



# ANTHROPOLOGY

## *newsletter*

from the desk of  
the chair

Along with the rest of the country, we have tightened our financial belts this year. But a great deal of excellent teaching, learning, and exciting research by students and faculty alike has continued unabated. In many ways, 2009-2010 has been one of our best years ever. And while the May 8 2009 derecho storm took a big toll on the trees and rooftops of Jackson County, graduation and PhD candidacy exams continued almost without interruption over the next few days, and the university fed many of us over that first weekend, when all power was unavailable. The campus looks beautiful again this year.

Faculty this year published a record five books (ranging in topics from the movies to the Maya and ancient Mexico, from little monkeys to Navajo poetry), in addition to numerous papers and book chapters. Faculty and graduate students also presented papers at conferences around the globe.

The department offered three field schools for students: the field school in archaeology (at Kincaid Mounds in southern Illinois, led by doctoral student Tamira Brennan), the field school in bioarchaeology (in southern Italy, led by Dr. Tracy Prowse), and a new field school in ethnography in Kenya (led by Dean of Students Dr. Peter Gitau). We hope to continue to expand our opportunities for students to engage in field schools and study abroad programs. (Cont. page 8)



# Faculty



## ADAMS

Jane Adams continued her research in the lower Mississippi Valley (the Delta), including serving as Director of the Center for Delta Studies. She retired May 2010 but will continue to teach occasional courses and to do research. She recently published an article and gave talks on the New Deal's Farm Security Administration's land redistribution programs, focusing on the eviction of sharecroppers and on rural women. Her work examines the effects of the FSA actions in sub-dividing plantations, selling small farms to hundreds of former sharecroppers and developing educational programs and cooperatives. But they also evicted existing tenants who did not meet their criteria. Because the FSA deferred to local decision-makers, the farms went disproportionately to white sharecroppers in a region in which the majority of croppers were disfranchised African Americans. Some of the projects evicted black communities that extended back to the Reconstruction era. Nonetheless, the children, black and white, who grew up on these projects (including Johnny Cash) benefited greatly from the opportunity provided by the federal government. Her conference papers are on Dr. Adams' department web site.

## BUTLER & WELCH

Brian Butler and Paul Welch continue to collaborate in overseeing research at the Kincaid Mounds site near Brookport, Illinois. An intensive geophysical survey of the state-owned portions of the site, started in 2003, was completed in 2009. The magnetometer survey, orchestrated by Drs. Butler and Welch, was carried out by R. Berle Clay, Michael Hargrave (both SIUC PhDs), Staffan Peterson, and John E. Schwegman with the assistance of numerous SIUC students and members of the Kincaid Mounds Support Organization. Dr. Butler organized and hosted the Kincaid Field Conference in Metropolis, Illinois, in July 2009. This regional research gathering drew over 120 professionals and students from six states, and highlighted recent SIUC work at the site. Butler's summary paper on the Archaic Period archaeology in southern Illinois appeared in an edited volume *Archaic Societies, Diversity and Complexity across the Midcontinent*, published by SUNY Press.

## FORD

Susan Ford continues her research on South American monkey. Her edited book *The Smallest Anthropoids: The Marmoset / Callimico Radiation* (co-edited with Lella Porter and Lesa Davis, SIUC Ph.D., by Springer Press) was published in fall 2009. This volume includes chapters by scholars from 3 continents on the evolution, social and reproductive behavior, ranging, anatomy, and conservation of the smallest monkeys in the world. Dr. Ford's analysis with Lesa Davis on the skeleton of the newly discovered dwarf marmoset, *Callibella*, from the Amazon, suggest that it is quite distinct from the other marmosets and they hypothesize the biogeographic history of marmosets. Dr. Ford continues to work with her many graduate students, and has also embarked on a long term study of capuchin anatomy and phylogeny with Drs. Barth and Kristin Wright.

## FULLER

Janel M. Fuller spent 2009 continuing work on her research on bilingual pre teens in the U.S. and Germany, and expanded her horizons by spending summer 2009 in Saarbruecken, Germany, where she taught Linguistics in the English Department. In January, 2010, she took over the position as editor of the *SocialLinguistics* section of the *Language and Linguistics Compass* published by Wiley-Blackwell. Starting in August 2010, Dr. Fuller will become Director of Women's Studies at SIUC.

