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## EARLY MAIZE: A TRIP THROUGH TIME AND SPACE

**Bradley Vierra**

**7:30 PM, Tuesday September 18, 2018**  
**Albuquerque Museum of Art and History**  
**2000 Mountain Road NW**

Maize is one of the most important food crops being grown around the world today. In fact, approximately 15 million bushels were grown in the United States last year. Where was maize initially domesticated, and how did it spread across Mexico and into the American Southwest? This lecture will take you on a visual tour of the archaeological sites containing the earliest evidence of maize cultivation dating back over 9,000 years. It will discuss the contexts of these discoveries and how they have changed our view of the origins of agriculture in the Greater Southwest. So, sit back and enjoy the ride.

Dr. Vierra received his PhD in anthropology from the University of New Mexico in 1992. He is currently the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer at the Pueblo de San Ildefonso. Over the past forty years he has conducted pure and applied research in archaeology, most of which has been done in the American Southwest and northern Mexico. However, he has also worked in California, Washington, and Texas, as well as France, Portugal, and Senegal. His research interests include hunter-gatherer archaeology, stone tool technology, origins of agriculture, Archaic in the American Southwest, and Mesolithic in Southwest Europe. The University of Utah Press recently published his edited volume entitled *The Archaic Southwest: Foragers in an Arid Land*. He has also edited the monograph *From Mountaintop to Valley Bottom: Understanding Past Land Use in the Northern Rio Grande Valley, New Mexico*, and co-edited a book with C. Britt Bousman entitled *From the Pleistocene to the Holocene: Human Organization and Cultural Transformations in Prehistoric North America*.

# MINUTES OF THE ALBUQUERQUE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

July 17, 2018

President Carol Chamberland opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. She welcomed four visitors and invited all attendees to enjoy refreshments after the meeting. Lou Schuyler provided the food, and Ann Carson and Cindy Carson provided the set up and beverages.

**Meeting minutes:** There being no additions or corrections to the June minutes, they stand as published.

## REPORTS

**Treasurer – John Guth:** We are in good shape with \$9046 in our banking accounts. A meeting of the AAS Board is planned for August 30 to decide where to donate the \$2,690.85 (AAS share) profit from the Annual Meeting.

**Archives – Karen Armstrong:** The team is continuing with Chupadero pottery from the Adam Ranch site, with a new project to follow upon completion of the archiving of that material.

**Membership – Mary Raje:** currently AAS has 180 members. The membership directory is finished and will be sent out soon.

**Rock Art – Carol Chamberland:** The team has been meeting for ten years, and this month they revisited an old site as a SiteWatch endeavor and found it in “pristine” condition. They will take the month of August off.

**Field Trips – Carol Chamberland:** Pat has no trips planned for August. Earlene Shroyer will lead the July 21 trip to Forked Lightning Pueblo at Pecos National Monument. Earlene said she has a wait list if others would like to sign up. She will send an email with details tomorrow to all participants. The \$10 trip fee can be paid the day of the trip.

**Pottery Southwest – Hayward Franklin:** The first e-Journal of 2018 has been published and can be downloaded at <http://www.unm.edu/~psw/>.

**Webmaster – Thatcher Rogers** will load the AAS website when he receives the database.

**Seminars – Carol Chamberland:** A seminar for September is being planned. She will send an email with information closer to the event. Registration will be by email because there is no AAS meeting in August.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Carol Chamberland** announced that Dick Harris is at home and recuperating from his recent heart attack.

**Diane Courney** said she has resigned from the position of Executive Secretary of the Archaeological Society of New Mexico. She introduced Earlene Shroyer as her replacement.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

## SPEAKER

Gretchen Obenauf introduced the speaker, Jeremy Moss, the Chief of Resource Stewardship and Science at Pecos National Historic Park, whose presentation summarized the history of archaeology at the site, future avenues of research, and the many cultural connections that bind modern Pueblo groups to Pecos Pueblo. No synopsis of the talk was available at press time.

Respectfully submitted by Ginger Foerster, Secretary

## ATTENDANCE AT ASNM 2018 ANNUAL MEETING BREAKS RECORDS

With 212 registrants, attendance was at an all-time high at the Archaeological Society of New Mexico 2018 Annual Meeting hosted by AAS. Based on attendance at previous Annual Meetings, the planning committee had estimated about 150; as a result, the net profit to be shared equally between AAS and ASNM was \$5,381.76. A

huge thank you is due to the committee, who gave countless hours of their time and energy to the realization of the meeting. The committee members were: Nancy Woodworth and Ethan Ortega, Co-chairs; Gretchen Obenauf, Program Chair; John Guth, Treasurer; Richard Harris, Registration; Pat Harris, Field Trips; Evan Kay, Website; and Kym Campbell, Publicity and Graphic Design. Thanks also to the presenters and vendors. Special thanks to the Honorees, Tom Windes and Peter McKenna, who entertained attendees at the Banquet, and to W. H. (Chip) Wills, Keynote Speaker, and Patricia Crown, Bandelier Lecturer.

