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2009-2010 Lecture Series

Tattered Cover, LoDo, 16th St and Wynkoop St

Sunday, September 13, 2009: 2:00pm

James Stratis, Preservation Projects Manager; Colorado Historical Society, State Historical Fund

"Post Excavation Stewardship in Colorado"

What happens after the digging is done? James' presentation will focus on the "cultural resource management" of post-excavation archaeological sites to include conservation and the development of interpretive/educational and economic opportunities. He uses case studies from both Minoan and Anasazi sites.

Sunday, October 25, 2009: 2:00pm

Marjorie Venit, PhD, University of Maryland, Department of Art History and Archaeology
AIA National Visiting Lecturer: William D.E. Coulson Memorial Lectureship

"Egypt as Metaphor: Decoration and the Afterlife in Monumental Tombs of Ancient Alexandria"

In Egyptian Alexandria (founded as a Greek city), both Egyptian and Greek architectural elements are found in its monumental tombs. Dr. Venit will walk us through the history of these combined decorative elements and the "end of the world" theological climate existing at the time which allowed for this convergence.

Sunday, November 15, 2009: 2:00pm

Jonathan Kent, PhD, Metropolitan State College of Denver, Department of Anthropology

"Rural Life & Death in Ancient Peru; an update on the archaeology of the Santa Rita B Complex"

We welcome the return of Jon Kent to our group. Jon has conducted field schools & studies in Peru for upwards of 30 years. His presentation will bring us up to date on aspects of the daily lives and death rituals uncovered at the Santa Rita B site in northern Peru.

Sunday, January 24, 2010: 2:00pm

Linda Scott Cummings, PhD, PaleoResearch Institute, Inc.

"Delving into the Mystery of the Visible, Nearly Visible, and Invisible Records of PaleoEnvironment and PaleoSubsistence at Archaeological Sites"

Understanding the environmental setting in which people have lived is critical to understanding any people. So, too, does our picture of diet color our opinion of people of the past? Both combine to build a picture of the past as "real people" who lived in well-defined time and space.

Sunday, February 21, 2010: 2:00pm

Najib ben Lazreg, PhD, L'institut National du Patrimoine - Tunisie
AIA National Visiting Lecturer: Samuel H. Kress Lectureship in Ancient Art

"The Roman Mosaics of Tunisia"

Dr. ben Lazreg has conducted surveys throughout central and coastal Tunisia, with a specialization in the mosaics of Roman Tunisia. This should prove to be an enlightening afternoon while we learn about his studies of mosaics and Roman kilns.

Sunday, March 28, 2010: 2:00pm

Steven Holen, PhD, Curator of Archaeology, Denver Museum of Nature and Science

"New Evidence for the Early Peopling of North America"

Have we been here longer than we thought? Join us to hear new evidence suggesting that humans arrived in North America before the Last Glacial Maximum; possibly as early as 30,000-40,000 years ago.