## HILL

Jonathan Hill has completed his eighth and final year as Editor of *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power* and will remain active on the journal's board and in seeing that current projects reach completion. His volume of essays on indigenous Amazonian music, co-edited with Jean-Pierre Chaumeil, *Burst of Breath: New Research on Indigenous Ritual Wind Instruments in Lowland South America* (University of Nebraska Press) will be coming out in 2011. It combines several chapters that focus intensively on the workings of musical wind instruments and performances in specific cultural settings as well as other chapters that address such contemporary anthropological concerns as globalization, popular music, and museums. A second volume of essays exploring archaeology, linguistics, and ethnohistory in Amazonia is now in review at University Press of Colorado. This volume, *Ethnicity in Ancient Amazonia: Reconstructing Past Identities from Archaeology, Linguistics, and Ethnohistory* (co-edited with Alf Hornborg), argues that the expansion and dispersal of Arawak-speaking peoples across lowland South America is better understood as a complex process of ethnogenesis based on regional and long-distance travel and trade than as a simple movement of Arawak-speaking peoples across an empty landscape.



## HOFLING

Andrew Hofling recently completed a tri-lingual Mopan Maya-Spanish-English dictionary that will be published by the University of Utah Press. This summer (2010) he will be doing field work on Lakantun Maya in Ocosingo, Chiapas with Proyecto para la Documentación de las Lenguas de Mesoamérica.

## LAPHAM

Heather Lapham spent summer 2009 in Oaxaca, Mexico, doing research on animal use in prehispanic village and urban societies, and spent June studying animal remains recently excavated at the site of Milta Fortress in the Valley of Oaxaca. Dr. Lapham also continued her zooarchaeological research in the southeastern United States, studying Native American subsistence and the use of domestic dogs in late prehistory. In October, Lapham and other participants in the Fort San Juan project gathered at the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, New Mexico, to discuss their research findings and publications plans. Fort San Juan, a Spanish fort built in 1567 in western North Carolina, is the earliest European settlement in the interior of what we now know as the United States.

## MCCALL

John McCall spent his sabbatical leave in 2009 working on a book on the cultural developments and impacts of the growing movie industry in Africa, particularly Nigeria, known as Nollywood.



## REICHARD

Ulrich Reichard continues his studies of Asian apes at Khao Yai National Park, Thailand. His work on the shy pileated gibbons (*Hyllobates pileatus*) is supported by an ORDA seed grant. In summer 2010 Dr. Reichard will join forces with colleagues in Thailand to establish a grid of paths for following these creatures. Since fall 2009, he also is studying 'spatial intelligence' of white-handed gibbons, funded by the L.S.B. Leakey Foundation. Preliminary data show that gibbons' daily travel paths are determined primarily by the location of food trees. Reichard believes these apes memorize both the position and fruiting pattern of food. A new field project will start this summer by MA student Jamie Berner, investigating gibbon sleeping site selection in relation to the distribution of food resources.

## SHIMADA

Izumi Shimada celebrated 30 years of the Sicán Archaeological Project (SAP) under his direction in Peru in several ways. He led a symposium at the Society for American Archaeology meetings (April, 2009). He is principal scientific advisor for the exhibit, "The Golden Capital of Sicán" (opened July 2009 at the National Museum of Nature and Science in Tokyo); it will tour seven cities in Japan over a two-year period. Also, he was lead editor of the accompanying exhibit catalog. The National Congress of Peru published a bilingual volume *Behind the Golden Mask: The Sicán Culture* under his editorship (underwritten by the Spanish and US embassies in Peru). In Oct 2009 Dr. Shimada gave the keynote talk at the Second Latinamerican Congress of Archaeometry in Lima. He will be on sabbatical leave fall, 2010, to write a book tentatively titled *Ancient Sicán Metallurgy of Peru: A Holistic Understanding*.