## **FIELD TRIP NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**

As announced by email, a field trip to San Marcos Pueblo in the Galisteo Basin on Saturday, September 22 will be led by Ann Ramenofsky, our speaker (along with Kari Schleher) at the February meeting. It involves walking one to one and a half miles on mostly unshaded and uneven ground with grass, rocks, possible gopher holes, and mud if it rains. For those who have signed up, please bring your \$10 to the September 18 meeting to complete the sign-up process. There are still spaces available.

A field trip to the archaeological site of Tsi-pin (Tsi-p'in-owinge) is planned for Saturday October 20, to be led by Steve Patchett of AAS and Ann Baldwin and Mike Bremer of the Santa Fe National Forest. **This trip is for experienced hikers in very good shape** ("No heart conditions, trouble breathing, lung problems and anyone with a DNR [do not resuscitate], no ankle, leg or knee surgery" per Ann) and who are comfortable with walking over uneven terrain and along a steep trail. The trail, though not long in distance, is rough, rocky, and uneven, and the hard part is eight switchbacks down and eight switchbacks and 700 feet back up to the parking area at the end of the hike. According to Ann Baldwin, it will be a slow-going and tiring full day trip. Signup will be at the Sept 18 meeting.

Pat Harris, Field Trips Chair, is looking into a less strenuous outing on October 13 for those members who are not physically fit experienced hikers and have already signed their DNRs. Stay tuned.

The proposed trip to Blackwater Draw October 13/14 has been postponed due to a conflict with Homecoming Weekend at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales.

## **MINUTES OF THE ALBUQUERQUE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING**

**August 30, 2018 at the UNM Office of Contract Archaeology**

President Carol Chamberland opened the meeting at 6:04 PM, with Board members Gretchen Obenauf, Evan Kay, John Guth, Ginger Foerster, Maggie Knight, and Cindy Carson, and Committee Chairs Mary Raje, Dick and Pat Harris, and Helen Crotty present.

### **REPORTS**

**Vice-President Gretchen Obenauf** read a list of speakers for the remainder of 2018, stating that the speaker for October may not be available. Evan Kay will contact a backup speaker.

**Membership Chair Mary Raje** thanked John Guth, Evan Kay, and Thatcher Rogers for the team effort in completing the 2018 Membership Directory. She said there is no change in membership this month. She requests that any corrections to the Membership Directory be sent to her so she can update the membership list.

**Field Trip Chair Pat Harris** reported a conflict for the trip to Blackwater Draw on October 13-14 due to Homecoming Weekend at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. Instead there will be a trip with Ann Ramenofsky to San Marcos on September 22. A trip to the archaeological site Tsi-p'in-owinge for physically fit and experienced hikers is planned for October 20. Pat will give the membership a preview of other planned trips at the September meeting.

**Rock art activities were reported by Carol Chamberland.** The team was down two members this month due to illness and/or intolerance to heat. The goal for the rest of 2018 is to complete open projects and finish reports

in order to begin new projects in 2019. Helen Crotty suggested using the ARMS list of Rock Art sites for possible rock art projects.

Seminar venues were discussed. Carol will contact the Maxwell staff about continuing the use of a room in the Hibben Center after David Phillips retires. Nineteen people are registered for the September 15 seminar on identifying faunal artifacts, presented by Dr. Emily Jones and PhD candidate Caitlin Ainsworth from UNM Zooarchaeology Lab.

**Treasurer John Guth** gave a budget review, stating that AAS has assets of \$18,262.30, with \$9,262.18 in the checking account. These assets include \$2690.85 income from hosting the 2018 ASNM Annual Meeting, and \$9000 in CDs, one of which for \$4000 came due in July and was converted to cash if needed for the ASNM meeting expenses. It was decided that \$2000 of the profit from the Annual Meeting will be placed in CDs along with the \$4000 from the cashed CD, bringing the CD total to \$11,000, including the existing \$5000 in CDs.

Liability insurance costs are \$632 for Director and Officers and \$863 for AAS. These insurance costs will be funded from the checking account and field trip fees, respectively.

A discussion of potential donations to the ASNM scholarship fund, AAS membership in Archaeology Southwest, and the Archaeological Conservancy ensued. Helen said that the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Volume does not need funding this year because its completion is not anticipated until 2019.

Gretchen Obenauf moved to give \$500 to ASNM scholarship fund and Cindy seconded; the motion carried unanimously. AAS will continue membership in Archaeology Southwest at \$100, and a \$1000 donation to the Archaeological Conservancy will be considered when a request for funding of a New Mexico site is made known.

Gretchen asked about payment to the Albuquerque Museum for meeting space rental. John said he sent a \$100 check to the Museum in July as well as monthly payment for museum security.

## **OTHER TOPICS**

John Guth had a question from the Albuquerque Museum regarding our 2019 meeting dates, and Carol said she would contact them. The auditorium is scheduled for renovation, which means a space change for the monthly meetings. Carol will check on any change in meeting location and Evan will inform the membership by email.

