

# ALL POINTS BULLETIN



## Colorado Archaeological Society-Denver Chapter

“...in the future, as in the past, the gathering of information will depend to a great extent on cooperation between avocational and professional archaeologists.” (H.M. Wormington, 1978)

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### All Points Bulletin Articles

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**March General Meeting:** Monday, March 11, 2019, 7:00 p.m., **Metropolitan State University of Denver**, 890 Auraria Parkway, Denver, Cherry Creek Building (formerly South Classroom), Room 241.

**Speaker:** Dr. Jason Toohey

**Title:** *Early Ritual and Political Complexity in the Cajamarca Highlands of Peru*

**Abstract:** Recent archaeological fieldwork in the Cajamarca Valley of northern Peru is unveiling the deep prehistory and long-term development of the Cajamarca Culture. This presentation will delve into this little-known society from the perspective of settlement patterns, and excavations at two large Cajamarca villages. Special attention will be paid to the recent discovery of a monumental circular plaza at the site of Callacpuma which is the first of its kind to be documented in the northern highlands of Peru and may represent some of the earliest corporate ritual and political architecture in the region.

**Speaker Bio:** Jason Toohey is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Wyoming. Dr. Toohey is an anthropological archaeologist who is dedicated to taking a holistic and multidisciplinary approach to the field. He has conducted fieldwork in California, Baja California Sur

(MX), and Peru. His current research focuses on the Cajamarca region of the northern Peruvian Andes where he has conducted fieldwork since 2003. His research focuses on the development of social complexity, leadership strategy, and community organization among middle range and early state societies. He addresses these issues through analysis of the built environment, ceramic production and exchange, and cuisine. Dr. Toohey is also developing a new research program, which will utilize faunal materials from Peruvian coastal sites spanning the Holocene to address contemporary issues of coastal conservation, fisheries, climate, and social change.

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**April General Meeting:** Monday, April 8, 2019, 7:00 p.m. Metropolitan State University of Denver, 890 Auraria Parkway, Denver, Cherry Creek Building (formerly South Classroom), Room 241.

**Speaker:** Andrew Bair, CAS Alice Hamilton Scholarship Recipient

**Subject:** Rath Maol, Ireland Early Medieval Site

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### Minutes of the CAS-Denver General Meeting February 11, 2019

The CAS-Denver Chapter General Meeting was held Tuesday, February 11, 2019 at Metropolitan State University of Denver, Cherry Creek Building South Classroom 241. There were 28 people in attendance. President, Greg Davis, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2019 General Meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Jon Kent gave information on the Bureau of Land Management plans to sell leases for drilling inside the ten-mile buffer zone around Chaco Canyon. BLM has put those nine property sales on hold at this time due to a large public outcry in opposition.

The March 11, 2019 meeting speaker will be Dr. Jason Toohey, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Wyoming. Dr. Toohey will speak on Andean Archaeology. The meeting will be held at Metropolitan State University of Denver, Cherry Creek Building, South Classroom 241.

Jon introduced Dr. Jamie Hodgkins, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Colorado Denver. Jamie received her PhD from Arizona State University in 2012. She is an assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Colorado Denver. Working in Spain, France, Italy, Bulgaria, Morocco, and South Africa allowed her to explore the history of each country. She talked about new species belonging to the genus Homo being discovered more and more frequently.

Paleoanthropological research has revealed that our own family lineage is far more complex than once thought, yet it is also true that through time this diversity has been whittled down to one remaining species, Homo sapiens. Understanding why our species has survived when others did not is key to determining what makes us "human" and where we fit into the natural world. Reconstructing landscapes use patterns, hunting, and foraging behaviors, and the mobility of early modern humans and our closest fossil relatives, the Neandertals, can help decipher ecological factors that contributed to our success. Using a combination of zooarchaeology, isotope geochemistry, and aerial photography she summarized work currently in progress that reconstructs the daily foraging habits, and nutritional choices of early modern humans in Africa and of Neandertals in Europe. Reconstructions of the ecological changes to the environment experienced by hominids in both of these locations was also shared.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Vickie Davis, Secretary

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## **Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC) Classes**

Please check dates, locations and additional classes at the History Colorado website:

[www.historycolorado.org/paac-event-schedule](http://www.historycolorado.org/paac-event-schedule).