## SUTTON

David Sutton's new book *Hollywood Blockbusters: The Anthropology of Popular Movies* was published Jan 2010. Dr. Sutton and his co-author P. Wogan explore such classics as *The Godfather*, *Jaws*, and *The Big Lebowski*, suggesting that we see popular movies as cultural myths, and using anthropology to provide new interpretations of these much loved films. A podcast interview about the book is at [http://psychjourney.libsyn.com/index.php?post\\_id=568245](http://psychjourney.libsyn.com/index.php?post_id=568245). When not covered in popcorn, he continues research on changing Greek cooking practices through filming mothers and daughters (and some fathers) as they prepare their daily meals. With the able assistance of graduate students Kaitlin Fertaly, Katie South, and Qiaoyun Zhang, Dr. Sutton completed an essay for *Annual Reviews in Anthropology* entitled "Food and the Senses," detailing the history and current directions in sensory research on food.

## WEBSTER

Anthony Webster spent summer 2009 on the Navajo Nation doing research with Navajo poets. His research continues to focus on the role of poetry in contemporary Navajo society. His book, *Explorations in Navajo Poetry and Poetics* (University of New Mexico Press), was published in late 2009. He co-organized a session and presented a paper at the 2009 American Anthropological Association meetings in Philadelphia focusing on American Indian languages in unexpected places. His current research focuses on the intimate grammars that develop between poets and their languages within a broader social and political field that often stigmatizes distinctive ways of speaking and writing.

# 2010 Graduate STUDENTS



### KINCAID FIELD SCHOOL



### ITALY FIELD SCHOOL





#### 4 ARCHAEOLOGY IN GUATEMALA



**Ayla Amadio** (MA Archaeology) is interested in Mesoamerican archaeology and zooarchaeology—with an emphasis on understanding human-animal relationships, the formation of ritual practices and emergent complexity. She successfully defended her Master's thesis in May 2010, which is a regional comparison of the ritual use of fauna with an emphasis on the site of Tayata, Oaxaca. She begins our PhD program in the fall.



Tamira Brennan's (SIUC MA, PhD Cand. Archaeology) ongoing dissertation research at Kincaid Mounds (AD 1000-1450) resulted in the discovery of several houses and an astounding material assemblage during the 2009 SIUC archaeological field school. Brennan reported these finds in an award winning paper at the annual Midwestern Archaeological Conference. She continues to run a field program for Southeast Missouri State University as well.



Meadow Campbell (PhD Biological) spent 2009-2010 finishing a Graduate Certificate of Anatomy (the first student outside of Physiology to complete this new certificate program). She also served as TA for Vertebrate Histology in the Zoology department. She continues to work on developing her dissertation research.



Ryan Campbell (PhD Biological) is preparing a dissertation proposal exploring temporal trends in skeletal biomechanics among pre and protohistoric Native American groups living in the American Great Plains. He is also part of a team of researchers from SIUC exploring malocclusion among early 20th Century populations in Cleveland, Ohio. In addition to this research, he spent summer 2009 excavating a 19th Century cemetery in Peoria, Illinois.



Candy Davis (SIUC MA, PhD Cand. Biological) has completed a draft of her dissertation: "Bilateral Asymmetry in Incisors: Implications for Miocene Hominoid Species Diagnosis." Candy submitted a short paper on Pliopithecoids to *Popular Anthropology*. In her spare time, she has continued to write and perform original songs, both evolutionary and environmental and has chaired the planning committee for a Darwin Fun Day at the Unitarian Fellowship for the past two years. Candy hopes to finish in the next year.



Elliott Forsythe (SIUC MA, PhD Biological) is interested in primate anatomy, particularly primate dental morphology and mastication, especially among callitrichid primates. He held a doctoral fellowship in 2009-2010, completed a draft of his dissertation proposal for the study of diet and dentition in several sympatric primates in Peru, and is revising his MA thesis for publication.



Lauren Forsythe (SIUC MA, PhD Physical) is interested in dental anthropology. Her primary focus is on diet and dental health in prehistoric Native American populations. She is currently working on finding sites/skeletal samples for her dissertation.



Meghan Harrison (SIUC MA, PhD Cand. Socio-Cultural) successfully passed her PhD candidacy exams in fall 2009. She is investigating the impact of networking and communication technologies on shifting notions of what is public and private in contemporary Japan.



Lea Hinchcliff (MA Socio-Cultural) will begin her field research on ideology and sustainable farming practice in Southern Illinois in summer 2010.





Jessica Howe (MA- Archaeology) is working for the Arkansas Archeological Survey as a research station assistant in Mon-ticello, AR. Recently she worked at a prehistoric Native American site in Little Rock, AR. She is continuing work on her thesis.



