Friday 3:40-5:30

Student Reception, Grad School Fair, and Networking

Thursday, 6:10-8:00

CSAS Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, 6:10-8:00

AnthroBowl

Friday, 8:00-9:30

Dinner Reception

Friday, 5:30-6:30

Business Meeting Lunch

Saturday, 12:15-1:15
\$8 advance ticket required

Awards

The CSAS Executive Board offers graduate and undergraduate paper prizes and sponsors two scholarships for student research—the Leslie A. White Award and the Beth Wilder Dillingham Award.

The Paper Prizes are awarded for research papers based on presentations given at the CSAS Annual Meeting. Submissions are generally due two to three weeks following the meeting. Prizes in each category are \$300 and papers in any area of anthropology are eligible.

The Leslie A. White Award was established in 1983 by the estate of Raymond L. Wilder, the father of then President Beth Wilder Dillingham, a former doctoral student of White. The award is meant to assist young scholars (graduate or undergraduate) in any subfield of anthropology with research expenses.

The Beth Wilder Dillingham Award was established in 1989 by Mrs. Una G. Wilder and Clay Dillingham to honor Dillingham's commitment to the CSAS and the discipline and the purpose of furthering anthropology by aiding young scholars (graduate or undergraduate) with dependent children. This award is meant to reflect one of Beth Dillingham's major concerns—the difficulty of building an academic career while raising children at the same time.

Registration

Registration rates: Early online registration rates are: CSAS regular member: \$50; CSAS student member: \$20; regular non-member: \$90; student non-member: \$40. (After March 6th the on-site registration rates are: CSAS regular member: \$70; CSAS student member: \$30; regular non-member: \$110; student non-member: \$50.)

To register: Go to [the AAA webpage](#). Click on “register” under Central States Anthropological Society (CSAS) 2017 Spring Conference. AAA members should login to their account; non-AAA members should create a temporary account. Once you complete item 3, “Select Meeting,” the registration categories will appear.

All meeting participants are welcome to attend the business lunch; the subsidized ticket price is \$8.

Awards

Paper Prizes

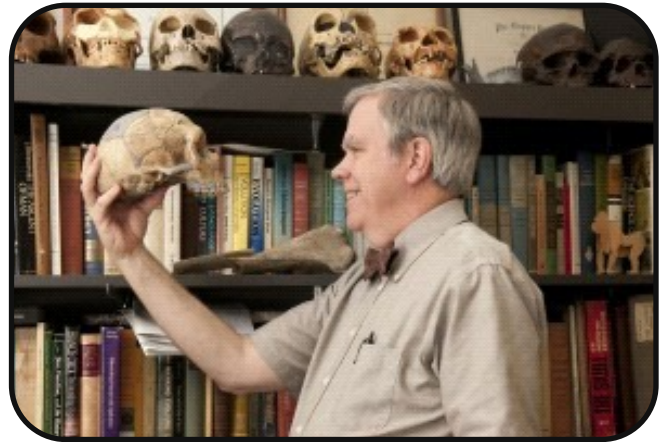
Leslie A. White Award

Beth Wilder Dillingham Award



Plenary Talks

Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Fred Smith
Title: There are Neandertals Among Us! Understanding an Aboriginal People of Eurasia
Friday, 6:30-8:30



Brief abstract: Scientific understanding of Neandertals has accumulated at an amazing pace, particularly fueled by the study of ancient DNA. Neandertals are not simply our close cousins, they are our ancestors. Neandertal ancestry represents only a small fraction of modern Eurasian (and even some African) gene pools, but these contributions are, or have been, critical to the survival of modern people. This presentation will focus on what we know about the role of Neandertals in the emergence of modern people outside of Africa and how this role is reflected in aspects other than genetics and genomics. Additionally, the importance of this “new light” on Neandertals for more far-reaching anthropological issues will be explored.

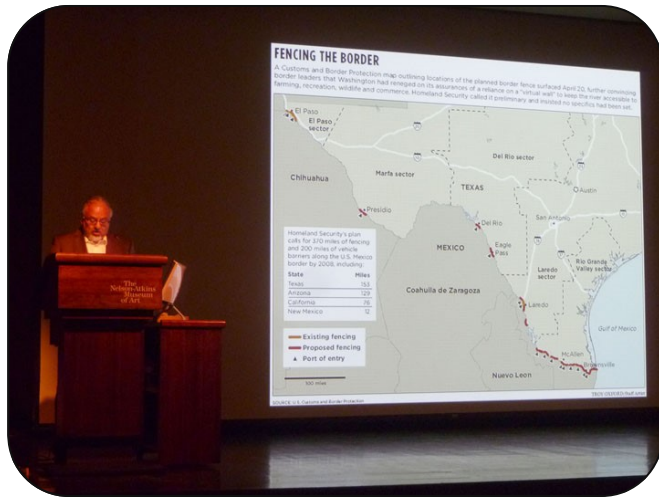
Special Plenary Address Dr. Richard Lee
Title: The Myth of Hunter-Gatherer Ultra-Violence: A Critique of the ‘Bellicose’ School.”
Thursday, 4:00-6:00



