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Canberra Archaeological Society/ Centre for Archaeological Research- Public Lecture Series

Wednesday 19th March 2013

6.30pm start for refreshments and then 7pm start for lecture.
Manning Clark Centre, Theatre 6, Building 26A, Union Court, ANU

Judith Cameron

Cloth Production 7000 years ago in the Yangzi Valley

Archaeological textile research has expanded significantly in scope over recent years, no longer confined to lengthy (often boring) descriptions of the structural composition of artefacts but now uses these highly perishable materials to address key questions in archaeology. This talk discusses recent research in Southeast Asia and China.

Judith has received ARC Fellowships since 2004 and is currently the grateful recipient of an ARC Future Fellowship (2013-2016) to investigate the archaeological evidence for long-distance trade and interaction on the Maritime Silk Route.

Biography

Judith Cameron

Judith's expertise is in the Archaeology of Asia, Africa and the Americas. Her research interests are in Southeast Asian Archaeology, Textile Technology, Women, Vietnam and

South China. Her research focus is archaeological textiles, a generic term for a wide range of prehistoric fibre artefacts including cordage, basketry, matting and textiles and the tools used to produce them. The aim of the research is to use this specialized data to provide insights into central issues in Southeast Asian prehistory. The highlight of her career was the discovery and successful recovery (with Prof. Peter Bellwood) of a complete textile shroud from a waterlogged Dongson boat-burial from Dong Xa in the Red River region of northern Vietnam in 2004. The find was significant in Vietnamese archaeology as it was the first complete shroud and Dongson clothing found. The excavation funded, by the ARC, was a joint Australian/Vietnamese Archaeology Project with the National Museum of Australia and written up in *Science*, 21 April 2006, 312, p. 360.

The ANU (Canberra) Friends of the Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens Lecture

Thursday 27th of February, 8.00pm

In the Aegean Room of the Hellenic Club Woden

'Cartooning the Crisis: Antiquity, History and Myth Re-Imagined'.

For much of the world's media, the collapsing ruins of an ancient temple have become an all too convenient metaphor for the crumbling state of the Greek economy. In the International Press, political cartooning and media imagery have evoked diverse representations of Greek antiquity and mythology: the Acropolis teeters on the edge of collapse; Hercules fails in his thirteenth labour, unable to rid Greece of debt. These images stand in stark contrast to those of the Greek domestic media; it paints an altogether different picture employing other visual metaphors from different periods of history. Using these images from media sources as a point of departure, this lecture will bring to light some of the controversies, criticisms and debates that have emerged regarding the role and representation of Greek antiquity and culture during the crisis.

Anna Tsalapatani is a third-year Doctoral Candidate in the School of Sociology at the Australian National University. Her primary area of research involves the study of Citizenship, Migration and Identity. She has attended several universities in both Australia and abroad, including Institut d'études politiques de Paris, France and the University of Athens, Greece. She is an avid reader and adores coffee in all its forms. Anna's research in Greece in 2013 was supported by the ANU (Canberra) FAAIA and the Hellenic Club of Canberra. The lecture will be preceded by a brief AGM.

AIATSIS National Indigenous Studies Conference

26 – 28 March 2014

50 years on: Breaking Barriers in Indigenous Research and Thinking
2014, National Convention Centre, Canberra

AIATSIS is delighted to invite you to attend the AIATSIS National Indigenous Studies Conference 2014. Registrations are now open and early bird registration has closed. You can register to attend the conference at: <http://wired.ivvy.com/event/NISC14/>



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Have a Fun Day and Be Trained in Recording Historical Archaeological sites in Gorooyaroo Nature Reserve, Gungahlin: the ruins of 'Dungarvon' and 'Inglewood' homesteads

Sunday 16th March 2014

Recording: Participants will obtain an excellent level of training in many archaeological procedures, including the practical components associated with site reconnaissance, archaeological mapping, site and artefact recording, photography and the basic use of a dumpy level. The site locations, contents, current condition, mapping and photographs will be used in a report that is to be sent to the ACT Heritage Unit.

All participants will receive a Canberra Archaeological Society Certificate stating that they have participated in the recording event and received archaeological training in these areas.

When: Sunday 16 March 2014: 10am – 4pm.

Where: Meet at the entry gate on the northern side of Horsepark Drive, just west of the federal highway off ramp, Gungahlin.

What: 'Dungarvon' built by Walter Ginn in about 1886 and 'Inglewood' built by John and Elizabeth Winter in 1893 are now ruins. 'Dungarvon' is represented by a wide scatter of historical period artefacts and building remains. 'Inglewood' has a standing section of wall, fireplace and slate paving. These intriguing historical landscapes include exotic trees, plough-lands, evidence of stock yards, and many other treasures still to be revealed by the diligent site recorder.

Transport: To ensure a place in the session, interested people should contact Helen Cooke on 0408 443 243 or email helen.cooke@anu.edu.au. CAS members can offer lifts to those without their own transport. Please contact Helen Cooke before the day to seek a lift or offer one. If you want to be collected from the ANU campus, for instance, pick up time would be 9.30am.

Dress: According to the weather – stout footwear essential. If raining on the day the event will be postponed.

Bring: An A4 clip board, HB pencil, sharpener, eraser, ruler, a few sheets of plain A4 paper, compass (if you have one), camera (if you have one), plenty of water, your lunch and any other items you may require.

Post-visit analysis: will commence after 4pm in the George Harcourt Inn at Ginninderra Village (opposite the Dinosaur Museum on the Federal Highway).

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Amy Way would appreciate your help with research at Lake George, NSW.

Amy is a PhD student at the Archaeology Department at the University of Sydney. Her aim is to examine both the occupational and environmental history of Lake George; to reconstruct past land-use patterns through an analysis of site function, inter-site variability and changes in time during the period of occupation and to connect this with emerging evidence for climatic and hydrological changes in the local area.

All sites are located within the Lake George basin, which lies between Collector and Bungendore, NSW. Amy can pick volunteers up from Bungendore if they come by bus or train. You will need to call Amy to plan your participation and confirm the meeting place and directions to the site.

Fieldwork schedule

Stage 1 began in November 2013 and continues to May 2014, looking for suitable sites to study and auguring and test-pitting. Two more stages will continue until June 2015 with more auguring and test-pitting and finally excavating the areas identified as most interesting during the test-pitting phase. The aim is to collect sufficient material to examine foraging strategies, as well as spatial and temporal changes in technologies within the area.

Things to bring

Sturdy boots, gloves, water bottle, snacks and lunch, personal medications, long sleeved shirt, long pants, sun hat, sunscreen, rain coat for light rain and check your tetanus shot is up to date.

We can recommend volunteering for a great day out, good practice in supporting an excavation, stimulating discussion of archaeology and geomorphology, cheaper and more effective than the gym, cow appreciation opportunities and lots of fun.

Please contact Amy Way on 0407 970 440 if you want to volunteer