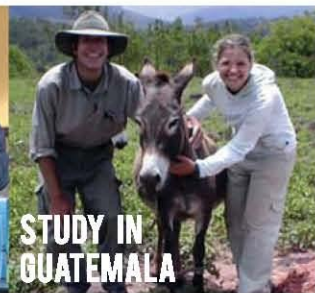
Jiaying Liu (MA Socio-Cultural), drawing on her own multiethnic background in China, is interested in how different ethnic groups in China identify themselves throughout history of construction of Chinese nationalism and how people involved in intermarriage live with a sociocultural hybridity.



Kyle Lubsen (PhD Cand. Biological) is a human osteologist focusing on Midwest and Southeast bioarchaeology. In 2009, he presented a co-authored paper at the AAPA meetings on the morphometric relationship of the Herto cranium, and he worked on a cemetery excavation in Peoria, IL. He also achieved PhD candidacy. He served as president of the Anthropology Graduate Student Association and they received technology improvement grant, for the purchase of a three dimensional scanner and two video cameras for graduate student research.



Go Matsumoto (SIUC MA, PhD Cand. Archaeology) became a PhD candidate in December 2009. During 2009, Go contributed a few articles for the catalog for the exhibition "The Precursor of the Inka Empire: The Golden Capital of Sicán," at the National Museum of Nature and Science at Tokyo, and did PR activities and presented a public lecture at the museum. He also presented papers on Middle Sicán religious practices at both regional (the 37th Annual Meeting of MCAAEE at Ann Arbor, MI) and international conferences (the 74th Annual Meeting of SAA at Atlanta, GA). His first book chapter was published in May 2009 ("Fill in the Gap between Theory and Practice: Making a GIS-based Digital Map of Pachacamac" in "Tools of the Trade: Methods, Techniques and Innovative Approaches in Archaeology," University of Calgary Press).



**Nathan Meissner** (SIUC MA, PhD Archaeology) is working toward his doctoral degree, with a focus on the economic implications of obsidian point technology among Postclassic Maya ethnic groups. He is co-authoring a paper for the 2010 SAA meetings on early figurine embodiment in the Mixteca Alta, Mexico.



Bill Moore (PhD Cand. Biological) continues to work in the early Eocene of the Great Divide Basin in Wyoming. 2009 was an exciting year as the crew discovered a new site that yielded approximately 500 jaws in a week. Interestingly, several genera of omomyid primates were found at this one small site. Bill is also putting the finishing touches on his dissertation addressing the systematics and biogeography of the tilis, the platyrrhine genus *Callicebus*.



Sarah Muno's (PhD Bioarchaeology) research focuses on human remains from the Peruvian sites of Sicán and Pachacamac. By evaluating skeletal health within the context of social status, occupational activities, and environment, she hopes to elucidate possible reasons for vast health differentials between these two populations.



Chrystal Nause's (MA Biological) research explores enamel hypoplasias on teeth from the Vagnari site integrating bioarchaeology, history, and geography. She successfully defended May 2010. Chrystal is working with the University Museum and the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute to curate the Jerome M. Mileur Political Collection. Her illustration of the calcaneo-cuboid joint has been published (Nowak et al., 2010:forthcoming). She is also currently exhibiting photographs in Carbon-dale (IL), Mount Vernon (IL), Murray (KY), and Middlebury (VT).





Tomoe Nishio (MA Linguistics) is interested in the ways gender perception of Japanese speakers is reflected onto the use of honorifics, a linguistic device to achieve politeness. She is going to Japan to collect data from various settings.



Matthew Nowak (SIUC MA, PhD Cand. Biological) attained candidacy in 2009, and was lead author in a 2010 article in the American Journal of Physical Anthropology on primate ankle joint morphology. Matt is currently working on his dissertation research in Sumatra, studying the positional behavior of sympatric gibbons (*Hylobates agilis*) and siamangs (*Symphalangus syndactylus*).



Joseph Oduro-Frimpong (PhD Cand. Socio-Cultural) is completing 8 months of fieldwork in Ghana, West Africa on the booming industry in Ghanaian popular videos and their impact on the local culture. He recently published *Glocalization Trends: The Case of Hiplife Music in Contemporary Ghana*, and he is completing a manuscript on *Cyberfraud & Occultic Rituals in Ghanaian Popular Videos*.