### **Historical Archaeology**

Sunday, March 10 thru Wednesday, March 13

Hosted by Hisatsinom-Cortez/Dolores

Location: Canyons of the Ancients Visitor Center and Museum, 27501 Highway 184, Dolores, CO 81323

### **Geophysics and Remote Sensing**

Friday, May 31 thru Monday, June 3

Hosted by San Juan Basin-Durango

Location: Center for Southwest Studies, Fort Lewis College

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## **Other News**

### **Human Bones Found at Aurora Housing Construction Site Could Be 1,000 Years Old**

Local news affiliates reported that construction crews building a housing development in Aurora have discovered what they believe are human remains at their site, and police are investigating. The bones were discovered during an excavation near Smoky Hill Road and South Powhaton Parkway on February 13, 2019. Officials from the police department embarked on a forensic dig of the area.

The following day, Aurora Police Major Crimes Homicide Unit, with the assistance of the Arapahoe County Coroner's Office and the State of Colorado Archaeologist, determined that the bones were determined to be a male, most likely over one hundred, if not one thousand, years old, and of Native American descent.

The Colorado State Archaeologist has assumed responsibility of the remains and the location site and will be continuing their examination of the bones.

## Other Lectures

### AIA Lecture: Death and Glory in the Land of King Midas of the Golden Touch

Of the 35 burial tumuli at the site of Gordion, capital of ancient Phrygia, 11 cover cremation burials. They date between 625 and 525 BCE, spanning some of the most turbulent times in the history of central Anatolia when Phrygians, Medes, Lydians, and eventually Persians were vying for political and military control of the area. Join CU's Dr. Elspeth Dusingher as she discusses how these changes affected the lives and values of people living at Gordion. This talk explores the continuity in particular local traditions and the development of new ideas and expressions as shown through the spectacular mortuary remains of Gordion's elite inhabitants. Gold, ivory, bronze cauldrons, and horse sacrifice form only a part of the elaborate tale that emerges from these still-unpublished remains.

Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Museum of Natural History (Henderson),  
Paleontology Hall, 1035 Broadway, Boulder, CO

### Indians In the Wilderness with Artist Gregg Deal

"If Indigenous people are regarded at all in Western culture, we are often D-list players in 'greater' narratives that are based on building Colonialism up with a sense of benevolence," says artist Gregg Deal. "As Indigenous people gain ground carrying the mantle of equality, we make our mark upon the world. The art world is no different except that much of Indigenous existence is still held hostage by the stereotype and the romantic notions of our existence as it's regarded through a post-colonial world. Contemporary art is the means by which we assert authority over our image, and the importance of our stories. The 'wilderness' of the art world is a world not meant for us, and yet we assert ourselves in these spaces as equals to other artists with stories the world has not heard."

"Artists like James Luna and mediums like performance art have been groundbreaking with the reverberation of these works still shaking the artistic pillars of the western world, informing new artists in the power of art and our Indigenous voices."

Wednesday, March 20, 2019,  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Denver Art Museum, Hamilton  
Building, Lower Level Sharp  
Auditorium

Doors open at 5:50 pm. There  
will be a small reception outside  
the auditorium at 6 pm.

Tickets are \$5 Friends of Native  
Arts members, \$10 DAM members, \$12  
nonmembers, free for students.

For further details,  
contact [info@friendsofnativearts.org](mailto:info@friendsofnativearts.org) or 720-913-  
0162.

Artist Bio: Gregg Deal (Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe) is a provocative contemporary artist. Much of Deal's work deals with challenging Western perceptions of Indigenous people, touching on issues of race, history, and stereotype. With his work—paintings, mural work, performance art, filmmaking, and spoken word—Deal critically examines issues and tells stories that affect Indian country such as decolonization and appropriation.

Most recently, a photograph of Deal was included in the December 2018 *National Geographic Society Magazine* article, "Native Americans are recasting views of indigenous life." He was Native Arts Artist-in-Residence at the Denver Art Museum in 2015-2016 and 2017 and Artist-In-Residence at UC Berkeley for the 2017-2018 school year. His art has been exhibited nationally since 2002.