Abstract: The question of violence in early human society and in human nature has been an issue of philosophical importance since the days of Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau. Recently some social and biological scientists have sought to provide empirical support for the Hobbesian view of life in the “state of nature” as “the war of all against all.” Hunter-gatherers, ancient and modern, form a crucial component of their arguments. This lecture examines the evidentiary bases of their theses, evaluating the ethnographic and archaeological research on hunting and gathering societies. Serious deficiencies are found in the arguments of the “bellicose school.” The lecture attempts to reset the terms of the debate on firmer empirical and theoretical grounds.

Photos from 2016

As we look forward to the 2017 meeting, here are just a few highlights from 2016.



Member News

CSAS Past President P. Nick Kardulias



P. Nick Kardulias. Kastraki. View from the fort.



P. Nick Kardulias. Asklepeion. Greece



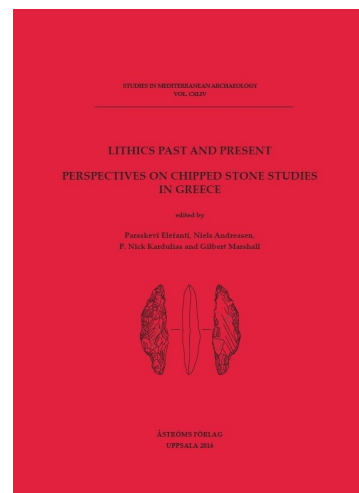
P. Nick Kardulias. Athienou, Cyprus-early 20th c. fountain at Plateia Athanasi Michailidi

The College of Wooster Professor P. Nick Kardulias has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute where he serves as the chair of the Fellowships Committee.

Dr. Kardulias also has two new publications.

Book: P. Nick Kardulias is a co-editor of *Lithics Past and Present: Perspectives on Chipped Stone Studies in Greece*. Studies in Mediterranean Archaeology, vol. CXLIV. Åströms Förlag, Uppsala, Sweden. 2016. With Paraskevi Elefanti, Niels Andreasen, and Gilbert Marshall.

“This volume is dedicated to studies of chipped stone, the most long-lived, widespread and fundamental artefact type for the study of human prehistory. Chipped stone tools have persisted in use from the dawn of humanity until very recently, often in concert with other forms of technology such as metallurgy. Through their morphology and typology, stone tools form the backbone of our chrono-cultural understanding of early human history.” (<http://www.astromeditations.com/books/book/?artno=M144>)



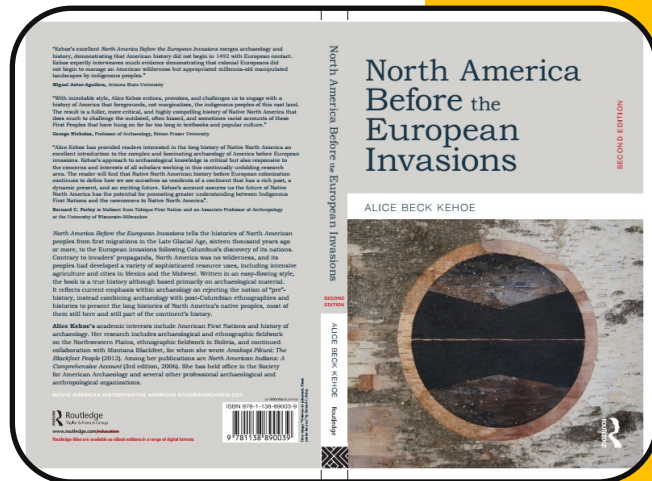
Article: Co-author. Piracy in a Contested Periphery: Incorporation and the Emergence of the Modern World-System in the Colonial Atlantic Frontier. *Journal of World-Systems Research* 22(2): 542-564. DOI 10.5195/JWSR.2016.652. 2016. With Emily Butcher.

CSAS Past President Alice Kehoe

An expanded and updated edition of Alice Kehoe's *North America Before the European Invasions* is now available from Routledge Press. The book covers the histories of all of North America including Mexico, up to 1600 CE. Routledge will be marketing it to History instructors because it uses narrative rather than the artifacts emphasis found in other texts by archaeologists. On the cover is an evocative painting by Maliseet artist Bernard Perley, of his homeland in eastern Canada; Perley is also an anthropologist active in AAA.



Alice Kehoe. Japan. World Archaeology Congress Conference.



Did you know...the CSAS logo is the “hand of peace and friendship”, based on a mica hand from the eponymous Hopewell mound, courtesy of the Ohio Historical society?

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