Gauri Pitale's (SIUC MA, PhD Biological) interests are in bioarchaeology and paleopathology. Her MA thesis was on the skeletal remains from a Zoroastrian Tower of Silence (ossuary) in northwestern India. Gauri's geographical area of study is India.



Jackie Prime (SIUC MA, PhD Cand. Biological) attained candidacy in 2009. She is currently in Thailand, studying diet, foraging behavior, and hand use of sympatric gibbons and macaques at Khao Yai National Park. Jackie is also the author of a website on ecology, conservation issues, and her research (<http://jackieprime.org>).



Corin Pursell (SIUC MA, PhD Archaeology) is studying spatial and visual experiences and social practices of Mississippian monumental construction. Recent papers include a total reinterpretation of the Kincaid burial mound and a methodological approach to monumental color symbolism at Shiloh Mounds.



Rafael Segura Llanos (Ph.D. Archaeology) is currently preparing his dissertation proposal on social responses to environmental hazards in the Peruvian central coast. At least two book chapters co-authored with Dr. Shimada will be published by fall 2010 in books on Andean archaeology.



Katie South (SIUC MA, PhD Archaeology) is currently working on grant proposals for her dissertation research, which focuses on economic valuation of Preclassic Maya pottery from the central Petén lakes region of Guatemala. She also co-authored a paper for the SAA meetings about Formative Mixtec figurine embodiment from the Tayata site in Oaxaca, Mexico.



Dawn Stricklin (SIUC MA, PhD Biocultural) is focusing on the biocultural exploration of "race" and healthcare in the Missouri Ozarks. She is a 2009-2011 Graduate Dean's Fellow and the founding editor for *Popular Anthropology Magazine* (<http://www.popanthro.com>).



Ann Trieu Gahr (SIUC MA, PhD Cand. Archaeology) is wrapping up her dissertation on Chinookan Fuelwood use and household economics. She continues work with the National Park Service at alpine sites on Mt. Rainier. *New crops and fusion gardens: the Columbian Exchange and Native North America*, co-authored with Lee Newsom, will be published in Smithsonian publication *The Subsistence Economies of Indigenous North American Societies*, as well as *Chinookan Ethnobiology in Chinookan Studies* (University of Washington Press).



We are pleased to announce that Dr. Jonathan Hill, who just completed a multi-year role as leading co-editor of the journal *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*, begins a three year term in 2011 as President-Elect of SALSA: Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America.

**PAST FACULTY AND ALUMNI**

Dr. Carroll Riley, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, and his wife Brent have been enjoying life in Las Vegas, NM. He has published a number of works since his retirement, most recently *Becoming Aztlan: Mesoamerican Influence in the Greater Southwest, A.D 1200-1500* (2005, U. Utah Press), various articles in *El Palacio*, and a chapter in the soon to be published *Walter Taylor Memorial Volume, Prophet, Pariah, and Pioneer: Walter W. Taylor and Dissension in American Archaeology* (edited by Allan Maca, Jonathan Reyman [SIUC 1971 PhD], and William Folan [SIUC 1972 PhD], and including several chapters by people with SIUC connections). And in late April, Dr. Riley was the speaker for the 2010 Annual Distinguished Speaker Program, for the big Verde Valley Chapter of the Arizona Archaeological Society. He celebrated his 87th birthday in April by attending



the Albuquerque premier of the independent film *Until We Say Goodby*, in which Brent had a role. Cal and Brent have also been travelling quite a bit, including recent trips to Nova Scotia, Austria, and an upcoming trip to Scotland and the Shetland Islands. The Rileys' daughter Victoria Evans is following in the family tradition. She received her MA in archaeology from New Mexico Highlands University in May. Those wishing to send him a message can contact him through the department.

Dr. Phillip Wanyerka (PhD 2009) recently won the 2009 Richard and Donna Falvo Outstanding Dissertation Award, presented in May 2010, for his dissertation: *Classic Maya Political Organization: Epigraphic Evidence Of Hierarchical Organization In The Southern Maya Mountains Region Of Belize* (Drs. C. Andrew Hofling and Don Rice, co-chairs).

