



# SPRINGFIELD ARCHAEOLOGY

Archaeological Institute of America - Chapter #366

## 2018-2019 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Friday, Sept 21, 2018**      **Where the beer flowed like wine: Beer and Brewing in Bronze Age Mesopotamia**  
**Tate Paulette**      **North Carolina State University**

For thousands of years people have been fermenting cereal grains to create the beverage we now call beer. In ancient Mesopotamia, beer served many practical and social functions, and was produced and consumed on a massive scale across the socio-economic spectrum. Dr. Paulette will explore archaeological evidence of beer culture in Mesopotamia (3000-1200 BC), and discuss recent efforts to recreate Mesopotamian beer.

**Note: This presentation will be held at 7 pm at Mother Stewart's Brewing Co., 109 W. North St, Springfield. The brewery opens at 3:00 and offers beer, wine, and soft drinks. No formal dinner is planned.**

**Wednesday, Oct 31, 2018**      **The 'Empty Lands' of Assyria: An Archaeology of Terra Nullius**  
**Melissa Rosenzweig**      **Northwestern University**

Imperial powers throughout history have appropriated territory by declaring it 'terra nullius' (empty lands). Dr. Rosenzweig will present the example of Neo-Assyria, a Mesopotamian superpower (c.900-600 BCE). With the help of ancient plant remains, she will show how and why its rulers systematically ignored the inhabitants of these not-so-empty provinces, and their many activities. *This event is sponsored by Wittenberg University.*

**Tuesday, Nov 27, 2018**      **Barbarians & Bronzes: Origins of Civilization in Ancient Viet Nam**  
**Nam C. Kim**      **University of Wisconsin, Madison**

Two thousand years ago, China's Han Empire reached south to modern-day Viet Nam, referred to by the Chinese as the "barbarians." While Chinese tradition holds that ancient Vietnamese culture was the result of Chinese "civilizing" influence, Vietnamese historians believe this culture sprang naturally from its indigenous predecessor. Dr. Kim will address the question by presenting excavations at Co Loa, the likely first capital of Viet Nam.

**Tuesday, Mar 26, 2019**      **Insights of Afro-Latin American Archaeology**  
**Kathryn Sampeck**      **Illinois State University**

Since the 1517 landing of the first Spanish expedition to the Mexican mainland, both archaeological and historical studies of the Spanish colonial period have routinely overlooked the presence and contributions of people of African descent. Yet this population was significant both in numbers and influence. Dr. Sampeck will demonstrate this influence using archaeological evidence from western Central America - specifically the birthplace of chocolate.

**Tuesday, April 30, 2019**      **Cybele and the Polyxena Sarcophagus from Troy**  
**Timothy McNiven**      **The Ohio State University**

In 1994, rescue excavations at a burial mound east of Troy produced a beautiful marble sarcophagus that graphically depicts the sacrifice of Polyxena at the tomb of Achilles. Dated to around 500 BCE, the sarcophagus is by far the oldest decorated with reliefs known in the Greek world. All the reliefs taken together strongly suggest a female occupant, but the remains are in fact male. Dr. McNiven will present a surprising explanation involving cross-dressing priests and worship of the goddess Cybele. *This event is sponsored by James and Nike Lagos.*

**See next page for locations and times**

All presentations are free and open to the public. All events except September 21 (see details above) will be held at 7 pm on the campus of Wittenberg University. Come early and enjoy complimentary coffee and cookies at 6:45. You're also invited to attend the optional cash wine bar at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm (\$25.00 by reservation). Lectures will be held in Room 105, Shouplin Center. Be sure to place your name on our email list (link below) to receive a reminder prior to each meeting. Please send questions or reservations to Janet Dobson at [info@springfieldarchaeology.org](mailto:info@springfieldarchaeology.org) or call or text:

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## About Springfield Archaeology

**Springfield Archaeology** of Springfield, Ohio was founded in 1920 and is among the oldest chapters of the Archaeological Institute of America. Four times per year we host local, national, or international speakers who present a wide range of topics in archaeology. Most events are held on the campus of Wittenberg University. Presentations are open to the public and are preceded by an optional reception and dinner. Please join us for an entertaining and informative evening!

## About the AIA

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- publishes Archaeology magazine, the award-winning popular magazine covering world archaeology
- publishes the American Journal of Archaeology, the distinguished scholarly journal
- works to protect archaeological sites and promote responsible archaeological tourism
- cooperates with many other organizations to offer members opportunities for archaeology-themed travel as well as participation in archaeological digs