Deal has lectured widely at prominent educational institutions and museums, including the Denver Art Museum; Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.; Columbia University, New York City, N.Y.; and Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, Washington, D.C. His television appearances have included PBS's *The Art District* and *The Daily Show*.

Sponsored by Friends of Native Arts: The Douglas Society, a [DAM support group](#).



***Bones and Borscht: How Neolithic Human Remains from Ukraine Are Enabling the Reconstruction of European Population History and Our Understanding of Ancient Warfare***

Jordan Karsten is Assistant Professor with the Department of Religious Studies and Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. A major focus of his current work has been investigating the biological and behavioral consequences of the transition to agriculture in prehistory, carried out through the analysis of human skeletons dating to the Neolithic period that he has excavated from Verteba Cave, Ukraine.

Recent developments in ancient DNA research have allowed archaeologists to reconstruct human migrations in ways that are reshaping our understanding of the past. One of the most remarkable aspects of this new research has been the recognition of two large-scale migrations in European prehistory. The first included the migration of Neolithic farmers into Europe from the Near East, while the second involved the movement of nomadic pastoralists out of the Pontic-Caspian steppe at the close of the Neolithic and beginning of the early Bronze Age. Many archaeologists and paleogeneticists have gone so far as to suggest this massive movement of people from the steppe was the mechanism that spread Indo-European languages and established modern European genetic signatures. However, these events remain imperfectly understood. For example, to what extent did expanding Neolithic farmers interbreed with existing Mesolithic hunter-gatherers? How did Neolithic farmers who neighbored the steppe populations interact with this important group? Is there any evidence for intergroup conflict associated with these massive population movements? These questions have been the focus of our research at Verteba Cave, Ukraine, one of the only known mortuary sites associated with the farmers of the Late Neolithic that bordered the steppe. The skeletal and genetic data we have collected from Verteba Cave are beginning to shed additional light on these extremely consequential time periods in European population history.

Saturday, March 30, 2019 @ 2:00 p.m.  
Denver Central Library  
10 West 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Parkway  
Free Event

**AIA Lecture: The Lives of Ancient Maya Commoners: How Could We Have Been So Wrong?**

Ancient Maya elites have been the focus of archaeological research although commoners made up the majority of the population. Many scholars assumed the commoners were without agency, simply tending the fields to feed everyone and providing labor whenever requested. Because the commoners lived in “humble” abodes scholars assumed there is little reason to waste efforts to study them. However, the discovery of the ancient Maya village of Ceren, in El Salvador, has fundamentally revised current understanding of commoners. Join Dr. Payson Sheets, University of Colorado Boulder, for insights on what the site has taught us.

Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Museum of Natural History (Henderson),  
Paleontology Hall, 1035 Broadway, Boulder, CO



January 2019 Financials

COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
DENVER CHAPTER

Balance Sheet  
January 31, 2019

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Key Bank Checking	1,847.19
1st Bank CD 182 day 7/5/19 1.0%	5,735.17
1st Bank CD 182 day 4/16/19 .20%	4,821.38
1st Bank CD 1 Yr 2/20/19 1.4%	<u>5,065.54</u>
Total Checking/Savings	17,469.28
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid Expense	<u>60.00</u>
Total Other Current Assets	60.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>17,529.28</u></b>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Current Liabilities	
State CAS Dues Payable	<u>0.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	0.00
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	
Scientific Applications Fund	4,224.91
Swallow Report Project Fund	1,558.81
D Bucknam Memorial Speaker Fund	1,136.30
Education Fund	52.40
Field Trips / Special Events	483.01
Student Membership Fund	57.50
Speakers Meal Fund	<u>287.24</u>
Total Temp. Restricted Net Assets	7,800.17
General Fund	9,742.54
General Fund Net Income	<u>(13.43)</u>
Total Equity	<u>17,529.28</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>17,529.28</u></b>

COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
DENVER CHAPTER

Income Statement  
January 1 – 31, 2019

	MTD	YTD
General Fund		
Income		
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD		<u>46.57</u>
Total Income	46.57	46.57
Expenses		
Storage Space	<u>60.00</u>	<u>60.00</u>
Total Expenses	60.00	60.00
Net Income	(13.43)	(13.43)

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