A collection of archaeological books has been donated to AAS by Sheila Brewer and Kathy Larason. Disposition of the books was discussed. Helen asked that two of them be forwarded to Joan Mathien for inclusion in the material she is preparing for the report on the ASNM Field School excavations at the Vidal Site. Gretchen moved that the remaining books be added to the AAS permanent loan collection at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Library, with duplicates to be offered for sale to AAS membership and any remaining books donated to the Laboratory of Anthropology Library in Santa Fe. Gretchen will deliver the books going to the IPCC library. The Board agreed. Mary Raje will send thank you letters to Sheila Brewer and Kathy Larason for their generous donations.

Former member Arlette Miller has returned the AAS publications she has been storing while serving as agent for online purchases of past issues of AAS volumes, including *Pottery Southwest*.

Carol polled the Board to see who is willing to continue serving on the Board. Carol will step down as President and Evan volunteered to run for that office. Ginger Foerster will step down as Secretary.

Volunteers for the nominating committee will be requested by Carol at the next monthly meeting. She will also announce the four open positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Director at Large.

Maggie Knight asked that AAS acknowledge Dr. David Phillips for his contributions to the Society. Ginger will draft a letter to be signed by Carol and presented at the September 15 seminar. Gretchen will prepare a certificate to be presented to Dave along with the letter of appreciation and an AAS water bottle.

Respectfully submitted by Ginger Foerster, Secretary.

## BOOK REVIEW

*American Indians and National Forests* by Theodore Catton, 2016. University of Arizona Press, Tucson. 374 pp., 38 figures, \$26.95 (paperback or ebook).

Reviewed by Matthew J. Barbour

The United States Government has a lot to atone for. The history of United States relations with Native American peoples is horrendous. At times, it has bordered on state-sponsored genocide. Even today, federal policies often negatively impact Native American economic prospects and traditional cultural practices.

*American Indians and National Forests* explores the history of interactions between Native American groups and one specific branch of government, the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service. While the Forest Service is a relatively recent agency within the Department of Agriculture, Catton initially takes a long view of history beginning with the relationship between Delaware Indians and the Scotch-Irish immigrants in the backwoods of Pennsylvania during the eighteenth century. However, the narrative quickly turns to much more modern history with the Presidency of Theodore Roosevelt and the establishment of the Forest Service in the early 1900s.

Much of the book is focused on U.S. law, important court battles, and challenges the Forest Service has faced in working with indigenous groups. As detailed by Catton, the Forest Service was established to fuel industrialization and agriculture. Since then it has gone through numerous iterations of its vision and policies. But all of these positions have come in conflict with Native Americans beliefs and practices in one way or another.

One of the most interesting sections of the book focuses on policies leading to the passage of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). In the case of *Lyng v. Northwest Indian Cemetery Protective Association*, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Forest Service to build a road and conduct logging along a section of the Six Rivers National Forest. Members of the Hupa Valley Tribe had opposed this plan as they believed it would impact their fishing and water rights. While the Native American tribe lost the case, the House and Senate were so offended by the Forest Service and Supreme Court stance that they made sure the project was never funded and the debacle helped lead to the establishment of NAGPRA. The lesson learned: sometimes what is legal is not always ethical.

As depicted in *American Indians and National Forests*, the Forest Service had to be dragged kicking and screaming to come to terms with Native American Tribes throughout the twentieth century. However, as Catton is quick to point out, it is now among the most proactive units within the federal government. This, he argues, began with the environmental movement of the 1970s and continues into the twenty-first century with the establishment of the Office of Tribal Relations and the promotion of Native American peoples into key management positions.

The outcome of Native American and Forest Service conflict and accommodation is a positive one. It can serve as a model for other federal and state agencies. In navigating the laws, legal battles, and the constantly changing agency dynamics, Catton creates a narrative that is highly informative. *American Indians and National Forests* is a must read by all those working in cultural resource management and tribal law today.

## NEWS AND NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

**A Zuni Ahayuda Goes Home.** Albion College in Albion, Michigan, returned a religious relic to the Zuni nation during a special private ceremony on August 30. The two-foot-tall wooden image was donated to Albion's collection 45 years ago, but only recently did the college realize its significance and the need to return it to the Zuni. Members of the tribe came to Albion to reclaim the war god – also known as an *Ahayuda* – and to perform purification rituals.

For decades the Zuni have been trying to reclaim artifacts removed from their tribal lands. “Most of them that have come into public collections are objects that were taken away from Zuni lands. They were taken from altars

that are out in the open,” said Bille Wickre, an art history professor at Albion who discovered the *Ahayuda* in the college’s collection while preparing to teach a class on Native American art. [Adapted from <http://bit.ly/2oGrNix> — Michigan Live and <http://bit.ly/2wIYZDR> — NPR via *Southwest Archaeology Today*, a service of Archaeology Southwest.

## CALENDAR CHECK

### *Lecture*

“**New Ceramic Evidence at Kuaua (Coronado State Historic Site)** by Hayward Franklin at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 11 at the Sandia Ranger Station in Tijeras. A \$5 donation is asked of non-members.

### *Conferences*

**Mogollon Conference** October 11–13 at Corbett Center, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces. See the website [lonjul.net/mog2018/](http://lonjul.net/mog2018/) for details.

**New Mexico Archeological Council Fall Conference** “The Archaic Period,” November 10 at the Hibben Center, UNM Campus.

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