Dr. Wanyerka has spent the past 20 years researching and exploring Mesoamerica; he is widely published and is considered the leading scholar on the hieroglyphic inscriptions of southern Belize. Dr. Wanyerka served recently as the Interim Director of the K'inil Winik Cultural Center at Cleveland State University, and is currently a Lecturer in their Department of Anthropology. We are all really proud of Phil's accomplishments!



Christopher Turner (MA Socio-Cultural) recently conducted fieldwork along the Natchez Trace in the southeastern US, collecting folk narratives and using GPS to map the trail and landscape. He is presently assisting Dr. Balkansky with GIS mapping and visualization of spatial data from Mixteca sites in Oaxaca.



Karen Wolf (SIUC MA, PhD Cand. Socio-Cultural) is interested in the relationship between humans and the environment including conflict, policy, landscape and identity. This past year Karen attained candidacy and is currently collecting data on outdoor recreation and conflict over human use of wilderness in Southern Illinois.



**KATE BURKHART UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS AND RICE AWARDEES**

**Nina Fuscaldo**, B.A. 2009, from Lockport, IL, was our 2nd Kate Burkhardt Archaeology Scholar. Nina completed her studies and enjoyed the Kincaid Mounds Archaeology Field School.

Seth Russell will be the Kate Burkhardt Archaeology Scholar for 2010-2011. Seth is from Carterville, IL and a member of the Tohono O'dham Tribe. He has a deep interest in the lifeways of his own peoples, as well as those of all ancient inhabitants of America. Seth is currently working on archaeometry with Dr. Shimada, and he is also a McNair Scholar.

You can see all our Burkhardt scholars at <http://anthro.siuc.edu/waystogive/burkhartendow.html>.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2010 Rice Student Paper Awards: Nate Meissner (MA 2006) and Katie South (MA 2005) shared the 2010 Rice Graduate Student Paper Award; their paper "Figurines of the Formative Mixtec: Ritual Politics and the Body," investigates the embodiment of fired-clay figurines from the Formative Mixtec site of Tayata, Mexico. They are both currently in the doctoral program.

**LEFT: S. RUSSELL  
RIGHT: N. MEISSNER  
& K. SOUTH**





## from the desk of the chair (continued)

Dr. Prudence Rice won the 2009 Women of Distinction Award at SIUC, recognizing her "leadership, vision and action in her commitment to increasing the status, participation and recognition of women of all ages and ranks in the SIUC community." And one of our doctoral students, Dawn Stricklin, is the founding editor of a new free online magazine, Popular Anthropology Magazine (check it out at <http://www.popanthro.com>). It already has international contributors and readers and is available in English and Portuguese.

We have had some changes in staff: Dr. Jane Adams retired this May (but will continue to reach occasionally), and Dr. Prowse left us for her alma mater in Canada. Dr. Tammy Gamza was a visiting Asst. Professor in bioarchaeology and forensic anthropology this year.

Our webpage has a new look and a new address ([www.anthro.siu.edu](http://www.anthro.siu.edu)) – check it out. The contributions of our alumni, parents, and friends continue to provide important support for students, and we have made it easier now to donate electronically, through the "Support our Program" link on the home page. This link includes information and photos on our many funds to support the teaching and research here in the department, include a virtual "hall" of Burkhart Scholars and Rice Awardees.

And in response to feedback from last year's newsletter, we have added a new feature, with a profile of an emeritus faculty member. We thought it fitting to start with Dr. Carroll Riley, as he touched the student careers of so many of our alumni.

Please stay in touch! Alumni, let us know where you are and what you are doing. Watch the webpage for news, photos, and updates. And enjoy learning about what some of our faculty and students are doing in the following pages.

 **DR. Susan Ford**

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## 2009-2010 cai VISITING SCHOLAR

Dr. Jo Day, 2010 Visiting Scholar, joined us from Ireland. The 2010 VS Conference on "Making Senses of the Past: Toward a Sensory Archaeology" was held March 26-27. Dr. Day works on the social roles of plants in the Aegean Bronze Age, particularly the diachronic development of Minoan and Mycenaean floral motifs. She is also interested in ancient gardens as loci for religious activity and as statements of power - venues to display exotic trophies of conquest, trade, and overseas travel. She is currently working on the Prinaitikos Pyrgos Archaeological Project, in east Crete.



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